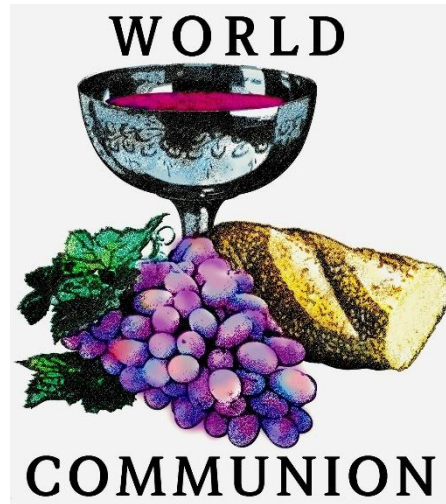


Elm Grove United Methodist Church



October 2, 2022

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

***Call to Worship**

One: Come, people of God! Come and hear the teachings of God.

***All:* We come with open hearts and minds, ready to listen and obey.**

One: God's teachings are perfect and sure, right and true.

***All:* We desire to live in the way.**

One: Let us come with thanksgiving and joy.

***All:* Let us worship this God who gives us wisdom, guidance, and truth.**

***Hymn**

"I Come with Joy"

UMH #617

***Opening Prayer**

Giver of wisdom, we come seeking guidance for our lives.

Open our minds to receive your teachings, and open our hearts to treasure your precepts as essential to our very existence.

Strengthen our faith through this time of worship and through this time in community with our sisters and brothers who journey this path of life with us.

Let us taste the honey of your teachings and your way. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

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

*“Bread of the World”
Chancel Choir (11:00)*

by M. McDonald

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, you have seen our needs and have come to us.

At this time, we think of others; and our minds and hearts reach out to them through this act of giving.

There are so many who are hurting in this world. Some are right here in our community. Some are in distant lands.

Since we are all a part of your family, we share what we have.

We rejoice that we can participate in this act of sharing your love in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH #620

“Let’s Talk” Time

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 8:4-15

Message

“What is My Heart Condition?”

Rev. Debra Dague

Call to Confession

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or how poorly we care for others.

In the spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God loves us enough to give us teachings to live by.

If we embrace these teachings, we will find abundant life.

If we embrace these teachings, we will find sweetness of life.

If we embrace these teachings, we will find God reaching out in love and forgiveness, welcoming us home.

World Communion (*on screen & in bulletin*)

*Hymn

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

UMH #664

*Sending Forth

Thank you, God, for uniting us with yourself and with all your people everywhere in sharing the body and blood of Jesus.

Now send us forth by your Spirit to build and to plant and to work for the welfare of everyone around us. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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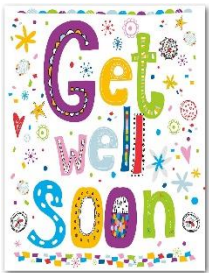
MISSION OF THE MONTH

UNDIE SUNDAYS



All sizes from boys to girls, men to women
(*Please, no thong underwear)

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!



TRUNK OR TREAT IS BACK!

October 30th, 6:00-7:00pm

If you would like to decorate your vehicle and join in the fun, please sign up in the Narthex or call the office, 304-242-1206.

We are also asking for bags of candy, any variety.
Place your donations in the basket by the office.

Thank you for helping us reach the youth of this community!