

ELAM E-NEWS

September 24, 2021

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 BEGINNING AT 2:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Elam will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Tuesday, October 12th** in the **Pierce Family Life Center from 2:00-7:00 p.m.** For an appointment you can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Elam. You may also contact the church office at 610-459-2911 or mary@elamumc.org. From kids and adults with cancer to accident survivors waiting for critical surgeries, patients depend on lifesaving blood products so they can heal and thrive. ***Blood supplies are extremely low at the moment due to the COVID epidemic so your donation to the American Red Cross helps to ensure that there is blood already on the shelves when the need arrives.***

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control. To ensure the health of staff and donors, precautions include:

- Checking temperatures of staff and donors before entering a drive to make sure they are healthy.
- Providing hand sanitizer for use before the drive, as well as throughout the donation process.
- Following social distancing between donors including entry, donation and refreshment areas.
- Ensuring face masks or coverings are worn by both staff and donors.
- Routinely disinfecting surfaces, equipment and donor-touched areas.
- Wearing gloves and changing gloves often.

Those Needing Our Prayers

Jim Askins	Austin	John Dingle	Bonnie Eroh*
Family of Breanna K, Jessie T, Ethan D. and the students of University of Missouri Veterinary Medicine. These amazing young adults witnessed a tragic accident and are trying to keep focused on their studies and move forward with their young lives.			

Anne Bradley	Jeff Wilmott & Family	Joe Jachetti Family
Matt Murphy	Scott Palmer	John Wright

Don't forget that after 2 weeks these names will be removed from the list. Those with asterisks are people who need continuous prayer and they will be listed on the Prayer List that will be sent out weekly.

Homebound: Sally Palmer, Sunrise of Westtown, Room 203
1045 Wilmington Pike, West Chester, PA 19382



Got a yen for conversation? Coffee? Fellowship? Please consider joining one of our Sunday Fellowship Teams. We are rebuilding all of our teams and would love your helping hands. What's involved, you ask? Time commitment of 20 minutes before service and approximately ½ hour after service. Bring a baked good to share (does not have to be homemade, but we love to highlight your baking, if you choose). Please reach out to Andrée Tyagi if interested – andree@elamumc.org or call the office at 610-459-2911.



Congratulations to Karen and Nick Kendus on the birth of their son, Alexander Jay Kendus, born September 16, 2021, and to the proud grandparents, Jean and Jay Dingle.



Thanks to everyone who sent prayers and good vibes for my cancer treatment. I really appreciate them. ***Anna Elliott***

Many thanks and a great appreciation for the prayers, cards and phone calls on the passing of my sister. ***Sam Ferrarelli***

Fall Book Study

Beginning on Wednesday, October 6th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, Pastor John and Clint Amoss will co-lead a 10-week study based on the book *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation* by Latasha Morrison. This *New York Times* bestselling book brings the reconciling power of the Gospel to the racial tensions we face today. We Christians can truly become bridge builders through honest conversation together. Join us for this timely study. Please inform the church office (610-459-2911 or mary@elamumc.org) that you will be joining the study. **Be sure to purchase the book and read the Forward and Chapter 1 prior to the first meeting.** A Zoom invitation will be provided one week before the study begins for all those who register.



HALLOWEEN FUN

The Mansfield Brass Quintet, one of the local bands that our own Ginny Lockwood plays in, will be featured at Linvilla Orchards, 137 W. Knowlton Road, Media, on **Saturday and Sunday, October 30th and 31st from 12:00 noon till 2:00 p.m.** Enjoy a fun day there where you can pick up some fresh baked goods and eat hot dogs and candy apples. Admission is free but pony rides (\$7.00), train rides (3.00) and a corn maze, etc. (\$4.00) are available, if you feel so inclined.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

A Celebration of Life service for Steve Roushey will be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, October 17th** with visitation from 1:00-2:30 p.m. followed by the service. Immediately thereafter a luncheon will be served in the Pierce Family Life Center. ***No ties allowed – Steve wasn't a big fan of ties.*** The service will be live streamed.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY - #496 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" #454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Verse 1

Sweet hour of prayer,
sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare,
by Thy return sweet hour of prayer.

Verse 2

Sweet hour of prayer,
sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share.
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for Thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God, my Savior, shows His face.
And gladly take my station there,
and wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Verse 1

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
ready my God Thy will to see.
Open my eyes. Illumine me, Spirit divine!

Verse 2

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
ready my God Thy will to see.
Open my ears, Illumine me, Spirit divine!

Verse 3

Sweet hour of prayer,
sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
to Him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
believe His word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
and wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Verse 3

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
ready my God Thy will to see.
Open my heart. Illumine me, Spirit divine!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Psalm 124
James 5:13-20

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prelude: "Lied" ... Eugene Bozza Postlude: "The Heavens Declare" ... Benedetto Marcello
with Evan Roberts – trumpet and Angela Smith - Organ
"I Will Rejoice" ... Harlan Jubilate Choir with Evan Roberts on trumpet
Trumpet Solo: "Petite Piece Concertante" (March) ... Guillaume Balay

G.R.O.W. (GOD RENEWING OUR WOMEN) OCTOBER 9 FROM 9:00 -11:00 am IN THE PIERCE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



On Saturday, October 9 beginning at 9:00 a.m. GROW (God Renewing Our Women) will have a potluck breakfast and a presentation by local Chinese brush artist Josephine Tsai. Although trained by famous artists, Josephine says her best teacher is Mother Nature. "My artwork represents my love and respect for nature. Nature's graceful character conveys a sentiment beyond its outward appearance. It is not an objective reflection through the sense of sights, but rather a subjective expression of insight." You can visit her website at <http://taoofbrush.com/bio.htm>.

GROW is open to women of all ages and faith communities, not just for Elam members. Guests are very welcome to join us for our monthly meetings, which are held on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Our future presenters include:

November 13: Dr. Una Brewer telling her faith story and about mission work in the Dominican Republic

December 11: Songs and Prayers for Advent led by our music director Angela Smith

REFLECTION

Autumn is a wondrous metaphor for the transformation that takes place in the human heart each season. When we notice a subtle change of light outside our windows, we know the dark season is near. Everything is being prepared for winter. Autumn calls us in from summer's playground and asks significant questions about our own harvest: What do we need to gather into our *spiritual* barns? What in our lives needs to fall away like autumn leaves...? Autumn speaks of connection and yearning, wisdom and aging, transformation and surrender, emerging shadows, and most of all, mystery. Each season's entrance and departure is part of the gracious turning of the circle of life.

Prayer:

Maker of the Seasons:

Thank you for all that autumn teaches us. Change our focus so that we see not only what we are leaving behind, but also the harvest and the plenitude that our lives hold. May our hearts grow freer and our lives more peaceful as we resonate with and respond to the many teachings this season offers to us. Amen

Reflection and Prayer by Joyce Rupp

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

If you wish to send a card to any of these persons, please call or email the church office at 610-459-2911 or mary@elamumc.org for addresses.

BIRTHDAYS

09/01 Lynne Ashman Daniel Ryan	09/10 Charles Fouraker Ginny Roberts	09/21 Bob Dingle Jacob Fouraker
09/02 Ryan Lamparelli	09/11 Kimberly Warner	09/22 Shawn Thomas
09/03 Colleen Weese	09/14 Adam Oldrati	09/23 Ashley Hathaway
09/04 Mark Simunov	Bill Simmons	09/24 Mark Wiechecki
09/06 Abigail Dembek	09/18 Glenn Palmer	09/26 Kellen Truitt
09/09 Morgan Morrisroe	09/20 Kayla Rasmussen	09/27 Nathan Hofmann Danielle Mosby

ANNIVERSARIES

09/10/1977 Jane & George Sabol
09/08/1979 Ruth Ellen & Robert Finucane
09/29/1979 Beckie & Jim Davis
09/19/1980 Linda & Bill Simmons
09/15/1984 Kathy & David Stebbins
09/24/1988 Sherri & Mark Fox
09/30/1995 Deb & Zak Topka
09/24/2010 Meredith & Bob Lawler

If your name is not listed here and you have a September birthday or anniversary, please contact Mary at 610-459-2911 or mary@elamumc.org, and you will be added to our records. Please also let us know if we have an incorrect anniversary or birthdate.

DID YOU KNOW? (Sent in by a member)

The two-letter word **UP** in the English language has more meanings than any other two-letter word. It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep.], [adj.] [n] or [v]. It's easy to understand **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**? At a meeting why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP**, and why are the officers **UP** for election, and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report? We call **UP** our friends, brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and fix **UP** the old car.

At other times, this little word has a real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed **UP** is special.

And this **UP** is confusing: A drain must be opened **UP** because it is stopped **UP**. We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night. We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **UP**, look **UP** the word **Up** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary it takes **UP** almost ¼ of the page and can add **UP** to about thirty definitions. If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP** you may wind **UP** with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing **UP**. When it rains, the earth soaks it **UP**. When it does not rain for a while, things dry **UP**. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it **UP** for now ... my time is **UP**!

CHILDREN'S CORNER


Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 3+

September 26, 2021 • Mark 9:38-50




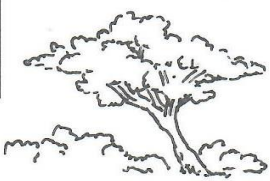
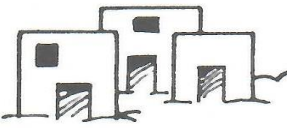




Jesus' disciple John told Him about a man.



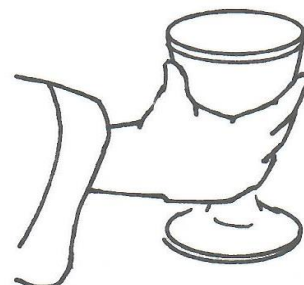
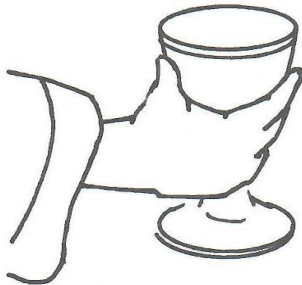
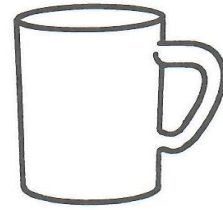
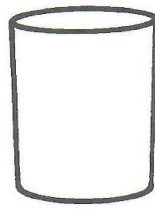
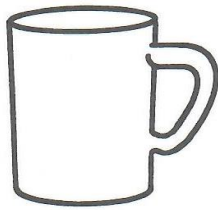
Follow the maze to Jesus.

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Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in My name because you belong to Christ will certainly be rewarded."

Circle the 2 pictures that are alike in each row.



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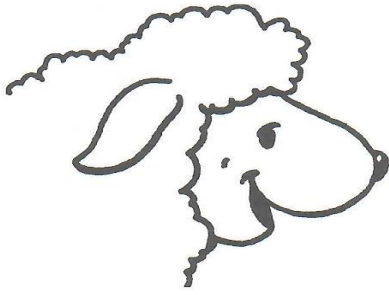
For or Against?

Jesus was talking with the disciples about others who do things in His name.

Cross out every other word, beginning with the second one.
Read the verse.

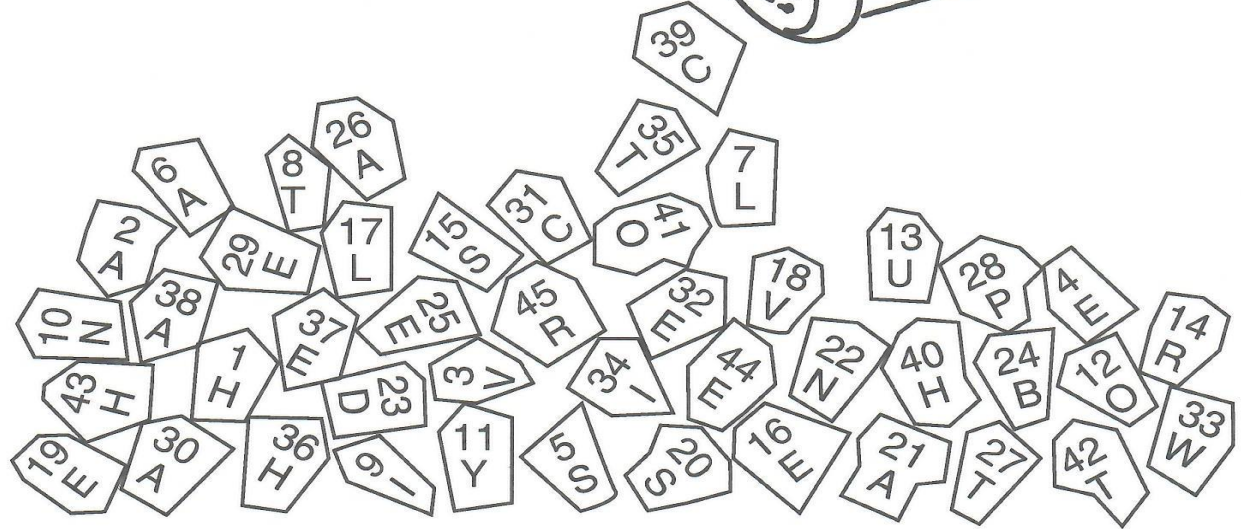
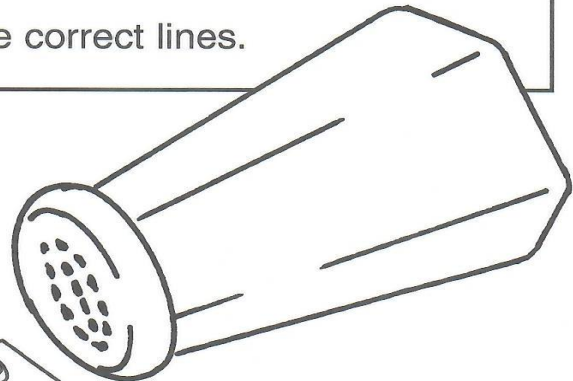


"No	son	one	of	who	one	does
who	a	heart	miracle	can	in	see
My	over	name	sun	can	Me	in
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over	say	light	anything	in	bad	
out	about	dark	Me,	see	for	bright
whoever	his	is	her	not	believe	
against	in	us	no	is	yes	for
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Jesus was talking about salt.
Salt was an important part of life in
Bible times. It was a good
preservative and added flavor.

Write the letters from the salt on the correct lines.



Jesus said,

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REMINDERS

OLIVER 23RD ANNUAL HEAT FOR THE HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

This program is designed to help families who might be experiencing hardships and need a helping hand. To be considered as a candidate, follow these steps:

1. Write a letter nominating a family (you can nominate yourself)
2. Nominees must live and will be chosen from any one of our service areas: Delaware County, Chester County, Montgomery County and New Castle County.
3. Describe why the nominee deserves the free heater. Include medical circumstances, financial hardships, any community involvement from the family, and any other circumstances that might aid in the evaluation process.
4. **Candidate must own his/her own home.**
5. Be sure to include the nominee's name, address and phone number.
6. Include your name, address and phone number.
7. **Deadline for Admission is November 12, 2021**

Send letters to: Oliver Heating, Cooling, Plumbing & Electrical, Attention Ashley Dennon
23rd Annual Heat for the Holidays
101 Waverly Avenue, Morton, PA 19070

You may also submit your letter through the website at www.oliverheatcool.com or email adennon@oliverhvac.com.

UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF – 2021 DISASTER RESPONSE

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is responding to many disasters in the United States and around the world. We encourage you to consider giving to one of the following:

Haiti Earthquake

On Saturday, August 14, 2021, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake produced widespread destruction in the western region of Haiti. As of August 20, more than 2,200 are dead and 12,000 injured, while hundreds more are still missing. According to Haitian Civil Protection, more than 37,300 homes have been destroyed and 46,000 have sustained damages, leaving thousands homeless. Several hospitals have been damaged or destroyed, while those still operating are completely overwhelmed, lacking sufficient personnel and medical supplies.

Hurricane Ida

Category 4 Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana on August 29, the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. UMCOR is working with conference disaster response coordinators to assess the storm's impact and respond to immediate needs. UMCOR awarded an initial solidarity grant to the Louisiana Conference.

Wildfires in the West

The California-Nevada and Oregon-Idaho Conferences received grants to aid in the response to the 2021 Dixie and Bootleg Fires. Technical assistance and training are also being provided to the conferences. UMCOR continues to provide assistance for recovery from previous wildfires. The California-Nevada Conference was awarded a grant this year to help rebuild homes after the Camp Fire of 2018.

Please write your check to Elam and write your choice on the memo line. On the memo line write either Haiti Earthquake, Hurricane Ida or Wildfires in the West. You can also donate online via Elam's website.

Please make sure to note your gift as going to Haiti Earthquake, Hurricane Ida or Wildfires in the West.

The Morning Stars will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:45 p.m. in the music room.

LOAVES OF LOVE (LOL) FOOD PANTRY

Loaves of Love is currently very much in need of the following things:

Toilet paper	Paper towels	Tissues	Chef Boyardee	Canned fruit
Canned chicken	Granola bars	Oatmeal	Cereal	Syrup
Canned dice tomatoes				

Food donations may be dropped off in the outside bins at Siloam UMC, 3720 Foulk Road, Garnet Valley, as well as here on weekdays from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thank you for your support.

Loaves of Love is always open to more volunteer opportunities at the pantry. If you would like to help stock the shelves or fill bags, please call Janet Pace at 610-497-0209 or email her at jp pace924@gmail.com.

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

Romans 12:12