

# Elm Grove United Methodist Church



August 27, 2023

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

*David Waddell*

\*Call to Worship

*Leader:* The earth and its people call out for healing.

**All: Restore us again, O God of our salvation.**

*Leader:* The skies cry out to blow clean once again.

**All: Restore us again, O God of our salvation.**

*Leader:* Hallowed be your name, O God.

**All: May your kingdom come! May your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

\*Hymn

*"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"*

UMH #352

\*Opening Prayer

**Gracious God, open our hearts to your word this day.**

**Light our paths with the brightness of your love and wisdom.**

**Guide us as we seek to walk in your ways and grow in your truth.**

**Accept our offerings of praise, that our songs and our words may be transformed into your songs and your words.**

**In Christ's name, we pray. 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

*David Waddell*

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"*

TFWS #2195

\*Prayer of Dedication

**O Holy One, we make our offerings at this time both in gratitude and in seeking, in both remembering and hoping, in both fear and faith.**

**Regardless of what is going on in our lives right now, receive these gifts as our way of praising you. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

UMH #496

Scripture

Luke 5:12-16

Message

*"Jesus Prayed"*

Rev. Debra Dague

*Call to Confession*

It is time to confess our humanity before our neighbors and before our gracious God.

Let us be true to our best selves as God sees us.

Prayer of Confession

**Turn us once again, O God, to our interior lives, for we know we need not hide from you.  
Too often, our habits hurt rather than help.**

**Heal us, O God. Help us to receive love from others especially when we least expect it.**

**Help us to focus on what we have now, rather than what we left behind to follow Jesus.**

**When we feel like strangers, welcome us into your loving embrace.**

**When we try to ignore the stranger, give us the courage to reach out and to be a friend of Christ to them.**

**We ask these things in the name of Jesus, who went the distance, and found you every step of the way. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

*Pastor:* We belong to the King of glory who joyfully sets us free.

In Christ's healing hands, you find forgiveness.

**All: In Christ's healing touch, you find forgiveness.**

**Glory be to God! Amen.**

\*Hymn

*"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"*

UMH #128

\*Sending Forth

May God grant you grace to abide in His love, give you peace to abide in His forgiveness, and the power to live in His faithfulness. **Amen.**

\*Postlude

Anita Chops

*"The United Methodist Hymnal" © 1989*

*"Just In Time! Prayers For Ordinary Time" © 2012*

*"Worship & Song" © 2011*

### *Spiritual Gift Inventory*

\* Online link below:

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

# MISSION OF THE MONTH

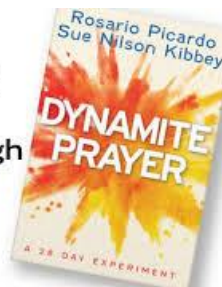
## APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS PROJECT

- Gallon snap-close plastic bags (prefer 80-count boxes, NO SLIDERS, please)
  - Full-size Shampoo
  - Full-size Toothpaste
  - 8-pack Travel Tissues
  - New/Used Christmas Cards

2022 – Appalachian Christmas Project delivered 21, 489 Christmas gifts in WV, Eastern KY & Ohio.

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. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.  
Call the office to sign-up for your book.  
See Doug Whitecotton for questions.

# CHICKEN DINNER TIME!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

4:00-6:30PM

MENU: Chicken (Dark/White), Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll and Dessert.

Eat-in/Take-out

Adults: \$15.00

Children (age 10 & under): \$8.00

Call or stop by the office for tickets, 304-242-1206.



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**INDOOR** **EGUMC**  
**"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

**CONCESSION  
STAND FOOD**

**36  
INDIVIDUAL  
VENDOR  
TABLES**

ORGANIZED AND RAN BY BOY SCOUT TROOP 29!!

\*To reserve a table to sell your items, call the office at 304-242-1206

Or

Sign-up at the Welcome Desk