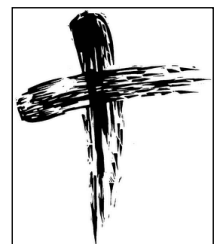


**Pastor's
Article**



**Bulldog
Believers
&
Dinner 4 Dawgs**



**Ash
Wednesday**



**Church
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Pastor Connection

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. March is upon us and of course, this means that we begin the season of Lent on March 6th with Ash Wednesday. We will engage Ash Wednesday a little different this year. On March 6th, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. I will be in the sanctuary praying for Elida Immanuel and our 2019 Lenten journey. During that time, I invite you to stop by and allow me the privilege to pray with you and impose ashes on your forehead, as we remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return. If you only have a few minutes, wonderful. If you would like to stay longer and pray silently in the sanctuary, that would be marvelous. My encouragement to you is to please stop by if you can. Allow yourself the opportunity to reflect upon who you are in Christ and how you will open your heart to Him to move in you in a new way during this Lenten season.

I also want to share some thoughts with you about the now completed 2019 General Conference which just concluded in St. Louis. I tried to watch the live stream of the proceedings while I worked, but I found myself spending more time watching the conference than getting work done. It has been a time of gut-wrenching heartbreak, emotional highs and lows, and relief. In the end, the Traditional Plan passed and the One Church Plan did not pass. What this means for us is this: The United Methodist Church's position that homosexuality runs contrary to biblical teaching remains intact. The church does not condone the ordination of gay clergy. The church believes that marriage is a union between one man and one woman. Friends, we serve an awesome God. He has been faithful because we have remained true to what the Bible has to say on the topic of human sexuality. The church did not compromise on its core theological convictions.

Now, while I celebrate the work of the General Conference, we are still a part of a very divided church. I have no doubt that this issue will not go away and we can anticipate future debate. But we must remain steadfast in our position about what God's Word has to say. My heart is also very heavy as I think about my brothers and sisters in Christ who are on the other side of this issue, and who love Jesus and faithfully serve Him.

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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

February Giving

2019 Monthly Budget Amount	\$24,657.00
Amount Received.....	\$20,028.00
10% deducted for Missions.....	\$ 2,002.80
Total.....	\$18,025.20

Designated Giving: \$ 690.00
(Kidz Konnect, Missions, Flowers, Memorials, Special Events, etc.)



March 6th is Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday, Pastor Bruce will be in the Elida Immanuel sanctuary from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. During this time, everyone is invited to come when you can, for the imposition of ashes on your forehead. This is a Holy Time of reflection, as we begin the Lenten season.

Kids Konnect



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Wesley and Ella — 3rd
Mason Pietrzyk — 21st
Hayden Liebrecht — 26th

Kidz Konnect Mission Project

Thanks to all who helped make the Kidz Konnect Mission Project a success. Thanks to all who donated items for the Medical Packs and those who sponsored the children for the Rock-A-Thon. With your help the children were able to pack 30 Medical Packs to send to the persecuted Christians in the Middle East. The children had a great time helping to pack the Medical Packs, rocking and watching a movie, and eating a lot of good food. The Kidz Konnect children appreciate all the support from their church family and are so excited to send the 30 Medical Packs to our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

Thanks for your support!



Family Faith Idea

Hide a cell phone somewhere in your house then call the number. Tell your kids to follow the ring sound to find the phone. After they find the phone talk about ways God tries to get our attention so that we will follow him where he leads. Read Psalm 85:8 together.

Bulldog Believers
5th & 6th grade students
Wednesday, March 27th
3:00–4:30 P.M.
Invite a friend or 2 to join us!
Kayla Wita,
Coordinator



Youth Group
(students 7th–12th grade)
Sunday's @
3:00–5:00 P.M.
Invite a friend or 2 to join us!
Brandy Hollstein,
Coordinator



**Elida Immanuel
Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 13**



**VBS Sports Camp
July 8-11**

Compassion Connection

We send our love and prayers to Brian Overholt and family during this time of loss. Brian's mother, Lois, passed on February 12th.

We send our love and prayers to the family of Tom Miller during this time of loss. Tom passed on February 13th.

Cards of Encouragement

These folks have been in the hospital during the month of February

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

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

Mr. Paul Swickrath
321 Baxter St., Elida, OH 45807

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

Mrs. Smith
105 Johns Ave., Elida, OH 45807



Roberta Ave., Elida,

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

Mrs. Helen Szuch
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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 McPheron
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 7th, D4D served the swim team. The V and JV boys' basketball teams and cheerleaders were served on January 14th. Then, by special request, Breakfast 4 Dawgs was served to the district-bound swim team. How exciting is that??!

We will take a meal to the school on March 14th to serve the play cast and crew. Next on the plate will be the spring sports teams. Watch your connection card on how you, too, can join the fun! In the meantime, D4D covets your prayers for our ministry as well as the staff and students at Elida.

Becky Bollinger, Coordinator



Elida IUM Women

Will meet Tuesday, March 19th @ 7:00 P.M. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. We are beginning to plan for the "Spring Fling".

Gloria Miller, Coordinator



M & M LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, March 28th @ Noon. The menu will be BLT sandwiches, mac & cheese, fruit cup, Texas sheet cake and drink.

Following our lunch, Beth Sibert from the Allen County Soil & Water Conservation District will share with us "The Dam Story".

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

Tom and Sally Murphy,
Coordinators

The Immanuel Library

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



An Uncertain Dream
Judith Miller
Book #3

When Pullman Car Works employees walk out in protest of their wages and high rent, Olivia Mott is torn between her loyalty to the company and her love for Fred DeVault. Amidst the turmoil in Pullman, Fred is asked to act as a local delegate to the national convention of the American Railway Union, but when the delegates vote for a boycott of the famous Pullman sleeping cars, Olivia wonders if Fred will ever be able to show his face again in the company town. What will become of their growing affection for each other?

Traveling to England to reunite with her parents, Lady Charlotte Spencer is faced with tragedy. Armed with her fledgling faith, Charlotte decides to return to Chicago with her son to restart her life. But when Matthew Clayborn, a reporter for the Chicago Herald, wants to spend time with her, she worries about his motivations. Is he interested in her or only in the information she can provide?



Communion Sunday



March 3

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

2019 Giving: January–February \$155.00

Monthly Mission donation for March '19: Paper Products

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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This is not a time to gloat. This is a time of reaching across the aisle in love and understanding. It is a time to promote healing. We must be sensitive to what our fellow Christians are experiencing right now. I hope you will join me in prayer for each of them. I encourage you to hold up in prayer our District Superintendents and our Bishop Palmer, as they navigate the political landscape that lies before them. Pray for wisdom and discernment, wrapped in love and grace. Pray that we as the church, especially Elida Immanuel Church, will live out our commitment to the task of making disciples. Pray that everyone who enters our church knows that they are welcome, that we love them, that they are people of worth, that they are valued in God’s eyes and in ours as His children, and that our doors will always be open to all.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bruce

Northwest Plains District
United Methodist Women 2019
Spiritual Day
Journey with Jesus
Saturday, March 30th
from 10:00—2:00 P.M.
@ Elida Immanuel Church

Cost is \$10.00—Brunch served
@ 10:00 A.M. by the
Elida Immanuel Women's Group

Rev. Bruce & Kim Tumblin will be sharing about their trip to the Holy Land.

Registration forms are located at the Connection Desk and must be sent to the NWP District UMW-Treasurer by Saturday, March 23rd.



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 13th

Easter, believe it or not, is on its way which means our annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up. We will again be filling over 5,000 eggs for our Community Egg Hunt. Please begin to keep your eye out for good deals on candy. Please keep in mind they need to be *individually wrapped and fit in an Easter Egg*. We would like to have the candy here by Sunday, March 24th, so we will have plenty of time to fill the eggs. Elida Immanuel has come through every year giving enough candy to fill all the eggs, and I know this year won’t be any different. We are also looking for door prize donations, so please keep that in mind as you are out and about. We will also accept financial donations towards door prizes, etc. if you are not able to get out and purchase them.

Thanks so much for all your donations!
Kidz Konnect



MARCH

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. Teen's For Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 P.M.	6 Ash Wednesday Service 11:00—1:00 P.M. Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M. Lima Sister Cities 7:00 P.M.	7	8 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M.	9 
10 First Sunday In Lent Youth Group 3:00—5:00 P.M.	11	12 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teen's For Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M. Watercolors 7:00 P.M. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 P.M.	13	14 Dinner 4 Dawgs TBA in bulletin	15	16 Redbird Mission Pick-Up 9:00—Noon
17 Second Sunday In Lent Youth Group 3:00—5:00 P.M.	18	19 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teen's For Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M. Elida IUM Women 7:00 P.M.	20 First Day of Spring S.P.O.O.N.S 8:00—Noon	21	22	23
24 Third Sunday In Lent Youth Group 3:00—5:00 P.M.	25 Leadership Board 7:00 P.M.	26 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teen's For Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 P.M.	27 Bulldog Believers 3:00—4:30 P.M. 	28 M & M Luncheon Noon	29	30 Northwest Plains District United Methodist Women Spiritual Day 10:00—2:00 P.M.
31 Fourth Sunday In Lent Youth Group 3:00—5:00 P.M.						