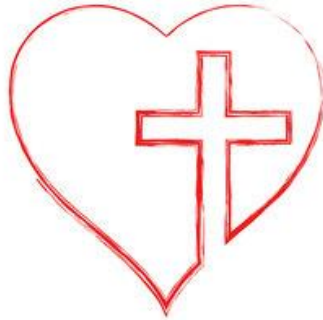


# *Elm Grove United Methodist Church*



**February 4, 2024**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Welcome  
Announcements

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Gathering Words*

“Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” - Mark 10:14 NLT

\*Hymn

*“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”*

UMH #277

\*Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, long ago, you spoke to our ancestors through the words of your prophets; but today, you speak to us through a Son.**

**Help us become like children again, and rejoice in your kingdom, even as we seek to walk in your ways, and trust in your Spirit. 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.**

Baptism

11:00

*Henry William Kimpel*  
*Parents: Matt & LJ Kimpel*

*Odin Wray Kimpel*  
*Parents: Ben & Amanda Kimpel*

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

*"The Prayer with Lead Us, Lord"*  
*Chancel Choir*

by Sager & Foster

11:00

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Precious LORD, your love for us is amazing. You have blessed us in so many ways. The children of this congregation are an extraordinary example of your blessing. We are thankful for the ministries of this church that reach out to children and families. May a portion of this money continue to support those ministries that welcome children in our midst. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

UMH #141

Dismissal for Children's Church (ages infant-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

11:00

Scripture

Mark 10:13-16

Message

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, when the road of life is smooth, it is easy to remain faithful; but when life becomes rough, we quickly fall away from you.**

**Give us the faith of Jesus, who taught his disciples to pray that they may be spared from the time of trial.**

**May our faithfulness be our words, that others may see in our example the joys of an upright heart, whether we are receiving the good from your hand, or the bad. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

All are sanctified by God. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters. As Christ's sisters and brothers, rejoice in God's saving love.

Communion (*see insert/screen*)

\*Hymn

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

UMH #191

\*Sending Forth

Go forth into God's world in faithful covenant with our God.

Be instruments of Jesus' healing touch, and live out the Spirit's gift of wisdom and understanding.  
**Amen.**

\*Postlude

Anita Chops

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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.*

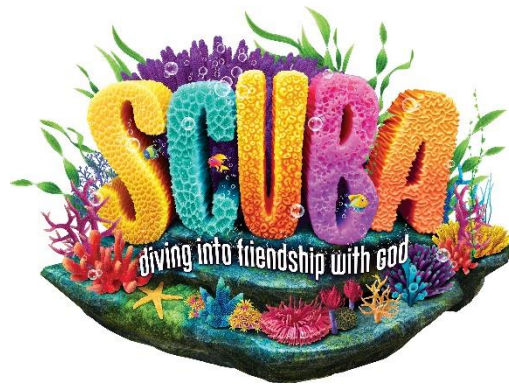
Vacation Bible School  
June 24-28  
9:00am - 12:00pm

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.