

ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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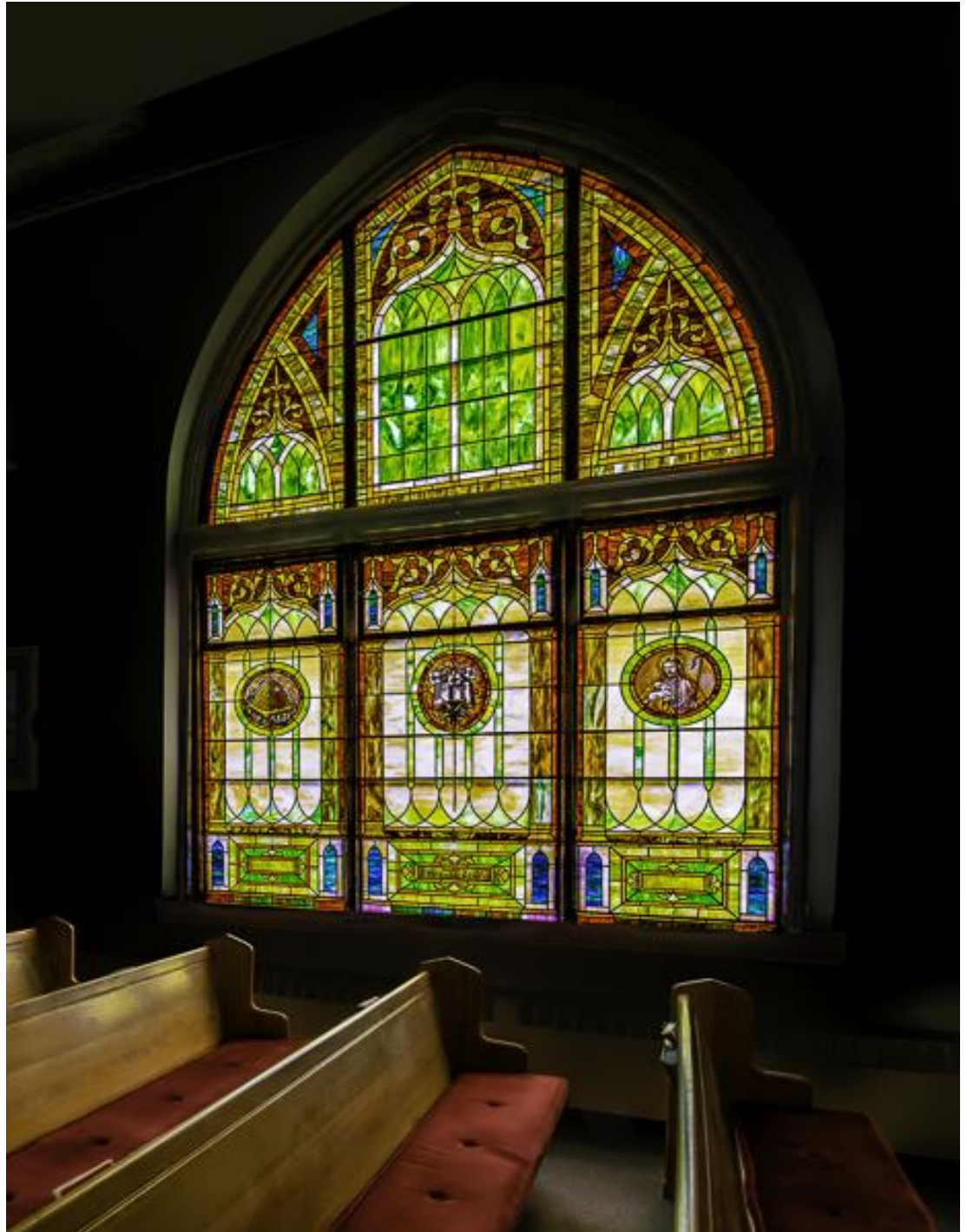
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From the pastor to you:

Why Not Spirituality of Caleb!

The churches across the nation have been hit hard by a pandemic this year. Our church is not an exception from this unprecedented outbreak. Since March, we have been virtually worshipping and from the month of June, we came back to in-person worship but with the restriction of wearing masks and social distancing. Due to several restrictions put into place, our ministry programs had to be cancelled or replaced with an online format.

During our pandemic time, I am reminded of Caleb in the Bible. When Caleb appears in the book of Numbers, he was 40 years of age. As we all know Caleb went to explore the promised land with 12 tribes' representatives. After they came back, 10 out of 12 reported that it is impossible for them to overcome the great land of Canaan. They said "But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large." (Numbers 13:28). However, two people: Joshua and Caleb give a completely contrary report. They said "Do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them." (Numbers 14:9). While 10 people said it is impossible to overcome the great cities, Joshua and Caleb said if God is with us, why not go ahead and take the land?

After 45 years, Caleb appears once again in the book of Joshua and his age was 85 then. Young adult Caleb has become a mature senior man. By this time, the Israelites had conquered most of the land and they were all settled in Canaan. Yet there was still land left over to overcome; the land that was the most difficult to take over. But Caleb does not give up. He says "Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said." (Joshua 14:12). Joshua still has this "Why Not" spirituality even after he became an 85 year old elderly man. If God is with us why not? He is adventurous and challenging. He has wrinkles on his face and his body is weak now, nevertheless his spirit is still confident.

I am reminded of the "Why Not" spirit of Caleb throughout this pandemic. It is easy for us to say, we can't do it because of the pandemic. We can't worship, we can't visit, we can't fellowship. It is true that it has restricted us. But we should never take advantage of this as an excuse. We may not be able to worship like before, but we will still worship; we may not be able to visit like we used to. but we will still give a call and visit with restriction boundaries. If God is with us, why not? It is so easy for us to say, we cannot do it. But I think we need to think of what we can do instead of what we cannot do. I cannot deny that it was God's grace this year despite of a pandemic outbreak. God was still faithful to our church, and He was still in the midst of our fellowship. We will reset, restart and rebuild again by the help of God!

Surrendered to His Sovereignty!

Rev. Won D. Kim

November

Events Calendar

Individual birthdays are written in green

Anniversaries in red

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
1 Memorial Sunday	2 Trustees	3 SPRC	4	5 Nancy Day	6	7 Steve Krohn Ryan Kim
8 ServiceTLM Evening of Song Alivya Genow Communion	9	10	11 Open Church 7-8 PM  Veterans Day	12	13 Ryan Herrin	14
15 Adult Bible Study after Service	16	17	18 Evangelism/Worship Eli Abbe	19 RoseMary Farver	20 AA 7pm Bill Osborne	21
22 Adult Bible Study after Service	23	24	25 Open Church 7-8 PM Vivian Osborne	26  Happy Thanksgiving	27 AA 7pm Ashley Hatfield	28 Doni Motz
29 Adult Bible Study after Service	30					

REMEMBER THAT THE CORONAVIRUS SCHEDULE TAKES PRECEDENCE AND THAT ALL GATHERINGS IN OUR CHURCH REQUIRE MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING.

Those Helping with Worship in October

Worship Leaders : Dede Russell

Ushers: Cheryl Abbe and Deen Forster

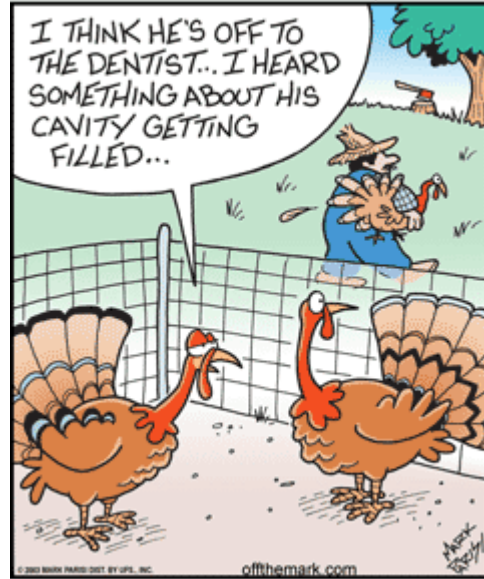
Accompanists: Sherry Helmuth, Samantha Corrion, Nola Kauffman

Sound Technician: Russell Sowden, John Blair or Frank Russell

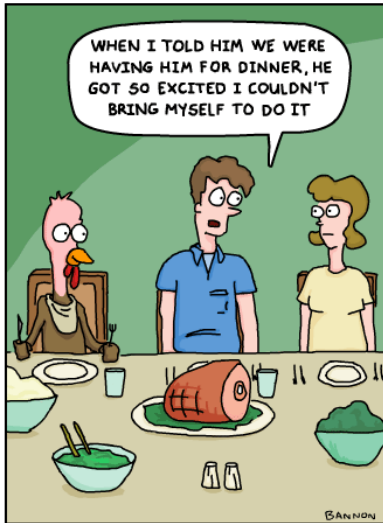
Projectionists: Starla McKenzie, Dee Esch

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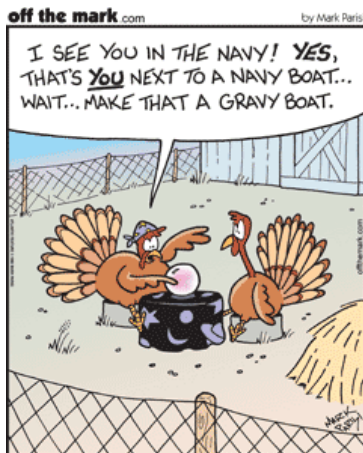
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November Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Wayne Knechtel	2 Barb Krohn	3 Brad Krohn	4 Richard and Nancy Krohn	5 Steve and Mandie Krohn Lakyn	6 Terry and Cathy Krohn	7 Lorraine Kurzer
8 Beverly Lackie	9 Wm. and Barb Lackie	10 Evelyn Matteson	11 Kevin and Starla McKenzie	12 Max and Doris McKenzie	13 Ron and Bonnie Miller	14 Doni Motz
15 Eric and Armondo Motz	16 Jay and Mary Motz	17 Becky Nieschulz	18 Ruth Osborne	19 Bill and Vivian Osborne	20 Ernie and Sharon Buchholz	21 Fred and Gayle Reynolds
22 Dede Russell	23 Frank and Deb Russell	24 Rusty and Joy Sarles, Crystal and Caytlyn	25 Karen Smithers, Johnathan and Kaitlin Brown	26 Phyllis Snider	27 Lee Sowden	28 Matt and Abbe Cavanaugh, Preston Stanton
29 Marvin Tulppo	30 Shirley Weidman					

Volunteers Needed: Power Point Operator for Sunday Service: Please call Jim Deming. This requires your presence every third Sunday upstairs, requires little learning and is very rewarding. You do not need any computer knowledge other than what will be taught to you. Total learning time is about a half hour. Please help. (It's a secret, but, there always seems to be chocolate up there!)

Please, if you have teaching skills or leanings; if you feel strongly that kids need a Christian background, if you love kids and love to see them grow in spirit, consider volunteering to serve the education committee. If not, please pray for this need.

We can't stumble if we are already on our knees!

October 22, 2020

Dear friends,

I am finishing up the packing for my move to Adrian, Michigan. There I will be closer to my sons and back in the area where we lived before Craig was appointed up here to Elkton United Methodist Church. I will also be closer to where Craig was laid to rest. It had been my plan to return there, but the charms of Huron County had made me comfortable enough to stay this long.



Although I look forward to being a bit closer to family, and I have very good friends down there, I will miss you and my friends up here. I will miss seeing your friendly faces as I enter the sanctuary on a Sunday morning. I will miss singing harmony to the hymns next to Wayne Knechtel. I will miss the laughter at choir practice. I will miss John Blair's Adult Sunday School group and the "after class" restaurant trips, which were much appreciated as a chance to dine with others instead of alone. I will miss the comfy Bible Studies at Phyllis Snider's house. I will miss Pastor Won's informative sermons and his lovely family. I will miss the church secretarial and friendship bond with Cindi Herrin. And the children...I will miss seeing the ballet moves of Samantha Corrion's daughters as she plays the hymns. I will miss Blake Ewald's hamming up the Christmas Plays and dropping by my house to say "Hi!" I will miss the surprisingly good acting talents and singing voices of the children. I will miss getting to know the children during Junior Church/Sunday School and watching them learn about the Bible and the lessons it holds for our lives. I will miss all of my good neighbors I have had since moving up here. And I will always embrace how the community came together to move me out of the parsonage at my hour of need.

I guess I will view the last four years here as my period of mourning and now I am ready to move forward to see what this next chapter of my life offers. I want to thank you all for the lovely quilted throw and table scarf, made from the quilting talents of Grace Blair and presented to me as a parting gift from the church by Bev Lackie, my dear neighbor and friend. I wish you all peace and love and may God bless you and keep you until we meet again.

With much love,
Lorraine Pillow

P. S. Certainly feel free to look me up if you are in my area. My new address is:

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