



October 29, 2021

ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR SOME FUN?

We're looking for volunteers to host periodic special days/events for our youth. While there is no weekly commitment required, we're hoping several groups of volunteers will be able to offer at least bi-monthly options for them. By being involved, you're telling our youth that we truly value them with our actions, not just our words. If interested, please call the church office at 610-459-2911 or email to churchoffice@elamumc.org. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

G.R.O.W. (GOD RENEWING OUR WOMEN)

NOVEMBER 13 FROM 9:00 -11:00 am

IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



The November meeting of GROW is coming up! Join us in the family life center at 9:00 a.m. on November 13 for breakfast and guest presenter Dr. Una Brewer, local pediatrician and international missionary. Email Angela Smith angdem@msn.com for more information or questions.

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

THANK YOU

Ninety-five pairs of socks and a ton (well, not quite but close) of travel-size toiletries were delivered to Safe Harbor in West Chester. The staff at Safe Harbor was happy to receive our donations. Thank you for helping our homeless neighbors.

Pat Howard

OFFERING DONATIONS

Recently there have been some generous unnamed cash donations placed in our offering box. In order to receive credit for these donations, please place them in one of the pew envelopes located next to the offering box, and add your name and the amount in the spaces provided on the front of the envelope.

Those Needing Our Prayers

Family of Krista Wiechecki (wife of Bonnie Eroh's nephew, Mark. She was 29 years old with 2 small children) Greg Geier Kathy Messinger Silvio Schmid Family
Collin, a 2 yr. old patient in Al Dupont passed Monday evening with his family nearby. He is now at rest, no more pain, no more tears. Please continue to keep his parents and family in your prayers.
Joe Pagano* Danielle Nyce David DiMarino

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 is sent out weekly.

Homebound: *Marie Stickley*, 1343 W. Baltimore Pike, D314, Media, PA 19063

NEW MONDAY NIGHT IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY NOVEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 6 FROM 6:30-8:00 P.M.

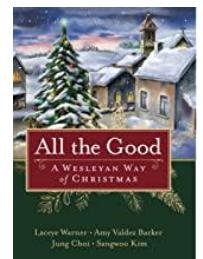
This book study, led by Janine Phillips, tells the story of Ruth and Boaz. It is one of the most beautiful examples of God's love and sovereignty recorded in the Bible. Woven throughout this beautiful love story is a greater story of God's amazing love for us. If you have faced loss and wondered if God really loves you or if God is involved in the details of your life, then this study is for you. Ruth's courage in the face of adversity will inspire you to trust God with your future. This in-depth study will take you verse-by-verse and chapter-by-chapter through the Book of Ruth. It will fill you to the brim with hope, as you see an imperfect family be used mightily by God. Join us on this journey as we study the depth of God's amazing love for us! **If you are interested, please contact Janine at 610-905-6674 or jphillips@chichestersd.org**



Link to Order Book: https://smile.amazon.com/Ruth-Amazing-depth-Bible-Study/dp/173263310X/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=ruth+bible+study&qid=1634513534&sr=8-3



**All the Good
A Wesleyan Way of Christmas
Begins Monday, November 15 and
continues Mondays: November 22, 29 & December 6
9:30 am VIA ZOOM**



"All the Good takes us on an inspiring Advent journey where even the most ardent student of John Wesley will be delighted in discovering treasured nuggets of Methodist history, and their connection to the message of Christmas. Scripturally grounded, historically educational, and personally warm and engaging, All the Good not only reminds us of the good news as we prepare for Christmas but unites us to respond to it as well."

Susan Robb, Highland Park UMC

If you are interested, please contact Sue Kardine at sdcardine@comcast.net. Please purchase your book at your favorite book seller. (We will not be using the devotional book which looks very similar to this).



Great things are happening at Loaves of Love Food Pantry this fall! After the summer lull our shelves are once again filling up. Thank you, Elam family, for your generous food donations.

Since the start of the pandemic only the board members have worked at the pantry. Now we are able to welcome back church and community volunteers. Woot! Woot! Also, the high school students along with their job coach returned on a weekly basis to work. Hallelujah! After a difficult year, especially for them, they are so happy to work again in the pantry and we are grateful for their awesome help!

Our latest endeavor is a new partnership with Neumann University to assist students who are unable to afford adequate food plans. We are looking forward to helping these needy local college students. Also, Loaves of Love continues to support the Kensington, Philadelphia Community Ministry for the Homeless and Addicted, providing much needed food items for those struggling. Here is an updated wish list for these two ministries if you would like to contribute:

Single cup Mac and Cheese

Oatmeal

Small juice bottles or juice boxes

Soups

Breakfast bars

Small personal hygiene items

Fruit cups

Fruit snacks

In expanding the reach of our pantry, it is evident God is pushing us to touch more lives.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up just as in fact you are doing"

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Janet Pace

REFLECTION

Contemplation and Nature

To be a contemplative it is necessary
to walk through nature softly,
to be in tune with the rhythm of life,
to learn from the cycles of time,
to listen to the heartbeat of the universe,
to love nature,
to protect nature,
and to discover in nature
the presence and the power of God.

Joan Chittister

PRAYER:

From Psalm 42:

¹ As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God...AMEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Psalm 146

Mark 12:28-34

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY – Elam Worship Band

This Is Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus

This is amazing grace.
This is unfailing love,
that you would take my place,
and You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life
that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
all that you have done for me.

Verse 2

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice;
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory the King above all kings.

Chorus

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy, worthy, worthy!

Chorus

Soul On Fire

Chorus (2x)

God, I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
Till I am a soul on fire
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
Till I am a soul on fire

Verse

Lord, restore the joy I had
I have wandered, bring me back
In this darkness, lead me through
Until all I see is You

Chorus

Bridge

Lord, let me burn for You again
Let me return to You again
And Lord, let me burn for You again
And let me return to You again

Chorus

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY CONT'D. – Elam Worship Band

Reckless Love

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word
You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life into me
You have been so, so kind to me

Chorus

O, the overwhelming, never-ending,
Reckless love of God
O, it chases me down, fights till I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it
Still you give Yourself away
O, the overwhelming, never-ending,
Reckless love of God, yeah

Verse 2

When I was Your foe
Still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth
You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

Chorus

Bridge (2x)

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down coming after me

Chorus

Evidence

Verse 1

All throughout my history
Your faithfulness has walked beside me
The winter storms made way for spring
in every season, from where I'm standing.

Chorus

I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life

Verse 2

Help me remember when I'm weak
Fear may come but fear will leave
You lead my heart to victory
You are my strength and You always will be

Chorus

Bridge 2x

See the cross, the empty grave
The evidence is endless
All my sin is rolled away
Because of You, oh Jesus

Chorus 2x

Ending

Why should I fear, the evidence is here
Why should I fear, oh the evidence is here.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY CONT'D. – Elam Worship Band

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious toward you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Brief instrumental

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children
In the morning, in the evening
In your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you – He is for you
Amen

OCTOBER 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

10/01	Connor Browne	10/12	Nancy Mekenney	10/21	Nicholas Verratti
	Jay Dingle	10/13	Michael Forwood	10/24	Barbara Reed
	Nicole Ripper		Sally Palmer	10/25	Jeffrey Miller
	Wayne Schaffer	10/14	Bill Hoelzer		Mike Salvatore
10/02	Barb Brown	10/15	Tyler Atkinson		Susan Tribit
	Nicole Topka		Ethan Bohner	10/26	Sean Alford
10/04	Steven Hoelzer	10/16	Erin Baird		Emily Mullin
	Monica Messinger		Stephen Roushey		Jessica Shelton
	Neil Roushey	10/17	Mackenzie Truitt	10/27	Nancy George
10/05	Kristen Hartley		Jackson Vogeley		Deb Topka
10/07	Bill Bryan		Chris Wyman	10/28	Andrew Zaiss
	John Dingle	10/18	Sheridan Brown	10/29	Andrew Morgan
	Sandy Myers		Tony Zimmerman	10/30	William Kardine
	Jared Verratti	10/19	Peggy Amoss		Michael McGrath
	Alexis Wesolowski		Rich Gatchell	10/31	Karen Kendus
10/09	Jessica Clifton		Ron Sutton		Brian Munro
10/10	Steven Oldrati	10/20	Nancy Campbell		
10/11	Finnley Lawler		Joshua Fouraker		
	Katie Roushey				

ANNIVERSARIES

10/16/2009	Jessica & Gregory Borderieux	10/05/1968	Sally & Glenn Palmer
10/14/1978	Jean & Sam Ferrarelli	10/02/1948	Lil & Brad Stanton
10/24/2015	Karen & Nicholas Kendus	10/10/1992	Karen & Brian Watson
10/27/1979	Patti & Bob Maurer		

If your name is not listed here and you have an October 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.

REMINDERS

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

If you wish to have a prayer request lifted up by Pastor John during the Sunday worship service, please contact the church office at mary@elamumc.org or 610-459-2911 **by Thursday at the very latest.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PRISON INMATES

SUNDAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR YOU TO FILL OUT A CHRISTMAS CARD FOR AN INMATE!

Please only sign your first name and include a brief message of encouragement. **Cards are available for signature, or pick-up, in the church narthex, along with important directions for properly filling out the cards.** For any questions, or if you are unable to pick up the cards, please contact Clint Amoss:
cwapka@comcast.net.



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, **this 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 **and enjoy Ginny's band.** 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.

ISABEL HENDRIX MEMORIAL SERVICE

Isabel Hendrix, former longtime member of Elam UMC, passed away on September 2, 2021. A Memorial Service will be held on **Friday, November 5, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.**

“For the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7