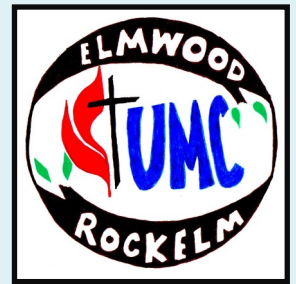


# The Good News



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A Newsletter for the  
Elmwood and Rock Elm  
United Methodist Churches

Sunday Services:

Rock Elm 9:00

Elmwood 10:30

Jeanne Friedell, Secretary



## Reflection

By Barbara Certa-Werner



*So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. (Colossians 3:12-14)*

Do you remember the game, “Mother May I?” It is a child’s game with a “mother” who allows you (and the rest of the kids playing) to take steps closer and closer to “the mother.” The one who reaches “her” first then gets to be the next “mother.” The fun part is the phrasing of the questions, like: “Mother, may I take five itty-bitty steps or three small steps or one giant leap?” “Mother” gets to decide.

I loved the typical creativity in each kid’s request, as they try to connive the fastest way forward. When I played this as a child, I often thought that some kids were unfairly given the giant leaps and, therefore won. Others, though, won by continually moving forward, even if it was by one itty-bitty step at a time.

This is how many of us may be feeling as we transition into a very different understanding of “togetherness” as a congregation. Some want to take the giant leaps, some want to take smaller steps, and others are ready for only the itty-bitty steps. Here is what I know: everyone has their eyes on the same “prize,” making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As we make strides to figure out worship, discipleship-making, fellowship time, potlucks, UMW events, greeting each other, and the many ways in which we are church, let’s be gentle with each other. We aren’t all ready to make leaps and yet, some are! I hope that these words from the hymn “Help Us Accept Each Other,” by Fred Kaan, will help us love each other where we are at and move along on our faith journey together.

*“Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us. Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe: we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live!” Amen.*

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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.



# CONNECTING, GROWING, SERVING

## GIVING

so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:28

*Ephesians 3:20*

*“Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to God’s power that is at work within us.”*

I took my kids fishing for the first time last month. You can imagine the excitement of 5-year-olds with a fishing rod! Besides fishing, they had fun throwing things into the lake. They enjoyed seeing how far they could throw sticks and rocks and see the ripples they create. That was a great teaching moment. “Do you know your words and actions are like these sticks? You do one thing, but it has a reaction much larger.”

There is a church in our conference that received an estate gift in the mid-1990’s for youth. The gift was \$5,000 and was invested here at the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. That gift has grown and continued to be used for ministry. In the last 25 years, over \$6,500 has been used for youth ministry! There is still almost \$7,000 in that fund today!

Isn’t it wonderful what a modest gift can do for the ministry of a church even after we have died! Isn’t it wonderful how one gift can effect youth for years! Isn’t it wonderful that one gift is a much larger action than the original giver could have ever known?

How are you giving to the church with your time, talents, and treasures? What ripple affect will it have now and in the future?

*Rev. Krystal Goodger, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation*

## **Wanted: Director of Elmwood Food Pantry**

Are you interested in serving your community? Newly retired but still have skills to offer? The Elmwood Food Pantry is looking for a director. This is a volunteer position and a chance to serve families in your community. The duties are as follows:

1. Oversee the Board in performing its duties and responsibilities
2. Oversee meetings – Board and volunteer meetings every other month, Hunger prevention council once a month
3. In charge of training volunteers
4. Oversee inventory and new food orders
5. Oversee monthly and yearly stats
6. Communicating with people and agencies
  - A. Second Harvest
  - B. Be the public face of the pantry

Approximate time required is 10-20 hours per month. (Note: currently all meetings are being held online or by phone). Training is available. Prior experience not necessary. Just a desire to help people.

To inquire or for more information please contact Bob Huebel at 715-821-9406 or send an email to [ElmwoodPantry@gmail.com](mailto:ElmwoodPantry@gmail.com).

## **ROCK ELM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIALS DRIVE THRU/TAKE OUT ONLY**



### **2021**

THURSDAY EVENINGS  
SERVING FROM 4:00 PM—7:00 PM

### **JULY 8, JULY 29,**

### **AUGUST 19**

### **126 Years**



**Homemade Ice  
Cream  
Fresh Pies  
Bring a cooler!**

Rock Elm UMC. N5591 170th St,  
Elmwood, WI 54740

Six miles west of Elmwood or 13  
miles east of Ellsworth, 1/2 mile  
off Hwy. 72, north on 170th St.

# Birthdays and Anniversaries: July

## Birthdays-Rock Elm

- 8 Muranne Mooney
- 11 Trenton Kendall
- 12 Kathy Miller
- 15 Finley Mauler
- 26 Mark Churchill
- 28 Casie Lukes-Mauler



## Birthdays-Elmwood

- 5 Leah Asher
- 10 Rod Lange
- 11 Dick Ligerding
- 12 Sue Pelzel, Heather Shock
- 13 Deb Feiler
- 14 Arlen Holt
- 22 Adam Carson
- 25 David Krings

## Rock Elm-Anniversaries

- 11 Steve & Sue Thompson
- 24 Jim & Lalia Martin

## Anniversaries-Elmwood

- 12 Steve & Pat Solveson
- 26 Scott & Deb Feiler

### Daily Scripture Readings

July 1 John 10:11-15	July 9 Psalm 119:1-8	July 17 Isaiah 41:8-14	July 25 1 Kings 19:1-9
July 2 Psalm 139:13-18	July 10 Matthew 6:19-24	July 18 1 Kings 8:54-61	July 26 Isaiah 40:28-31
July 3 Philippians 4:4-13	July 11 Matthew 14:13-23	July 19 Ephesians 3:14-21	July 27 Mark 12:28-34
July 4 Psalm 42:1-11	July 12 2 Corinthians 1:3-7	July 20 Psalm 23:1-6	July 28 Genesis 19:15-26
July 5 1 Samuel 16:1-13	July 13 Mathew 10:29-31	July 21 Matthew 5:13-16	July 29 John 10:22-30
July 6 Acts 27:13-26	July 14 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	July 22 Psalm 27:1-5	July 30 1 Peter 4:7-11
July 7 Psalm 86:8-10	July 15 Hebrews 11:1-6	July 23 Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23	July 31 2 Corinthians 4:6-10
July 8 Colossians 2:1-7	July 16 Luke 15:3-7	July 24 Mark 1:35-38	

# July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <a href="#">9:00 AM Rock Elm In-Person Service</a> <a href="#">10:30 AM Elmwood Live Stream and In-</a>	28	29	30 <a href="#">9:00 AM Office Hours</a>	1	2	3
4 <u>Independence Day</u> <a href="#">9:00 AM Rock Elm In-Person Service</a> <a href="#">10:30 AM Elmwood Live Stream and In-</a>	5	6	7 <a href="#">9:00 AM Office Hours</a>	8 <a href="#">4:00 PM RE Ice Cream Social -Drive Thru/ Take Out Only</a>	9	10
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25 <a href="#">10:00 AM Combined UFO Days Service at Elmwood</a>	26	27	28 <a href="#">9:00 AM Office Hours</a>	29 <a href="#">4:00 PM RE Ice Cream Social Drive Thru/ Take Out Only</a>	30	31



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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