



8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

## *Pressing on with Pastor Deb* - PASTOR DEBRA DAGUE

Spring has arrived! In the spring nature begins to blossom all around us. Flowers open, grass becomes green, and trees produce new leaves, it is a time of renewal after a long dormant winter season. During the Lenten Season EGUMC was in a season of spiritual renewal. Lent was a season of inward growth as we focused on hearing and obeying God's voice as a people and as the church. In our season after Easter, we are praying and learning how we can be a more loving, accepting, and forgiving church. A church where all feel welcomed. A church where all find a safe space to heal, learn, and grow in their relationship with God. Finally, as we journey towards Pentecost we will celebrate the birth of the church. Through the power of the Holy Spirit poured out on all believers, combined with worship, training, and fellowship we will go beyond our walls to be the church of force meeting others needs in Jesus' name.

It has been a joy to pastor EGUMC this past year. I have seen the spiritual growth in people, and I have witnessed people discern their gifts and are using them for the glory of God. I am excited about new leaders in our church, and I am encouraged by EGUMC focusing on outreach and what new people and new places will be for EGUMC. I celebrate the increase in visitors and attendance and our present ministries/small groups that are sharing the Good News and touching lives and have been open to God's leading to be more.

My favorite experience the past few months was Communion Sunday. Rose Ealy and Doug Whitecotton led Communion. They both opened themselves up to the leading of the Holy Spirit and brought the love and power of Jesus to the table. They served Communion and I had the undescribed privilege

to silently pray for every person in the church that day. I am thankful for all of you who make EGUMC your home. God certainly has a plan for this church. If you have not been present with us, I invited you to consider joining us in worship or one of our ministries and be a part of the excitement as God's plan continues to blossom and renew God's church. Pressing on in this season of renewal.

- Pastor Deb

*Mission Statement:* To make Disciples of Jesus Christ

*Vision Statement:* Elm Grove United Methodist Church is an inviting community who loves God and loves spreading the good news to all people.

*Church Membership:* If you are interested in learning more or becoming a member at Elm Grove UMC please contact Pastor Deb by June 15th

*June 30th:* ONE SERVICE at 8:30am

*As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.* - Isaiah 66:13

*We Are ELM GROVE UMC.....*

The United Methodist Church is dedicated to helping all of God's people and to making disciples. The UMC is about caring for the marginalized people. The UMC is about advocating and enacting justice. Do any of us fully agree with everything about this or any church for that matter? Probably not. But that does not change the bottom line of who we will be as a Christian and as EGUMC. We will continue to be a loving, accepting, and forgiving church who is an inviting community who loves God and loves spreading the good news to all people.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, put it well:

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can."

## Choir News - ANITA CHOPS

I would like to thank our choir and all the soloists that performed this year from September 2023 to now. They have been so dedicated with coming to rehearsals, extra practices, doing the Christmas Cantata and putting up with me. They are wonderful individuals and I love them all. THANK YOU, CHOIR!!!!

I would like to welcome Colleen Polley to our choir as well as Ruth Beckdolt and Rosie Brill. I'm so glad that they decided to join us.

The choir will be taking a break starting in June. We are looking for people that would like to sing at our 8:30 and/or 11:00 services. Please give me a call if you or someone that you know would like to sing for us.

If there is anyone who wishes to participate in the choir, please give Anita Chops a call at 304-551-1414. I would love to hear from you.

## Stewardship -SUSI WHITECOTTON

The Fish Fry was a huge success because of all the help we received. To the bakers, the cooks, the servers, the dessert cutters, the slaw makers, the money takers, the shoppers, the donors, and the patrons- we thank you all. The profit was \$1,505.63.

The flower sale has concluded, and we will notify you when they arrive. Thank you, Molly, for handling the flower sale for us.

- Susi Whitecotton and  
The Stewardship Committee



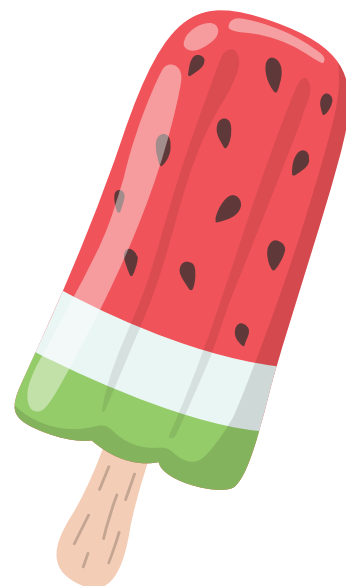
## Boy Scouts - SCOTT BERESH

We now have 12 Active Scouts as we just added 2 new scouts.

Upcoming Troop 29 events:

JUNE 9-15: CAVE CITY, KY SUMMER TRIP.

OCTOBER 4 & 5: FALL INDOOR YARD SALE





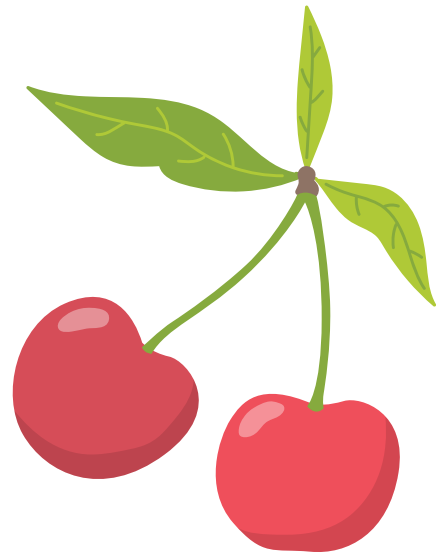
## Mission News - WAYNE McCORD

Spring has slowly arrived, but January still hung on to some very unpleasant weather. The Mission Committee continued collecting more hats, mittens, and scarves those facing the continuing cold weather.

As the weather slowly warmed, the focus turned to collecting food items. Thirteen two-pound bags of flour and five five-pound bags of flour were collected. Sixteen bottles of vegetable oil and 20 boxes of shelf stable milk were collected.

Into March, hygiene products were our focus. You donated 24 containers of Baby Wipes, 1 large package of bar soap, 21 bottles of dish soap, 14 containers of laundry soap, and two packs of laundry soap.

You are an amazing congregation! Thank you, from the Mission Committee.



## Shepherding Team - JOYCE KIMPEL

Our team is busy keeping up with new members, baptisms, and transfers into our congregation. What an exciting time for our Church Family.

Please let me know if you need a Shepherd or if you need contact information for your Shepherd.

Also, remember that although our team stays in touch with you, your Shepherd would like to hear from you as well.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (304) 639 0588 or [t.kimpel@comcast.net](mailto:t.kimpel@comcast.net).

## *United Methodist Men* - TODD KIMPEL, PRESIDENT/SECRETARY

The Group meets the 1st Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall with an approximate 1-hour timeframe. Our current study is called "The Class Meeting", by Kevin M Watson.

The United Methodist Men will be focused on Bible Study, work projects, and social events for the men. We are considering attending a Wild Things Baseball Game and will be talking about a possible trip to one of the Classic Car Auctions as a future event.

Currently, we have 6 members in regular attendance. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the text chain, please contact Todd Kimpel at 304-639-0940

## *United Women of Faith* - ANITA CHOPS & JUDY BEAVER, CO-PRESIDENTS

Our April meeting was a tremendous success. It was on Hospitality. Judy Beaver sent out invitations to all the surrounding churches and asked ladies to join us. We had several ladies from Mt. Olivet Methodist Church and some from the Christian Church. We had a wonderful lunch and would like to thank Kelly Kent for the delicious cookies that she made for us.

As you know, we are called the **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**. That means that anyone from any denomination is welcome to attend our meetings.

**A BIG SHOUT OUT** to all of our members that serve as hostesses, help with the OCARSE LUNCHEES, serve as officers, and all the other ways that our United Women In Faith serve and share their talents. **THANK YOU LADIES!!!**

Our May meeting will be our **MOTHER/DAUGHTER/FRIEND LUNCHEON**. It will be a covered dish lunch with the meat being provided. All women of the church are invited to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet on the welcome table to see what dishes you would like to provide and how many will come. You may invite as many guests as you wish. Let's make this a true celebration of our **SISTERS IN CHRIST**.

We will not meet in June, July, or August. Look forward to seeing what we will do in the fall and hope that you will join us.

Anita Chops and Judy Beaver, co-presidents



## Lois' Stitches of Caring - KAREN MULDREW

The ladies of Lois' Stitches of Caring continue to meet on Mondays from 1 to 3 PM in the Old Fellowship Hall.

We have donated ten hats for the Samaritan Purse; twelve lap robes for Liza's Place; thirty-seven red scarves for the Red Scarf Project for those who are in the foster care program; nine baby hats to WVU; and a lap robe to Joyce Davis.

We recently gave Pastor Deb fifteen lap robes and two prayer shawls so that she can give at her discretion. As you can see, we like to keep busy.

We would love to have you join us anytime.

We continue to meet every Monday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Karen Muldrew

## Baptism

Henry William Kimpel and Odin Wray Kimpel were baptized on Sunday February 4, at the 11 a.m. service. Henry is the son of Matt and Laura (LJ) Kimpel, and brother to Archer. Odin is the son of Ben and Amanda Kimpel, and brother to Carson and Aria Kimpel.



Matt, Henry, Odin and Ben Kimpel



Amanda, Odin, Ben Kimpel, Doug Whitecotton, Pastor Deb, Laura (LJ), Henry, Matt, and Archer Kimpel and Edward Matthews

## New Members

New members received into our church last quarter:

David Waddell

Nancy Kish

Chuck & Colleen Polley





## *Iney's Pre-Loved Boutique* - JAN COFFEY

The boutique is open the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of every month, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

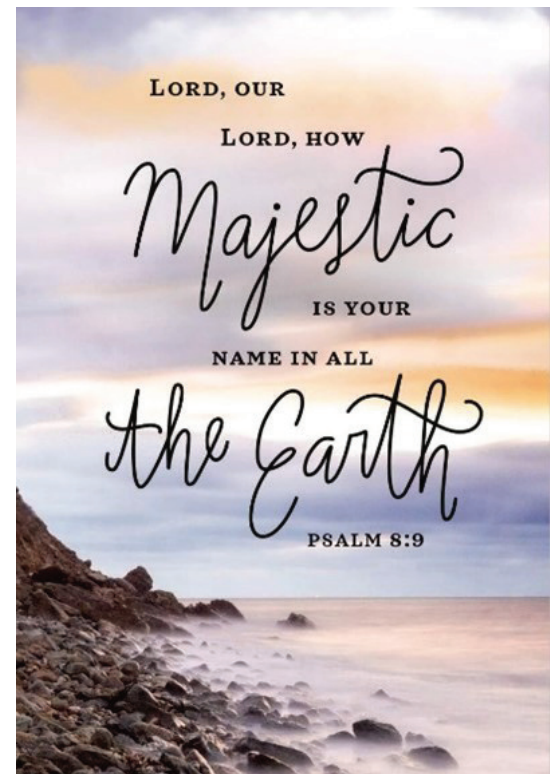
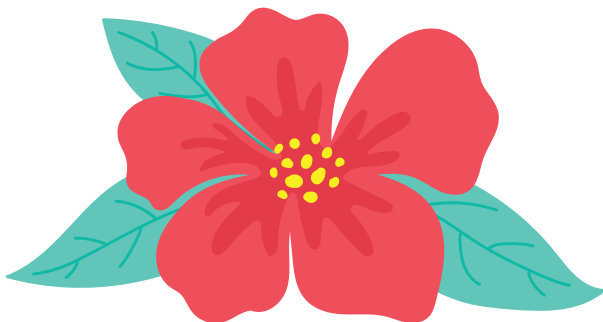
We welcome everyone who likes to eat, wants to find some good deals, likes to socialize, or just wants to get out of the house to come join us. The food is always good, but the company is even better!



## *Free Community Luncheon* - MISSION TEAM

Our "Saturday church family" is growing! On the 3rd Saturday of each month at 11:00 am, our group of new friends gathers in Newmeyer Hall to shop at Iney's Pre-Loved Boutique and share time and a meal with each other.

Questions? Want to help or provide food? Contact Nancy McCord at 304-312-2938 or Sandy Loughman at 304-312-8713.



# Worship Service Attendance

<b>Date</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
January 28, 2024	29	51	24
February 4, 2024	29	81	26
February 11, 2024	29	81	23
February 14 (Ash Wed. 7pm)	28		
February 18, 2024	27	42	23
February 25, 2024	30	55	24
March 3, 2024	36	55	22
March 10, 2024	30	50	22
March 17, 2024	25	61	27
March 24, 2024	32	55	27
March 28 (Holy Thursday, 6pm)	33		
March 29 (Good Friday, 7pm)	36		
March 31, 2024	50	84	17
April 7, 2024	29	74	24
April 14, 2024	29	46	20
April 21, 2024	33	60	22

*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

*- Proverbs 22:6*

## Upcoming Events & Updates

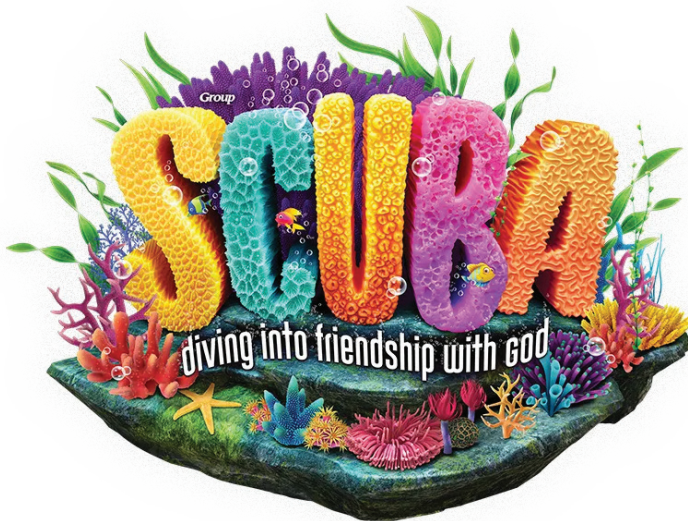
### Vacation Bible School

**June 24-28**  
**9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.**  
**Grades K-5**

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 Nathex

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

THANK YOU for your support!





# Elm Grove U.M.C. Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

May

HASTINGS, Dale	05/04
JEWETT, Patty	05/06
JONES Sr., James	05/06
KIMPEL, Matt	05/08
STEWART, Karen	05/09
LAING, Gresh	05/10
CLARK, Adam	05/11
FORDYCE, Betty	05/13
KIMPEL, Henry	05/13
MCCORD, Nancy	05/13
HOPKINS, Clarence	05/16
LAING, Gresh	05/17
HASTINGS, Jacob	05/18
LOUGHMAN, Sandy	05/19
WARD, Ashley	05/19
HARVILLA Sr., Steve	05/20
HUGHES, Diana	05/20
MARTIN, Hannah	05/20
CARPENTER, Jacob	05/22
OLIVER, David	05/22
FADOUL, John	05/23
KIMPEL-MATTHEWS, Laura	05/23
CAREY, Haleigh	05/24
BOYD, Betty	05/26
GARDNER, Julia	05/27
JONES, Colin	05/27
CAREY, Joseph	05/28
MCCORD, David	05/28
BLOWERS, Dave	05/29
RICHMOND, Amanda	05/31

June

GROVES, Brandon	06/01
KIMPEL, Aria	06/02
ESTEP, Robin	06/03
MCCORD, Cassidy	06/03
MCQUAY, Jean	06/03
CLARK, Richard	06/04
HENDERSON, Jared	06/07
ROGALSKI, Virginia	06/07
KIMPEL, Emily	06/10
RITZ, Anya	06/11
BROWN, Christopher	06/12
HOFFMAN, Bernadine	06/12
WARD, Lollyanne	06/14
KIMPEL, Odin	06/15
WARD, Don	06/17
SMITH, Dianna	06/18
WARD, Joyce	06/19
MCCORD, Corwin	06/20
KARR, Polly	06/21
PARSONS, Debra	06/21
POSEY, Vicky	06/22
WARD, Jessica	06/22
SIMMS, Jayna	06/25
BERESH, Gavin	06/26
HARVILLA, Nancy	06/27
KIMPEL, Carson	06/27
MCCORD, Deborah	06/29

July

FOLMAR, Rhett	07/03
HUGHES, Amy	07/03
GARDNER, Tanya	07/05
RITZ, Amy	07/07
COFFEY, Janice	07/10
BEAVER, David	07/11
HODGKISS, Sally	07/11
JONES, Catherine	07/12
FOLMAR, Chelsea	07/13
HELMBRIGHT, Robert	07/13
SANDIFORD, Linda	07/16
SUTER, Carol	07/16
ARMSTRONG, Hunter	07/17
CAREY, Caroline	07/17
DICKMAN, Pat	07/17
BEISNER, Richard	07/18
MILLARD, Ruth	07/18
BRITTON, Kayla	07/19
CHASE, Amy	07/19
WADE, Shirley	07/21
GEER, James	07/22
MCKAIN, Mary Lou	07/23
ROWE, Mason	07/23
KRIPP, Jean	07/24
MCCORD, Charles	07/24
MORGAN, Sandy	07/24
APPLEGARTH, Sara	07/26
GRAY, Louise	07/26
REED, Phyllis	07/26
HASTINGS, Jennifer	07/27
SWIGER, Patty	07/28

August

CLARK, Mary Lou	08/02
HIGLEY, Tami	08/02
ESTEP, Shannon	08/04
HICKS, Diana	08/05

KIMPEL, Tim	08/06
HOFFMAN, Shirley	08/07
BROWN, Danielle	08/08
HICKS, Paul	08/10

\*If you see a mistake on this list, please contact Molly so we can update our database. Thank you!

## Wedding Anniversaries

May

RAY, Scott & Katie	05/02
HASTINGS, Dale & Jennifer	05/17
ESTEP, Jerry & Robin	05/19

March

Beresh, Scott and Molly	3/05
Bayza, Sam and Rose Mary	3/11
Brown, Christopher and Danielle	3/12
Beaver, David and Judy	3/31

June

MORGAN, Bob & Sandy	06/05
STEWART, Ed & Karen	06/05
KIMPEL, Todd & Joyce	06/12
SANDIFORD, Bill & Linda	06/15
MULDREW, David & Karen	06/19
KIMPEL, Matt & Laura	06/22
GEER, Phil & Joyce	06/30
HARRIS, Gregory & Kayla	06/30

July

HUFF, Don & Mary Sue	07/03
HARVILLA, SR., Steve & Nancy	07/04
WARD, Don & Sharon	07/16
WHITCOTTON, Doug & Tina	07/16
JONES, SR., James & Catherine	07/17
OLIVER, David & Stacey	07/22
KING, Gary & Nancy	07/26
LAING, Gresh & Kate	07/27
LAING, Peggy & Gresh	07/31

(OOPS, we missed the March anniversaries last quarter)



*Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.*

*- Exodus 20:12*

## *Our Deepest Sympathy*

With heavy hearts, we acknowledge their death...

**Doris Eileen Harvilla**      **January 30, 2024**

**Mary Lee Wallace**      **March 12, 2024**

**James Allen Jewett**      **March 29, 2024**

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief.*

## *Memorial Gifts*

### **TO TRUSTEE FUND**

#### **In memory of Betty Coulling**

Sandy Meyer  
JoAnn Bonenberger  
The Marockie Family  
Roma & Wesley McConnell  
Esther & James Anderson  
John & Priscilla Gompers

#### **In memory of Doris Harvilla**

David & Karen Muldrew  
Lois' Stitches of Caring  
USW Local 1261

#### **In memory of James Jewett**

Susi Whitecotton  
Lois' Stitches of Caring

#### **In memory of Judy Johnson**

GD Martin

#### **To the Endowment Fund**

In memory of Bill Marple &  
Joanne Marple Mesucci  
Sally Marple



## *Iney's Pre-Loved Boutique* - JAN COFFEY

We have had some wonderful people come through our doors, and we've been blessed by their enthusiasm & friendship. It has been a humbling and wonderful experience to help those who have needed a little extra care.

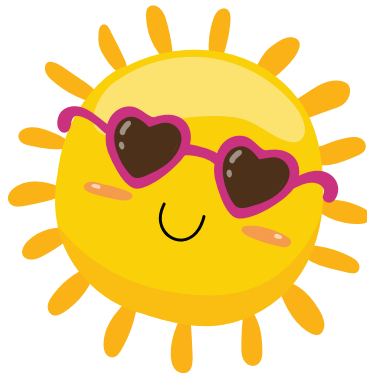
We're so pleased how far we have come and look forward to expanding this much needed ministry.

If you are interested in helping in the Boutique, contact Jan Coffey at 304-242-6842.

**The boutique is opened the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of every month from 8:30a.m. to 12:00p.m.**

If you have donations to drop-off, we ask that you call the church office before arriving, 304-242-1206. Donations will only be accepted Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.

Please do not leave any donations outside of this time.



## *We hope you like our Newsletter!!*

**Your Newsletter team; Joyce Kimpel, Bill Daniel, and Luke from Rich and Shirley's Quickprint**

**Please send all submissions to Joyce at [t.kimpel@comcast.net](mailto:t.kimpel@comcast.net) by the 28th day of the month prior to printing. We will print quarterly, November 15, February 15, May 15, and August 15 unless we have so much news we need to print more often!!!**

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