

Ellinwood United Methodist Church Newsletter-

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Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Ellinwood United Methodist Church Mission Statement

Filled with God's Spirit

***We exist to strengthen one another,
minister to others; share the Good News of Jesus Christ***



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Kids are back in school, covid is rearing its ugly head, things are at a stage of unrest in several scenes throughout the world, but God is still God and that like change itself will never change. And hopefully lightning doesn't strike twice. We Pray...

We are starting up FLAME again this month and look forward to any and all 6th thru 12th graders who want to join us. We will be at Salem for September beginning at 7pm. As the custom has been for those wanting to go from Ellinwood we will load up at 6:30pm from the EUMC parking lot and make the trip together. We are still looking for anyone who would be willing to teach for the month that we are at our church to help out with either the whole group or broke down to middle school and high school. If you feel this could be you for the whole month or at least the one evening per month that there is Administrative Council please let Pastor Tom know as soon as possible. Again, a huge thank you to all those who have assisted and supported FLAME in the past and for all of you that are willing to do so for this exciting year.

Another time in our church life that is coming up is we will be having our annual Church/Charge Conference on November 7th at 2pm at the Great Bend FUMC. That means that we will soon be holding committee meeting made up congregants who believe in the Body of Christ here and are willing to serve so that we can continue the mission of making disciples of all nations. Here in a few short weeks our nominations committee will be meeting and calling some to see if they are willing to serve. One of the major positions that we need to have someone to take over is the treasurer position. It is imperative that we have someone new volunteer this year so if you have the gift to keep track of financial information and available for a meeting every other month please call me and we can discuss it further. Our treasurer has been faithfully serving long enough and it is time for someone else to serve in this capacity. Please call if you have the slightest inkling and I can walk you through all of your questions. Remember in Acts when the first church was set up it depended on people sharing the gifts and graces that they were given according to Christ who gives us those gifts to use in service. In that way the Head can use the Body to go to all He sends us to.

Pastor Tom



ELLINWOOD BUDGET INFORMATION

God's Vision of continuing work through us
"All we have comes from God"

August Gifts through August 22nd
\$3,974.15

2 months of M&M 's paid

*Check out the August Ad Council Minutes for
the latest information on the finances of the
church.*

For online giving check out this link:
<https://www.ellinwoodumc.com/giving>



CHILDREN'S CHURCH meets in fellowship
hall following children's time during
worship.

This is for Pre-K through 5th grade.

WE have a GREAT group of teachers but
always have room for more. If you would like
to be part of this mission of our church
Contact Brandi Reazin.

FUN TIMES AHEAD



Open Door Sunday School- Sanctuary –
Open to all Adults

**Lisa Beckwith will be starting this class
again soon- be watching for details.**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES – THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO
CONTINUE LEARNING MORE EACH DAY
ABOUT THE LOVE JESUS HAS FOR EACH
OF US!**



FLAME



(Faith Leads And Missions Encourage)

FIRST MEETING-

September 8th @ 7:00 p.m. @

Salem UMC-

**We will leave from the church parking lot @ 6:30.
All youth 6th – 12th grade are welcome to attend.**



*Want to stay current on prayer needs and events going
on in the church. There are blank ONE CALL forms
in the foyer and there is a link on our webpage that
you can complete.*

<https://www.ellinwoodumc.com/one-call>

*You can choose to receive voice calls, emails, or text
messages- this would include meetings, prayer
requests, special services etc.*

*Just return the paper form to Virginia or email to
Ellinwoodsecretary@gmail.com
and you are set!*

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS-

Pastor Tom blessed all the backpacks for the
upcoming school year on Sunday, August 15th
Our prayers for our schools and children this
year.





SEPTEMBER



September – Birthdays

5 th - Sammie Reif	7 th - Pam Beck
13 th - Corey Grubb	14 th - Caleb Reazin
17 th - Chris Rippel	21 st - Justice Delgado
24 th - Bill Wolf	25 th - Brandi Reazin
27 th - Donna Schadel	28 th - Melissa Long
29 th -Melvin Reif	

September Anniversaries

8th – Melvin & Sammie Reif
 10th – Rick & Cindy Nichols
 17th – Zack & Shawntel Bowman
 24th - Robbie & Emily Evers
 30th – Rick & Colleen Bowman

September Worship Information

At this time we will continue to have the bulletins at the door.

Altar Decorations: Peggy Wolf

Sound System: Brian Stout

Power Point: Kaden Baird

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>
9.5.21	Kaden Baird	Kindyl Bortz	Nancy Baird
9.12.21	Nancy Baird	Emmalynn & Eleanor Perron	Susan Schneweis
9.19.21	Tony Schmitt	Lizzie Reazin	Rachel Bortz
9.26.21	Lori McLeland	Kindyl Bortz	Bailey Baird

Lightning Strike- August 7th, 2021

Lightning struck our church on August 7th, 2021. When we all gathered for church on Sunday morning, August 8th we were greeted with broken steps, the cross on the bell tower was broken and broken stone was on the steps leading into the church. Once inside we realized the Video/TV's and the sound system were not working.

God blessed us by saving our church from fire and from additional damage to our church home. Sunday afternoon- Pastor Tom went up to the bell tower and moved the cross so it would not fall to the ground. The insurance company has been contacted and the process of repairing or replacing the damage equipment and cross has started.

If you would like to help offset the cost of the deductible – please mark your check accordingly.



Keep our church in your daily prayers as we go through the process of working with different companies for repairs or replacement equipment. Prayers we can find a mason that will can replace our cross and fix the damage to the bricks and stones in the bell tower.

THE ELLINWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Wednesday, August 18th, 2021
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THOSE ATTENDING: Pastor Tom, Diane Hill, Susan Schneweis, Darren & Lisa Beckwith, Eric Bortz, Irlan & Virginia Fullbright

Pastor Tom opened the meeting with a devotion on the story of Caleb – blesses of being bold through difficult times and sharing the message.

Financial Secretary: Diane reported as of now, we are \$19,617 below our budgeted goal.

Treasurer: Income and expense sheets were shared. 2 months M & M's are paid. General Checking account balance \$711 still need to pay salaries and yard care for August.

UMW: Next UMW meeting will be in November.

Lisa also shared she will be starting a women's bible study in October.

Trustees: Irlan reported on the lightning damage to the church. Damage to the Video/TV's in the sanctuary, the sanctuary sound system and to the Cross and surrounding stone on the bell tower. They have been in contact with the insurance company. For lightning, we have a \$2,500 deductible. If this had been rain or hail, we would have had a deductible of \$14,000. Satellite Pros from Great Bend has been over to look at the video/TV system. They were the ones who installed the system last October. They are looking for vendors for the sound system and for a mason to look at the damage to the Cross and Bell Tower.

Irlan also reported that the trustees met and reviewed bids from Briseno Construction for 4 projects:

1. Refinish the front door and paint around the entrance - \$1,975.00
2. Replace the Cement on the south side in front of the steps (it is sloping down to the church)- \$4,850
3. Replace Plexi glass, paint etc. on the South and East Side Stained Glass Windows \$4,975
4. Paint and caulk the upper North and West Windows and repaint the wrapped areas also on those sides. \$6,932

The trustees voted to proceed with the front door and cement project first. A down payment of \$700 has been made to Briseno Construction- with the plans to start in 6-8 weeks (this was before the lighting strike) and they will proceed with 3 and 4 as funds become available.

There is \$2,100 in the building checking account to start these projects. There are some funds in the memorial account that could possibly assist with these projects. The memorial committee needs to visit with family members first to see where they would like their funds to be used.

Thanks to Eric Bortz for working on the sprinkler system at the church.

General Discussion was held on the finances of the church. Virginia shared that the cash flow in our general checking account is making it difficult to pay the bills. We will have 3 months building insurance due in September, \$1,987. We have only paid 2 months M&M \$5,400 balance due by Dec. We will have the deductible of \$2,500 for the lighting strike and we will need some funds to have a cash flow as we pay for the expenditures until the insurance company reimburses us.

Funds from the Investment accounts were reviewed. We invested funds 5 years ago and they have done well. Balances in the investment funds are:

- Generational Funds: \$90,957.00- started with \$50,000
- Building Funds: \$16,817.00- started with \$10,000
- Scholarship Funds: \$8,722.00 – started with \$5,783.80

Susan made the motion to transfer \$20,000 from the Generational Fund- to our general checking account, \$6,817 from the building fund to the building checking account to assist with the trustee's projects, and \$500 from the Scholarship Funds for Cass Stout scholarship. Eric Bortz second motion passed. It was also noted that we realize that our congregation may donate to the building projects or to help offset the deductible amount.

Pastor Tom will be starting a men's Bible Study mid-September. Details to be announced. FLAME will be starting in September for 6th – 12 grade. He shared a thank you from the District Superintendent for those who were able to come and visit with her. Church Conference will be November 7th at Great Bend 1st @ 2:00 p.m. He will be meeting with the nomination committee soon and the finance committee will need to meet to help plan the budget for 2022. He will be taking vacation October 17th.

Other Business: All Church Barbeque on August 19th – City Park @ 5:30

Possibly a Church Soup Dinner on October 10th for a fundraiser for the general fund. AND DON'T FORGET TRICK or TRUNK on October 31st.

Irlan closed with prayer. Next Meeting: October 20th @ 6:30p.m.