

# *Elm Grove United Methodist Church*



**March 10, 2024**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Welcome  
Announcements

Prelude

*“Lamb of God”  
Swingin’ Angels*

by T. Paris

*Gathering Words*

Walking on a familiar road, fishing on a well-known beach, or singing a beloved song, we may yet encounter a new perspective. Open your eyes. Christ is here.

\*Hymn

*“The Voice of God Is Calling”*

UMH #436

\*Opening Prayer

**Feed us with your word, Jesus.**

**With new perspectives, and a vision of your presence, refresh our hearts this day.**

**Be present in our midst, that we might hear your voice and respond to your call. 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

*"Any Road, Any Cost"*  
*Swingin' Angels*

by Krippayne & Wood

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*"Bless Thou the Gifts"*

UMH #587

\*Prayer of Dedication

**LORD, accept these offerings, given with joy as a token of our praise, that they may be used in service to Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

11:00

\*Hymn

*"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"*

W/S #3104

Scripture

Acts 9:3-11

Message

*"Hearing God's Voice from God"*

Rev. Debra Dague

*Call to Confession*

God of Forgiveness, hear now the confession of our sins.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy Father, our greed and our lust for power create enemies where we should find friends. We fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beat down by the burdens of life.**

**We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and the destruction of our wrongdoings and our well-meaning crusades.**

**Forgive us, merciful One. Give us sight to see with our eyes, that we may bring hope and peace to our world. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

God's anger lasts but a moment, but God's favor lasts a lifetime.

The LORD forgives our shortcomings and sends deliverance through Christ, just as the LORD forgave Saul and used him to spread the gospel.

Thanks be to God!

\*Hymn

*"Together We Serve"*

TFWS #2175

\*Sending Forth

Go forth from this place with your eyes wide open as you journey into the wider world.

Love God and see Christ in each person you meet.

Give thanks always and do not withhold love from any, for we do not know who may yet turn to the light. **Amen.**

\*Postlude

Anita Chops

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# MISSION OF THE MONTH

## House of the Carpenter

- ❖ Laundry Detergent
- ❖ Liquid Dish Soap
- ❖ Body Wash

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".

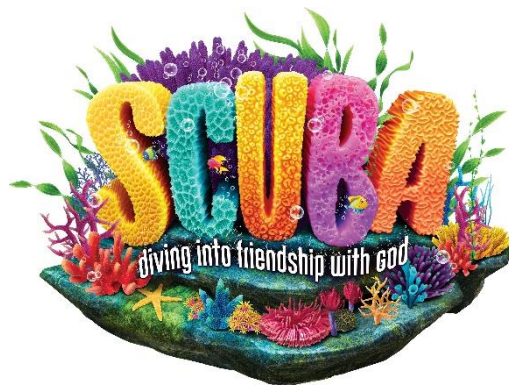
Vacation Bible School  
June 24-28  
9:00am - 12:00pm

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!



## INDOOR "YARD" SALE

April 5th, 4:30-7:30pm  
April 6th, 9:00am-1:30pm

### FULL CONCESSION STAND

Sandwiches, Soups, Drinks & Baked Goods  
Dine-in or Take-out

Table Rental Sign-up Sheet  
is on the welcome Desk in the Narthex.  
No limit on # of tables!

\*See Scott Beresh for questions

**Thursday Bible Study, 6:00pm**  
**Lenten Schedule & Topics**

March 14 - "You Are a Witness": Luke 24:33-39

March 21 - "Waiting in God's Power"  
Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:1-18



**Good Friday Fish Fry**

March 29th, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

*or, while supplies last.*

Eat in/Take out

**THINK**

**SPRING**

FLOWER FUNDRAISER

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OPEN!

Order Forms are on the Welcome Desk  
See Susi Whitecotton for details.

Orders will arrive sometime between  
May 13th - May 24th

\*We would appreciate if you would pay when ordering.

\*\* Sale ends March 31st.