

Elmwords

Pastor's Corner

This time of year there are big transitions going on. It gets dark earlier and earlier each day. Early risers notice that the sun rises later and later. Let's hope it is right to say that around this time of year we are past the worst of summer's heat and humidity, especially humidity. Gardens and farm stands are at their best. The other day a local farmer had two kinds of corn: Butter & Sugar, and Silver Queen. Both were out of this world!

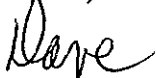
When the weather is hot and sticky most people do not have a big appetite. It is just too hot! A salad will hit the spot. A smoothie with fruit juice, yogurt, and your choice of fruit makes a filling and cooling lunch. A hotdog or hamburger grilled outside makes much more sense than heating up the kitchen. But when the weather cools off, people change how and what they eat. It is almost as though there are two separate and distinct menus. With cold weather, soup and stew gain appeal. Lasagna and roast chicken rise up on the list of preferred food. When it is hot no one wants a baked potato, but let the weather cool down, and baked potatoes sound like a pretty good idea.

Changing seasons and changing menus are part of life. The best parts of life are the parts of life we share together. As a matter of fact, sharing life together is one of the hallmarks of church. People gather in homes, sharing meals and good times. We gather in church at Coffee Hour and our special times like our St. Patrick's Dinner, and the Chicken BBQ. We gather, we eat, we talk, and as we do so, we share each others' joys and help bear each other's burdens. This is one of the many joys of the Christian life. We are all in this together.

Speaking of food, the Deacons are holding a Chowdah- Fest on Saturday, October 6, from 4:30 – 7:00. There will be a variety of Chowdahs. If you have a favorite recipe, why not make some and bring it? By the way, we are not encouraging tomato based soups that "claim" to be Chowdah.

Also, we will be putting together a new Elmwood Community Church Cookbook, so please start hunting around for recipes you would like to share.

Peace,



Dave

Church Council Meeting –August 20, 2012– Agenda/Moderator’s Notes

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm with eight members present: Bill Alberti, Rev. Dave Congdon, Al Croxall, Jerry Gray, Barb Hesse, Wendy Leonard, Susan Wiley and Mickey Allgaier

Moderator’s Notes: Let us “Speak from Abundance” as we begin each meeting and present each report. Each board to submit the names of all members going off in January. Please contact each one and report to me at the October meeting, so that I can convene the Nominating Committee.

Opening Prayer and Scripture (Pastor Dave): Isaiah 12

Minutes of the previous meeting: Not available; will use Moderator’s Notes.

Old Business:

- Chicken BBQ – successful despite the rain! \$389.00 profited.
- Photo Directory needs to be completed. Help!
- Scrip Program discussed – will discontinue paper order forms.

New Business:

- Marie Drake has named ECC in her will.
- Option for potential rental by Haitian Church. Council voted to accept the rental – without lease – on a trial basis for 2 months, and will revisit the issue in October.

Deacons – Jerry Gray

“Speaking from abundance”: They abound in love and caring as evidenced by the seamless coverage they provided on short notice in the face of crisis for the minister’s family.

- Deacons did great job on service of 7/29 in Dave’s absence.
- Informational pew cards will be 8 1/2 x 11.
- Sound System keys will be kept in the office.
- More discussion about merchant advertising in the bulletin.
- ~~Pew cushion \$6,245.00 for 45 cushions estimate too much.~~ May rotate some front cushions to the middle and back.

Pastor’s Report – Pastor Dave

“Speaking from abundance”: Reverend Congdon graciously showed his trust in us by asking for help in his time of crisis with Grace’s illness.

- Norma has moved to Avery.
- Dot Guertin at Jefferson House.
- Carol Coffin fine after eye surgery.

Missions – Robin Lindemann – ill – Report to be given by Bill Alberti

“Speaking from abundance”: They have shown tremendous love and caring in their outreach to South Park Inn, by rallying forces together to provide meals and fellowship there.

- Cindy Gauthier new member.
- South Park Inn August 29th and September 16th.
- Hopeworks Mum’s Sale – last day to order is 9/3.

Trustees – Bill Alberti

“Speaking from abundance”: They’ve shown great wisdom in balancing the money act, and in the hiring of a great sexton whose work has resulted in many positive comments: e.g. “the Sanctuary was so clean I could see my reflection in the next pew!”

- Rentals discussed.
- Several positive comments received about sexton.
- Money received from CVS for curbing.
- Parsonage roof work completed by Dave Cunningham.

(moderator's notes continued)

Christian Ed – Patrick Nobou –absent – reported by Reverence Congdon

“Speaking from abundance”: They have sponsored wonderful care and education for our Sunday School, a life-changing mission trip for the youth group, and have fostered much hope and encouragement for the adults as we see our “future” blossoming.

- Looking at new curriculum for Sunday School.

Controller's Report – Susan Wiley

“Speaking from abundance”: She has shown great determination in presenting our finances in clear format, and has been diligent in creating a workable rapport with our Financial Secretary...especially in view of new computerized information.

- We have taken positive steps in addressing our financial issues.
- Some activities leaner than in prior years; weather is one factor.
- Rentals rebounding slightly.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

“Speaking from abundance”: They remain faithful liaisons between congregation and council and permit all voices to be heard.

Senior Member-At-Large – Al Croxall

- Many positive comments about sexton's work.
- Many thanks to Dave Cunningham for all work on chicken BBQ.
- Perhaps we should consider new date, as thunderstorms so common in late July.
- Large “All are Welcome” sign should be made to accompany other signs, so that general public will be aware that these are not “church only” events.

Junior Member-At-Large – Barb Hesse

- LeFort family Sunday was very nice.
- Positive comments about Sally Brown, Deacons, and Mason Ellison.
- Lots of feedback about cleanliness of church.
- Planning of 140th Anniversary to start soon.

Newest Member-At-Large Diane Ludwick – away –forwarded her report to Al Croxall

- Shared letter from member regarding dirty Sanctuary that was cleaned by Alibrio family prior to funeral. This was prior to sexton's start date.

Upcoming Events (Just so we're all on the same page)

- October 6th – Chowdah Fest
- Park Road Parade October 6th
- October 7th – Blessing of the Animals
- Holiday Fair – November 17th – Daysha will coordinate

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

Next Meeting: September 17th at 6:30pm

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Rosli Glista
04 Betsy Smith
15 Marilyn Grenier
19 Trevor Bryden
20 Cynthia Carter
22 Layne Brown
22 Mason Ellison
26 Susan Giaccotto
27 Heather McLarney
30 Brian Cardalico



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

06 Sally & Allan Waite
14 Betsy & Dave Smith
19 Kristina & Bruce Wittchen
21 Gail & Mark O'Conner
22 Rosli & Kas Glista

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Lucas Teodoro
04 Dave Congdon
04 Grayson Carter
06 James O'Connor
08 Margaret Crowe
16 Anthony D'Angelo
20 Barbara Hesse
24 Kriss Brown

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

02 Marilyn & Ron Grenier
09 Sharon & David Lamb
16 Deb & Carl Moskey

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume in October.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Choir will hold its first rehearsal on Thursday, September 6th. Please consider exercising your vocal cords on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary in preparation for Sunday worship services. No previous experience necessary, on the job training is available.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

RALLY SUNDAY will be September 9th with beginning of Church School Classes and a Litany of Dedicating our Church School during worship. Parents will be invited to Church School Classes at the end of worship (leave during the final hymn).

CHICKEN BARBEQUE

A hearty thank you to all who helped make the Chicken BBQ a success despite the weather. Especially Dave Cunningham who worked tirelessly to plan, shop, cook, and produce a delicious meal. The folks who helped to set up and those who helped to clean up. Mason Ellison shucked all the corn – Al Croxall and Cynthia Carter did the cashiering, Craig Croxall and Jerry Gray helped Dave prepare and cook the chicken: I inadvertently got wind of the secret sauce that was slathered on the meat, and could possibly be persuaded to sell the recipe to the highest bidder! Boy, was that good! To all who provided wonderful desserts: our tummies and our dentists thank you – yum! To those who served, to those who ate – to all who participated in any way – thanks! And to Ginger who shared the cole slaw recipe with me, provided the ingredients, and made 3 batches! Would you believe we made 24lbs. (dry weight, before dressing) and were able to sell all the leftovers on Sunday! We truly are a community of both faith and food!

Mickey

SOUTH PARK INN

On September 16th, members of our church will be serving dinner at the South Park Inn. The Mission Board is looking for donations of the following on that day:

*individually wrapped sandwiches of peanut butter and jelly, tuna, ham and cheese, egg salad, cookies, etc., *juice bottles and juice boxes. Sending in donations of sandwich items, or helping to make sandwiches after church. Donations can be marked and left downstairs in the refrigerator prior to 3pm on September 16th. Thank you, Board of Missions.

NOVEMBER FAIR

We are having our Holiday Fair on November 17th. We need: Jewelry Table – items that would be on a Ladies' dressing table – perfume bottles, compacts, jewelry, old and new. Picture frames, old and new, watches – working, not working, old hats, handbags, and gloves. Treasure Table – old vases, mixing bowls, tea-pots, pottery, games, and toys. Clocks, lamps, old books, pyrex dishes from the 50's and 60's, old tools, bird houses, flower pots, watering cans, old garden tools. We will need jelly jars to fill with jam, relish and jelly. Daysha will coordinate. Thank you.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

HISTORIAN CORNER

Did you see the commemorative cup on display in the Fellowship Room on Children's Sunday? The cup is black metal with sterling engraving. It is kept in the glass bookcase in the Fellowship Room. It was purchased in February 1929 from the Cook's catalogue item number 7074-T, at a cost of \$8.50. It's purpose was to encourage and reward attendance of Sunday School by having the class teachers name and the year engraved of the class with the best attendance for the year. This competition was taken very seriously by the students. In 1933 with no more room for additional engraving on the original cup; a second cup, this one sterling plate was purchased to carry on the tradition. This cup is also kept in the glass bookcase in the Fellowship Room.

Where does everything come from? You are sitting in a pew in the Sanctuary waiting for the lay reader to say "Good Morning". The large gold cross in the choir loft draws your attention. Then your eyes go to the smaller gold cross on the remembrance table. They are always there. They help you focus. Actually they were not always there. The gold cross with its matching candlestick holders on the remembrance table were donated in memory of Everett Collar by his family in 1977. The larger gold cross was donated by the Apgar family in memory of Frederick Andrew Apgar who died in 1928. This cross did receive a new coat of gold leaf in 1954 as part of the 1954 Sanctuary Renovation Project. Ellen Buchere, Historian

AUCTION

Yes! It's coming! An old fashion country auction! June 2013. As part of our celebration for 140 years of growth of Elmwood Community Church, we are having a Country Auction outside on the lawn with hot dogs on the grill.

Our auctioneer will be none other then Pastor Dave Congdon! He has experience from auctions at his previous church.

To accomplish this we need items to auction. We all have things that have been with us so long we forget about them. Furniture, books – old and new, pictures, housewares, antiques, glass, pottery, tools, lamps, etc. We will sell "Box Lots" – an assortment of smaller items. Keep us in mind as you clean out your house, move, redecorate, or just give to help us out.

(Auction continued)

No items too small, nothing too large, we aren't fussy, we will welcome items from family, friends and strangers. This is a great way to start our anniversary month. It will be lots of fun for everyone. Thank you to Norma Moskey for getting the box going. She recently moved and donated all that she did not have room for. Any questions, see Al Croxall or Pat MacDougall or call the office.

SCRIP

ECC members continue to purchase the SCRIP retail cards to do their shopping at stores like Stop & Shop, Shop Rite, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Home Depot and Lowe's. If you have a big purchase in your future, please consider paying for those purchases with retail cards purchased through the church. Orders are taken on the first and third Sundays of the month. You can leave your order/check (made out to ECC) to my attention at the church office. If you have any questions, you can reach me at 860-716-7346 or Barbhesse@aol.com. I would love to get 100% participation!!

FALL MUM SALE

The Missions will be holding a Mum Sale August 19th and 26th for HopeWorks. The mums will be \$8.00 a plant in yellow, pink, white or burgundy. Please make checks payable to HopeWorks. Deadline for ordering plants is September 4th. An order form is available below, as well as, in the Church Office. Please help support a good cause. Thank you.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

COLOR: _____ YELLOW
 _____ WHITE
 _____ PINK
 _____ BURGUNDY

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____

Please return form and payment to the Church Office. Please indicate "mums" on the memo line of check.



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PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY
 DATED MATERIAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 29thECC SERVING SOUTH PARK INN
- September 3rdOFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
- September 4thMUM SALE DEADLINE
- September 5th6:30PM DEACONS MEETING
- September 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th7:00PM CHOIR
-NO BIBLE STUDY IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.....
- September 9thCHRISTIAN ED MEETING
- September 9thRALLY SUNDAY
- September 9thPICK UP MUMS AFTER CHURCH
- September 10th6:30PM CIRCLE 6
- September 12th6:30PM TRUSTEES
- September 16thMISSIONS MEETING
- September 16th6:30PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING
- September 16thECC SERVING SOUTH PARK INN
- September 17th6:30PM COUNCIL
- September 18thNEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE IN OFFICE
- September 30thOCTOBER NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE