

THE JOURNEY

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Rev. Mike Bealla
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A Message from our Senior Pastor

Greetings in the name of Jesus, the risen Christ!

As I write this, I am pulling together all the necessary things I will be taking to our Annual Conference session. In fact, those of us who are representing our congregation will be piling in the church van for our three-day excursion to Hershey, Pa. Annual Conference is the time, once each year, when pastors and laity from our 850 + churches gather together for "holy conferencing." While together we will be ordaining and commissioning pastors, celebrating the ministries of those retiring, remembering clergy and conference laity who have gone on to service in God's presence, setting the direction and ministry plan for 2020 and hearing the many reports of how we are impacting the lives of people near and far. We will also take time to elect conference rep-

resentatives to attend the General Conference in 2020 to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

We are a connectional church. That means that we are actually one church in Christ with some 39,000 local branches in the United States alone. No one congregation can do everything that needs to be done, but together we accomplish a tremendous amount of enabling and empowering mission and ministry! Through our Shares of Ministry, we are present in that mission and ministry in ways we could not be alone. We are blest to share both our connection and our Wesleyan understanding of the faith.

Those attending from Elm Park this year include, Leigh Redmon and Missy Yushinski, Lay Members and myself as pastor. Diana Howe is attending as a

Member at Large of the Scr. W-B District and Wesley Bealla will be representing the District as a Young Adult member. We will do our best to report during and following the sessions.

I ask for your prayers as we join with almost 1600 members of our Conference in listening to what direction God holding up before us. There is a sense of uneasiness and in some cases pain with the recent results of the LGBTQ issue which we all hoped would be resolved at the special session of General Conference held a few months ago. I am sure that topic will be discussed again in terms of where we can go from here in being a more welcoming and inclusive church.

Unfortunately, I fear that discussion may overpower the other

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wonderful mission and ministry our local churches have carried out since we last met. There is a power in our connectional church as united, but that power of unity can easily be outweighed by those forces which would destroy our unity in Christ. My sincere hope is that we can always agree to disagree and love each other as Christ commanded us to do.

Finally, I am also looking forward to June 9, Pentecost Sunday when we will be welcoming into professing membership: Keira Brogan, Carolyn Burke, Emily Gordon, Sadie McDonald, Coen Miller, Ryan Prothero, Dylan Smith, Lauren Stevens, Chole Tucker, Benjamin Warring and Ethan Warring. There will only be one service (10:00am) on June 9th so that we can be one church family for this special moment in the lives of our young people. Our Choir will be coming back from their summer break to share two very special anthems as well. Refreshments will follow after the service in the dining Room.

Well, I've got to get back to packing...Until we see each other in Church,

Grace & Peace!

Rev. Mike Bealla

Keeping Up Our Tradition 100%

We have just received a commendation for having paid our "Shares of Ministry" in 2018! "Shares of Ministry", once known as "apportionments," are the life blood of our connectional church life. Every United Methodist Church is asked to support our world- wide mission and ministry through our Shares. Based upon a formula which considers each church's ability to pay (as indicated by expenses) for the greater ministry, these dollars are used to enable ministry in our own communities, the Conference area, and the General Church mission that extends to most countries in today's world.

The long- standing tradition of paying these shares in "full", helps assess the vitality of each individual congregation's ministry, and their heart for mission and those who are hurting.

It is indeed a "big deal" that Elm Park continues to be 100% faithful in supporting not only our own local ministry and outreach, but exciting to realize how much good our giving does everywhere that our connectional church worships and lives. From the inner city to the African brush, we are there!! Thank-you to our faithful leadership who make this mission an annual commitment to Christ and his Kingdom! And thanks to you as your regular giving does change lives!





Save the dates July 22nd-26st, 2019 from 6:00 PM– 8:30 PM for Vacation Bible School.

Our theme will be: "To Mars and Beyond: Explore Where God's Power Can Take You."

All children ages four throughout those who have finished fifth grade along with parents and other adults are welcome!

Dinner is Provided.

All Young Adults and Teens grades 6th-12th are welcome to come July 19th-20th, 2019 to experience VBS themselves before helping out.

Many helpers are needed. Please consider sharing your talents, skills, and energy.

Register now at elparkumchurch.org/vbs

Glory to God,
who is able to do far
beyond all that we could
ask or imagine by his
power at work within us!
Ephesians 3:20



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check out both our website, www.elmparkumchurch.org and the conference website www.susumc.org. In both places you will find the conference livestream archives, where you can watch videos of the entire conference, and you will find a large photo directories with photos from all three days. On the conference site you will also find reports on what we voted on and approved and summaries of all that was accomplished during out three days at Hershey Lodge in Hershey PA.

- Wesley Bealla, Director of Communications and I.T.

THE ELM PARK JOURNEY

Latest Episodes

You are always invited to watch our bi-weekly Web-Series entitled "The Elm Park Journey." Each episode features our Lay Leader, Diana Howe, as she interviews guests from our church about events, programs, ministries, groups, and leaders from our church.

In our upcoming episode, Diana will be interviewing our Conference Delegates about this year's Annual Conference.

In another upcoming episode, Diana will be interviewing our Karen Sadowski and Helen Evans about VBS 2019.

If you have any ideas for future episodes for "The Elm Park Journey" contact Diana Howe, Rev. Mike Bealla, Wesley Bealla or email media@elmparkumchurch.org.



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Check out our monthly printed and emailed Newsletter "The Journey!"



Elmparkumchurch.org

Our primary source for information, news and events. There's resources, staff information, and photos!



Announcements, reminders, and news sent via email from Rev. Mike.



Connecting you with news and announcements through social media.



Facebook.com/elmparkscanton

The Elm Park Journey, Live Streaming, Services, and Informational Videos.

Tinyurl.com/epumcvideos
Videos.Elmparkumchurch.org



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Another Trustee Project Completed

A while ago, our Board of Trustees reviewed some major facility undertakings that would move us forward into the future. All of us know the expense of caring for our own living space. Imagine how expensive it is to maintain our wonderful buildings. While it seems that small jobs are part of our annual planning, the Trustees realized the need to take on several larger projects to be completed by 2020 and formulated a plan we named, "Vision 2020."

Projects now accomplished have included the replacement and repair of our two large boilers used to heat our church building, two new wonderful electronic signs that tell our story outside the church, the bi-annual slate roof inspection and repair of both buildings, the upgrading of electronic door sensors on our elevator for everyone's safety, extensive exterior masonry wall and sidewalk work, and, just finished as of writing this article today, the replacement of the crumbling asphalt of our two parking lots! These were all a significant undertaking but needed to be addressed both for the beauty of our facility, and the safety of our members and friends.

The funds for these important improvements are the result of interest income from our endowment funds. Due to the generosity and faithful remembrance of many of our members in the past, we have been able to make these necessary improvements.

Please consider remembering our church in your will! It's amazing what you can continue to do after to have joined in the heavenly kingdom! "Vision 2020" will be completed with time to spare! The last project remaining is now the funding stage. The Trustees are matching every square yard of carpet subscribed to by our members and friends... Well underway, we will let you know how close we are getting to replacing our old carpet friend which has served well beneath our feet! Thank you for helping make this possible!! Gifts are still needed for this challenge! "Vision 2020" was named to remember the words of the writer of Proverbs who reminds us that "people without a vision are soon dead." Praise God our vision of tomorrow continues!

Annual Conf



Annual Conference this year was from Thursday May 30th thru Saturday June 1st and was held at Hershey Lodge in Hershey PA. The theme this year was Better Together: One with Each Other. Over 1,600 people were gathered there in attendance between Clergy, lay members, and Members at Large.



During the Opening Celebration of Conference, Our Bishop, Jeremiah J. Park celebrated the beauty and harmony of Christ seen in the many ministries of our churches in our Conference. He also talked about the impacts that the 2019 Special General Conference Session caused in the United Methodist Church in whole. He stated "The hurt is real and deep. To our LGBTQ brothers and sisters, and to you the parents of LGBTQ children, I want you to hear from me that I am sorry. I am sorry for the hurts and pains that you live through because you and your loved ones have been made to feel less than God's beloved children. You are of sacred worth to God. You are God's beloved. My prayers will continue to be with you for the grace of assurance, strength, perseverance, healing, and wholeness."

On Friday evening we honored the ministries of over 21 retiring Ordained Elders, one of whom is our out going District Superintendent Rev. Marian Hartman.



Conference 2019

Friday we had a report from the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. In the report we learned that in 2018 our conference paid 100% of our share of General Church Apportionments making it 7 years in a row. We also learned that we also paid 100% in our Conference portion to Africa University.



To watch the Annual Conference 2019 livestream archive or to look at photos go to susumc.org/annual-conference



Over the course of conference we had to elect 28 individuals, both laity and clergy to be our Conference representatives to both General and Jurisdictional Conferences. To General Conference we elected Rev. Matthew E. Lake, Rev. Janice F. Hughes, Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Salsgiver, Rev. Dr. Kathleen E. Kind, Rev. Jason R. Mackey, Rev. Dr. Kenneth M. Loyer, Christina McDermott, Kaytlynn Hughes, Dr. Milton Loyer, Craig Brennecke, William Leight, and Spencer Ross. To Jurisdictional Conference we elected those above and Rev. Mark F. Reisinger, Rev. Dr. Gary D. Weaver, Rev. Rachel E. Keller Wong, Rev. Jacob A. Waybright, Rev. Lenore C. Hosier, Rev. Dr. Paul C. Amara, Shawn M. Gilgore, Dr. Kim Garris (LeGore), Madisyn Bennett, Raymond Hamill, Alexander Clark, Lucy Obrzut, and Alternates Rev. Rebecca L. Holland, Rev. Richard M. Morris, Glenn Heisey, and Toni Oplinger



Our Mission: Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World



ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

It is that time of year when the church awards the Jenkins Scholarship and the Elm Park Service Award/Scholarship.

The Jenkins Scholarship was established by Mrs. Joyce McClure in memory of her parents, Winifred and Clarence Jenkins. It is open to members of Elm Park who are accepted by institutions of higher learning below the graduate level. First year applicants should provide a copy of the acceptance letter with the application.

The Elm Park Service Awards/Scholarships are open to all currently participating members of Elm Park United Methodist Church pursuing education beyond high school who have been actively involved with worship and church activities.

Contact the church office for application information. The deadline for application submission for the 2018-2019 Academic Year is **June 30**. All applications must be received by that date for consideration.

SUSUMC CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Financial assistance is available through the campership program; print an application at www.susumcamps.org.

You will also find the camp brochure, forms, and additional information at this site or contact the camp office at 717-766-7395.

Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.

Ephesians Christ advance Jesus good
 prepared handiwork works created God
LEFT RIGHT

For we are God's _____, _____ in
 L pinky R thumb
 _____ to do _____,
 L pointer R middle R ring L thumb
 which _____ in _____
 R pinky L ring R pointer
 for us to do. _____ 2:10, NIV
 L middle

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians

VBS 2019 Registration Is Now Open!

All Kids Pre-k thru 5th Grade and Adults sign up for July 22nd-26th. All Young Adults 6th Grade thru 12th Grade sign up for July 19th and 20th.

Register at www.elmparkumchurch.org/vbs

If you would like to volunteer at either the weekend and/or the week long VBS events you must register as well. If you have any questions or need an paper registration form call the church office at (570) 342-8263

JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

CHAPEL READERS

02 Bill Miller
09 Pentecost Sunday
16 Marianne Wolf
23 Susan Crane
30 Ed Rodgers

SANCTUARY READERS

02 Leigh Redmon
05 Sarah Cooper
16 Dawn Redmon
23 Rick Bivens
30 Joan Pilosi

ACOLYTES

02 Elm Park Youth
05 Elm Park Youth
16 Elm Park Youth
23 Elm Park Youth
30 Elm Park Youth

RECEPTIONIST

02 Marcy Jesse
05 NA
16 NA
23 NA
30 NA

CHAPEL GREETERS/USHERS

02 Liz Swartz/Nacy Yasinskas
09 Combined Service
16 Joe & Karen Sadowski
23 Alan Cunningham/Mary Gordon
30 Prothero Family

SANCTUARY GREETERS

02 Joan Pilosi/Volunteer
09 Butch Barron/Donna Barron
16 Rick Bevans/Volunteer
23 Jill Luczak/Sharon Keen
30 Hank Jones/Maureen Jones

HOSPITALITY HOST/HOSTESSES

02 Barbara Petters/Liz Calianno
09 Jill Eidenberg
16 Jill and John Luczak
23 Louise Jones
30 Donna Mang/Chloe Tucker

SANCTUARY USHERS

02 Bill Miller, Jane Miller, Sarah Cooper, Leigh Redmon, Joan Pilosi, Rick Bevins, Volunteer
09 Sarah Cooper, Joan Pilosi, Butch Barron, Donna Barron, Jason Miller, Julie Miller, Camden Miller
16 Leigh Redmon, Rick Bevins, Harold Hiller, Dawn Redmon, Bev deBarros, Volunteers
23 Joe Sadowski, Karen Sadowski, Jill Luczak, Sharon Keen, Leigh Redmon, Volunteers
30 Leigh Redmon, Missy Yusinski, Tina Kohanski, Hank Jones, Maureen Jones, Dawn Redmon, Volunteer



JUNE ALTAR FLOWER



June 2 - NA

June 9 - In Honor of our confirmands and new members by Church Council.

June 16 - In Memory of Benjamin Lee and in Honor of Bill Miller and Fred Miller by Betsy and Jane Miller

June 23 - In Memory William Pasco by Joan Pilosi.

OPEN DATES FOR ALTAR FLOWERS: July 7, 21, & 28. Please call Marie Priblo at 570-342-8263 Ext. 10 if you are interested in any of these available dates. Thank you.



01 Dorothy Bauman
 01 Mandy Magnot
 01 Chris Seidita
 02 Marian Roberto
 04 Samuel Ceccacci
 04 Katey Kohanski
 04 Margaret Smith
 05 Emily Gordon
 05 Noah Perrotti .
 05 Ann Smith
 06 Anthony Cole
 06 Lauren Cole
 06 Tamara Statsman
 07 Michael Kleha III
 07 Roy Petrini Jr
 08 Joseph Arcadipane
 08 Dona Carpenter
 09 Jennifer Wallace
 10 Cassandra Tereschak
 11 Ashley Godfrey

12 Andrew Bosley
 14 Lucille Miller
 15 Jill Luczak
 16 Michael Burke
 16 Christine Moss
 16 Debbie Nallo
 16 Marie Nguyen
 16 Joan Rudick
 18 Elizabeth Hoover
 18 Lisa Nasiatka
 18 Brenda Staerker-Lewis
 18 David Wenzel
 19 Abigail Fisch
 19 Jeffrey Kleha
 19 *Tyler Muir
 19 Kaylee Zarick
 20 Celestine Conrad
 20 Marina Cruser
 20 Cindy Fisch
 20 James Mendicino
 20 Sarah Pilosi
 21 Jason Bugno
 22 Emmerich Anderson
 22 Caitlyn Cole

22 Rebecca Fisk
 22 Kevin Reihner
 23 Susan Bouselli
 23 Michael Ferrario
 23 Sherian Lupole
 23 Brenda Olek
 24 Kaitlyn DeNunzio
 24 Dustin Dippre
 24 Zachary Kolander
 24 S Dawn Redmon
 24 Maria Warring
 26 Michelle Dempsey
 26 Robin Long
 28 Thomas Allen
 28 Sarah Conrad
 28 Gail Cunningham
 28 Aftin Felkowski
 28 Karl Howells
 28 Alexandra Mansour
 29 Conrad Bosley
 29 Thomas H Brogan
 29 Luke Stanton
 30 Brian Anderson



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This is a snapshot of Events & Activities scheduled for the month of June. A full schedule is available on our website. Should you like to schedule an activity or have questions, please contact Marie Priblo at 570-342-8263.

Weekly Events for June

Monday	2:00 PM	Staff Meeting (L)
Tuesday	1:00 PM	Disciple Bible (L)
	7:00 PM	Disciple Bible (L)
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting (L)
	10:00 AM	Bread Basket (MPR 1)
Friday	12:00 PM	Prayer Group (L)
Sunday	8:30 AM	Worship in Chapel
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Prayer & Praise Service



Thursday, 6/6	6:00 PM - 8:00PM Church Council (L)
Sunday, 6/9	10:00 AM Pentacost Sunday
Saturday, 6/16	4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Peace Meal (D)
Thursday, 6/20	6:00PM - 7:00 PM SPRC (L)



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8:30 AM Chapel Service

8:30 AM—10:00 AM Fellowship time

10:00 AM Sanctuary Service

11:30 AM Prayer and Praise Service