

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



August 20, 2023

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome
Prelude

“Love Grows Here”
Trio: Alice Runkle, Sandy Loughman & Peggy Laing

by D. Besig

*Call to Worship

Leader: Every sense is bombarded daily with the sound of hurtful words and the touch of polluted air and water.

***All:* God’s Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.**

Leader: Every sense is bombarded daily, with the taste of food that does not satisfy and the whiff of corruption.

***All:* God’s Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.**

Leader: Every sense is bombarded daily with sights that disturb and distract.

***All:* God’s Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.**

Leader: Let us praise our maker while we have breath.

*Hymn

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

UMH #361

*Opening Prayer

We cry to you, O LORD, from the back of the line, from the edge of the crowd, from the corner of the room.

But you make no such distinctions, nor do you set such boundaries.

Your faithfulness is great; your grace is enough.

And we are covered in your love. 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

Special Music

"Love One Another"

by N. Sleeth

Trio: Alice Runkle, Sandy Loughman & Peggy Laing

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Bountiful God, you are the source of all good things.

When famine threatened the world, you blessed Joseph with dreams to preserve life and save people far and wide.

When hunger threatens our world, you bless us with dreams to preserve life and prevent disaster.

When our dreams are your dreams, Gracious God, the world is truly blessed.

Accept these gifts, as a pledge to work and live your dream that all may live together in unity. Amen.

*Hymn

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

UMH #402

Scripture

Matthew 15:10-28

Message

Doug Whitecotton

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you invite us to draw near and embrace the circle of your love.

We come in anguish at our broken relationships— our alienation from one another, our resistance to reconciliation, our readiness to be the blind following the blind, and our readiness to give up when persistence is called for.

Gather us in, and make a place to heal our anguish, ease our alienation, and end our resistance.

Ready us for reconciliation, forbearance, and persistence.

Turn our gaze to the one who calls our name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

In coming forth, we take a single step, and God faithfully bridges the gap.

You are loved and your spirit is healed in the embrace of a God of love and healing.

*Hymn

“Standing on the Promises”

UMH #374

*Sending Forth

Come out from the back of the line.

Come out from the edge of the crowd.

Come out from the corner of the room.

Embrace others and be embraced— that the least, the last, and the lost may come out of the shadows and live in the light.

Embrace the world and be embraced. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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Spiritual Gift Inventory

* Online link below:

* <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>

MISSION OF THE MONTH

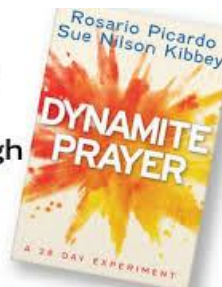
WHEELING HOUSING (Senior Citizens)

- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream
- Disposable Razors

You may drop your donation at the church during regular office hours or Sunday mornings.

Monetary donations are always welcome,
just mark the memo line of your check "Mission Group".

Be Part of
the
Breakthrough
Prayer
Initiative!



Thursday Bible Study will begin this book on Sept. 7th at 6:00pm.

Call the office to sign-up for your book.

See Doug Whitecotton for questions.



UMM Spaghetti Dinner

August 26th

1:00-5:30pm

**\$10/Adult and \$6/Children (under age 6)
Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Drink**

***Take-Out available**

For tickets, see Bill Daniel or the church office

&

Heaven Bound Ministries Concert

6:00pm

(Free admission)



August 20th

6:00pm

**We will meet in the church parking lot,
then caravan to the local schools to pray for their new school year.**

PLEASE JOIN US!



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"YARD" SALE



WHEN: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 – 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

WHERE: ELM GROVE UMC – 125 KRUGER STREET
WHEELING, WV 26003



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INDIVIDUAL
VENDOR
TABLES

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Or
Sign-up at the Welcome Desk