

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Centering Words

Come into this place with a quiet heart. Be still before God and wait patiently, for the LORD is merciful.

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Hymn

"In Unity We Lift Our Song"

TFWS #2221

*Opening Prayer

Holy One, we come together in pause, pray, and praise.

Be with us in this place, that we may touch your mercy.

You provide for us; help us claim the power of your love for our lives.

Help us to measure out grace, shaking it together with forgiveness and give them to others as you would have us do. 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

"Give It To Jesus"
Chancel Choir

by Barrett & Angerman
11:00

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Bless Thou the Gifts"

UMH #587

*Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, we willingly and joyfully celebrate your generosity, by sharing our abundance with the church, our community, and the world.
Bless these gifts, as they go forth to do good in your world without judgment or prejudice.
Amen.**

Dismissal for Children's Church (ages infant-5th grade)

11:00

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

UMH #560

Scripture

Luke 6:37-42

Message

"Acceptance"

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

LORD God, we come to you as imperfect creatures.

We yearn to feel your warm embrace.

We long to touch your love and forgiveness, despite our shortcomings.

Ease our journey toward mercy, as we grow in faith and love.

Help us bless those who curse us and to pray for those who mistreat us.

This is our direction for our lives and we will follow as we are able. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God's love and mercy are freely available to all.

When we trust and delight in God's mercy, we are better able to show this mercy to those around us.

Because God can do this, you can do it. We can do it together!

*Hymn

"And Are We Yet Alive"

UMH #553, vs. 1, 2, 5, 6

*Sending Forth

Go beyond the Golden Rule and forgive first, love first, and give first.

Measure out a good amount of grace, for you and others, and prepare a recipe for a merciful life.

Amen.

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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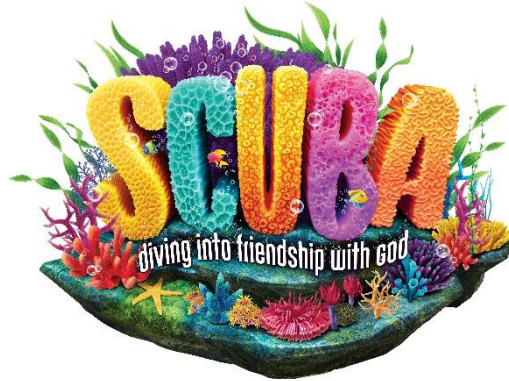
MISSION OF THE MONTH

YWCA

-  **Shampoo & Conditioner**
-  **Deodorant**
-  **Body Wash or Bars of Soap**

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".



VBS MEETING

All leaders & helpers are encouraged to attend.

April 30th at 6:30pm

Old Fellowship Hall (Center Ave. entrance)

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

VBS

June 24-28

9:00am to 12:00pm

Grades K-5

*We are still accepting monetary donations to help defray costs.



**mark
your
calendar!**

Annual Quarter Auction

April 27, 2024

Doors open at 12:00pm

Auction begins at 1:00pm

*See your bulletin insert for ways you can help!

*Be sure to stop by Coffee Time and see our beautiful quilt, made by Patty Jewett.
See a member of the Finance Committee for questions.

MULCH SALE!!

Information & Order Form is on the Welcome Desk
***See Scott Beresh for questions.**

SALE ENDS APRIL 24TH!



Please submit your articles, bragging rights, events and pictures to Joyce Kimpel, jkimpel23@gmail.com by April 25th.

Please cover all events up to August 15th.



We are collecting small bottles of bubbles to hand out to the kids at "Grooving in the Grove".

Please place your donation outside of the church office.

Thank you!



June 30, 2024

If you are interested in becoming a member of Elm Grove United Methodist Church,
please speak to Pastor Deb.