



FAITHnews

Monthly Newsletter of Eldridge United Methodist Church

April 2024

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

Easter afternoon is a favorite time for many pastors as a time for a great relaxation, reminiscent of Jesus' words on the cross, "It is finished!". Probably many of you feel this way. Easter is over with our Easter dinner, following the joyful celebration of Easter morning at the church.

Our church does not pay much attention beyond Holy Week and Easter, but there is a deeply meaningful time period when our Risen Lord had to complete his unfinished ministry business during the 40 days between his Resurrection and Ascension, calling the church to an ongoing celebration of Jesus' resurrection. During these days, some extraordinary things happened: He showed his earthly body and talked with his disciples and ate with them. He restored Peter who denied knowing Jesus on the way to the cross. He helped Thomas overcome his doubt. Jesus performed too many other signs to be recorded in the Bible. All these were about preparing his disciples to build the church. He appointed leaders, gave them a mission to share His love and message with the world, and assured them of the amazing power available to them through the Holy Spirit.

And I believe our mission as Jesus's church remains the same and the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit now lives inside us. So, I invite you to continue to celebrate Jesus' glorious Resurrection. We worship and pray. We read God's word and fellowship together. We reach out to neighbors with love and compassion. We dedicate our church to sharing Jesus with those in need. Christ is risen. Indeed, He is risen. Hallelujah!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor JaeHee Lee



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- ★ **FOOD PANTRY** emphasis for the month of APRIL is Canned Meat (think tuna, Spam, chicken, corned beef, etc.) and Cereal/Granola Bars. Also, they can still use some gently used children's books to pass out, please.
- ★ Please note that we have MANY (actually, "most") slots empty for bringing **ALTAR FLOWERS** for the remainder of the spring. If we could get April, May & June filled, it would be great, plz.
- ★ Sunday, May 19th we will be honoring GRADUATES. If you know someone who we should be including, please get that information to the office by the end of this month.

A P R I L Anniversaries & Birthdays		Apr 1	Mark Herrin
	Apr 2	Laura Reth Dave Wall	
	Apr 7	Pastor Ron Carlson	
	Apr 8	Taylor Crain	
	Apr 9	Ken & Marcia Nestler	
	Apr 11	Glendena Heiman	
	Apr 12	Jason Apple	
	Apr 14	Cliff & Melissa Willey	
	Apr 18	Sondra Bulazo Samantha Stilson	
	Apr 23	Linda Tubbs Cory Crain	
	Apr 27	Sophia Popelka	
	Apr 28	Jack & Carmen Darland	
	Apr 29	Mary Miller	
	Apr 30	Becky Esbaum	

- ★ **W-A-N-T-E-D ...you!** Due to health &...well...aging, we are running out of able-bodied lawn mowing helpers. Honestly, it's really not a difficult mow – nice, riding mower, and a flat lawn with few obstructions! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. We'd love it if you'd add your name a time or two.



NEXT WEEK!!!

RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday & Friday 8am-5pm (BAKE SALE, too!)

Saturday 8am-noon (1/2 Price Sale)

How Can I Help?

- Sunday after church — stack chairs and set out tables.
- Begin bringing in donated items — this Sunday after worship & Monday-Wednesday
- Help to organize items and stage displays
- **BAKE GOODIES for the Bake Sale** — we need LOTS!!! (by Wednesday, please)
- Sign Up to help out on the day(s) of the Sale
- Pray for the success of the sale and that we are helpful to many people.



Chairperson: Stacy Muhs (563-468-7391)

EUMC PHOTO DATES:

Thursday, May 2nd 2-8:30 pm

Friday, May 3rd from 2-8:30pm

*When current, everyone finds this to be a handy tool — especially recurring visitors and new members who are trying to figure out ‘who’s who’. It’s **important** that you’re in it!!! Honestly!*

Online Registration at www.ucdir.com

Church Code: **ia304**

Password: **photos**

Our chairperson, Karen Apple will be available in the Gathering Area after church the next couple of Sundays to help you with in-person registration if you prefer. If I can help, too, call the office Wed-Fri mornings.



Won't you P-L-E-A-S-E
"Say Cheese!"
and be included?

2024 Monthly STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE Update

STEWARDSHIP: “Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation.”

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT	General Operating Fund	Building Fund
2024 Pledges:	\$116,642.00	\$15,568
Anticipated 2024 Growth:	\$20,110	NA
TOTAL	\$136,752	\$15,568
Received in 2024:		
January	\$10,747	\$847
February	\$13,889	\$712
March	\$7,718	\$2,343
April		
2024 Income To Date:	\$31,813	\$3,883
Percentage of 2023 pledges:	23 %	25 %
<i>— Accounts Receivable (General Fund only) —</i>		
THIS MONTH (Gain or Loss + Amount) (-\$6,017)	Income: \$7,178	Expenses: \$13,194
TOTAL to date (Gain or Loss + Amount) (-\$8,400)	Income: \$31,813	Expenses: \$40,213



UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

- May 12 Mother’s Day
- May 19 Pentecost Sunday / Graduation Sunday / Mission Sunday
- **JUNE 2 Pastor Lee’s Farewell Sunday at EUMC**
- June 30 5th Sunday Combined Worship in McCausland
- **JULY 2 Pastor Jim’s First Sunday**
- **JULY 20 Special Saturday “GOSPEL” WORSHIP** with Guest Artist: Daryl Mosely — (Three-Time Songwriter of the year, Grand ‘Ole Opry veteran and former lead for the bluegrass group, the Farm Hands) — 6pm (No worship on Sunday, July 21)