



The Spreading Flame

Ellendale United Methodist Church



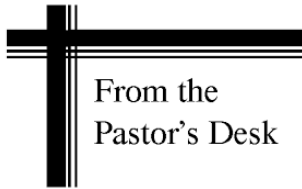
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October 2019 Newsletter

As you read through this newsletter, you will read about upcoming events and opportunities for October and beyond. The Ellendale Family is blessed with opportunities offered to bring us closer to God and help us develop into stronger disciples. The only question that remains is our investment. Are we going to invest in our God relationship through the opportunities before us?

Throughout life's journey, we are asked again and again to contemplate our Christian relationship. Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, God did not provide us with the opportunity to gain another title – *“Christian”* – but with an opportunity for a whole new, life-changing relationship. *“Christian”* is not just the name we acquire, nor merely another club we join when we

profess our faith in Jesus the Christ. As you realize, *“Christian”* is a one-word description of the, life-changing relationship with God in which we live, always growing deeper and stronger in the relationship through devotion, prayer, service, and study.

I trust that all of us, in our Christian relationship with God, are moving beyond the mindset that seems to have prevailed within the Christian community over the past several decades, that offering a few hours on Sunday morning, and a few dollars – if we have anything left over – is all that is needed for our relationship with God. We know that strong relationships require strong commitments – usually commitments of time, presence, and personal investment. One must invest in a relationship for the relationship to be a beneficial one, growing deeper and stronger through the years. The same is certainly true of our relationship with God.

Within the United Methodist Church, we cover this with our words, vowing to live out our faith through our prayers, presence, gifts,

service, and witness. These five aspects of the Christian faith are what are needed for a great relationship with God. I pray that, for the Ellendale Family, these five aspects have moved beyond mere words to become a description of our investment in our personal relationship with God.

Hope to see you Sunday.

Grace and Peace,

Larry





At HOME with GOD ALL HANDS ON DECK

This month we will be hearing stories about Moses and the Israelites.

Memory Verse: I'll be with you.
Exodus 3:12

Week 1:

Call to Freedom (Exodus 2:11-3:22; 5:2-13:9)

Focus – Moses is called to lead the Israelites to freedom because God longs for all people to be free from injustice.

Wonder – Have you ever been asked to do something hard?

Week 2:

The Exodus (Exodus 13:17-14:31; 15:1-21)

Focus – God's mighty acts frees the Israelites from Egypt.

Wonder – What do you think makes a great leader?

Week 3:

Community in the Wilderness (Exodus 15:22-17:7)

Focus – God provides for the Israelites after they are set free.

Wonder – How does God provide for you each day?

Week 4:

Ten Commandments
(Exodus 19:1-20:21)

Focus – God gives the Israelites the Ten Commandments to help them

have loving relationships with each other and God.

Wonder – What rules keep you safe?



I'm looking for volunteers to aid in the planning of the 2020 Youth Calendar and organizing of upcoming events/outings. Volunteers need to be prepared to sacrifice one Saturday out of a month for Youth gatherings. Contact me for more details.

Latarvis Rule

ANONYMOUS MENTOR PROGRAM

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 OCTOBER!
GOOD-BYE SEPTEMBER!

We have had a busy month? We've been learning about the letter "N", "P", and "T"! We've been discovering Christopher Columbus, nursery rhymes, pets, and trees. We've been learning about noses, mouths, hands and fingers. The children also participated in the St. Jude Trike-a-thon and had a visit from the Botanic Gardens. It's been a very full and busy month! We still have open spots in our program – please contact Christine (901-373-4379) if interested!

Attention adult Sunday school classes: we need your help!

We still need supplies for each class. We have five total classes in all. If each Sunday school class could sponsor a MDO class (i.e. the nursery, the toddler room, 2k, 3k, and Pre-K), that would be a great help to us. I would provide a list of supplies that that particular class needed. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping with this endeavor. You can email me at christine@ellendaleumc.com. Thank you in advance for your help.

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

MDO is closed for fall break
October 14th-18th

Costume Party Thursday, October 31st

In-house field trip - TBD

Thanks

Christine



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

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 1:00 pm. We meet in the office conference room.

Melinda Nance
President



The next UMM meeting will be Saturday, October 26. The meeting will begin at 8:00am with breakfast and there will be AED training. Please register ahead of time. Thanks.

	September 2019	as of 9-30-19
Budgeted Offering & Tithes	\$29,754	\$232,080
General Offering & Tithes	\$28,971	\$220,914
Communion or Special Offerings	\$232	\$2,311
Designated Giving	\$5,937	\$71,679
Total	\$35,140	\$294,904

October 6

Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 13

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 20

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104 or Psalm 19
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 27

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

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, and Adults
With exclusion of 10-/13 – fall break
Fifth Sundays - combined SS Days

Tuesdays

7:00am-8:00am Men's Study
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

Oct. 1 Nominations Committee
Oct. 2 United Methodist Women
Oct. 5 Fall Festival & Craft Fair
Oct. 7 Church Council
Oct. 8 Field of Friends
Oct. 10 Alma Sawyer Circle
Oct. 11 Sisters Circle
Oct. 20 Adult Luncheon
Oct. 21 Finance Committee
Oct. 22 Susanna Circle
Oct. 26 United Methodist Men
AED Training
Oct. 26 Wise & Wonderful
Oct. 27 Charge Conference

Arlington United Methodist



<u>To</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>On</u>
Glen & Janey Alexander		04
Miles & Keneen Edwards		06
James & Christine Moranville		06
David & Debbie Durham		08
Terry & Robin Boles		09
Walter & Donna Norris		09
Jack & Peggy U'Ren		15
T.J. & Christina Logan		21



For Sally Ann Fate by:

Cynthia Zelinski
Linda Strickland
Georgia Mabry
Altruria Elementary School
James & Joyce Walker
Lynn & Vicki Fuller
Ron Lickey

For George Parker by:

Linda Strickland

For Joe Rushing by:

Linda Strickland
Charles & Carol Lord
Samuel & Judy Flowers
Phillip & Peggy Sublett

For Wayne Engbretson by:

Ruby Brown



<u>To</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>On</u>
Stephanie Klink		01
Sheila Stanfill		01
Diane Lowry		02
Kevin Gray		03
David Stanfill		04
Nicholas Roper		04
Delores Pass		05
Holly Linder		05
Cathy Barker		06
Ricky Fly		07
Bailey Wimberley		08
Kendall Hayes		08
Bill Clariana		10
Logan Rushing		10
Bettye Howard		11
Barbara Roper		12
Jessie Taylor Phair		12
Renee Goetzka		13
Hannah Durham		16
Jenni Bearden		17
Tripp Green		18
Timothy Kennelly		20
Heather Summerhill		21
Anastasia Yoshida		21
Ginger Reasons		22
Kristi Mason		23
Sevana Gilliam		24
Keneen Edwards		25
Marjorie Thorn		25
Beverly Bolt		26
Frances Noe		27
Patty Lapka		29
George Stewart		29
Kay Fisher		30
Mason Lee Thompson		31



The next get together will be October 12 at Ellendale UMC in the fellowship hall. This is a dinner with fellowship starting at 5:00pm.



LET THE WORDS OF
MY MOUTH

— AND THE —

MEDITATION OF
MY HEART

BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU,

O LORD,
MY ROCK

— AND —

MY REDEEMER.

PSALM 19:14, NRSV



***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

**Consecration Sunday is
Coming!!**

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. *New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of

my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world. Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship. We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Consecration Sunday Chair,
Terry Stanford