

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



January 28, 2024

Leadership Sunday

Welcome
Announcements

Prelude

Anita Chops

Gathering Words

Be of one mind, the mind of Christ. Be of one Spirit, the Spirit of God's love. Be of one purpose as beloved people of God.

*Hymn

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

UMH #581

*Opening Prayer

LORD God, when we exercise leadership, help us rely not on our own natural skills and abilities. Help us not to focus on ourselves.

Help us not to brag or have a bad attitude, but trust you.

Thank you, Jesus, who love us so much that you led the way to the cross, so that we would be made right with God and become alive in all that we do.

LORD God, we ask that our leadership not point to ourselves but to the grace and love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

UMH #895

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

"We Are a Family"
Chancel Choir

by Huff & Jacobson
(11:00)

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Bless Thou the Gifts"

UMH #587

*Prayer of Dedication

Beloved and loving God, bless these gifts, that they may bring unity to a world in strife.

Bless our lives, that we may bring love to everyone we meet.

Bless our church, that our fellowship may be a place of unity and inclusion for all. Amen.

*Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH #593

Scripture

Philippians 2:19-24

Message

"We Need Leaders!"

Rev. Debra Dague

An Order for the Recognition of Leaders in the Church

Presentation of leaders to the congregation

Dear Friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility.

It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us.

In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the LORD, to this people, and to our ministry in the world.

Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

Today we install you as our leaders.
Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?
I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?
I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?
I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?
I will.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out our blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church.

Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service.

Keep before them the example of our LORD, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all.

Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy.

Guide them in their work.

Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

Pastor Deb:

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards.

Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

Congregation responds: **We will.**

*Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

TFWS #2241

*Sending Forth

Share the Spirit.

Encourage others in Christ.

Go forth to give God’s love and encouragement to the world. **Amen.**

*Postlude

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

House of the Carpenter

Vegetable Oil

Flour

Liquid Box Milk

(found on the shelf, NOT in the cold case)

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".



*Girl Scouts are selling cookies!
Order form is posted outside of the office on the bulletin board.
See Kaitlyn Folmar for questions.*

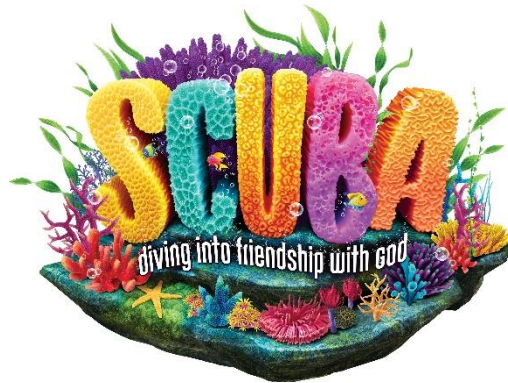
Vacation Bible School
June 24-28
9:00am - 12:00pm

We are asking for monetary donations to help defray the cost for VBS supplies.

Donations can be placed in the "SCUBA" can found near the Narthex.

See Molly for questions, or if you would like to volunteer at VBS.

THANK YOU for your support!



The 2023 Annual Giving Statements are ready to be picked up.

If you would like your statement, please call or stop by the office during regular office hours.