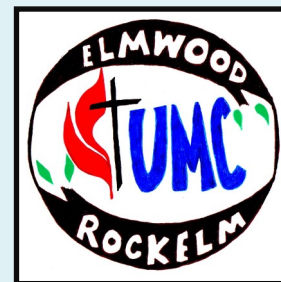




The Good News



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A Newsletter for the
Elmwood and Rock Elm
United Methodist Churches

Dear Friends,

He has Risen! Hallelujah! Easter is at the beginning of April this year and to me it feels like a new beginning for us this year. I am anxiously awaiting warmer weather and to watch as new life springs forth in the out-of-doors. Days are getting longer, and it really feels like the light is overcoming darkness. That is what the hope of new beginnings does. It raises our spirits and gives us encouragement.

I have learned many lessons over the past year. One of the most important, I think, is to appreciate each new day. Each day is a precious gift and I wish to fully engage and make the most out of each one. I think the past year has impressed that on me even more as I have watched some of my colleagues and friends suffer with covid infections. I lost a dear mentor this past year to cancer way too young. The song that goes “This is the day, let us rejoice in it,” has greater meaning for me.

I know the journey through the past year’s struggles is not complete, but I pray that you will be able to take on the new day and live in the hope of Jesus Christ as people of the resurrection. From death came new life. It was true for Jesus; it is true for us as well. One thing I know about us is that we are resilient and can deal with adversity. I have hope and excitement for what God will do in our churches in the future.

One of the most powerful forces on earth is love. It was God’s love that saved us from sin and death, and it is the love for each other that will strengthen us. Another powerful force that is next to love is forgiveness. Forgiveness has the power to heal like the best ointment for salve. Let us as God’s risen people exercise love and forgiveness as a regular part of our living. In that way God’s love is spread throughout our community.

I pray that you experience God’s blessings this Easter season. I hope you are renewed in the blessing of God’s love for each of you.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Mike

Sunday Services:

Rock Elm 9:00

Elmwood 10:30

Michael Weaver, Pastor

Jeanne Friedell, Secretary

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OF INTEREST

- Sunday school for elementary children during worship service
- United Methodist Women
- Contemporary and traditional music
- Open minds, open doors, open hearts



Elmwood Food Pantry

Want to make a difference in your community?

*Want to help with food insecurity in the
Elmwood area?*

The Elmwood Food Pantry has an

Immediate Opening for Director

This is a Volunteer Position

Inquiries can be made at: 715-639-2307

Our Mission Statement

Connecting - Inviting new people, welcoming them into the life of the church with active hospitality.

Growing –Providing opportunities to experience meaningful worship and to grow in one's faith.

Serving - Risk-taking mission and service in the community.

Ingathering 2021

Personal Dignity Kit

1 Bath Hand Towel-No kitchen towels

1 Bath Washcloth-No kitchen towels

1 Adult Toothbrush-No multipacks

1 Bar Soap- 3-4 oz

1 Shampoo- 15-18 oz

1 Deoderant- 2-3 oz-stick, roll on, or pump

Place items in a 1-gallon re-sealable plastic bag

\$2 for toothpaste and razor

Please drop kits off at the church by May 16th.

Video at www.midwestmission.org

CONNECTING, GROWING, SERVING

Instead, regard Christ the Lord as holy in your hearts. Whenever anyone asks you to speak of your hope, be ready to defend it. Yet do this with respectful humility, maintaining a good conscience.

1 Peter 3:15-16 CEB

GIVING

There is Light Ahead

"The way of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, which shines ever brighter until the full light of day." ~Proverbs 4:18, NLT

How is your Lent going? Does it feel long, dark, and empty? Lent can feel that way when we give up fun activities or foods that we like. This year in particular, we are also still dealing with the pandemic. Closed or limited occupancy to our favorite places, the need to stay away from people, and the illness and death rates all increase the feeling of darkness. But is that it? Is that all there is?

There is light ahead. Literally there is light ahead when you look at when the sun sets in the next few weeks. The sun set at 7:37p.m. at the end of March. It will set in April at 8:30 p.m. May: 9:17 p.m. June: 9:34 p.m. There are brighter days ahead.

There is light ahead. On a dark morning, the women will come to the tomb just to find it empty. Christ arose! Christ arose! There is light ahead. The virus will be beaten down. Our communities will open up. We will be able to see and hug our families again. Our church will open up again. But what will be left of our church? What have we given to the church to sustain it during this long haul? How have we given of our time, talents, and treasures over the last few months...and how will we give for Easter and the next few months to make sure we can continue our church's mission and ministry?

Be the light now so it can burn brighter later!

Rev. Krystal Goodger, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation 3

Birthdays and Anniversaries: April

Birthdays-Rock Elm

10 Zoe Peterson
 15 Jenny Bechel
 18 Betty Olson, Kelli Miller
 21 Kain Peterson
 26 Dayn, Drew & Dylan Lukes
 29 Pat Ginsbach

Birthdays-Elmwood

4 Tessa Asher
 10 Mike Christman
 16 Ryden Carson
 19 Samuel Hoyt
 26 Josh Ginsbach
 27 Addie Morrell
 29 Wayne Larson

Anniversaries-Elmwood

9 Tim & Heather Shock
 29 Doug & Marie Gavin



Daily Scripture Readings

April 1 John 14:25-27	April 9 Psalm 1:1-3	April 17 Matthew 6:25-34	April 25 Isaiah 49:-14-16
April 2 Luke 23:39-43	April 10 Matthew 8:18-22	April 18 Acts 16:6-15	April 26 Psalm 126:1-6
April 3 Ecclesiastes 3:1-14	April 11 1 Samuel 18:6-16	April 19 Deuteronomy 31:1-8	April 27 Isaiah 48:17-19
April 4 1 Peter 1:3-9	April 12 Mark 3:31-35	April 20 Colossians 3:23-25	April 28 2 Timothy 2:3-5, 22-23
April 5 1 Kings 19:9-12	April 13 Romans 12:9-13	April 21 Romans 8:26-28	April 29 John 3:14-21
April 6 Psalm 51:13-17	April 14 Psalm 4:4-8	April 22 Psalm 16:5-11	April 30 Mark 11:22-25
April 7 Matthew 22:34-39	April 15 Matthew 9:18-26	April 23 Colossians 3:12-17	
April 8 1 Peter 5:1-11	April 16 Genesis 4:7-22	April 24 Philippians 4:10-20	

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2			1 12:00 PM Pastor at Public Health Meeting 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Service Elmwood and Live Stream	2 7:00 PM Good Friday Service Elmwood and Live Stream	3
4 9:00 AM Rock Elm In-Person Service 10:30 AM Elmwood Live Stream and In- Person Ser- vice	5 Pastor on Vaca- tion	6 Pastor on Vaca- tion	7 Pastor on Vaca- tion 9:00 AM Office Hours	8 Pastor on Vaca- tion	9 Pastor on Vaca- tion	10 Pastor on Vaca- tion
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18 9:00 AM Rock Elm In- Person Ser- vice 10:30 AM Elmwood Live Stream and In- Person Ser- vice	19	20	21 9:00 AM Office Hours 6:30 PM Lenten Study via Zoom	22	23 Pastors Day off	24
25 9:00 AM Rock Elm In- Person Ser- vice 10:30 AM Elmwood Live Stream and In- Person Ser- vice	26	27	28 9:00 AM Office Hours 6:30 PM Lenten Study via Zoom	29	30 Pastors Day off	1 5

AUTHORIZATION FORM



Elmwood United Methodist Church

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE	
Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____				
Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date				
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Address				
City			State	Zip
Email Address				
DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____/____/____	FREQUENCY OF DONATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly - Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Monthly - 1 st and 15 th <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th	FUNDS: <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	AMOUNTS: \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ Total \$ _____	
CHECKING / SAVINGS	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below)		Routing Number: _____ <i>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</i> Account Number: _____ 0123456789 012 34567890001 Routing Number Account Number Check Number	
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If using a checking account, please attach a voided check at the bottom of this page.

Elmwood UMC located at:
307 S Main Street,
Elmwood WI

Rock Elm UMC located at:
170th Street
Elmwood WI
(about 6 miles west on 72)

Mailing Address: PO Box 52,
Elmwood, Wi 54740

Our worship style is a blend of traditional and new. We combine older hymns with praise choruses. You can come as you are, people dress from semi-casual to casual. Blue jeans are very acceptable. If you come from a church background, been away for a long time, or maybe have never been to church, you will feel welcome here.

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