



8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

## *Pressing on with Pastor Deb* - PASTOR DEBRA DAGUE

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.*

*- 1 Corinthians 12:12*

1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Paul compares individual Christian to the parts of a human body. Paul shares that for our physical body to function well each part of our body needs to play its role. In the same way, each of our spiritual gifts contributes to the well-being of the body of Christ. Scripture tells us that every Christian has at least one spiritual gift. A spiritual gift is not earned rather it is received by the grace of God and Christian are expected to use these gifts to help God's people become more Christ-like in all they speak and do. Throughout Scripture we are given lists of spiritual gifts. Some of the gifts that are included on these lists include teaching, hospitality, mercy, prophecy, evangelism, serving and generosity. Of course there are many more gifts not mentioned. What is your spiritual gift? It may be a gift that you have been aware of all your life or it may be a new gift that you were never aware you had before. Max Lucado encourages us to ask the following questions about discovering our gift(s): What ignites your heart? What heeds the fire within! Do you have a passion to sing? Then sing! (Choir) Are you stirred to manage? Then manage! (Church Administration) The fire of your heart is the light of your path. Fan it at your own delight. Blow it. Stir it. Nourish it. . .

It is God's plan for God's people to use our gifts to God's glory. During the month of August at EGUM we will explore and discover our gifts and ways we can put them to use. I am sure most of us would agree that it would be more difficult for our body to function with a broken leg. Just as our physical

body needs all parts to function well the body of Christ needs all of its parts to play their role. Consider taking a spiritual inventory survey, they are available by email or paper copies at the church, or ask someone to help you discover your gift(s). Then pray about ways you can use your gifts to build up the body of Christ. On August 13th we will have a list of opportunities for you to view to help you discovery how you can put your gift(s) into action at EGUMC.

Sue Mallory, The Equipping Church, sums it up like this: “When the church is healthy, she dances” I have been excited to lead a body of Christ that dances and I am looking forward to where our next steps lead us in the future.

- Pastor Deb

***God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another  
-1 Peter 4:10***

During the month of August EGUMC will be challenged to recognize our spiritual gifts and then to use those gifts for God’s Glory.

On August 29th I, along with the Nominations Committee and leaders of the church, will begin to guide people to the places where they can use their gifts. I encourage you to take the Spiritual Gift Inventory. You can request an email copy through the church office or pick up a printed copy at the church. Once you know your gift(s) I encourage you to be in prayer and allow God to show you where you can serve. If God is calling you in a direction where EGUMC does not have that “ministry” I encourage you to speak to me and we can discern what God is planning in this church through you!

Below is a list of opportunities to serve. Pray over the list and see where God is tugging at your heart to be in service for Him. Contact me if you have questions, if you need help in discernment, or if you are ready to share where God is calling you. Beginning August 13th there will be a more descriptive list of opportunities to serve available at the church along with a response sheet, “Here I am Lord, use Me!” that can be returned to the church by August 27th. This response will guide us in helping you find your place to serve.

This is an exciting time in the church as we recognize and use our gifts to serve one another and God!

Choir/Music  
Shepherding – Cares for our EGUMC Family  
Visitation – Home, Nursing Facilities  
Trustees – Cares for Physical Plant  
Sunday School Leader (all ages)  
Youth Leader  
Children’s Group Leader  
Small Group Leader  
Finance Committee  
Mission Team – Plays, Community Dinners  
Coffee Hour

Marketing  
Technology Team  
Worship Team  
Liturgist, Ushers, Greeters  
Stitches of Caring  
UM Women  
UM Men  
Scouting – Boys/Girls  
Hospitality Team  
Pastor/Staff Relations - Cares for Pastor/Staff

***Pressing on.....Pastor Deb***

# VBS 2023 – Rocky Railway

We had a WONDERFUL time at VBS this year. It was our first full time since 2019. There were 12 leaders, 17 children with 6 teens (which I consider part of VBS attendees), 2 on granny patrol, Robin Estep on Media and A.J. Loughman doing the pictures for us. The children were having a great time, so much so that on Thursday when we were about to leave, they said “**THEY DIDN’T WANT TO GO**”. It was so touching to know that we had done our job well.

The VBS Team wanted to do a VBS this year, so we asked for volunteers, and we were pleasantly surprised. God was good to us, and we want to thank all those that participated with their time and talents, and those that contributed with our snacks and drinks, and look forward to our next years VBS, SCUBA. So be prepared for another year of fun, and fellowship.



Bible School participants

## Adult VBS Friday night, July 21:

This was our first attempt at an adult VBS. It was tremendously successful. There were 30 in attendance with food, fun and great fellowship. Several leaders participated with what went on at VBS, shortened version of course, Molly led us in some singing and dancing, Pastor Deb, played a game with us, we took some pictures, and it was GREAT FUN!!!! If you didn't get to participate this year, LOOK Out because it's going to be next year also, only better.



Adult Bible School participants



## *From the Stewardship Committee* - SUSI WHITECOTTON

The stewardship committee is pleased to announce that, because of your generous donations and your participation, our fund raising efforts were very successful. The quarter auction netted \$3459.05, The flower sale, \$375.75, and the tshirt sale, \$246.00. ( We will resume the tshirt sale in the fall.)

Because of the profits from fund raising and your generous donations, we were able to send \$4493.80 To the conference for our fair share. To date, we have paid 28 percent. Watch for announcements regarding a chicken dinner in the fall.

Susi Whitecotton, Stewardship Chair

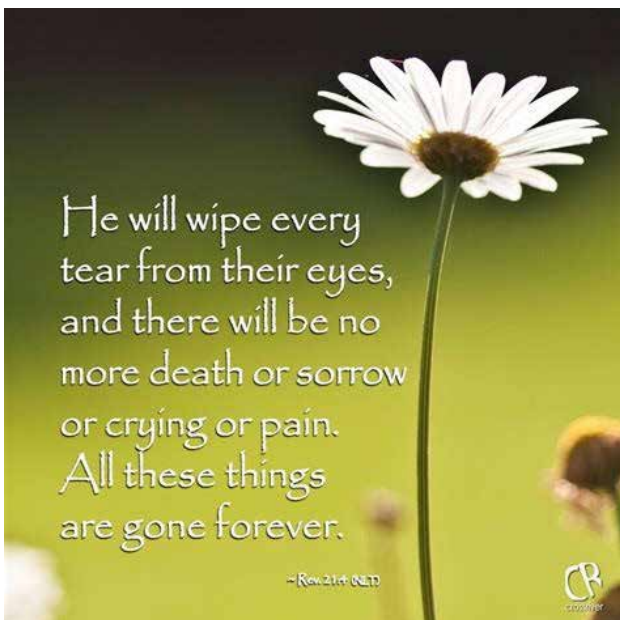
## *EGUMC's Bible Study*

### ***DYNAMITE PRAYER***

Beginning Sept 7th at 6pm  
EGUMC Board Room



Dynamite Prayer is a daily prayer guide that will show you how to begin a practice of "breakthrough prayer," a way of praying where we ask God to open new doors and reveal new possibilities, fueled by the Spirit's power. This 28-day adventure will take you from feeling stuck, overwhelmed, and uninspired to curious and expectant as you surrender your own preferences and ideas and courageously follow the miracles God brings into your life.



## *Our Deepest Sympathy*

With heavy hearts, we acknowledge their death...

**Bettie Jane "BJ" Fadoul** **May 9, 2023**

**Gertrude "Pepper" Organ** **May 15, 2023**

**D. June More** **June 1, 2023**

**Robert E. "Bob" Friend** **June 22, 2023**

# Mission News - JAN COFFEY

## Mission of the Month Reports

May – House of the Carpenter

Peanut Butter: 43

Jelly: 31

June – House of the Carpenter

Cereal: 77 boxes

July – Ohio County Animal Shelter

Bleach: 6

Dog Food: 2 large bags, 3 small bags

Pine-Sol Cleaner: 4 Large bottles, 3 small bottles



Sanctuary is ready for the week

## Future Missions Coming Up

August – Wheeling Housing; body wash, deodorant, shaving cream & razors.

September – Appalachian Outreach; info coming soon.

October – Undie Sunday (all month); men, women & children.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

## Iney's Pre-Loved Boutique

1st & 3rd Saturdays of every month

8:30am – 12:00pm

\*Help is always needed, see Jan.

## Free Community Lunch

3rd Saturday of every month

11:00am – 12:00pm

\*If you would like to help with food or fellowship, see Nancy McCord.



Bible School Teen Helpers

## Bragging Rights

The Kimpel family has 2 new additions....

Henry William Kimpel was born May 13, 2023. The son of Matt and Laura J Kimpel and brother of Archer Kimpel. Grandparents are Todd and Joyce Kimpel.

Odin Wray Kimpel was born June 15, 2023. The son of Ben and Amanda Kimpel and brother of Carson and Aria. Grandparent is Tim Kimpel.

## Abiding Care Team (ACT) - PEGGY LAING & JAN COFFEY

2023 has been a busy year for our ACT members. We are grateful that Pastor Deb keeps us very well informed about our church members so that we can respond with calls, cards or visits as needed. For the first 6 months of this year we have made at least 1098 contacts with our home-bound, hospitalized and nursing home members—and that does not include Pastor Deb's many visits! In fact it does not even include complete reports from our team as some report on a monthly basis and others report on a quarterly basis.

Here is a breakdown (by the numbers!) of what we do. 834 cards have been sent with birthday, get well or thinking of you messages. 30 e-mails have been sent to folks who are living with family members in other states. 134 phone calls and 87 visits were made with an additional 13 bereavement visits made to comfort family members who lost a loved one.

Watch for an announcement of a rare but necessary lunchtime meeting in early September. We would love to welcome potential members to that luncheon. The Abiding Care Team is dedicated to enveloping our loved members who are unable to join us each Sunday. It an outreach that you can do on your own schedule or work with a team partnership.

## Other Newsletter thoughts

**5th Sunday Worship will be one service**

**followed by a fellowship luncheon**

**October 29 – 11am - Sunday School 9:45am**

**December 31 – Time TBA**



Pastor Deb and  
her grandson Josiah



Teen Helper and Anita Chops  
doing an experiment

## *United Methodist Men* -BILL DANIEL

The United Methodist Men are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner at the church on August 26 from 1 to 5:30. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 6 and under. The dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and a drink. Take-out is available. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to help fund church repairs. For tickets, call Molly Beresh at 304-242-1206 or Bill Daniel at 304-231-7545.

## *Hello from the Asbury Class!* - ROSELLA EALY

We would like to cordially invite you to join our class on Sunday mornings. There is plenty of room around the table or along the wall, wherever you would like to sit. There are extra bibles and class materials available if you need them. All are welcome.

There has been a slight change in the class, as Jim Stultz has decided to step back from leading the class.

With that being said, the class has decided to focus on the first five books of the bible, The Pentateuch. We are using a bible study written by John MacAurthur. This study allows us to explore our majestic, loving and just God in familiar yet thought provoking ways. We also explore the impact these events had at the time that they were unfolding, the prophecy of the coming Messiah, and how the stories are still pertinent today. Most importantly, this gives us another chance to praise and worship together on Sunday mornings.

Please, feel free to bring a cup of coffee, a snack, and join us.

Blessings,  
Rosella

## *Fellowship* - BECKY MCCULLOUGH

Heaven Bound Ministries Concert, August 26,2023, 6pm Free Concert - Love Offering

## *Lois' Stitches of Caring* - KAREN STEWART

The ladies of Lois' Stitches of Caring are still meeting on Mondays from 1 to 3 pm in the Old Fellowship Hall. Do you know of someone who would love to join us? We would love to have them join our group.

-Karen Stewart





*“If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.”*

*-Romans 12:7-8*



Anita Chops and Molly Beresh direct an experiment



The Yost's



Adult Bible School Sing-A-Long



## Worship Service Attendance

<b>Date</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
April 30	26	67	29
May 7	31	38	22
May 14	32	52	24
May 21	35	43	31
May 28	28	38	16
June 4	35	55	29
June 11	29	33	17
June 18	39	32	25
June 25	28	45	16
July 2	31	33	8
July 9	33	36	21
July 16	36	43	25
July 23	28	45	20

## Memorial Gifts

To Trustee Fund  
In memory of Thelma Lennex  
Ruth Millard

In memory of Pat Shamblin  
Betty Griffin  
Earl Kurre

In memory of Bettie Fadoul  
Ruth Millard

In memory of Milan Vosvick  
Peggy Laing  
Lions Club of Elm Grove

In memory of Pepper Organ  
Sue & Bruce Mills  
David & Karen Muldrew  
Kevin & Kenda Dean & family  
Melissa & David Dallas & family  
Chris & John Zurek  
Nancy Moss  
Betty Griffin  
Barb Napple

To Boy Scout Troop 29  
In memory of Milan Vosvick  
Betty Griffin



# Elm Grove U.M.C. Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

## August

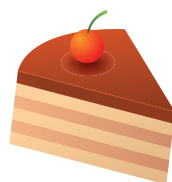
CLARK, Mary Lou	08/02
HIGLEY, Tami	08/02
ESTEP, Shannon	08/04
KIMPEL, Tim	08/06
HOFFMAN, Shirley	08/07
BROWN, Danielle	08/08
MCCROBA, Carol	08/14
BARNES, Adam	08/16
HARRIS, Brynlee	08/16
CAREY, Julie	08/18
KIMPEL, Chad	08/18
LAING, Gresh	08/19
WILLIAMS, Linda	08/24
DANIEL, William	08/27
MCCORD, Wayne	08/27
CHOPS, Anita	08/29
LOUGHMAN, Terry	08/29
MCCULLOUGH, Logan	08/29
CLARK, Stacey	08/31

## September

MARTIN Sr., Don	09/01
MULDREW, Karen	09/01
MCFARLAND, Brian	09/02
THORNGATE, Greg	09/02
WILLIAMS, Lillian	09/04
KAPPAS, Mark	09/06
CLARK, Debra	09/07
LAING, Rory	09/08
MCFARLAND, Nancy	09/11
ARMSTRONG, Haylee	09/13
ZOECKLER, Christina	09/13
BERESH, Hayden	09/14
HARRIS, Gregory	09/14
WARD, Stacy	09/15
ESTEP, Daniel	09/29
HIGLEY, Marjorie	09/29
MORGAN, Bob	09/29
MUSSER, Tom	09/29

## October

GEER, Marcus	10/01
HARRIS, Kayla	10/04
WARD, Jeremy	10/06
FOLMAR, Reese	10/07
HUFF, Don	10/07
LAING, Peggy	10/09
COULLING, Betty	10/10
BERESH, Savannah	10/12
MULDREW, Daniel	10/14
MULDREW, David	10/14
THORNGATE, Braxton	10/15
ESTEP, James	10/20
BEABOUT, Sandra	10/21
CARPENTER, Beverly	10/21
HASTINGS, Hailey	10/25
CALDWELL, Sandra	10/26
CARPENTER, Bryan	10/27
JONES, Jennifer	10/29
GRAY, Brian	10/31
ROWE, Elizabeth	10/31



## Wedding Anniversaries

### August

MCCULLOUGH, Brian & Becky	08/03
FOLMAR, Reese & Samantha	08/06
STULTZ, James & Charlene	08/06
MARTIN, SR., Don & Jean	08/12
SIMONETTI, Rico & Heather	08/31

### September

KIMPEL-MATTHEWS, Laura & Dan Matthews	09/05
RUSH, Bob & Barbara	09/13
SUTER, James & Carol	09/16
FARMER, Doug & Christine	09/22
BLOWERS, Dave & Dolly	09/24
PATTERSON, III, William & Dawn	09/30

### October

HIGLEY, JR., Lyle & Tami	10/01
JONES, Jeff & Tammy	10/16
LOUGHMAN, Terry & Sandy	10/26



\*revised 07/06/2023

\*If you see a mistake on this list, please contact Molly so we can update our database. Thank you!

*We hope you like our Newsletter!!*

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If you have seasonal pictures you want to add, please send them our way....

If you have articles to include send them our way....

Your Newsletter team; Joyce Kimpel, Bill Daniel, and Luke from Rich and Shirley's Quickprint

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