

**Pastor's
Article**



**Bulldog
Believers
&
Dinner 4 Dawgs**



**M & M
Luncheon**



**Church
Activities**

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Pastor Connection

Dear Friends,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We as Christians have always held firm to the belief that prayer is one of the foundational principles of our faith. I have witnessed your commitment to prayer, and we have all experienced God's hand at work through our petitions. For the month of February, I am again asking that Elida Immanuel be in a special season of prayer.

I am asking first that you hold up our upcoming confirmation class. We will have our first class on February 24th, and it will continue for eight weeks. It looks like we're going to have an outstanding class of young people participating. Please pray that they will not take this commitment lightly. Confirmation is more than becoming a member of the church. It's a time of learning more about their faith, growing in their walk with Christ, and culminating in a public profession of faith. This is a big step in their lives. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will surround them in love and God's grace. Pray that the evil one will not gain a foothold in their lives. Pray that they will encounter Jesus in a way that they've never experienced before. Pray that this will be a life changing encounter.

Second, I'm asking that you will be in prayer for your new pastor, whoever that might be. God knows who it is, and He will reveal it in His time. Pray for Bishop Palmer, his cabinet, and our District Superintendent Barry Burns, as they prayerfully discern God's will. I am certain that he or she will be the right person to continue the work and progress that has already started here at Elida Immanuel. Pray that the Lord will empower him or her to preach the Gospel without fear, to lead the congregation boldly, and to love the people of Elida Immanuel and Elida with great enthusiasm.

Lastly, I'm asking that you hold up in prayer the United Methodist Church, specifically the special General Conference which will be held in St. Louis from February 23-26. If you remember, last year we walked through the teaching material titled: "A Firm Foundation," which led us through an exploration of United Methodist theological positions. It is my hope that the time has now come for the church to affirm what Scripture holds to be true concerning marriage and human sexuality.

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Connecting Families to Christ

Immanuel Connection



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Sunday Schedule

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. Connection Time
10:45 A.M. Contemporary Service

Sunday —Connection Zone—

Children & Youth Classes

Birth–35 Months..... Kidz Konnect Nursery
3 Years—Kindergarten..... Kidz Konnect Pre-School
1st – 6th Grade..... Kidz Konnect Room
7th—12th Grade..... Youth Connect Room

Adult Classes

Young Adult Class Adult Connect Room
Pathfinders Class Adult Connect Room
Friendship Class..... Fellowship Hall
Win-A-Person Class Fellowship Hall

January Giving

2019 Monthly Budget Amount \$24,657.00
Amount Received..... \$17,218.00
10% deducted for Missions..... \$ 1,721.80
Total..... \$15,496.20

Designated Giving: \$.00
(Kidz Konnect, Missions, Flowers, Memorials, Special Events, etc.)



Kids Konnect



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Hank Pietrzyk—18th

Kidz Konnect Missions Project

The month of February the Kidz Konnect kids will be doing their mission project. This year they will be collecting items to help our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Middle East through "Voice of the Martyrs", but will be collecting items for Family Medical Packs. So this year the items we will be collecting will be a little different than last year. "Voice of the Martyrs" will be sending these Medical Packs to places like Iraq, Syria and Sudan.

Many of these Christians have been chased out of their towns by ISIS because of their faith and are still living in very harsh conditions. Some have still not been able to return home. They are still without their homes, churches, and schools, and had to leave with virtually nothing.

The children of Elida Immanuel have a heart for these persecuted Christians and have spent many Sundays during their "Connection Time" discussing this and praying for them. Our children are grateful for the freedoms we have here in our country to worship as we want without fear, unlike persecuted Christians around the world.

There will be a sheet at the Connection Desk with the items the children will be collecting. Please place your name beside the item you would like to donate and how many you will donate to their project. This will help so we do not receive too many of one item. Please have all donations to the church by Sunday, February 24th, so they can pack the Medical Packs during the Rock-A-Thon.

Here is a list of items the children will need so you can begin to keep your eyes open for some good deals on these items.

- 30 boxes of Band Aids (20-50 of different shapes and sizes)
- 30 Gauze (pads or rolls)
- 30 Rolls of Medical Tape
- 30 Washcloths
- 30 Toothbrushes
- 30 Lip Balm (1-2 sticks or small tubes)
- 30 Nail clippers
- 30 Bars of soap
- 30 Disposable Antiseptic Wipes
- 30 Combs
- 30 Hairbrushes

You may also make a financial contribution towards the mission project by sponsoring a child for the Rock-a-thon to be held on Sunday, February 24th. They will be asking for pledges the weeks leading up to the Rock-a-thon. The financial donations will help with shipping costs and to help purchase any additional items needed. If you would like more information regarding the "Family Medical Packs", check out the "Voice of the Martyrs" website. Please help support our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ and the children of this church as they serve our Lord.

Bulldog Believers 5th & 6th grade students

Wednesday, February 27th

3:00—4:30 P.M.

Invite a friend or 2 to join us!

Kayla Wita,
Coordinator



Youth Group (students 7th—12th grade)

NEW TIME:

Sunday's @

3:00—5:00 P.M.

Brandy Hollstein,
Coordinator

Compassion Connection

Cards of Encouragement

Mrs. Mary Lyman
5077 Marciel St., Elida, OH 45807

Ms. Chris Gibbs
3090 N. Kemp Rd., Elida, OH 45807

Mr. Tom Miller
8960 Zion Church Rd., Elida, OH 45807

Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Ryan
6485 Tassel Ct., Westerville, OH 43081
Their little guy, Westley, has been in the hospital for the past 6+ months with many health difficulties. Please send a card of encouragement to Shaun and Erica. Erica is the daughter of Bob and Karen Meyer.

Praising God! — Alex Stewart has returned home from his tour in Afghanistan and has been reunited with his family in Colorado! They would like to thank their church family for all the prayers and support during his time of service!

Congratulations to Zac and Kayla Mull for the birth of their son, Brantley Wade, born on January 22, 2019, weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. and 19.5" tall. Brantley is the grandson of Wayne and Lori Williams.

Our love and prayers are sent to Cindy Lieuerance and family at the passing of her husband, Dave.



Thinking of You!

Please send a card to these folks as often as you can.
They truly enjoy reading them over & over!

Mrs. Doris Leimbach
9649 Taylor Ct.
Pickerington, OH 43147

Mrs. & Mrs. Gail Burget
1023 Gilliland Ave.
Delphos, OH 45833

Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Hooks
801 Cornell Dr.
Lima, OH 45805

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Riffle
3501 Diller Rd.
Elida, OH 45807

Ms. Chris Gibbs
3090 N. Kemp Rd.
Elida, OH 45807

Mrs. Helen Szuch
% Liberty Retirement
Community of Lima
2440 Baton Rouge
Lima, OH 45805

Mr. & Mrs. Nolan
Sherrick
7770 Elida Rd.
Delphos, OH 45833

Mrs. Mary Myers
328 Baxter St.
Elida, OH 45807

Mrs. Lois Smith
1070 Gloria Dr. #139
Lima, OH 45805

Mrs. Jean Ann Palmer
1425 E. Fifth St.
Delphos, OH 45833

Mrs. Donna McPherson
604 Sunnydale Ave.
Elida, OH 45807



Hospitalizations

When you are in the hospital or having surgery, please have someone (yourself, a friend or family member) call the church office @ 419-331-2366. If no one is available, leave a message. Messages are checked regularly Monday-Thursday during business hours. Over the weekend, in case of an emergency (life threatening illness or death) please call the parsonage @ 567-712-6765. (NOTE: this is a land line—will not accept text messages)

When you check in at the hospital and they ask you for “your religion”, please inform them you go to Elida Immanuel Church. (And even then, we sometimes do not get contacted by the hospital) *If you simply say that you are protestant or United Methodist, they do not contact the church. It is our job as a church to support you in times of sickness, and your communication is an important part of the equation. Thank you for your help.*

Active Connection



DINNER 4 DAWGS

On January 14th, D4D served a meal for the V and JV boys’ basketball teams as well as the cheerleaders. What a fun time with a great bunch of students!

We will soon transition into spring season sports if you can believe that already!! Also, we will serve a meal on-site at the school for the spring play cast and crew. Stay tuned for ways you can be involved by watching the church’s website, the bulletin, and the Connection Card!!

Thank you for your continued prayers for the D4D ministry as well as all the students, faculty and staff of the Elida Schools!

Becky Bollinger,
Coordinator



M & M LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, February 28th @ Noon. The menu will be ham and bean soup w/cornbread, Jello sunshine salad, cherry pie ala-mode and drink.

Following our lunch, Betsy Potts from the Veteran’s Food Pantry will be with us to share how the Veteran’s Food Pantry came to be.

We are asking you to help support the Veteran’s Food Pantry by bringing fresh fruit and/or vegetables with you to the M & M Luncheon.. Monetary donations will be accepted.

You won’t want to miss this! Plan to join us and invite a friend!

Tom and Sally Murphy,
Coordinators



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Tuesday, February 5, at 7:00 P.M., as we will begin a 7 week study called Heaven by Randy Alcorn. He will reveal heaven to us through scripture. If interested, please contact Linda Hoover so a Discussion Guide can be ordered for you.

The Immanuel Library

The adult library is the room east of the “front double doors” of the church!
Judy Long, Coordinator



Starting from Scratch

by Kate Lloyd

At age twenty-nine, that's what Eva Lapp considers herself. And who could argue with her? Finding a good Amish husband at her age will be next to impossible. Plus, Eva's unwarranted bad reputation in Lancaster County precedes her. Maybe living the English life would be better.

Squeezed out of her childhood home by her brother's boisterous family, Eva finds lodging and a new job managing a small cafe at a local plant nursery. But the challenge of her new position isn't enough to distract from her current predicament.

To Eva's surprise, her first love, Jake Miller, suddenly returns to Lancaster County. Flooded with emotions and filled with questions about Jake's past, can Eva trust what she's feeling?

Jake and Eva face many obstacles in their quest for a fresh start in the community, but perhaps with God's help, they can find the redemption they both desperately need.

Communion Sunday



February
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HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

2019 Giving: January \$73.00

Monthly Mission donation for February '19: Cleaning Supplies

Thank you for being faithful to this Mission Ministry through your “quarter” giving on Communion Sunday! Quarter poles are located at each Sanctuary door.

Please remember to bring at least 1 item per family to worship EACH month in support of the Allentown food Pantry. Your donations make a difference for families and individuals who visit the Allentown food Pantry.

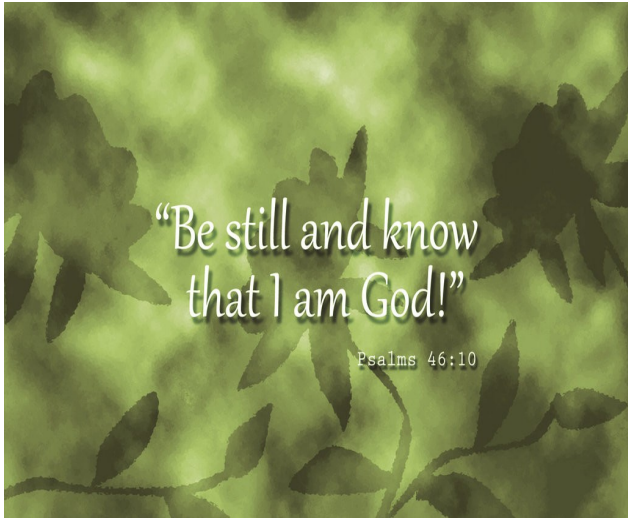
Active Connection

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It is my hope that such a stance will continue to extend to the ordination of United Methodist clergy. There will be three major proposals presented at this special General Conference: The Connectional Conference plan, The One Church Plan, and The “Modified” Traditional Plan. I support The “Modified” Traditional Plan which will keep our Book of Discipline’s position on human sexuality the same as it is currently. If you want to learn more about all three proposals, you can go to <https://wesleyancovenant.org/2018/12/27/understanding-the-plans>. I hope you will also join me in prayer for our Bishops and our delegates to the special General Conference. It is not going to be an easy task. We must pray that the Holy Spirit will lead them. We must pray that they will conference in Christian love. And, no matter what the outcome of this General Conference, we must pray that all people, no matter what race, social or economic background, sexual orientation, or gender, come to understand that they are welcome in our church. Each person is a person of sacred worth and loved by God.

Yours In Christ,

Pastor Bruce



UPDATES
FOR YOUR DIRECTORY

Mrs. Helen Beeler
220 Primrose Lane
Lima, OH 45807
New Phone #: 419-222-3383

Mrs. Sandy Lewis
2205 Montego Dr., Springfield, OH 45503

Captain Colin & Jessica (Foust) O'Connor
2001-B Kerkham Sq., Grove City, OH 43123

Mrs. Lois Overholt
310 Elida Rd. #314, Delphos, OH 45833




Ms. Barb Simpkins
4333 W. Lincoln Hwy., Gomer, OH 45809

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Smith
new land line 419 225-0029

Mr. & Mrs. Alex Stewart
4316 Inchon Circle A
Colorado Springs, CO 80902



Vacation Bible School
COMING
the week of July 8th

February 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion Sunday Youth Group 3:00—5:00 P.M.	4	5 Men’s Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teens for Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 P.M.	6 Lima Sister Cities 7:00 P.M.	7	8 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M.	9
10 Youth Group 3:00—5:00 P.M.	11	12 Men’s Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teens for Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M. Watercolors 7:00 P.M. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 P.M.	13	14 	15	16 Redbird Mission Pickup 9:00—Noon
17 Youth Group 3:00—5:00 P.M.	18	19 Men’s Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teens for Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M. Elida IUM Women 7:00 P.M.	20 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M.	21	22	23
24 Youth Group 3:00—5:00 P.M. Rock-A-Thon 5:00—7:00 P.M. 	25 Leadership Board. 7:00 P.M.	26 Men’s Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teens for Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 P.M.	27 Bulldog Believers 3—4:30 P.M. 	28 M & M Luncheon Noon		