



The Spreading Flame

Ellendale United Methodist Church



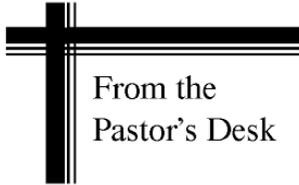
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From the
Pastor's Desk

September 2019 Newsletter

This is the September newsletter. What happened to the first eight months of 2019? Has the Earth on which we live begun orbiting faster around the Sun? Or, maybe someone has removed some of the days from the year. Can you believe how fast time gets past?

It seems not long ago we were facing the year ahead wondering where our journey would lead. And, just last week – or so it feels to me – schools were ending their year and we were looking ahead to summer breaks and summer vacations. But, now it's September, schools are beginning new school years. Teachers and students are already getting entrenched in the rigors of another year's journey. And, with September, Autumn officially begins.

For each of us, whether this year has flown by, or just dragged along, one thing is certain: time keeps moving along. The sun continues to set and rise at its natural pace. It's a reminder that time

doesn't wait on us but keeps moving whether we're ready or not; it keeps moving regardless of what we have done, are doing, or plan to do.

I often hear folks say something like: "*I just don't have enough time to get everything done...*" Or, over and over retired folks say something like "*I'm so busy now, I don't know how I had enough time to get everything done when I was working full time.*" So, we've known for a while that, for some reason, days have begun to have fewer hours – *with not enough hours in a day to accomplish everything we need to do.* But now, as the years seem to speed up as well, we may not even have enough time in the year to get everything done we need to do.

That could present a major problem. That is, what are we going to do? What are we going to do if we don't have enough time to do everything we need to do? Every day, every month, every year we seem to be busier and busier. I don't think a "labor-saving" device has ever been invented that actually saves labor. It seems there is always more to do – more to do than there is time to do it.

I think what often happens is we get trapped taking care of urgent matters – those noisy issues right in front of us that

demand our attention – and sometimes overlook, or let go entirely, those things of life that are really important. In our current state of busier and busier lives, I think the issue of overlooking the important is a challenge for all of us. We may overlook the most important within our lives because of the business of our lives.

Moreover, the "*important*" we many times overlook has to do with the nurture of body, mind, spirit, and relationships. You would probably agree. I expect you can come up with your own personal examples of very recent times when you have sacrificed the importance of body, mind, spirit, *AND* relationships (all of them) to take care of some noisy something right in front of you.

As we continue our journey through the remainder of this year and beyond, I want to encourage you to rethink your schedule, maybe even your day's agenda. Let's stop pushing the important back into the shadows just to take care of the noisy issues that always remain before us.

Grace and Peace,

Larry



Bible Verse:

The community of believers was one in heart and mind.

Acts 4:32

September Sunday School

Focus: Communities – we will focus on what it means to be a part of a community.

Children's Church:

We will begin learning the Lord's Prayer and about the sacraments of communion and baptism during children's worship.

**Super Sundays at Ellendale!
Beginning Sunday, September 8
More info to come**

Children's Church Schedule:

Sept. 1 – Victor Foster
Sept. 8 – Heather Summer
Sept. 15 – Robin Bruno
Sept. 22 – Dennis Foster
Sept. 29 –

ACOLYTES

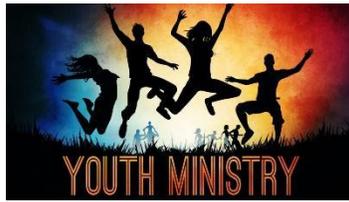
Sept 1 –
Michael & Christopher Moranville

Sept. 8 –
Katie Zelinski & Hope Smith

Sept. 15 –
Allen Foster & Emma Bruno

Sept. 22 –
Hope & Kendall Hayes

Sept. 29 –
Dianne & Marjorie Thorn



**ANONYMOUS MENTOR
PROGRAM**

This is a long term program that follows the youth from 6th – 12th grade.

How it works: A mailbox or drop area will be designated for each youth. You may put in there anything encouraging that you wish. It can be notes with words of encouragement, gifts, whatever God lays on your heart, through prayer, to give to each youth. The only limit is the limit God puts on you. **Most importantly, you must remain ANONYMOUS.** The Youth that you choose should not have a clue to who you are until their High School graduation celebration, that will be held/recognized at the church, which is when you will reveal yourself then. The goal is for the youth to know that someone is praying for, watching and observing them and wants them to succeed in all that they attempt and do. And with them not knowing who it is, hopefully, will encourage them to do good at all times. It also serves as a concrete lesson on how God is watching us at all times, wanting us to live according to Gods will. And how God gives us Grace, even when we don't deserve it. If you are interested, contact me by email at lerule@memphisseminary.edu or call me at the church office Mon–Wed 9am-2pm (901) 386-0205 by cell (601) 826-0192



MOTHER'S DAY OUT

NEWS

HELLO SEPTEMBER!

I can't believe August is over! We had a wonderful time this past month! The 3K and Pre-K classes got to learn about the letter "C" and "L", and in science they learned about caterpillars and the luau! In the Toddlers and 2K classes, they got to explore the letters "C" and "L", and in science they learned about their eyes and ears! In our nursery, our sweet babies had fun playing in the ball pit and singing nursery rhymes! We have had such a great time this month- how fast it has flown by! We've got an exciting month ahead of us. Please read below for September news and dates of importance.

EUMC MDO every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30AM – 2:30PM

St. Jude Trike-a-thon – week of September 23rd

In house field trip – Lichterman Nature Center (date TBD)

We still have spots available in our program! Please contact Christine at 901-373-4379 to enroll your child!

Thanks

Christine

I would like to thank everyone that attended the UMW Taco Bar luncheon. We made over \$200 to be used for our Mission work. I would especially like to thank the ladies (and men) who helped set up, serve and clean up after the luncheon.

Our next event will be Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 14. More information to come.

The Sisters Circle will hold a bake sale on Sunday, Sept. 29 in the fellowship hall. We will be selling baked good during Meet & Greet and after the second service.

Sour next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 1:00 pm. We meet in the office conference room.

Melinda Nance
President

The next UMM meeting will be Saturday, September 14. The meeting will begin at 8:00am with breakfast.

Jim Nance

WELCOME
New Members

Robert Shaw (Doc)
Theresa Shaw (Terrie)
Alice Shawt Shaw

September 1

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-29
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 22

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

	August 2019	as of 8-31-19
Budgeted Offering & Tithes	\$23,803	\$202,326
General Offering & Tithes	\$25,259	\$191,943
Communion or Special Offerings	\$171	\$2,079
Designated Giving	\$8,865	\$65,742
Total	\$34,295	\$259,764

Schedule

Sundays

8:45am Worship Service
9:30-10:00am Meet & Greet
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00 pm Sunday Evening
For Children, Youth, Adults
9/15 – 11/10
With exclusion of 10/13 - fall break
Fifth Sundays are combined
Sunday School Days

Tuesdays

9:00am-2:30pm Mothers Day Out
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesdays

5:30pm Bells Practice
6:30pm Choir Practice

Thursdays

9:00am-2:30pm Mothers Day Out
First & Third Thursday every month
7:00pm Girl Scouts

Special Dates for September

Sept. 2 Labor Day Office Closed
Sept. 3 Mother's Day Out
Sept. 3 Nominations Committee
Sept. 4 United Methodist Women
Sept. 7 Gospel Sing – Hymnsmen
Spaghetti Dinner
Sept. 12 Alma Sawyer Circle
Sept. 13 Sisters Circle
Sept. 14 United Methodist Men
Sept. 15 Church Picnic
Sept. 22 Bridal Shower – Ashley Ison
Sept. 24 Susannah Circle
Sept. 28 Wise & Wonderful
Sept. 29 Pancake Breakfast
Sept. 29 Sisters Bake Sale



<u>To</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>On</u>
Mark & Jennifer Anderson		06
Jim & Sandy Davis		06
Jonathan & Holly Howell		08
Randal & Dixie Henderson		09
Glenn & Sarah Shepherd		15
Joseph & Jean Shearer		17
Louis & June Alder		18
Dean & Gail Honadle		20
Pete & Pete Smith		27
Clyde & Linda Johnson		30



There will be a Bridal Shower for Ashley Ison on Sunday, September 22 at 2pm in the fellowship hall.

Ashley is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Thanks,
Debbie Evans



<u>To</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>On</u>
Justin Burford		02
Ashley Ison		02
Hannah Howell		04
Joshua Rico		04

Sheree Coats	04
Marjorie Simmons	05
Mike Cooper	06
Sarah Shepherd	06
Cindy Ison	06
Harry Plunk	07
Linda Johnson	08
Danny Baxter	09
Tony Deaton	09
Doc Shaw	10
Pat Klink	10
Carolyn White	11
Kylie Winters	11
Marilyn Boles	12
Garrett Burford	12
Samuel W. Moranville	14
Mickey Johnson	14
Jamie McKeel	14
Bill Watkins	14
Marcia Fly	15
Nate Moran	15
Mikey Moranville	16
Rick Grimes	16
Dave Taylor	17
Kenny Prestage	18
Brian Schott	18
Neva Strickland	19
Jalen McKeel	19
Jason Lewis	19
Brenda Scallions	20
Gary Howard	21
Diddle Fryman DeMilt	21
Lana Johnson	22
Terry Bronze	22
Kyle Day	22
Cash David Evans	23
Daxon Andrew Evans	23
Jerry Lewis	23
Henry Ferguson	24
Sarah Bogan	25
Jacob U'Ren	25
Peyton Stanford	25
Emma Summerhill	26
Edith Page	26
Alex Chapman	26
Jay Chapman	26
Dick Pilbeam	26
Eric Evans	27
Steve Gowen	27
Kevin Lawrence	28
Zachary Rico	28
Shirley Dorsey	29
Karen Chapman	30



The Hymnsmen Quartet

Saturday Sept. 7 7:00 P.M.
Spaghetti Supper at 5:30 P.M.
\$5.00 each. Contact Regina
Geno at 901-233-5014 or
ticatah104@aol.com for tickets
to supper.



For Sally Ann Fate by:

Nancy Zelinski
Mary Prince

For George & Irene Parker by:

Bob & Ruth Saigon
Family of the Parkers



September 10 @ 6:00PM
3625 Midland Ave. 901 458-
5808

Greetings!

As a new school year
approaches, we give thanks for

the many blessings at the Wesley Foundation at the University of Memphis. As a leader who has helped support this ministry, you are among those blessings! We thank you for your past and present support of Wesley at Memphis.

We are excited to celebrate our past while looking ahead with great expectation to the future at our second annual Memphis Wesley Open House Fundraiser. We will gather on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00pm. We hope you will be able to attend and invite others from your congregation.

In addition to enjoying a time of fellowship and refreshments at our Open House, you will hear from:

- a rising sophomore who is finding an opportunity to grow in her spiritual leadership;
- a local Methodist pastor who is reaching more children in the community through an after school program launched in partnership with our campus ministry;
- and a rising junior who is discovering a deeper sense of vocation through serving as a student leadership intern at Memphis Wesley.

We hope you will join us for this special night on September 10!

Sincerely,

Morgan Stafford

Executive Director, Memphis Wesley

***Adults in Mission
(AIM)***

Mountain T.O.P.

Mission Trip Planned

Thursday, October 24th through Sunday, October 27th, are the dates for Ellendale UMC's first Adult Mission trip to Mountain T.O.P., a mission in Grundy County Tennessee (near McMinnville). The weekend will

include opportunities to work on major home repairs or help with their annual Community Fall Festival.

The home repair program addresses structural repairs and renovations of local homes (structural integrity, energy efficiency, dryness, or handicap accessibility) that would not be possible otherwise. Materials and needed tools are provided through Mountain T.O.P.

The Fall Festival began as a shoe distribution event in 2012 but is now a full community event for families of the surrounding area. People pay \$1 or give 1 non-expired canned food item per person to enter. The Festival includes a give-away of items many families would otherwise do without, including coats, shoes, socks, winter accessories, and hygiene needs (most items are donated by individuals or churches).

This October weekend is very popular, and spaces fill up quickly. The cost of the trip is \$185.00 for first-time or student missionaries, \$225.00 for those who have served in prior years, if paid before September 15th (\$250.00 on or after September 15th). Scholarships are available.

Missioners can choose to help with the Fall Festival (setup, working during the festival, and cleanup) or work on a Major Home Repair team. To check out the fall A.I.M. ministry program or to register online go to: www.mountain-top.org/fall.

To receive more information regarding our Team or the mission site, please contact the church office:

edra.eumc@gmail.com

or (901) 386-0205

Some important stuff to know!

**Learning to be the salt
& light of the Earth
SHINE!**

Matthew 5:13-16

**Older Elementary
Retreat**

Lakeshore Camp & Retreat
Center

September 27-29, 2019
www.lakeshorecamp.org
(731) 584-6102

For: ages 9 – 12

Cost: \$99 per person

Arrival Time: 7 p.m. on Friday

(Eat before you arrive - no meal served Friday night)

**Departure time: After lunch
on Sunday**

*(Help us be good stewards -
let us know if you are not
eating lunch at Lakeshore
when you register)*

Register as an individual or youth group from your church. This retreat will give participants an opportunity to grow in their faith, build community and strengthen bonds within the group. Plus, children and adults will get to meet others from throughout the conference and build lasting friendships.

****As a group, churches will need to bring one counselor (17 years or older) per 6 children (of the same gender if possible)**