

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



September 22, 2024

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Words

Breathe in and invite the Spirit of Wisdom to fill your soul.

Breath out, recalling the Spirit of Love that connects you with all God's children.

Prelude

"Romanza"
Organist: Anita Chops

by W.A. Mozart

*Hymn

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

UMH #402

*Opening Prayer

God of wisdom and grace, you call us to be servants to all, and to welcome strangers and children in your name.

You call us to be men and women of valor, and to do what is right and worthy, without thought of reward.

Help us to delight in your word, and to live in your peace, that we may be known as your people. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

UMH #895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

"Arietta"
Organist: Anita Chops

by G.M. Martin
8:30

"I Surrender All"
Chancel Choir

by Ovokaitys/Austin
11:00

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Bless Thou the Gifts"

UMH #587

*Prayer of Dedication

**Beloved One, with the work of our hands, we create pathways of care.
With open hearts, we welcome your abundant wisdom which invites us to share.
May our gifts transform our communities into places of humility and generosity. Amen.**

Dismissal for Children's Church (ages infant-5th grade)

11:00

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

TFWS #2158

Scripture

Mark 9:30-37

Message

Doug Whitecotton

Prayer of Confession

Doug: Loving God, you teach us that those who would be first must be servants to all.

People: Yet we live our lives, with bitter envy and selfish ambition in our hearts.

Doug: Our cravings cause disputes and conflicts among us.

People: We convince ourselves that material possessions will bring us peace.

Doug: Our pride makes us blind to the needs of others.

People: We seek our own pleasure, imagining that what we want is what we need.

Doug: Forgive, Holy One, when we refuse to submit our lives to wisdom's correction and guidance.

Words of Assurance

There is no wrong that God cannot make right.

There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love.

The LORD is patient and kind, generous and good.

God will not forsake you or leave you.

Turn to the LORD with confidence and put your faith in God's great mercy.

By the power of Jesus Christ, we are made whole. **Amen.**

*Hymn

"Together We Serve"

TFWS #2175

*Sending Forth

Go into the world with gentleness and peace.

Be willing to yield to the will of God, welcoming strangers and children in the name of Christ.

The God of wisdom and grace will be near you, spreading mercy and goodness wherever you go.

Amen.

*Postlude

"The Clarion Call"
Organist: Anita Chops

by D. Paxton

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"Just In Time! Prayers for Ordinary Time" © 2012

MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Blessing Box

- Peanut Butter
 - Jelly
- Saltine Crackers
 - Cereal

You may drop your donation at the church during regular office hours or Sunday mornings.
Monetary donations are always welcome,
just mark the memo line of your check "Mission Group".

*And as always, we gladly accept non-perishable food items for the Blessing Box all year.



September 27th

4:00 - 6:30pm

Eat in/Take out

\$15/Adult

\$8/Children (under age 10)

Buy tickets:

**from the Stewardship Committee, or
the church office.**



Charge Conference

September 30th

6:30pm

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS WELCOME!



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"YARD" SALE

WHEN: FRIDAY OCTOBER 4, 2024 - 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
SATURDAY OCTOBER 5, 2024 - 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

WHERE: ELM GROVE UMC - 125 KRUGER STREET
WHEELING, WV 26003

FULL CONCESSION STAND

CHEESEBURGERS, CHICKEN SANDWICHES, HOME MADE
SOUPS, CHILI, HOTDOGS, FRIES, DRINKS, BAKED GOODS
DINE IN OR TAKE OUT.

QUART SIZE SOUP CONTAINERS AVAILABLE

**36 INDIVIDUAL
VENDORTABLES**

NO ENTRY CHARGE

One Worship Service

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Pot-luck Lunch
September 29th
11:00am



Kelly Kent is the new leader of the Shepherd Group, effective Oct. 1st.
If you have a question/concern about your shepherd,
please see the church office for Kelly's contact info.