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Elmwood Community Church

January 2012

PASTOR'S CORNER

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Hebrews 13.8

A young child may be confused to be asked on his or her birthday, “How does it feel to be five?” They might not be sure what a year is. They are pretty sure they don’t feel any different from the day before. In a few years that same child will find it annoying to be asked, “How does it feel to be fifteen?” When asked how they feel on their birthday, some seasoned citizens respond saying, “A day older than yesterday, a day younger than tomorrow.”

It is much the same with the change to a new year. Going from December 31 to January 1 is really only one day, yet people use the New Year as a time to reflect, remember, and look to the coming year. It can be interesting to read all the lists people make. Not New Year’s Resolutions, lists of bests and worsts. The best movie, book, or funny video on Youtube. The worst errors in baseball, the top ten companies that went out of business... Sometimes there are comparisons with years gone by; what has changed and what remains the same.

Just as life changes for individuals, the world changes. War and peace, boom times or recessions, one party is in power then it is not. People are people, but the specific circumstances of daily life change a great deal.

Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever. Thanks be to God, our Savior can be with us and for us in exactly the same way as He was for believers throughout the ages. Jesus is the same, but our lives and circumstances are changing. The challenge for every Christian is to connect with Jesus’ eternal message and bring His light to shine on a New Year. Let us view life’s changes in the light of Christ’s unchanging love.

Happy New Year!

Dave

**CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2012**

**The 91st Annual Meeting of Elmwood Community Church will be held on
Sunday, January 29th, in the Sanctuary immediately following worship:**

**To Receive Annual Reports;
To Elect New Officers, Board and Committee Members;
To Approve the 2012 Budget
To Transact any other Business properly brought before
the Meeting.**

**After the Meeting, please join us for soup and sandwiches hosted by the
Deacons. Thank You!**

**Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Leonard
Church Clerk**

A Personal Note

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

04 Dorothy Guertin
 04 Melissa Cunningham
 05 Eleanor Mitkoski
 08 Patrick Nobou (senior)
 10 Kara Brown
 15 Casandra Hoyt
 18 Norma Moskey
 19 Frank Nobou
 22 Abriana Teodoro
 26 Vernon Coffin
 26 Beth Gustafson



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Beiliz Rodriguez
 05 Madelyn O'Connor
 09 Michael McLarney
 12 Tim Coffin
 15 Ethel Croxall
 15 Robert Bucchere
 16 Joan Kelly
 17 Judy Janas
 19 Sharon Lamb
 19 Becky Pauluk
 21 Carl Moskey
 22 Chuck Peterson

2012 PLEDGES

Financial Pledges to support the 2012 budget are welcome. Pledge cards may be turned into the Church Office or in the offering plate.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Copy Ready Annual Reports are due in the Church Office on January 9th.

BIBLE STUDY

Morning Bible Study will resume on January 11th and will meet every Wednesday during January. All are welcome to join us at 10am in the Fellowship Room.

CONGRATULATIONS

Elmwood Community Church extends our sincerest congratulations to Ellen Bucchere, who has been named Assistant Historian!

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Daysha Haxton upon her engagement to Ronald Linstruth. They are planning an October 20, 2012 wedding at Elmwood Community Church.

MISSIONS

On January 22nd, the Mission Board will be serving dinner at the South Park Inn. Please send in contributions that day of items to make sandwiches with: bread, peanut butter, jelly, ham, turkey, tuna fish, etc. We will be making sandwiches that day after church. Thank you.

DID YOU KNOW?

Welcome to a feature column by the Deacons! We hope you find it informative and helpful.

Did you know that a life of service is a whole lot of fun? There is camaraderie amongst those of us who serve as ushers, greeters and lay readers, who help with Coffee Hour and crib nursery and sing in the choir on Sundays. Our legs and lungs get exercise; we laugh, share inside jokes and looks, and get to know each other better. We would love to have you join us in the fun! ☺ We invite you to read 1 Peter 4:10 and consider stepping out.

Peace and blessings, your Deacons ♥

FROM THE HISTORIAN ROOM

A warm thank you to Bob and Joan Lunden for donating a 1957 Elmwood Community Church Plate. On the back is a brief Church History. The front is the Church before the Steeple was added. This is a wonderful addition to our Historian Room.

Carol Coffin donated various old church records, and missing newspaper articles on our Choir Director, Jerry Bilak.

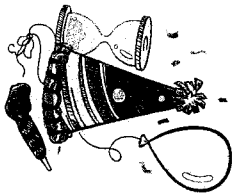
We are always looking for donations to the Historian Room. Many thanks to all who have found a "treasure" at home and donated to our collection.

In 1955 Fred Apgar applied new gold leaf to the Memorial Cross in the Choir Loft. He joined the church as a charter member in 1921 in the old Elmwood Chapel. He lived at 141 Newington Road. He died in 1991.

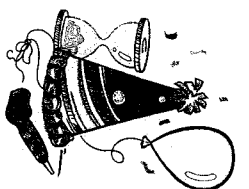
Pat & Ellen

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Directory Pictures will take place on Friday, February 3rd and Saturday, February 4th, 2012. Further details will be forthcoming soon.



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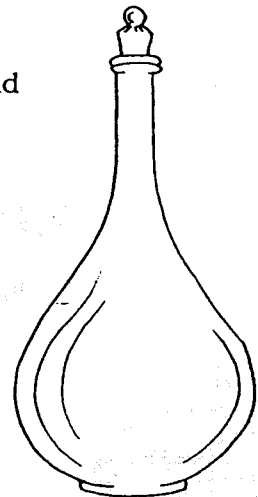
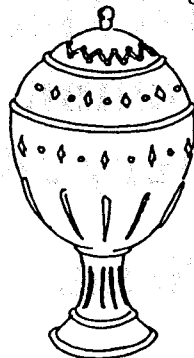
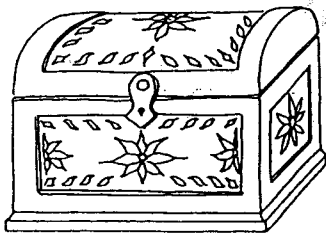
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	NO CIRCLE 6 MEETINGS IN JANUARY					
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 6:30pm YOUTH GROUP ?	2 OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	3	4 6:30pm DEACONS	5 7pm CHOIR	6	7
8 CE Meeting CALL TO MEETING- JAN. NEWSLETTER	9 COPY READY ANNUAL REPORTS DUE IN THE OFFICE	10	11 10am Bible Study 6:30pm TRUSTEES 5:30pm Endowment	12 7pm CHOIR	13	14
15 MISSIONS MTNG. SOUPER BOWL CALL TO MEETING 6:30pm YOUTH GROUP	16 6:30pm COUNCIL	17 February Newsletter Articles due in Office	18 10am Bible Study	19 7pm CHOIR	20	21 MOVIE NIGHT Sponsored by CE
22 ANNUAL REPORTS IN CHURCH FOR REVIEW ECC SERVING SOUTH PARK INN TODAY	23	24	25 10am Bible Study	26 7pm CHOIR	27	28
29 ANNUAL MTNG. AFTER WORSHIP/ DEACONS/LUNCH FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER	30	31				



Help the Wise Men Find Jesus

Gifts

The wise men brought these three gifts to Jesus. Read Matthew 2:11 and print the name of each gift below. Then color the gifts.



1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

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**PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY
 DATED MATERIAL**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 1st6:30pm Youth Group?
- January 1stCALL TO MEETING
- January 2ndOFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
- January 4th6:30pm Deacons
- January 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th7:00pm Choir
- January 8thCALL TO MEETING
- January 8thCE Meeting
- January 8thJanuary Newsletter Available
- January 9thCOPY READY ANNUAL REPORTS DUE IN OFFICE
- January 11th6:30pm Trustees
- January 11th5:30pm Endowment
- January 11th, 18th, 25th10am Bible Study
- January 12th, 19th, & 26th7pm Choir
- January 15thCALL TO MEETING
- January 15thSouper Bowl
- January 15th6:30pm Youth Group
- January 16th6:30pm Council
- January 17thFebruary Newsletter Articles Due
- January 21stCE Movie Night
- January 22ndANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW
- January 29thANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP
- January 29thFebruary Newsletter Available