

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

*“prelude in A Minor”
Anita Chops, Organist*

by James Mansfield

*Call to Worship

Leader: This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ. With bright eyes, let us search.

***People:* This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ. With engaged minds, let us ponder.**

Leader: This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ. With compassionate hearts, let us feel.

***People:* This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ. With solid devotion, let us follow.**

Leader: This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.

With humble intention, let us act.

***People:* This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ. With strong voices, let us sing.**

— written by Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson on her blog, Freshly Squeezed Liturgy. <http://freshlysqueezedliturgy.blogspot.com/>

*Hymn

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

UMH#519

*Opening prayer

Gracious God, thank You for being a God of new beginnings. Help us to let go of what is old and no longer serves Your purpose in our lives. Open our hearts to Your Spirit’s work and make us flexible and willing to grow. Stretch us, shape us, and fill us with Your new wine—Your fresh vision, grace, and love. May we live as vessels ready to carry Your hope to the world, trusting that Your plans are always good. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lords Prayer

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, and Tithes

Special Music	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	arr. Victor Labenske
		8:30
	<i>"River of Freedom"</i>	By Pamela Stewart & Brad Nix
	<i>Chancel Choir</i>	11:00

Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology	<i>"Give Thanks"</i>	IFWS #2036
-----------	----------------------	------------

*Prayer of Dedication

We have been given the responsibility to be stewards of your abundant resources, May these gifts be used to further Your work in this church, this community and this world. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, our guide. Amen

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

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn	<i>"Great is Thy Faithfulness"</i>	UMH #140
-------	------------------------------------	----------

Scripture	Luke 5:36-39	Pastor Debra Dague
-----------	--------------	--------------------

Message	<i>"Sometimes We Have to Change Our Comfy Slippers"</i>	Pastor Debra Dague
---------	---	--------------------

Prayer of Confession

Forgive me, dear God, for limiting the awesome power You have brought me in Jesus. Open my mind, my heart, my eyes, and my ears so that I can imagine more fantastically, believe more completely, see more fully, and hear more richly all that you have done, are doing, and will do in my life in Jesus. It is in his name I pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Debra Dague

***Hymn** *“we,ve A Story to Tell to the Nations”* UMH #569

***Benediction**

Faithful God, As we stand at the threshold of change and transition, we seek Your guidance and blessing.

Thank You for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. We trust in Your sovereignty and provision.

Grant us the wisdom to discern Your leading and the courage to follow where You call.

As we go forth help us to embrace change with faith and

anticipation, knowing that You are with us every step of the way.

Postlude *“The Bright Resounding Trumpet”* By Franklin Ritter

Anita Chops Organist

*congregational standing, if able.

Bold congregational response

Monthly Financial Report for December

Income - \$29,985.91

Expenses - \$29,667.97

Balance - \$317.94

MISSION OF THE MONTH

House of the Carpenter & Street Moms

-
Collecting in January

Hats
Gloves
Mittens
Scarves

Place your donations in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support, so we can support others.

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

Pastor: Rev. Debra Dague
Choir Director & Organist: Ms. Anita Chops
Administrative Assistant: Terri Helt
Maintenance Supervisor: Ms. Jan Coffey
Elm Grove United Methodist Church
125 Kruger Street
Wheeling, WV 26003

OUR CONCERNS & PRAYERS

Conference Prayer
UM Seminary Students

District Prayer
Pastors serving in the Northern WVUMC

Prayer Concerns

Gabrial Allen	Kathy Bertozzi	Bo Brown, Sr.	Kay Brown	Linda Cunningham
Scott Cundiff	Sharon Cundiff	Pastor Deb	Holly Custer	Bev Duffy
Tom Friesmuth	Steve Gibson	Roberta Gilday	lJerry Harding	Patty Henry
Fred Hicks	Barbara Hopkins	Ron Hosey	Margie Jenkins	Joyce Johnston
Colin Jones	James Jones, Sr.	Jennifer Jones	Cheyenne Kent	Sally Marple
Dave Martin	Natalie Moses	Roger Nicholson	Russ Nightengale	Bill Pack
Judy Pack	Jomana Papillo	Colleen Polley	Mary Bell Porter	Candis Pubal
Evelyn Pulse	Ty Roeder	Virginia Rogalski	Abigail S.	Scott S.
Laura Sanetrik	Dee Seabright	Gina Stewart	Sharon Stiles	Lisa Taylor
Shasta Toppeto	Anthony Wakim	Mike Wallace	Cindy Winters	Jack Yost
Carol Young				

If you have a name you would like on the list, you can email Terri, elmgroveumc@comcast.net or call the office, 304-242-1206.

Nursing Home

Charles Loughman - The Grove, Wash. Pa.
Louise Gray - Good Shepherd
Joyce Johnston - Good Shepherd

Home Bound

Mary Lou McKain
Jerry Genter

Military

SSgt Jonathan Davis	SPC Hayden Beresh
Cpt Joseph Minor	4/C Luke Minor
ENS Thomas Minor	

College Students

Shalyn Beisner	Gavin Beresh
Chelsea Folmar	Maggie Rowe