

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



September 17, 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, sisters and brothers, rejoice in God's glory.

All: We give praise for God's endless love!

Leader: Come, sisters and brothers, sing of God's riches.

All: We are blessed with the gift of God's love.

Leader: Come, sisters and brothers, celebrate the Spirit's calling.

All: We give thanks for the Spirit within!

*Hymn

"O Young and Fearless Prophet"

UMH #444

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you sustained your people with manna in the wilderness and with bread and fish by the sea of Galilee.

Sustain us today, not only with physical food, but also with spiritual food, the bread of life who is our LORD Jesus Christ. 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

"Walk Along Beside Me, O My Lord"
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by D. Besig

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Loving Father, you powerfully fill the voids in our lives.

You reveal your compassionate grace by the simple act of always being present.

You unselfishly feed us when we are hungry and quietly walk with us when we feel alone.

Combine this offering with others so that all your children can be filled with the power of your redeeming spirit.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

"Come Away with Me"

TFWS #2202

Scripture

John 6:1-13

Message

"Little Is Much"

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

Holy Love, to you we pray.

We pray to you, O Christ, for you show us the way of love.

We pray to love, for God is love.

We pray for love, for love is the root of grace and the foundation of mercy.

Forgive us when we lose our grounding in love, and act in ways that separate us from you and from one another.

Forgive us when hatred and enmity take root and weaken the love you have planted within us.

Reclaim the foundation of our lives, Loving One, that we may grow in faith and strength from the root of love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

May God grant you the power to grasp the fullness of love's width, length, height, and depth.

For God's love is big enough to gather the fragments of our broken lives and transform them into abundance.

In the name of Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

In the love of God, we are made whole.

With the strong root of love, let us grow in God's glorious grace.

*Hymn

"We'll Understand It Better By and By"

UMH #525

*Sending Forth

May you know the love of Christ.

May you dwell in this glorious gift.

From the strong root of love, go forth to give love to God's world! **Amen.**

*Postlude

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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.

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".



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



October 29th

6:30-7:30pm

Decorate your trunk and join in the fun!

Sign-up at the Welcome Desk or call the church office

*We are also asking for candy donations, any variety.

Place your donations outside of the office.

THANK YOU!

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.