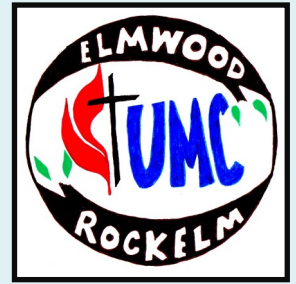




# The Good News



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A Newsletter for the  
Elmwood and Rock Elm  
United Methodist Churches

Dear friends,

We are now in the season of Lent. Lent is the 40 days before Easter that Christians traditionally spend thinking about our sins and repenting of those sins. We contemplate the reason Christ had to die for our sakes. But the big celebration is Easter when Christ triumphs over death and rises again. It is the hope that death does not have the last word. And it opens the hope we have in our own resurrection and life eternal.

The past twelve months probably seem a lot “lent” like as it is. We have suffered as a nation and we look for redemption and renewed life. For me, Easter takes on a new meaning because of the pandemic. It represents something not from the distant past or something for the distant future but the hope of renewed life now. We are a people of hope who live in the hope of Easter. And Easter offers the hope of renewed life now.

Lent echoes the 40 days of wilderness that Jesus went through. We have been in a wilderness of sorts. I give thanks to God for the resilience of God’s people during this time. We have continued to be the body of Christ and caring for one another and for the world as we have continued with our missions giving and our support of the church.

On a personal note, I have been thankful to Adam Carson and Riley Ginsbach for their support of the live stream on Sunday mornings. One of them has been there every Sunday to run our camera and streaming equipment. Without them we would not be able to do it. Thank you to Deb Raasch and her children’s messages. I look forward to hearing them each Sunday. I am also grateful for each of you as we navigate through our wilderness together.

Jesus said, “Come to me all who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” I encourage you to lay your burdens on Jesus, rest in God’s care and allow God to buoy you up. Easter is coming! Hallelujah!

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

## 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

Add \$2 for toothpaste and razor

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

Video at [www.midwestmission.org](http://www.midwestmission.org): Instructions for packing the kit

## CONNECTING, GROWING, SERVING

Trust in the  
Lord with  
all your  
heart and  
lean not on  
your own  
under-  
standing.

*Proverbs 3:5*

*NIV*

## GIVING

### Is it time for change?

*“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing —grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God.” ~Joel 2:12-14*

With February comes the cold dark days of Lent. Are you ready? Are you ready to seriously look inside yourself? Are you ready to be honest about what is godly and what is not? Are you ready to change?

Change is a great theme word for Lent (and all of 2020). Many things changed health, wealth, and politics. It changed without us trying and definitely without us wanting it to change. But in Lent, things change because we make them change. It is our time to change our habits, minds, action, and internal/external words to become more like Christ. Do you need to change your change?

Think about how much you give to the church. Should/can you give more? Maybe your answer is “I don't know.” Think about this: How much do you spend each month going out to eat. How much money do you spend on coffee? How much money do you spend on fun item, hobbies, and events? Now compare those numbers to the amount you give to God each month.

Do you need to make a change?

*Rev. Krystal Goodger, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation*

# Birthdays and Anniversaries: March

## Birthdays-Rock Elm

19 Deb Raasch



## Anniversaries-Elmwood

11 Ryan & Katie Schneider

14 Jim & Deb Moe

31 Steve & Lorie Holt

## Birthdays-Elmwood

4 Brandi Holcomb, Charlene Kerg

9 Steve Holt

13 Hannah Weaver

15 Cadie Asher

20 Hunter Weaver

23 Brad Claflin

27 Riley Ginsbach

30 Noah Shuman

31 Sandra Pieper

## Daily Scripture Readings

March 1 Jeremiah 29:10-14	March 9 2 Timothy 1:3-7	March 17 Matthew 4:1-11	March 25 Galatians 6:7-10
March 2 Psalm 46:1-7	March 10 Mark 1:40-45	March 18 Exodus 13:17-22	March 26 Psalm 119:105-112
March 3 John 15:9-17	March 11 Psalm 139:1-18	March 19 Matthew 6:19-21	March 27 Luke 10:38-42
March 4 Revelation 21:1-4	March 12 Romans 8:35-39	March 20 Ephesians 4:29-32	March 28 Psalm 119:73-80
March 5 Proverbs 13:16-21	March 13 Luke 13:18-21	March 21 Psalm 119:89-104	March 29 Mark 1:29-39
March 6 Psalm 25:4-15	March 14 Psalm 27:1-14	March 22 Matthew 7:24-27	March 30 Matthew 5:1-12
March 7 Micah 5:6-8	March 15 John 18:33-38	March 23 2 Corinthians 4:7-12	March 31 Philippians 4:4-9
March 8 Isaiah 40:26-31	March 16 Psalm 61:1-3	March 24 Acts 3:1-10	

# March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Pastor at DCOM  6:30 PM Praise Band Practice	3 9:00 AM Office Hours  6:30 PM Lenten Study via Zoom	4 12:00 PM Pastor at Public Health Meeting	5 Pastors Day off	6
7 10:30 AM Elmwood Live Stream Service	8 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice	9	10 9:00 AM Office Hours  6:30 PM Lenten Study via Zoom	11 1:00 PM Pastor at Circuit meeting	12 Pastors Day off	13
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28 Palm Sunday Breakfast 10:30 AM Elmwood Live Stream Service	29	30 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice	31 9:00 AM Office Hours  6:30 PM Lenten Study via Zoom	1 12:00 PM Pastor at Public Health Meeting  7:00 PM Holy Thursday Service	2 Pastors Day off  7:00 PM Good Friday Service	3



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Elmwood WI

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170th Street  
Elmwood WI

(about 6 miles west on 72)

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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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