

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



August 28, 2022

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

"I Stand Amazed"
Sung by the Swingin' Angels

by E. French-Lujan

*Call to Worship

One: Come to the household of love, for God is love.

All: As we abide in love, we abide in God.

One: Come to the vineyard of grace, for God is gracious.

All: As we abide in the vine, we bear the fruit of salvation.

One: Come bathe in baptismal waters, for God's Spirit awaits.

All: As we abide in God's Spirit, we abide in peace.

One: Come to the household of love, for God is love.

All: Come! All are welcome here.

*Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH #526

*Opening Prayer

Divine Vinegrower, plant us in the soil of your love, for Christ is our vine and we are the branches.

In everything we say and everything we do, help us abide in the vine, that we may bear the fruit of your love and grace. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

UMH #895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

You may mail in your offering or drop it in our locked mailbox that is to the right of our front glass doors.

Special Music

*"Shine On Me"
Sung by the Swingin' Angels*

by R. Dilworth

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Bountiful God, you promise that the poor shall eat and be satisfied.

May your promise be fulfilled through the gifts we bring to you this day.

Sanctify our offering, that it may be for the world a sign of your boundless love and your overflowing abundance. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

"Abide with Me"

UMH #700

"Let's Talk" Time

*Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-17

Message

Rev. Neil Leftwich

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful One, you teach us that perfect love casts out fear, but we are often afraid;
you command us to love our sisters and brothers, but we are often alienated from one
another;**

**you invite us to abide in you as you abide in us, but we often don't know how or where to
begin.**

**Show us once more that abiding in your love is as easy and natural as a branch abiding in
the vine.**

**Prune our imperfections, that we may grow a heart so strong that all our fears will be cast
out, leaving us ready and able to abide in your great love.**

Words of Assurance

Christ is the vine, we are the branches.

If we abide in Christ; if we abide in the vine, ask for grace and it will be given.

Abide in the vine and it is already given.

*Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me"

UMH #191

*Sending Forth

One: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.

All: We will live with God's love in our hearts.

One: Beloved, let us abide in Christ's love, for he is the vine and we
are the branches.

All: We will grow as Christ's disciples in the world.

One: Beloved, let us care for one another, for the Spirit unites us
together in compassion.

All: We will share God's peace with one another. Amen.

*Postlude

"May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"

by M. Wilson

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**For pastoral care during Pastor Cindy's absence, please contact Rev. Neil Leftwich or
Rev. Debra Dague.**

MISSION OF THE MONTH

H.O.C.

PEANUT BUTTER

JELLY

CEREAL (any variety)

Not ready to attend in-person worship,
but still want to help out our mission group?
You can mail in monetary donations to the church anytime,
just mark the memo line of your check "Mission Group".



If you would like to send Cindy a card, please send it to the parsonage and someone will get it to her. If you need the address, contact Molly in the office.



It's been over two years and the quiet little town of Elm Grove has remained relatively.....quiet.

But on **October 8th, 2022** that will all change!!!!

For one night only, a very special red-carpet event will take place.

**“Mischief, Mirth, and Mayhem:
A Murder Mystery Retrospective”**
is coming to Elm Grove United Methodist Church!

Enjoy canape's, hors d'oeuvres, and beverages while mingling with the stars of the AMEN Players.

Relive some of the love, romance, action, adventure, and of course, laughs from previous years.

Be a part of this special celebration marking the return of the AMEN Players to the extensive list of activities at Elm Grove United Methodist Church.

Doors open at 7:00 pm. Tickets \$10.00 per person.

Tickets available from one of the members of the Mission Committee or contact the church office. See you there!



CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER

September 30, 2022

4:00pm to 6:30pm

MENU: Chicken Ala-King over biscuit, Green Beans,
Jell-O Salad, Dessert & Beverage

Adults \$10.00, Children (under 10) \$7.00

EAT IN/TAKE OUT