

Mid-Month Update



The First Word

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ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES FOR A WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

Mark your calendars! It is time for an all-church clean up/work day. Everyone is invited and encouraged to help on Saturday, April 14 beginning at 9:00 am. There is a lot to do and many hands make the work go much faster (it's more fun too!). There will be jobs for all ages and abilities. For more information contact Steve Wells at 336-835-1602.

Below is a list of a few projects we have planned:



- Pressure wash the deck at the Parsonage
- Move mattress & box spring at Parsonage
- Spray Round-Up on weeds in gravel and mulched areas at the church
- Water new Crepe Myrtles
- Apply and/or rake mulched areas
- Repair/replace sandbox cover in the playground
- Apply grass seed and soil at various locations around the church

April 15 Worship Highlights Native American Ministries

April 15 is Native American Ministries Sunday throughout The United Methodist connection. Today Native Americans - with many unique languages and cultures - honor their heritage, and live as Jesus-followers, led by primarily Native American pastors.

A special offering will be received to help equip Native American congregations and their pastors. Through our giving, we are able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations, and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.

GRADUATION SUNDAY SET FOR JUNE 3



In preparation for honoring our graduates on Sunday, June 3, we need information on all our graduates. If you or someone in your family (a church member) is graduating from high school or college this spring please contact Ben Wallace

(bwallace@elkinfumc.org or 835-2323.) We would also like to have two photos of each graduate (first grade and a Senior portrait or recent photo) along with the graduate's name, school, degree, major and plans for the future. Please send info to Ben by Monday, May 21.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church Family: Bliss Vanderpool, Ann Graham, Sam Tesh, Holly Gambill, Betty Tesh, Rev. Paul McCauley, Zack Trexler, Paulette McCauley, Libbi Parks, Emad Elkhayat, Ray Fencil, Larry Johnson, Walt Pettit, Hal Stuart, Bill Amburn, Ercel Carter, Dan & Sallie Park, Laura Gwyn, Gary Conrad, Bonnie Stuart, Cindy Furr, Loretta Cash, Family of Gary Maxey, nursing home residents & homebound

Extended Care: Mary Cockerham, Iris Amburn, Mary Neil

Extended Family: Ruth Deck, John Seats, Diana Hamm, Richard Smoot, Clifford Jordan, Ronnie Ray, Nada Sheets, Emily Stewart, Ethan Spencer, Florence Leverett, Ana Garciana, Steve McLain, Betty Jordan, Linda Caudill, Jeff Miltner, Sharon and Brad Watterson, Pierce & Aishling, Priscilla Smith, Marc Bishop, Lynn & Dale Rose, Buck Freeman, Lorene Newman, Michael Hines, Dennis Staley, Robert Miller, Joan Shuford, Dr. Richard Belcher, Dr. Gladys Campbell, Mary Harper Edsall, Nan Boyd, Gus Bellia, Lonnie Snider, Teresa Shook, Millie Joyce, Martha Key, Kidd Family, Phyllis Lowe, Family of Margaret Poole Griffin, Deborah S. Smith, Judy Moody, Family of Bruce Morton, Andra Hankey, Abe Heath, Betsy Robertson's Mother, Andrew Reece

All of our military personnel and their families

TRI-C REQUESTS SALTINE CRACKERS

Thanks to the abundance of Toilet Tissue donated by our church (1,442 rolls in 3 months), Tri-C has enough on hand to last until July. They have asked if we can begin donating Saltine Crackers instead of Toilet Tissue. Please place crackers in the basket in the entryway of the church office.

Announcements & Reminders

COSTA RICA PRESENTATION: We invite everyone to a special presentation on Wednesday, April 18 in the Fellowship Hall following the our fellowship meal. Jon Garing will share photos and stories from his recent Mission Trip to Costa Rica. All are welcome!

SUPPLIES BEING COLLECTED: The UMW are collecting supplies to help students in memory of Lynn Sloan Barnes and in memory of Nina Tharpe. Needed items include: deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, shaving cream, razors, feminine products, soap and hand sanitizer. UMW collection boxes are located in the narthex and in the Fellowship Hall.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendar, VBS will be held July 13-15. More info coming soon on flyers around the church and in the newsletter.

ON THE MOVE DAY TRIP: The Young at Heart will be on the move Friday, April 27. We will travel to Hiddenite, NC. We will see Moravian Falls (from the bus), visit the Hiddenite Arts & Heritage Center, have lunch at The Yellow Deli and visit the Emerald Hollow Mine. Cost is \$10 for a bucket at the mine, plus money for lunch. Please register and pay Cindy Furr by April 24. Make checks payable to FUMC and note on the memo line "Hiddenite."

NOW ACCEPTING PROJECT AGAPE DONATIONS: Project AGAPE Sunday is April 22 when you will have an opportunity to contribute to Project AGAPE. You may also bring in donations to be shipped to Armenia. The collection week is set for April 23-26, however you may bring your donations to the church office before then. Deadline to bring donations is Sunday, April 29. A list of needed items is available in the Narthex and on the table outside of the church library.

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: You are invited to help the youth create care packages by bringing 26 of the same item(s) and drop them off at Cindy Furr's office before Sunday, April 22 when the youth will assemble them for mailing. Suggested items can be found in the March 26 newsletter.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS: Join in the conversation and community effort to reduce stigma and the silence that surrounds mental illness by taking an Adult Mental Health First Aid Class April 24 and May 1 from 3:30 - 8:00 pm. **This class is open to everyone—professionals and lay persons.** Participants receive a certificate from the National Council for Behavioral Health. The class is presented by CareNet Counseling of Wilkes and will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Elkin FUMC. Cost of the class is \$25.00 which includes a resource manual (scholarships available). Please call 336-838-1644 to register.

THANK YOU

Dear Elkin FUMC:

I can't begin to tell you how much you have meant to us this year! Your food donations for our children have been a true blessing. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
- Ginger B. Isenhoward, Elkin Middle School Counselor

Dear Church Members & Staff:

Gail and I wish to thank you for the care, love and friendship you have lavished upon our family and especially Mom and Dad. They always enjoyed their time spent there and in your activities. Also, thank you for providing meals for our extended family during our time of grief.
- Barbara L. Nicks

Dear Elkin FUMC:

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$250 to the YVEDDI Meals on Wheels program. We will be able to purchase 63 meals for homebound seniors with your donation. We appreciate your spirit of giving and for thinking of the homebound seniors in our community.
- Lisa Money, Director YVEDDI Senior Services

Dear Church Family

Thank you so much for your prayers, calls and cards during my recent illness. They are greatly appreciated!
-Carolyn Comer

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Children's Ministry Team

Sunday, April 15, 2:00 pm (Library)

Finance Team

Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 pm (Library)

Missions Team

Monday, April 23, 7:00 pm (Library)

STEWARDSHIP REVIEW

March 2018

Income: \$26,843.77
Expenses: \$40,092.04
Difference: **(\$13,248.27)**

Jan. - March 2018

Income: \$90,009.27
Expenses: \$109,095.84
Difference: **(\$19,086.57)**

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