



The Spreading Flame

Ellendale United Methodist Church



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“For Us and for Our Salvation...”

That’s Jesus’ mission statement as put forth in the Nicene Creed. After identifying who Jesus is – the only Son of God, eternally begotten and of one being with the Father, the one through whom the creation came into being – the council that met in 325 in Nicea laid out Jesus’ mission statement: “For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven...” It moves from the “who” to the “why”.

Jesus Christ came, in short, for humanity with the purpose of saving us. This statement has been one of the basic beliefs of all followers of Jesus since the birth of the church. This foundational belief has inspired so many stories of redemption that are illustrated in song, in history, in personal experiences, and in art.

Priscilla Owens was a Methodist laywoman who lived in Baltimore in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. She was a public-school teacher for 49 years and was an excellent writer of prose and poetry, including a hymn that was inspired by this foundational belief that “Jesus saves”. That hymn, which many of you may know, concludes with these lyrics:

*“Shout salvation full and free,
Highest hills and deepest
caves,
This our song of victory –
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!”*

So, indeed we affirm with the church throughout all ages: “Jesus saves!” The questions we may ask as we celebrate and live into this belief is, “What does this ‘saving’ consist of?”. For most of us, the initial response to this question centers on the spiritual realm – that Jesus saves us: from sins; from the powers of evil that tempt us to go against the will of God; from eternal separation from God. It is right for us to focus upon this and to proclaim this word of salvation. But when the biblical writers spoke of “salvation”, they didn’t restrict this to the realm of spirituality. Rather, they viewed salvation through a more holistic lens that saw a deep connection between the spiritual and other realms of our existence. Hence, when the Gospel writers spoke of Jesus bringing salvation, they spoke about other dimensions also, so that salvation means “being made whole”. When Jesus proclaims salvation upon people in his ministry, it speaks not only the message of liberty and forgiveness from sins, but also to physical healing, mental restoration, financial justice and wholeness, and relational

reconciliation. All of these aspects are implied in different occasions by use of the same word that we frequently translate “salvation”.



“For us and for our salvation...”

In the month of July, I would encourage you to join us in worship as much as you can while we explore the richness of this phrase – “For us and for our salvation...” and how Jesus Christ comes in the gospels to restore us completely – spiritually, physically, mentally, financially, and relationally. May we be inspired by the likes of Priscilla Owens, who embraced this reality of salvation by making a difference in her world through education children that they might know there is a God who cares for them and longs to make them whole.

Peace+
Pastor Jeff

CONNECTION YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We look forward to seeing each of you in Sunday School at 10:00am .

GOD IS LOVE, JESUS IS LORD, and YOU ARE LOVED
in the Ellendale UMC Connection Youth.



Sunday School Teachers

We need you to teach our young disciples. We are asking for **you** to sign up to teach for one month out of the year. Please sign up by the Fellowship Hall entrance or contact Nilse at 901-674-2577 or

ngilliam@ellendaleumc.com

VBS is here!

If you haven't already, please pick up a yard sign and put it in your front yard to help us advertise our event.

As of date, we have 65 kids pre-registered and we are expecting several to sign up the week of VBS.

We especially need help with the following positions:

- Security. We need 2 volunteers to walk around during VBS guarding the perimeter to make sure we are all safe.

- Traffic. This year we are trying out a new drop off and pick up system so we need 2 volunteers to guide the parents outside so traffic won't be chaotic.

If you can help, please call/text Nilse at 901-674-2577 or email ngilliam@ellendaleumc.com

Our VBS theme is **Game On!** It will center around 2 Peter 1:3. It will talk about what it really means to win in the game of life.

We are asking for you to pray about how you can get involved. We need some people to:

- pray for the volunteers, kids and families.
- put signs on their yards to let the neighbors know about VBS.
- volunteers to help during VBS.

***What can you do?
Let us know!***

Lakeshore

Our children had a fantastic time at Lakeshore. They said they did not know how much fun a week without screens could be. They came back with wonderful stories to share and they want to be back next year!



Important Dates to remember:

July 8: VBS Meeting after the 11:00am service

July 16-20: Game On VBS

Acolyte Schedule:

1st Sunday:

Sam and Julianne Rudy

2nd Sunday:

Julianne Taylor and Josh Kuhstoss

3rd Sunday:

Hope and Kendall Hayes

4th Sunday:

Alan Foster and Emma Bruno

5th Sunday:

Elijah Gilliam and Josiah Gray

Children's Church Schedule:

July

- 1 – Robin Bruno
- 8 – Dennis Foster
- 15 – Angie Taylor
- 22 – Victor Foster
- 29 – Heather Summerhill

August

- 5 – Robin Bruno
- 12 – Dennis Foster
- 19 – Angie Taylor
- 26 – Victor Foster

Action Kids Schedule

- 1st Sunday: Kids stay in service
- 2nd Sunday: Matt Cooper

3rd Sunday: *Need a volunteer*

4th Sunday: Tricia Foster

*We are counting on your prayers, and we ask you to please spread the word about all of the great things God is doing with our children here at EUMC

July 1

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

July 8

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 10:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

July 15

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6:14-29

July 22

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalm 89:20-37

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

Schedule

Sundays

8:45am	Worship Service
9:30-10:00am	Meet & Greet
10:00am	Sunday School
11:00am	Worship Service

Tuesdays

6:30pm	Cub Scouts
7:00pm	Boy Scouts

Wednesdays

6:30pm	Choir Practice
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Special Dates for July

July 4	Office Closed No Schedule
July 7	United Methodist Men
July 11	Summer Reading Program



YouthVillages MobilityWorldwide 20/20 Forgiveness House Kairos



"It is with great joy that the Scholarship Committee at Ellendale UMC announces the awarding of a \$500 scholarship to each Josh Kuhstoss and Drew Stanford. Josh will be attending college at Mississippi State University. Drew will be attending the University of Mississippi. We

wish them well as they begin this next chapter of their educational lives and look forward to seeing what great things God will be doing in their lives! Congratulations,

Josh & Drew!"



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 16-20

Note from your Financial Secretary –

Greetings and blessings to Ellendale UMC!! First, thank you for the warm welcome I have received the past five months. It has been a joy meeting all of you!!

Just a few reminders: Please remember EUMC is tax exempt. If you are purchasing items for the church, just show the tax exempt form at the time of purchase. The forms are in the office, and we will be happy to provide as many copies as needed. When receipts are turned in for reimbursement, please fill out a reimbursement form and attach receipts to the form. We also have reimbursement forms in the office.

Again, thank you for the welcome!! Have a fun and safe summer!

Blessings,
Vanessa Keith

See any of the officers for the date and time of next meeting. All women are urged to attend.

Love,
Cindy

Ellendale



July 27, 2018



<u>To</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>On</u>
Blake Anderson		01
Marshall Dabney		01
Shannon Rico		01
Jan Smith		02
John Stevens		02
Pam Temple		02
Elizabeth King		04
Lynda Bogan		04
Grayson Palmer		05
Paula Stewart		06

The next scheduled meeting of the United Methodist Men is July 7 at 8:00 am. All men are urged to attend.

Will Hair, UMM

Catherine Chapman	10
Hubert Davis	11
Chandler Rushing	11
Julia Davis	11
Jerry Morris	11
Linda Morris	13
Cona Cooper	13
Josh Forbes	13
Betty Overman	13
Wendy Moses	13
Nancy Ford	15
Quinton Bolt	15
Mary Baker	15
Barbara Brewer	17
Carmen Hatchett	18
AJ Foster	18
Victor Foster	19
Dick Carlson	19
Jacob McKeel	19
Patricia Hubbard	19
Dean Honadle	19
Taylor Nichoalds	20
Fran Aday	21
Lauren Anderson	21
Kyle Buchanan	22
Sean Curtis	22
Brittney Burford	23
Gena Baxter	25
Louise McKinnie	25
Julianne Rudy	27
Jack Parr	27
Roy Hubbard	27
Ryan Hayes	27
Max Cohen Jenkins	30
Andrew Buchanan	30
Robert Fly	31
Tricia Goetzka Foster	32



<u>To</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>On</u>
Hal & Diane White		02
Brian & Judy Schott		03
Jeff & Carrie Rudy		04
James & Joyce Walker		04
Richard & Susan Keltner		14
Danny & Paula Dickerson		21
Kevin & Ashley Lawrence		22
John & Barbara Stevens		24

Wayne & Gwen Engbretson 26
Nathan & April Thompson 29



This July 4 let's remember who gave us this great land.
GOD



In the past few months, Congregational Care has been busy implementing new programs and modifying existing ones.

Mending Hearts

is a team of those who are committed to offering love and fellowship to those members of our congregation who have recently lost a spouse. Their work is special and I want to thank them for their dedication.

The Card Ministry

has had a change of leadership. Linda Johnson has agreed to become chairperson. I want to wish her well as she begins a new calling. Thank you Linda!

Home Communion

I am grateful for all who have become part of this ministry.

Watching the growth of the Congregational Care Team has been a joy and, to all, your willingness to serve is appreciated.

I am in need of your help. The **Home Visitation Group** is looking for volunteers. Please call me if you have questions about this opportunity to serve.

Barbara Stevens
Congregational Care Chairperson



The **Worship Committee** has many members and friends that are always doing a wonderful job decorating for Ellendale!!!

Cindy Foster,
Leader Worship Committee



Greta Thompson by:
Baldwin & Shell Construction
John & Shayla Copas

Bill Palmer by:
Clyde & Linda Johnson
Charles & Carol Lord
Marjorie Simmons
Jerrel & Ginger Reasons
Mary Prince
Lee & Kay Fisher



Bernie Lewis by:
Clyde & Linda Johnson

Card Ministry by:
Clyde & Linda Johnson



Edith Palmer and family in the loss of her husband, Bill Palmer

Marian Baker and family in the loss of her son, Jeremy.

Casper Logan and family in the
loss of his Aunt,
Dionne Stabley

Sue Tripp and family in the loss
of her brother,
George Burford

Ardie Bahr and family in the
loss of her cousin,
Connie Thayer

E-mail Prayer Chain

To put a pray request on E-mail send
it to:

EUMCprayerlist@googlegroups.com

Prayer Room combination 1-5-2

If you would like to have flowers
placed on the altar in honor or in
memory of a loved one, please call
Anabel Copeland at 373-9130 to place
your order. Please pay Anabel
Copeland in advance. Also, please call
the church office to let us know the
date you wish to have Altar Flowers. If
you have any question, please call
Anabel or Edra in the church office.

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