

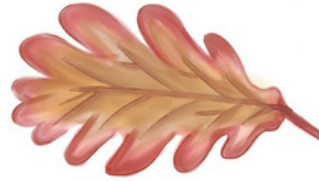
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October 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	office closed for Labor Day			1 Bible Study 9:00 AM	2	3
4  anointing with oil 9:00 AM Adult S.S. 10:30 AM Worship Cub Scouts Selling Popcorn after worship	5	6 Pastor COT Mtg 10:30 AM - zoom	7 Quilt Club 8 AM - 4 PM	8 Bible Study 9:00 AM Session Mtg 6:30 PM	9	10
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25 9:00 AM Adult S. S. 10:30 AM Worship Rev. Dr. Frosty Krummel Preaching Coffee Hour	26 Pastor Marla out of office thru the 30th PEO 6:00 PM	27	28	29 Bible Study 9:00 AM	30	31  3:30 - 5:00 PM 

Upcoming Events

Bible Study.

Thursday Mornings @ 9AM

Adult Sunday School

Sunday Mornings @ 9AM

Children's Sunday School

10:30 AM on the 2nd Sunday of each month

Quilt Club

October 7th 8AM – 4PM

October 21st, 22nd & 23rd 8AM – 4PM

Session Meeting.

October 8th @ 6:30PM

Deacons Meeting.

October 11th

Out of the Office

Pastor Marla will be out of the office

October 15th thru the 30th

Coffee Hour

on the 4th Sunday of each month
following worship

TEXT PRAYER CHAIN

The church's text prayer chain is a great way to communicate prayer needs outside of our usual Sunday prayer request times. Keep in mind that prayer texts need to be brief. Please have the person's permission to share their request (after the text goes out it is PUBLIC) so be careful what details are shared. Also, do NOT reply to the texts with questions or comments--replies are not monitored. You may contact either Pastor Marla (217-828-1866) or Anita (309-251-9537). We will do our best to get the prayer request out in a timely manner.

Happy Birthday.

October 5th

Brandi Teel

October 6th

Peggy Gibson

October 9th

Tony Morton

October 12th

Rev. Marla Bauler

October 13th

Gregg Meyers

October 17th

Anita Asbell

October 22nd

Diane Winslow

October 27th

Fred Paige

Happy Anniversary.

October 25th

Roger & Amy Kepple



**World
Communion
Sunday**



Sunday, October 4th

Anointing with Oil
will be offered

faith ✕

I am happy to announce that the next Peoria area cohorts gathering will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Peoria on Oct. 2nd, from 5:30 to 6:30pm. This event will also be during the time of their First Friday Event. They have food, local musicians and local artists in their Hall across the street from their church. This event starts at 5:00 and goes until 8:00pm.

The cohort gathering is available for anyone from your church to attend to share ideas, ask questions, or look for ways to work together with projects within your churches.

I hope to see you there!
Mary Watts
CCL Ministry Partner

"The Anointing"



ANOINTING WITH OIL...WHAT IS THIS?
It's an outward sign of an inward grace.

In the Old Testament anointing was used for designating/ consecrating a new king (King David) or prophet, or for a priest (Aaron and his sons).

In the New Testament anointing is used:

1. To set a person aside/ consecrating (such as a missionary) for lifetime or for a specified period of time,
2. for the healing (physical, emotional and spiritual sickness) of a person,
3. as a request/desire for God's protection,
4. as a request for spiritual cleansing,
5. to experience a closer relationship with the Lord.



We are collecting bags of Halloween Candy for the community Trunk-or-Treat



October 31st

Costume Contest &
Kiwanis Free Movie
is at 1:00p.m.

Trunk-or-Treat
from 3:30-5:00p.m.

Town Trick-or-Treat Hours
are from 5:00-7:00p.m.

You Are Cordially Invited!



CANDLELIGHT BUFFET



Hosted by the United Women in Faith



* **Date:** Thursday,
October 15, 2026

* **Time:** 6:00 PM

* **Location:**
Fellowship Hall, United
821 W. Main, Elmwood, IL 61529



* **Followed by a**
special program in the
Sanctuary featuring
Linell Shepard
from Princeville.

Reservation Details

Please pass this invitation along to the women in your circle! Space is limited. Please submit your reservations by Friday, October 9, 2026.



Celene Duley: 309-368-8765



Church Office: 309-742-7221

****Special Note: There is no charge for the buffet or program.****



United Methodist Church of Elmwood
821 W. Main, Elmwood, IL 61529

A Letter From The Pastor



²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23



Hello Dear Friends,

What do you think of that Peanuts Cartoon? It comes from a book on our shelf at home called *The Parable of Peanuts* by Robert L. Short. Flipping through that book actually takes a LONG time because I want to stop and read every cartoon that is in there and also read the accompanying commentary. But this one stood out to me.

It's Lucy being Lucy and asking a question that she wants a specific answer to. Then when an honest answer is given, she goes KABOOM! Good thing we, Christians, never do anything like that! Oh, well...I guess sometimes we are guilty of that. Maybe there's a better way to handle this.

We see the list of the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. Off the top of our heads, we could say that Lucy could exercise patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control while Charlie Brown could exercise love, joy, peace, patience and kindness. Lucy's closing shout is: Well, who cares what you think? The answer in our life of being a Christian is: JESUS cares.

Jesus cares about our attitudes toward others, our actions and generosity (or lack of), and our words to others (and about others). You know, as we go through life we run into people who give us the opportunity to exercise the fruit of the spirit. When we meet them, let's remember the 9 different ways we can react to someone who is a challenge to us.

Blessings of this Fall Season to all of you,

Rev. Marla Bauler

First United Presbyterian Church, Elmwood, IL
Session Meeting Minutes August 13, 2026

A regular meeting of the Session of First United Presbyterian Church of Elmwood was held in the Fellowship Hall on August 13, 2026. The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Calie Stalter at 6:30 p.m.

Elders present: 2026 – Ron Cox and Marty Tarter
 2027 – Larry Criswell and Calie Stalter
 2028 – Gene Gibson and Emily Roberts

constituting a quorum. Absent was Brandy Stevens. Rev. Marla Bauler moderated the meeting. The guidelines for a quorum were established at the January 8, 2026 Session Meeting as the presence of 50% of currently serving Elders.

Elder Training: Calie Stalter - From Sailboat Church: Ch 5: The Church's Mission.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

The Deacons Report dated May 17, 2026 was reviewed.

Clerk's Report

The minutes from the May 7, 2026 Session Meeting were reviewed. Approved.
Shared a thank you card sent to us from the Alcaraz family and correspondence from Presbytery of Great Rivers reminding us that we have already paid Per Capita.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for May, June & July 2026 was reviewed. Approved.
We will need to pull \$10,000 from investments for the checking account to pay bills.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Marla shared a printed report which listed her monthly ministry activities.
Communion was served to 24 members of the congregation on June 7th, 20 members of the congregation on July 5th and 20 members of the congregation on August 2, 2026.
June 4th marked the 20th Anniversary of Pastor Marla's ordination.

Committee Reports

Personnel: Chair – Ron Cox

No report given.

A mention was made that people have begun to wonder about Pastor Marla's assumed retirement. Pastor has not made any decisions but will let us know when the time comes.

Finance: Chair – Emily Roberts

Accounts continue to be monitored and are still growing strong.

Worship: Chair: Calie Stalter

The committee met on April 19, 2026 where they discussed celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day. Also have suspended the idea of 5th Sunday Worship until further notice. Joint service with Yates City will be held September 20, 2026.

Church Life: (Christian ED/Membership) Co-Chairs – Marty Tarter & Calie Stalter

Christian Ed: The Adult Sunday School continues their study of Acts.

Adult Sunday School reports the following financial accounting:

*Beginning Balance \$4,292.46 as of May 1, 2026

Deposits: \$231; \$125; \$125; \$121; \$20

Spent: \$500 (Trenton Parrish - Prayer Breakfast);

\$100 (Julie Seeley - Prayer Breakfast);

\$100 (Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Prayer Breakfast);

\$150 (Elmwood Ministerium - Prayer Breakfast);

\$50 (Elmwood Kiwanis - Prayer Breakfast);

\$48 (Pam Paige);

\$284 & \$55 (Lampe Publications);

\$500 (Tim & Brandi Teel)

\$500 (Rachel & Cody Landau)

Ending Balance \$2,627.46 as of May 31, 2026

*Beginning Balance \$2,627.46 as of June 1, 2026

Deposits: \$37; \$320; \$120; \$31

Spent: \$600 (Abby Segal – 6 \$100 Kroger Gift Cards);

Ending Balance \$2,543.90 as of June 30, 2026

*Beginning Balance \$2,543.90 as of July 1, 2026

Deposits: \$245; \$145; \$124; \$132

Ending Balance \$3,189.90 as of July 31, 2026.

Membership: No report.

Christian Outreach: (Missions/Marketing/Evangelism) Co-Chairs – Marty Tarter & Brandy Stevens

Website needs updated. Will have Brandi contact the company that handles this for us.

Ideas have begun to be talked about the mission of Food Insecurities in Elmwood and the surrounding area.

Building and Grounds: Co-Chairs – Larry Criswell & Gene Gibson

The committee requested Ameren to perform an assessment of ways to make our church more energy efficient. Horizon Lighting LLC from Mapleton came and was extremely helpful. Due to special grants, they determined that almost everything can be done with little or no cost to our church. A motion was made to accept the following changes:

All fluorescent (4 bulb units) will be replaced by LED at no cost. The 2 bulb units can be replaced for \$80. The 150 bulbs in the Fellowship Hall can be replaced at a cost of \$2.00 each.

All windows will be caulked at no cost.

Also, the thermostats will be changed to SMART thermostats, thanks to an Ameren program to improve energy efficiency.

Motion seconded. Approved.

Kelly Glass will be replacing the trim on the north doors and will assess the south door for any needs.

Inspection of the fire sprinklers has been completed, and new sprinklers have been replaced. Thank you to Gene Gibson, Emily & Troy Roberts for completing the shelving for the Deacons closet.

Hoerr's Nursery has completed the landscaping around the church grounds. Motion was made to have them come back to landscape around the last 2 trees that were missed during the evaluation. Seconded. Approved.

New Business

Regarding pulpit supply, PCUSA has suggested that all ordained ministers receive \$150 (plus mileage). A motion was made that we increase this for all ordained ministers as well as for anyone filling the pulpit. Seconded. Approved.

There being no further business to come before the session, the meeting adjourned with a short prayer offered by Pastor Marla at 7:50 p.m.

The next session meeting is September 10, 2026 with Devotions & Prayer by Marty Tarter.

Prayerfully Submitted,

Moderator,

Anita Asbell,
Clerk of Session
(bdt)

Rev. Marla Bauler