

"We are loving, Spirit-led disciples of Jesus Christ growing in God through **N**urture, **E**ducation, **W**orship, and **S**ervice."



Elma United Methodist Church

2991 Bowen Rd. Elma, NY 14059 Rev. Lisa D. Taylor, Pastor



Sunday Worship Service

In-Person Worship starts at 9:15am

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"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

"All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers." Acts 1:14

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." James 5:16

"But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." Matthew 6:6

"Pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:16

"And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us." 1 John 5:14

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groaning's too deep for words." Romans 8:26

Friends, consider these passages about prayer. There are many passages in our Bible that teach us about prayer in both the Old and New Testaments. We are to pray alone. We are to pray always. We are to pray together. We are to pray for each other and our world. Etc, etc., etc... When Christians pray together in faith, God does amazing things. All Christian revivals have begun when groups of people gathered regularly in prayer. It is happening today – all around us. Want to be a part of what God's doing? Want to know God's will for your life and our church? Learning and experiencing more through prayer will get you there. Ask me about starting a prayer group. We need to gather for prayer more now than ever before.

Blessings, Pastor Lisa



Pastor Lisa is typically in Elma Sundays through Wednesdays, works from home on Thursdays, takes her Sabbath on Fridays, and has her day off on Saturdays. The schedule for Thursday through Saturday sometimes changes depending upon the needs of the church. In general, she prefers not to work past 9:30pm, although this is sometimes unavoidable. As the church is a pretty busy place, it may be best to make an appointment if you want to have time to talk with Pastor Lisa. But you are always welcome to stop by. Cell phone 716-341-1896.



Pastor Lisa is setting some specific time aside for you to ask your questions about your Bible reading, a point in a recent sermon, or something that's going on in the UMC, or at EUMC, etc., that you would like to talk to Pastor Lisa about.

Pastor Lisa will be available especially for this purpose Wednesday May 15th between 12noon-1pm, and 6pm-7pm. She is also available most Sundays at 12noon. It is helpful if you let her know you plan to come, but not necessary – you can just show up. You are welcome! In addition to these times, everyone is welcome to schedule an appointment to talk to Pastor Lisa about anything you need from her and/or the church, or to call or email her with any questions.



Sunday Mornings!

(coffee/tea/juice and conversation available every Sunday at 8:45am before worship)

May 5th Special All-Church "Town Hall" Gathering!

9:15am Worship Service

10:25am Fellowship Time – join us for a time of conversation and refreshments 10:45am Elma UMC "Town Hall"

What's the "Town Hall"?

It's part of our new Simplified Administrative Structure that allows all church members to gather with the Leadership Team and talk about what's going on at EUMC. You're welcome to ask question, make suggestions, and connect with the church's Lay Leadership. The UMC is transitioning into a new season that will depend more than ever on the laity of local congregations being engaged. The future of EUMC is depending on YOUR involvement. So please do plan to attend. There will be childcare available for young children, infants-3rd Grade (if moms and dads want to keep their babies with them, of course you are welcome to do that). And we want our children and teens 4th Grade and up to be at the gathering so we can hear from them too! There will be snacks.

May 12th – No Fellowship Time or Education Hour – Happy Mother's Day!

May 19th – 9:15am Worship **Pentecost Sunday!**, 10:25am Fellowship Time, 10:45am Education Hour (adults will have a special session on Practical Evangelism for the 21st Century)

May 26th – 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Special Event – Memorial Day Historical Walk across the street to the Elma cemetery led by Deacon Deb and Rob Coatsworth – All Welcome!

May 27th – Memorial Day! Join us to march in Elma's annual Memorial Day Parade! Meet at Elma Town Library (corner of Bowen and Rice Roads) at 8:30am! We hope many of our EUMC family will join us as we join together with the whole community! AND – if you have ideas about what we can do to make our presence in the parade more special, please contact Deacon Deb or Pastor Lisa!

June 2nd Special Pre-Planned Hymns and Spiritual Songs Sing-a-Long!

Our worship service will be filled with songs of praise to God!!! The entire service will be immersed in praise and thanksgiving with many of our favorite Christian songs and hymns. Please let Pastor Lisa know by May 19th what song or hymn you would like to have included so we can plan this wonderful service of praise!



From: Deacon Deb

Work Camp for ages entering into 5th grade – completing 8th grade, are invited to participate. Camp will begin at 1:00 p.m. on June 30 and conclude on July 2. Work Camp involves...work, worship/devotions, games, food, debrief time, dinner and an overnight with a campfire and hide and seek. More information will be coming in the days ahead. Please sign-up with Deacon Deb.



From: Deacon Deb Tuesday Bible Study

All are welcome to attend Tuesday Bible Study from 9:30 – 10:30.

Education Hour

Education Hour is May 19 from 10:45-11:45 for all ages



Garage Sale May 4!

Elma United Women in Faith and Elma United Methodist Preschool are holding a sale on **Saturday, May 4, 9 AM-12 PM**.\$2 bag sale at 11:30.

Set up will begin Sunday, April 28 at 12:00, following Education Hour.

We will set up tables and bring items in from the garage.

Help is needed on:

Sunday, April 28th for table set;

<u>Monday, April 29-Friday, May 3</u> for sorting and pricing items; morning and evening hours available—(9:30-1:30, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday; 6:30-8:30pm Monday-Thursday; 10:45-1:45 Tuesday);

Saturday, May 4th, room supervision, cashing and bagging; clean up after the sale.

Items for the sale may be brought in during the week. Snacks, drinks and pizza will be provided for the workers on the 4th.



Bible Challenge – Read Through the Bible in a Year! Paper copies of the entire year's readings are available on the table outside Pastor Lisa's office.

May

2 Samuel 5:1-10; 1 Chronicles 11-12.
2 - Psalm 133.
3 - Psalm 106-107.
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Samuel 5:11-25; 2 Samuel 6:1-23; 1 Chronicles 13-16.
5 - Psalm 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47,
68.
6 - Psalm 89, 96, 100, 101, 105, 132.
7 - 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17.
8 - Psalm 25, 29, 33, 36, 39.
9 - 2 Samuel 8-9; 1 Chronicles 18.
10 - Psalm 50, 53,
60, 75.
11 - 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19; Psalm 20.
12 - Psalm 65-67, 69-70.
13 - 2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20.
14 - Psalm 32, 51, 86, 122.
15 - 2 Samuel 13-15.
16 - Psalm 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55.
17 - 2 Samuel 16-18.
18 - Psalm 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64.
19 - 2 Samuel 19-21.
20 - Psalm 5, 38, 41-42.
21 - 2 Samuel 22-23; Psalm 57.
22 - Psalm 95, 97-99.
23 - 2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21-22; Psalm 30.
24 - Psalm 108-110.
25 - 1 Chronicles 23-25.
26 - Psalm 131, 138-139, 143-145.
27 - 1 Chronicles 26-29; Psalm 127.
28 - Psalm 111-118.
29 - 1 Kings 1-2; Psalm 37, 71, 94.
30 - Psalm 119:1-88.
31 - 1 Kings 3-4; 2 Chronicles 1; Psalm 72.

<u>June</u>

1 - Psalm 119:89-176. 2 - Song of Solomon 1-8. 3 - Proverbs 1-3. 4 - Proverbs 4-6.

5 - Proverbs 7-9. 6 - Proverbs 10-12. 7 - Proverbs 13-15.



Deacon Deb

Mini Youth Group Work Camp (5th – 8th Grade): June 30 – July 2 (Sign-up with Deacon Deb)

Vacation Bible School: July 16 & 17 from 9:30 – Noon; July 18, 5:30 –

8:00 for families. (Dinner will be provided) (Please let Deacon Deb know if you can help)

Senior Mission Trip (9th – 12th Grade): TBA

ELMA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:

Everyone is welcome to walk in the Elma Memorial Day Parade on May 27. Meet at the Elma Library at 8:30am. This is a wonderful way to let our community see Elma UMC! Come and join in on the tradition! Please let Deacon Deb or Pastor Lisa know if you can attend.



CHRISTIAN ED/YOUTH:

LIFT Youth (Live in Fellowship & Truth)

Date: Wednesday, May 29 Time: 6:30 – 8:30 Ages: 9th – 12th grade Place: Boys & Girls Club of EMW Worship-Music-Games-Small Groups-Mission-Food RSVP or Questions see Deacon Deb

ANNUAL WALK TO CEMETERY:

Memorial Day Walk to the Cemetery: meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 on May 26. All ages are welcome to walk. Deacon Deb

Cheryl Buechi

Deacon Deb



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH:

Save the date

United Women in Faith is hosting a catered dinner on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. All women are invited.

Elma UWF has been asked to host the weekly afternoon "Punch on the Porch" at the United Methodist House at Chautauqua Institution on Tuesday, August 6th. If you are interested in helping serve and/or are able to donate cookies for serving, please contact Cheryl Buechi (716) 668-7010 or (716) 288-8381

Fellowship Time Hosts for May

5/5 Rose Shiesley 5/19 _____ 5/26 _____

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to host! Hosts for the months of May and June are needed also. Please see Cheryl Buechi if you are able to provide a snack for a Sunday in either of those months.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

From The Office



Students interested in submitting an application for the annual EUMC Scholarship may find the update 2024 application on the church website under "more" and PRINTABLE FORMS starting May 1st. Please complete your application and **submit it** to the church office NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2024. NO applications will be considered after this date.



<u>Worship</u> <u>Volunteers</u>	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Garage Sale Set up 12pm Set up tables and bring items inside	Garage Sale sorting & pricing 9:30 AM-1:30 PM and 6:30-8:30 PM	Garage Sale sorting & pricing 10:45-1:45pm and 6:30-8:30 PM
Ushers: Wollen/ Dressel Liturgist: Violet Trombley Greeters: Pam or Hank Thauer	5 Communion Sunday 8:45am Fellowship Time 9:15am In-Person Worship Service 10:25am Fellowship Time 10:45am All EUMC Town Hall w/ the Leadership Team 10:45am Choir Practice	6 9am- Preschool 4yr olds	7 9am- Preschool 3yr olds 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Wool Gatherers
Ushers: Green/ Shiesley Liturgist: Steve Buechi Greeters: Dave Wain- wright	12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 9:15am In-Person Worship Service	13 9am- Preschool 4yr olds 12:30 Lunch Bunch	14 9am- Preschool 3yr olds 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Wool Gatherers
Ushers: C & R Schmitz Liturgist: Sue Brun- ner Greeters: Sue Wollen	19 Pentecost Sunday 8:45 AM Fellowship Time 9:15am In-Person Worship Service 10:25am Fellowship Time 10:45am Education Hour 10:45am Young Families TBA— Choir Practice	20 9am- Preschool 4yr olds	21 9am- Preschool 3yr olds 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Wool Gatherers
Ushers: Brunner/ Wainwright Liturgist: Claire De- Nies Greeters: Mark or Lynda Bessey	26 Memorial Day Walk, 9:15 AM 8:45 AM Fellowship Time 9:15am In-Person Worship Service 10:30 AM Walk to Cemetery TBA— Choir Practice	27 Memorial Day Elma Memorial Day Pa- rade 9 AM	28 9am- Preschool 3yr olds 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Wool Gatherers



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9am- Preschool 4yr olds	9am- Preschool 3yr olds	9am- Preschool 4yr olds	9 AM-12:00 PM
3:30 PM Online Devotion			GARAGE SALE
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PM	8:30 PM		
8	9	10	11
9am- Preschool 4yr olds	9am- Preschool 3yr olds	9am- Preschool 4yr olds	
3:30 PM Online Devotion			
15 Scholarship Applications Due!!	16	17	18
9am- Preschool 4yr olds	9am- Preschool 3yr olds	9am- Preschool 4yr olds	9am - Trustee Meeting
3:30 PM Online Devotion			
			9am– 12 noon
Ask the Pastor			Church Work Day
12pm-1pm & 6pm-7pm			
			Work
Monthly Prayer Gatherings			Day
10-10:30AM & 7-7:30PM			
22	23	24	25
METHODELMA ARTICLES DUE	9am- Preschool 3yr olds	9am- Preschool 4yr olds	
9am- Preschool 4yr olds			
3:30 PM Online Devotion			
29	30	31	
9am- Preschool 4yr olds	9am- Preschool 3yr olds	9am- Preschool 4yr olds	
3:30 Pm Online Devotion	Preschool Graduation	Preschool Graduation	
6:30p-8:30p LIFT Youth	DDFC	I SCHOOL	
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Mother's Day Tribute-Honoring and Remembering

On Mother's Day (Sunday, May 12), you can honor and remember your mother/wife/important lady in your life with a gift of warmth in support of **Church World Service Blanket Ministry.** Church World Service provides blankets, as well as other supplies, immediately after disasters strike both in the U.S. and around the world to help alleviate suffering before long-term aid arrives. Stop by the Missions table to see the blankets and how they help others. Envelopes and materials are on the Missions table. Please have your donation and information in by May 5, so your dedication can be put in the online bulletin.



May's FISH item is 100% Juice or Juice boxes Though any non-perishable food item is accepted and appreciated.



Recycling—How we can help care for God's Creation

The garbage cans will again be outside of the North End Entrance to **donate pop cans and bottles for deposit.** There is also an account set up at **Bottle and Can Retrieval Center.** You can take your cans and bottles directly to the center and ask them to designate your refund of deposits to be donated to Elma United Methodist Church. Locations include, but are not limited to Cans2Cash in Elma and Cash For Cans in Lancaster. Missions will use the money to help fund some of our outreach programs.







We will meet on Monday, May 13th at The Olive Tree on Broadway in Lancaster at 12:30PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call Judi Wollen at (716) 684-0213. Both Men and women are welcome to attend! *Come for food, fellowship, and fun!*



If your birthday or anniversary (or someone you know) is ever omitted, please call or email Jilliane in the church office:

(716) 652-5427 or <u>elmaumoffice@gmail.com</u>

Thank You!



5/12—Michael & Lisa Taschetta 5/13—Gary & Sharon Renn 5/24—Gary & Joyce Budzynski 5/24—Ethan & Julianne Hansen

- 5/3—Kathy Walker
- 5/04—Clair Denies
- 5/04—Dick Fisher
- 5/04—Winifred Tracy
- 5/4—Stephen Kowalski
- 5/08—Barbara Hunt
- 5/10—Bruce Stockton
- 5/12—Gary Renn
- 5/12—Samantha Vidal
- 5/15—David Smith
- 5/17—Carl Plauman
- 5/18—Mylinda Plauman
- 5/21—Kathy Pierce
- 5/22—David Kegler
- 5/23—Carson Currie
- 5/25—Jane Rademacher

"A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person."

Mignon McLaughlin



Happy Mother's Day "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERES 31:25-26



Our meeting on April 7th was a really good start, with 5 families represented and lots of good ideas. We determined that "Young Families" at EUMC means families with children ages infant through age 18! Parents with younger children need the wisdom of those who are farther along, and the older children typically want to be helpful and engaged with the younger children. This is exciting! Can you Imagine EUMC young families ministering to each other as they engage in God's Good NEWS! We need to meet again if we're going to get this ministry ready to go by September, and most Sundays in May are filled with special events. So, **the next meeting will be Sunday, May 19th at 10:45am**. Education Hour will be available for children ages 3 and up. If you need childcare for younger children let Pastor Lisa know and it will be arranged. We really hope to see all our young families represented!



<u>Monthly Prayer Opportunities –</u> Wednesday, May 15th 10-10:30am and/or 7:00-7:30pm.

Please join Pastor Lisa in a time of gathering for informal prayer for our church, our community, and personal needs. Prayer for healing with laying on of hands and anointing with oil will be available for those desiring this form of prayer ministry.

PLEASE PRAY

Pray for our Upper NY Annual Conference and the representatives from Elma UMC who will be attending, and debating and voting on conference level legislation and other matters of church administration: Rob Coatsworth, Andrew Hartley, Rose Shiesley, Rev Joan Zimmerman, Deacon Deb Coatsworth, and Pastor Lisa. Annual Conference is happening at Onondaga College May 30th - June 1st. Thank you for your prayers!



Leadership Team: Reach out to any of us:

Class of 2024 – Rob Coatsworth, Ryan Schmitz, D'Lynn Zurek

Class of 2025 – Peter J. Buechi, Martha Horohoe, Pam Thauer

Class of 2026 – Steve Buechi (team chair for 2024), Annette DeNies, Wendie Stockton Lay Leader - Rose Shiesley, and Lay Member to AC - Andrew Hartley also serve Pastor Lisa works with and is accountable to the Leadership Team for all program, ministry, and mission areas, and to the UNY Annual Conference for oversight of all administrative functions.

Leadership Development and Nominations Team: Pastor Lisa-chair, Rose Shiesley, Deacon Deb, Sue Brunner, Steve DeNies, and Darlene Green We are creating new ways to equip our members and friends as growing Christian disciples. Let any of these team members know what you're interested in SO WE CAN HELP YOU be better able to serve. AND please read IMPACT! Reclaiming the Call of Lay Ministry by Kay Kotan and Blake Bradford © 2018. Let's see what God will do through ALL his people!

GIVING GARDEN :

Susan Brunner716-982-8924 suejbrunner@gmail.com

It's time to plant our Giving Garden!!



Our garden produces many baskets of delicious, healthy, fresh vegetables for families in need in our community. Please join us in caring for our Giving Garden. We need a small crew to handle the prepping and planting in early June.

If you would like to help plant, weed, water, and harvest our produce, please call Sue Brunner.

We would like to offer the opportunity for you to "adopt a bed" again this year. When you adopt a bed it helps to defray the cost of maintaining our Giving Garden. Forms are on the missions table in the hallway. Fill a form out and drop it in the offering plate, the church office, or call Sue Brunner.

CREATION CARE

Andrew Hartley

https://www.umccreationcare.org

Many of us feel worried; we face a triple 'pandemic' of climate change, biodiversity collapse and pollution. Worse, those hardest hit are those who cause the least damage. Already, sea level rise is inundating nations, and yet, carbon emissions continue rising. Already the Brazilian Amazon has changed from carbon sink to carbon emitter. Melting permafrost is releasing methane. The devastating heat waves across India and Pakistan have led them to re-open coal mines. The war in Ukraine has increased the demand for new fossil fuel extraction. We are lost and confused.

On May 19, we celebrate Pentecost, commemorating the Holy Spirit's coming upon the apostles and others assembled in Jerusalem. We take time to remember that, after three incredible years of Jesus' earthly ministry, came the crucifixion, and these followers of Jesus, too, became lost and confused. They saw him tortured and murdered. Later, some said they saw him, touched him. Slowly they began to believe that it was true – he was alive! But then at the Ascension they were again left bewildered. He said, "I am calling YOU to be my witnesses; stay in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power." They thought they also might be killed if they mentioned Jesus' name.

But then, the day of Pentecost came. They were all in one place. Suddenly a sound came as of a rushing mighty wind, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. They arose and preached the Gospel. Many were added to their number. There were wonders and miracles. **They were transformed:** Though once scared, they became courageous. God gave them a mission, and enabled them to fulfill it.

We 21st Century Christians, too, have a mission: Both the Bible and the United Methodist Social Principles call us to care for God's beautiful world, the planet on which all people depend. What do we learn from Pentecost about how to take up this challenge? First, we must confess that we have not protected creation; then, we must commit to renewing Earth, and ask the Spirit to inspire and empower us in that task. From that point, the Holy Spirit can transform us, too, in this mission...

From separated - to united

One of the signs of the Spirit was that they became one: They came together regularly, no longer hiding away, lonely and stressed in their own corners. Day by day, they broke bread together in the temple.

People have different angles on caring for creation, some are passionate about preserving animals or birds, others focus on assuring all people have access to clean water. Some are fighting climate change; others are plastic warriors. We need to come together, support each other and carry the mission out. We need to work with those of different faiths and those who have no faith. One of the signs of the Spirit was that they became one: They came together regularly, no longer hiding away, lonely and stressed in their own corners. Day by day, they broke bread together in the temple.

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Join networks, work with others, link up on social media. Transformative change doesn't happen when individuals change; it happens when the church changes.

From selfish - to generous

After Pentecost, the believers were together and had all things in common; they sold their possessions and distributed the proceeds to the needy.

At the root of climate change and environmental degradation is greed: people taking too much from the earth, and polluting too much. To protect the planet, we must aspire to simpler lifestyles. We all need to live simply so that others may simply live.

God changed the world through us; God can do it again.



Shirley Schildkamp



ELMA PAGE TURNERS

The Elma Page turners will meet at 6:30 PM, May 1, in the youth room to discuss CODE NAME HELENE by Ariel Lawhon. This is an historical fiction novel, based on a real person, concerning the exploits of Nancy Wake in World War II. The book for June is THE SOUNDS OF GRAVEL by Ruth Wariner. The group will be selecting their books for September through December at the June meeting. All suggestions of books to read and discuss are welcome. Everyone is invited to all of the discussions.

Please note:

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