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May 2024



# MEMORIAL DAY



Lemember and Honor.





Let us all remember those courageous souls... who laid down their lives to keep our nation safe.

Warm wishes on Memorial Day!

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR







MEMORIAL DAY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Quilt Club 8AM-4PM	Prayer Group 9:00 AM	3	4
Communion  9:00 AM Adult Sunday School  10:30 AM Worship Service  Rev. Dr. Laura Reason preaching	Teacher Appreciation Week	7  Elmwood  Ministerium  Sponsors  Morgan Street Mug  Coffee Shop  that is student led	8	Prayer Group 9:00 AM Session Meeting 6:30 PM	10	Church reserved for Wedding
9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Kids Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	13 EBW 6:00 PM	14	Quilt Club 8AM-4PM	Prayer Group 9:00 AM  Baccalaureate in EHS Auditorium 6:00 PM	17	18
9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Service of Wholeness & Healing EHS Graduation @ 1pm	20	21	22	Prayer Group 9:00 AM	24	25
9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service  Coffee Hour following Worship  Worship Committee Mtg following worship	Office closed PEO 6:00 PM	28	29	30 Prayer Group 9:00 AM	Quilt Club set up for the Quilt Show held here during Strawberry Festival on June 1st	

# SCHEDULES

# Announcements

#### May Elder

Julie Barrett

## Elder to be Liturgist & Assist Treasurer

May 5th ...... Julie Barrett/Calie Stalter

May 12th ...... Steve Winslow May 19th ..... Anita Asbell

May 26th ..... Ron Cox/Mike Shissler



2nd: Kyle Alcaraz

Denise Hotz

5th: Aaron Althiser

10th: Mallory (Flinn) Miller

12th: Steve Davis

14th: Molly Halverson

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20th: Drew Flinn Olivia Althiser 21st: Al Welker

23rd: Abigail Cox

Thomas Cox

27th: Julie Barrett

28th: Steve Winslow

31st: Alex Coulter

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29th: Troy & Emily Roberts







Thursday morning Bible Study & Prayer Group Thursday's @ 9am in the Fellowship Hall.



# **Adult Sunday School**

Adult Sunday School meets Sunday Mornings @ 9:00am Everyone is Welcome!



# **Children's Sunday School**

Children's Sunday School for ages 5 and up meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month @ 9:30am



May 6th ~ May 10th

Let's Support our Teachers!

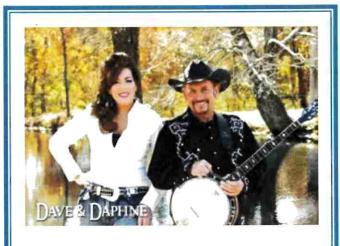
The Elmwood Ministerium will be sponsoring Morgan Street Mug Coffee Shop that is student led on Tuesday, May 7th at the school.

## **Church News & Events**





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Save the Date:

September 15, 2024
Live from Nashville, TN
Country Gospel—"God's Country"
at The Elmwood Presbyterian Church

\*more information to follow



Thursday, May 16th @ 6pm in the EHS Auditorium

All community & church members welcome!



Kate Meyers - Illinois Wesleyan University Abigail Colgan - Elmwood High School

#### There is a Difference

Armed Forces Day

The third Saturday of each May— Honors those serving.

Memorial Day

The last Monday of each May— Remembers those who died while serving.

Veteran's Day

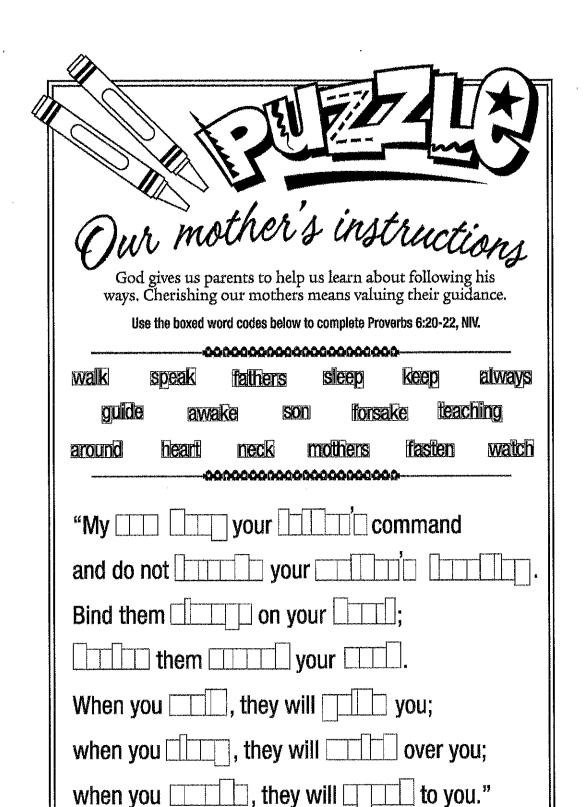
The 11th day of each November— Honors those who served.

# Recipe Corner

# Recipe for Happiness:

Take two heaping cups of patience
One Heartful of love
Two hands of generosity
Dash of laughter
One headful of understanding
Sprinkle of generously with kindness
Add plenty of faith and mix well.
Spread over a period of a lifetime.
Serve everyone you meet.

- submitted by Gene Vaughan



Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

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Answers: "My son, keep your tathers command and do not forsake your mothers teaching, Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you, when you sawke, they will speak to you."

# NEWS



# FROM THE PASTOR

May 2024

# Dear Friends,

I recently went for a walk at Lakeland Park in Canton. It was around 8:30am and there were very few people there. As I walked, I absorbed the beauty of God's creation all around me. I saw the green grass and last year's still brown grasses; the trees that were pushing out their newly formed leaves; the farmer's fields nearby which had been prepared, and the lakes that glistened and sparkled in the sun. I saw the geese, chipmunks, squirrels and birds scurrying on their way. I listened closely to the sounds—the animals (especially the geese!) shared their thoughts aloud, the water lapped on the shorelines, the wind whistled through the grasses. Finally, the sunshine was bright and strong while the wind reminded me that this is Springtime in Illinois.

All of this to say that we just have to look around us to see how beautiful the earth is which our Lord created. The scriptures affirm this: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. (Ps 96:11-12); They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works. (Ps 145:5). Even when Jesus is admonishing us not to worry about things, he uses examples from creation: <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? (Matt 6:28-30)

My friends, don't let the splendor of this world we live in slip through your fingers! Each day, meditate on God's word and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature. Be inspired. Be at peace. Be reassured that our Lord loves you and says that you are more precious to him than the lilies of the field.

Blessings,

Pastor Marla

# First United Presbyterian Church, Elmwood, IL Session Meeting Minutes March 14, 2024

A regular meeting of the Session of First United Presbyterian Church of Elmwood was held in the Fellowship Hall on March 14, 2024. The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Calie Stalter at 6:30 p.m.

Elders present: 2024 - Julie Barrett and Calie Stalter

2025 – Anita Asbell and Steve Winslow 2026 – Ron Cox and Marty Tarter

constituting a quorum. Absent was Brandy Stevens. Rev. Marla Bauler moderated the meeting. The guidelines for a quorum were established at the January 11, 2024 Session Meeting as the presence of 50% of currently serving Elders.

Elder Training: Calie Stalter, Responsibilities of the Worship Committee?

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

The Deacons Report dated February 11, 2024 was reviewed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for January 2024 and February 2024 was reviewed. Approved.

### Report of the Clerk

The minutes from the February 1, 2024 were reviewed & approved. Read correspondence from Presbytery of Great Rivers regarding Per Capita.

# Pastor's Report

Pastor Marla shared a printed report which listed her monthly ministry activities. No communion served in February as noted in February 1, 2024 session minutes. Pastor requested permission to perform the wedding ceremonies for Bob Shoop and Mary Brothers as well as Pam Sartin and Kent Franz from Faith PC in Yates City on May 11, 2024. Motion made. Approved. Also, requested permission to waive the building fee as Pam Sartin's wedding will be very small. Motion made. Approved.

#### Committee Reports

Personnel: Chair - Ron Cox

A motion was made to raise Brandi Teel's salary to \$15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2024. A bonus will be discussed at a later date. Motion seconded. Approved

Finance: Chair – Marty Tarter

No report.

## Worship/Membership/Christian Ed: Co-Chairs - Calie Stalter & Anita Asbell

Worship: Committee met after church on February 25, 2024. Plans for Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday Service were finalized. Possible need for cookies on Good Friday Service at the Methodist Church.

Christian Ed: Adult Sunday School reports the following financial accounting: Beginning Balance as of 2/01/2024 = \$3,517.14.
Deposits of \$276 (for both 2-4-24 & 2-11-24); \$136; \$141
Ending Balance = \$4,070.14 as of 2/29/23.

<u>Missions</u>: Co-Chairs – Marty Tarter

Committee met on February 25 and will meet again on March 24th as still need to work through the allocations budget.

Marketing and Evangelism: Chair - Brandy Stevens

No report.

Building and Grounds: Chair - Steve Winslow; Asst. - Julie Barrett

Windows have been washed.

Work day will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024.

Still trying to find someone to work on stained glass window lights.

Water heater went out and will be fixed.

#### **New Business**

Discussed what needs to be done with memorials when they are received. If it is not specified, it goes into the General Fund. If something is desired for a memorial, then we can pull it out. No longer keeping a specific Memorial Fund account.

Per Capita has not been paid by the church in many years. This was discussed at length. A motion was made that the church pay the annual Per Capita in full. Seconded. Approved .

There being no further business to come before the session, the meeting adjourned with a short prayer offered by Pastor Marla at 7:51 p.m.

The next session meeting is April 11, 2024 with Devotions and Elder Training by Steve Winslow.

Prayerfully Submitted,

Moderator.

Anita W. Asbell, Clerk of Session (bdt)

Rev. Marla Bauler