

# *Elm Grove United Methodist Church*



**September 3, 2023**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome  
Prelude

Anita Chops

\*Call to Worship

*Leader:* Rejoice in God always. Again I say, Rejoice!

**All: Take heart; the LORD is near.**

*Leader:* Make it known among the people: God reigns.

**All: Proclaim it from the rooftops.**

*Leader:* Let gentleness and mirth be your guide.

**All: Rejoice in God always. Again I say, Rejoice!**

*Leader:* Take heart; the LORD is near.

\*Hymn

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

UMH #526

\*Opening Prayer

**Holy God, we come before you this day with praise on our lips and songs of joy in our hearts. When we abide in your kingdom and live according to your ways, good triumphs over evil, love is stronger than hate, and truth wins the day.**

**Focus our hearts and minds on things that are worthy of praise, and bless us with a peace that passes all understanding. Amen.**

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*“Bless Thou the Gifts”*

UMH #587

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of steadfast love, your bounty knows no bounds.**

**For the abundant gifts in our lives, we thank you.**

**For the peace that passes all understanding, we praise you.**

**For keeping our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, we honor you.**

**Receive the gifts we bring you this day, and help us stay focused on things that are excellent and admirable, holy and just, righteous and pure. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*“Take Time to Be Holy”*

UMH #395

Scripture

Philippians 4:6-7

Message

*“Peace in those Troubles Times”*

Rev. Debra Dague

*Call to Confession*

Remember that our LORD Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us confess our sins against God and against neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

**We seek your goodness, O God, for we search our hearts and find them wanting.**

**We seek your joy, source of mirth and laughter, for our limbs are weary and our hearts are heavy.**

**Set our minds on things that are excellent, admirable, and worthy of praise.**

**Shine the light of your love far and wide, that the world might strive after things that are just, righteous, and true. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, is ours through Christ Jesus.  
Rest secure in this assurance, for it is trustworthy and true.

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH #13

\*Hymn

*“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*

TFWS #2193

\*Sending Forth

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,  
from this day forward and forevermore. **Amen.**

\*Postlude

Anita Chops

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*“Book of Common Worship”* © 2018

*Spiritual Gift Inventory*

\* Online link below:

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

# MISSION OF THE MONTH

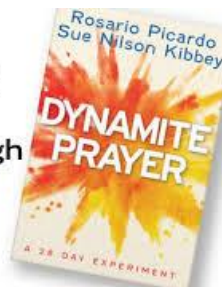
## APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS PROJECT

- 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

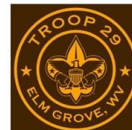
Children (age 10 & under): \$8.00

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