Elm Grove United Methodist Church



September 10, 2023

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude "We Remember"
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by Jacobson & Huff

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing a new song to God. All: Sing of light and hope.

Leader: Dance with laughter and joy.

All: Dance with hearts full of love.

Leader: Rejoice with strings and drums.

All: Rejoice with justice and peace.

Leader: Sing a new song to God.

*Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH #557

*Opening Prayer

Ancient of days, we enter your presence to remember and rejoice. We come looking for your steadfast faithfulness and your loving care. May we be a people who seek reconciliation and genuine forgiveness with one another. In remembrance and gratitude for your mercy and your grace, we pray. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns Pastoral Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

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

"God, How Can We Forgive" Chancel Choir (11:00) by R. Duck

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"The Gift of Love"

UMH #408, v.1

*Prayer of Dedication

Receive these gifts as offerings of love, O God.

Bless them with your grace, that those who receive them may find compassion and hope. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu" (8:30)

UMH #432

"Help Us Accept Each Other" (11:00)

UMH #560

Scripture

Matthew 18:15-20

Message

Doug Whitecotton

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, amidst our songs of joy, our hearts are touched by fear.

Sin plagues our world, even as we strive to build your realm.

Sorrow enters our lives, even as we put on false smiles and engage in empty conversations.

Death lurks around every corner, even as we struggle against our own mortality.

Reconcile us with your love and compassion, and bless us with your compassionate presence, that we may be filled with joy, love, and hope this day. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name, God is with us.

Where God is, grace and compassion abide.

In the grace of God and the love of Christ, we are made one in ministry to the world.

*Hymn

"We All Are One in Mission"

TFWS #2243

*Sending Forth

Doug: Just as God has called us here, God now sends us forth. *All:* Just as God has joined us here, God goes with us now. *Doug:* Go with the power of God to love and serve the world. *All:* Amen.

*Postlude Anita Chops

*For pastoral care during Pastor Deb's absence, please contact the office and we will put you in touch with a minister.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of Elm Grove United Methodist Church, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk or contact Pastor Deb.

New members will be welcomed on October 29th.

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS PROJECT

- Gallon <u>snap-close</u> 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".

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.



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

Or

Sign-up at the Welcome Desk

The UMM would like to thank everyone who came to our Spaghetti Dinner. It was a great day and we made more than \$900 profit. We especially want to thank everyone who baked cakes & pies, and helped in the kitchen.

Bus Trip to "The Sight & Sound Theatre", Lancaster, PA

"The Miracle of Christmas"

November 30, 2023

ONLY 20 seats left!

Sign-up with Mark Weese, 304-215-3424.

*See the bulletin board outside of the office for more details.