

Elmwood West Methodist Church



Elmwood West News July 2024

Message From a Long Time Member of Our Church

When James and I moved to Abilene, we were making a huge change in our lives. James worked for Cabor Corporation, and his salary was very generous. I taught at an inner city school for a semester, and then moved to a private Christian school.



In Abilene, James was hired to teach at Bowie Elementary School. I did not have a job. James and Ashley, our ninth grade daughter, came to Abilene to start school while I remained in Akron to pack everything and meet the movers.

When I finally arrived in Abilene, I unpacked and tried to become familiar with the city. Then I signed up to substitute, which I enjoyed. Next, I decided to teach again. I started at Jefferson Middle School. James and I were both happy, but Ashley did have a difficult adjustment at Cooper High School.

We bought a house and started to look for a church. In Akron, we attended a very large church, and both of us sang in the choir. There were no churches in Abilene that were as large as the one we attended in Akron. As we had grown up as Southern Baptist, we started visiting the larger Baptist churches in Abilene. We did not feel as though any church we visited was where God wanted us to attend.

One Sunday, as James was reading the newspaper, he told me about a Methodist church that needed a music director. We talked it over and decided it would be a good place to attend. James applied and was hired.

There was an active youth group for Ashley, and the church was so friendly. We felt at home the very first time we attended.

And thus, we became members of Elmwood West Methodist Church. James was an active member and involved in the choir and music of the church until his death. I was involved in choir and worship committee for many years. For 35 years this church has been a very essential part of our lives.

Candy Shelton

Anyone who feels called to share how they became an active part of Elmwood West, feel free to submit an article. I love to hear the stories and will share mine at some-time.

Any articles would be appreciated.

Circle of Faith Update

Circle of Faith will not meet in July.

In August we will be election officers, delivering shower bags and planning our next projects.

Everyone is invited to be a part of this group.

Basketball and Burgers

We are starting a youth program this summer.

Starting on Monday, June

3rd at 5:30, Leland Miller

will be hosting a new pro-

gram that we are calling Basketball and Burg-

ers. All youth junior high and high school are welcome to come join him as he ministers

through sports, music and food.



Wednesday Night Meals

We will be taking a break from meals in July. We will pick up in August and take another couple of weeks in September for the WTR.

Quarterly Update on Roof Replacement Loan

The account for the roof loan payments continues to have a generous surplus.

Payments are \$1035.32 monthly.

The balance in the account to make these payments is \$11,781

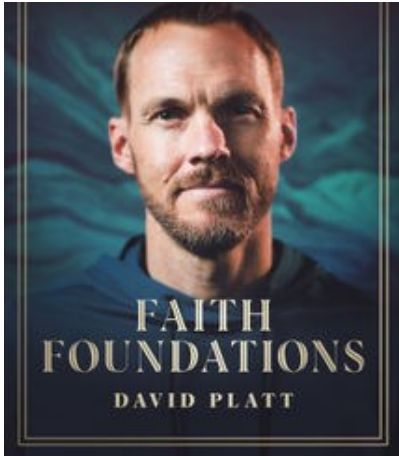
This gives us a surplus of almost one year of payments.

Designated donations, memorials and fundraisers are put into this fund.

If anyone has an idea for a fundraiser, let us know and we will do our best to see it happen.

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.



Excellent Study If you are unable to attend, I encourage you to watch the videos on line at RightNow Media.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/ewmc>

We will finish up Faith Foundations the first 3 week in August.

I am looking for another study to start after the Fair. I am leaning towards a study on prayer.

Everyone is invited to join us.

Burgers on the Lot



Mondays from 5:30 to 7 we will be serving burgers, chips and drinks to raise money to donate to the roof replacement fund.

**Burger and chips \$8
Canned Drinks \$1**

Children Content on RightNow Media

There are video for all ages, toddlers through teens.

Go To <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/ewmc>

Click On **Kids** for a look at what's available.

New from the Methodist Food Pantry

In the month of June we were able to serve 664 families which represented a total of 1228 individuals.

As with our church, we are losing giver and worker at a steady rate due to death and health issues. This trend of losing volunteers and financial supporters cannot be stopped, but we should all make an effort to let the younger generation know about our mission at the pantry. To continue our mission we need younger people to replace those we are losing.

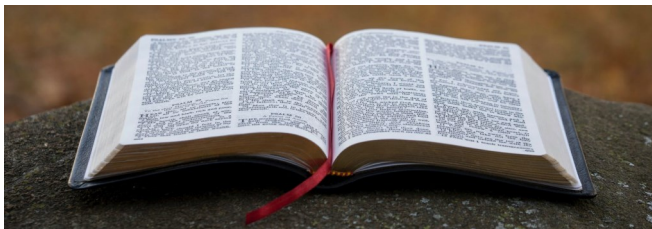
Prayer Request

Continued prayer for:

Lena Moore	Mary Steed
Carol Myers	Ava Howard
Bill Temple	Doris Harp
David Jackson	Marge Vargas
Reva Turner	Jose Garcia
Jackie Rincon	Lily Johnson
Family of Peggy Kirkpatrick	

*Our prayer group meet on Tuesdays at 1:00.
All are invited to join.*

*You can call 692-1173 with prayer concerns or
email ewmc@elmwoodwest.com*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Diane Tunmire 7/1
Mac McCarthy 7/1
Kathy Howard 7/13
Doris Harp 7/18
Rosalie Bounds 7/19
Pam Redman 7/25

In Memory of **Peggy Kirkpatrick**

By Mac and Evelyn McCarthy,
Louise Hatcher, Joe and Jen
Stephenson, Ricky Carroll, Joan
Salem, Jannie Rodgers, Martina
Justel, Virne Jennings

June 2

Sunday School	26	Worship	In Person 25 Online 2
Tithe and Offerings	\$5,922	Memorials	

June 9

Sunday School	26	Worship	In Person 19 Online 2
Tithe and Offering	\$1,528	Memorials	

June 16

Sunday School	34	Worship	In Person 31 Online 2
Tithe and Offering	\$1,150	Memorials	

June 23

Sunday School	20	Worship	In Person 21 Online 2
Tithe and Offering	\$693	Memorials	\$50

June 30 Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing

Sunday School	18	Worship	In Person 31 Online 1
Tithe and Offering	\$2,281	Memorials	\$100

June	Tithe and Offering	\$8,745
	Rental Income	\$2,450
Income	Home School	\$ 0
	Total	\$11,195

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July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1:00 Prayer Group	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	8 5:30-7:00 Burgers on the Lot 5:30 Basketball and Burgers	9 1:00 Prayer Group	10	11	12	13
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Worship Service Sunday 10:00 am



In Person and Facebook Live