



Elliston Zion United Methodist Church

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## Last Chance for Women's Spring Banquet Tickets

Ladies, mark your calendar for the 2016 Banquet being held on May 15 at 5:00pm. Purchase a table of 7 or 8 for \$60 or you can buy individual tickets for \$12/adult and \$5/child under 12. Dinner includes lasagna, salad and bread. Each table is asked to bring a dessert to share. Entertainment will be provided by "The Hot Flashes." Tickets are available from Barb Markley or JoAnne Craft and must be purchased by May 8.

**Men**, your help is needed with cooking, serving and cleaning up. If you can help, please see Mike Andryc or sign-up in the narthex.

## Connecting Neighbors Team Training July 9

We have all known someone in this area who has been touched by tragedy. Are you prepared? Is our church prepared?

What would we do as a church if tragedy hit Elliston? We would BE THE CHURCH! We would BE HIS CHURCH!

That's why Elliston Zion is forming a Connecting Neighbors Team...to be the CHURCH in times of trouble....and you can help!

West Ohio Conference has UMCOR trained leaders to help local churches develop a disaster ministry. Churches can better provide a caring Christian response to local disasters if they have prepared their church families and facility before disaster occurs. Connecting Neighbors addresses the faith community's responsibility in disaster readiness and response and suggests tools to meet individual and community needs.

Module 1: Ready Congregants focuses on preparing individuals and families to be disaster-ready. Participants will be inspired to take action in order to prepare themselves, their households and others before and immediately following a disaster.

Module 2: Ready Churches emphasizes the importance of protecting church property and the people within the property, before and immediately following a disaster, and of appropriate use of church property in response.

Module 3: Ready Response encourages churches to explore their capacity for various disaster response ministries and to consider ways to engage community partners.

**Please contact LisaAnne if you are interested. We will also invite our neighboring churches and UMC churches in our District.**

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesdays

Bible Study: Red, White & Brew 7 am  
Prayer in the Lounge, 8:30 am

### 2nd Wednesday

Food Pantry, 5-7 pm

### 3rd Sunday

UM Women & Men meeting, 12 pm

### 4th Saturday

Food Pantry, 10 am to Noon

### May 9

Ad Board, 6:30pm

### May 15

Women's Spring Dinner, 5 pm

## Thank You

We would like to thank everyone involved in the "Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Lasagna Dinner" fundraiser for TNT. It was because of your team work that it was a great success.

God bless our congregation,  
*Pat'n'Ted*

## Encouraging Word

"And this righteousness will bring peace. Yes, it will bring quietness and confidence forever."

*Isaiah 32:17 NLT*

## Light Pantry Serving Local Residents

All residents of Ottawa County who are struggling with hunger and financial insecurity are welcome to the Light Pantry. Guests of the pantry will be asked to show a photo ID and register. If no ID is available, they will be asked to show a phone or electric bill.

Our goal is to provide a nutritional balance of food to those in need. Guests will be given a choice of foods and personal items according to the number of people in their household. Much of the food will be purchased from the Toledo Segate FoodBank, **but donations are always needed!** Here is a list of needed items (no bulk):

- Canned: veggies, fruit, meat
- Pasta, rice or macaroni
- Sauces, Jello, cake mix, boxed mashed potatoes
- Flour, sugar, salt, pepper
- Hamburger Helper, Mac and Cheese, etc.
- Peanut butter, beans, eggs
- Boxed or 1/2 gallons of milk
- Cooking oil or shortening/butters or margarines
- Cereal/oatmeal
- Fruit or Veggie Juices
- Bread
- Fresh meat/chicken
- Fresh fruit/veggies

We also need personal items not available at the Food Bank: shampoo, conditioner, soap (bar, laundry, dish), toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine products, baby items- diapers, wipes, etc., toilet paper- 4 roll packs.

Please join us and help share our many blessings! If you have any questions, please ask Pat, LisaAnne, Mary or Pastor Paula.

## VBS Co-Chairs Needed

Co-chairs & volunteers are needed to put on this year's VBS, Abundance Orchard Part 2. The curriculum is set & ready. This important outreach for local children & teens will be held either the week of July 11-15 or August 1-5 depending on co-chair availability. If you're interested in co-chairing or volunteering for VBS, please contact Leslie.

## The Service of Motherhood *by Charles Stanley*

Children are a blessing from the Lord (Ps. 127:3-5). Motherhood is a great honor and privilege, yet it is also synonymous with servanthood. Every day women are called upon to selflessly meet the needs of their families. Whether they are awake at night nursing a baby, spending their time and money on less-than-grateful teenagers, or preparing meals, moms continuously put others before themselves.

Sometimes this constant serving can be exhausting and even discouraging—particularly for a first-time mother. But you can take real encouragement from Jesus. One of the best examples of gracious servanthood is found in John 13:3-16. By kneeling to wash His disciples' feet, the Lord showed that the key to true leadership is humility. And it is humility that leads to eternal reward.

Unless you are willing to stoop down and get your hands dirty, you will miss the real riches of motherhood. By dying to your own desires and pouring your life into someone else, you become like Christ and create a godly legacy that will carry on for generations to come. What greater blessing could one hope for? Of course, the motivation for serving others is not to reap benefits, but when we follow God's plan for our life, that's what happens.

In giving us children, God places us in a position of both leadership and service. He calls us to give up our lives for someone else's sake—to abandon our own desires and put our child's interests first. Yet, according to His perfect design, it is through this selflessness that we can become truly fulfilled.

## Happy Birthday & Anniversary

- 1 Seth Witt
- 2 Jennifer Duslak
- 4 Lauren Thorbahn-Smith
- 5 Ava Young
- 9 Alexis Hassal
- 12 Barb Markley
- 12 Leslie Mensing
- 13 Kaylyn Boss
- 16 Dean Buck
- 17 Carolyne Carr
- 18 Faith McGeorge
- 18 John & Leslie Vogelpohl
- 19 Jason Fletcher
- 19 Patti Young
- 25 Becky Jensen
- 26 Kathy Kaylor
- 26 Corey Stulpin
- 28 Lindi Mensing
- 30 Davina Gulau
- 30 Eric & Holly Vogelpohl
- 31 Chad German
- 31 Julie Oberst

