



## SPARKS NEWSLETTER

**Oops.....** We missed a few articles, my apologies to Anita and Frank:

### ELM GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHOIR NEWS BY ANITA CHOPS

*...and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. –Isaiah 55:12*

Well, summer is coming to an end and the Music Director and choir need to get back to work. The Adult Choir will be starting on September 6, with choir rehearsal at 6:30 – 7:30 in the sanctuary. Not sure of all the things we will do yet this fall, but I'm sure God will lead us in the right direction. He always does.

I would like to invite anyone that likes to sing, to come and join us. We would love to have you. All you have to do is give me a call at 304-551-1414 or see me in church on Sunday morning. When we all get together, maybe we can come up with a few exciting new things to do with our music program. I am always open to new ideas.

We still have the month of August to go through and I have some excellent soloists to sing on Sundays. **Let's sing a new song to the Lord.**

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

***United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God, to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participating in the global ministries of the church.***

Our United Women In Faith, will start with a meeting on September 14 at 12:00 in Newmeyer Hall. The district President, Crystal Welsh will be presenting the program. Nancy McFarland and Jan Coffey will provide the refreshments. All women should bring a lunch, and dessert and drinks will be provided. All of the women of our church and other churches are welcome. If you have any questions, you can call Anita Chops or Judy Beaver, co-presidents.

The October meeting will be our **CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL** program with Nancy McCord as presenter. Linda Beisner and Mary Clark will provide the refreshments.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE DISTRICT FALL MEETING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 AT**

**NORTH VIEW UMC IN CLARKSBURG, WV. OUR SPEAKER FOR THE DAY WILL BE REV. ANNA TROY. SHE IS A CHURCH AND COMMUNITY WORKER AND DIRECTOR OF OPEN-HEART MINISTRIES OF HARRISON COUNTY.** All other information about the day will be on the church bulletin board next to the office.

United Women in Faith is a great organization. We usually meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month except for June, July, August, January, and February (although February didn't turn out so bad this year). We have lunch at 12:00 noon, brought by the members and a dessert and refreshment provided by a hostess. We have a short program and a short business meeting. It really is a great organization. If you feel you want to join us at any time, contact our co-presidents.

Anita Chops and Judy Beaver.

## Congratulations Frank:



**Frank Davis, Vice President and Treasurer of Elm Grove United Methodist Men,** received the **Cross and Flame Award** from the men's group on July 30. Pastor Deb Dague and Frank's nephew and Elm Grove United Methodist Men President and Secretary Bill Daniel presented him with a medal, certificate, and pin. While a Boy Scout in Troop 29, Frank served as Senior Patrol Leader and earned the rank of Eagle Scout and the God and Country Award. He was also a member of the Order of the Arrow. Frank went on to serve as a Webelos Leader and Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 29 when Bill was an active member. He taught orienteering and knot tying, assisted with the Scouting for Food program, assisted Scouts, including Bill, with Order of the Arrow Initiation and the planning and carrying out of their Eagle Scout projects, and directed and participated in work projects at Sandscree Scout Reservation.