

Parish News • May 21, 2021

Ely United Methodist Church Members/Friends,

Greetings from Pastor Craig! Wow, things are changing quickly on so many fronts. The tree leaves seem to be growing right in front of our eyes. Just a day or so ago I could see clear into the woods north of the parsonage; now it's approaching a wall of green. Suddenly Ely is packed with cars and people. Yesterday I saw the westbound lane of Sheridan Street backed up from the traffic light at Central Avenue half way to First Avenue East. And, yes, the black flies, or gnats, or whatever you call them have emerged right on schedule. Monday, I wore a head net while working at my brother's cabin at Crane Lake, but they snuck in beneath my long sleeve shirt and I scratched and scratched until yesterday.

Things are changing swiftly on the pandemic front as well following Governor Walz lifting masking restrictions a week ago. I'm on the board of a community organization here in Ely. All board members have been vaccinated so we met in person and unmasked at our meeting this week. It's a bit of a shock after a year of walking around stores wearing masks, but becoming normal to see people shopping without masks. The words of the Beatles song "Here Comes the Sun" reflect how it's beginning to feel for me, as the smiles are returning to our faces.

*Here comes the sun do, do, do
Here comes the sun
And I say it's all right*

*Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here*

Item #1: Our Administrative Council considered possibilities for opening our church further at our meeting Wednesday evening.

On June 6th the choir plans to sing for the first time since the pandemic began. We're close to the point where people planning to attend worship no longer need to call in advance. We will be looking for virus positivity test rates to fall further before allowing vaccinated

individuals to attend worship without masks, removing the ropes cordoning off every other pew, coming forward for communion, and having a greet your neighbor time during the service.

Reviewing from last week, here's where we're at presently:

- People worshipping in-person continue to wear masks whenever inside our building. Worship leaders, all fully vaccinated, do not wear masks when speaking, but keep distance from the congregation and each other.
- There were 50 people in worship last Sunday. We continue to seat people every other row and in family groupings, however we suggest you let ushers know if there are non-family members in attendance who you are comfortable sitting with. This allows us to increase the number of people attending worship services upstairs.
- Small groups of vaccinated individuals have been meeting in our building unmasked with the consensus of all group members.

As always, we will provide updates in *Parish News* as they happen.

Meanwhile, please continue to call Jeanne Tomlinson at 218-235-8470 if you wish to attend worship in-person. When you call, please let us know if there are non-family members that you would be willing to sit with because you spend time with them outside church. This helps us increase the number of people who can sit in the sanctuary and keep social distance.

Item #2: We are going to live-stream on my laptop from our old Facebook page (Ely United Methodist Church) one more week before moving back to the camera on our new Facebook account (Eumc MN).

Thanks to the forty of you who sent friend requests to the new Facebook account. This is necessary in order for those who access our services without a personal Facebook account to find our broadcast. Would you send us a friend request if you haven't yet? Note: there is a space between the "c" and the "MN." Also, please note the upper-case and lower-case letters.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this unpleasant interruption in live-streaming our worship services with our high-quality camera. We're grateful for your interest in participating in our services online. We will continue to live-stream them even when the pandemic is over.

Item #3: You are invited to a celebration of LaVerne's 90th birthday (May 25) plus Bob & LaVerne's 70th anniversary (May 26)! Join us in the Lindholms' yard, 119 S 16th Avenue E, for celebratory treats from 2-4 on Sunday, May 23 (stop by when you can).

In lieu of cards/gifts, would you please consider writing an encouraging note and possibly include the promise of rides, companionship for Bob along with lunch or errands with LaVerne, or help with small projects around the house?

If light rain, we'll gather in the garage. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the gathering will be cancelled.

Item #4: Here is a note from the Visioning Committee with an announcement about our church's new way of recognizing birthdays.

We Need You! The Little Church with a Big Heart is starting a birthday club. The purpose of the club is to strengthen the bond that our church community already has, by recognizing individuals in writing on their birthdays. In order to do that, we need to know your birth dates (month and day only—year if you wish. The information will be stored in our Directory Roster spreadsheet. Please e-mail your birth date, and with their consent, those of your family members, to elyumc.elymn@gmail.com. If you do not use e-mail, you can mail the information to the church at 305 East Camp Street, or you may drop it in the collection plate. Once our Birthday Club is running smoothly, we may expand it to recognize anniversaries, so if you are married, please include the date of your wedding, too—again, month and day, year if you wish.

Item #5: Young Life here in Ely is hosting a farewell for Mike Keller and family. They are moving to Bismarck, North Dakota soon where Mike will become the youth pastor of an Evangelical Free Church there.

The community goodbye will be in Whiteside Park on May 23rd from 1-3 pm. Please attend if you are able to thank the Kellers for all they have done for Ely, so say "goodbye," and to wish them well in their new endeavor.

Item #6: Please find this week's Prayer Wall either enclosed for those receiving *Parish News* through the mail or attached for those receiving *Parish News* electronically.

Hear now these traditional words of benediction from **Numbers 6:24-26**.

²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you:

²⁵ The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you:

²⁶ The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

With God's blessings and my very best wishes,

Pastor Craig Haberman

The Ely United Methodist Church

Prayer Wall

May 21, 2021

This is a guide for prayer this week. The *Prayer Wall* is a reminder of those needing prayers during devotional times. Thank you for dedicating some of your personal prayer time to lift up these requests.

Philippians 4: 6



*“Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present
your requests to God.”*

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Steve Harbaugh** – Steve is Glenda Biebl Harbaugh’s husband and is having numbness and pain in his legs and is having trouble walking. Doctors have not been able to diagnosis the problem yet. Pray for treatment and recovery.
- **Pam Turnbull** – Pam is undergoing carpal tunnel surgery, prayers for healing
- **Ruth Ryberg family & friends** – Her brother, Bobby, passed away. Pray for comfort and peace.
- **Linda Frisell’s family & friends** – Her brother, Todd, passed away. Pray for comfort and peace.
- **Deanie Kuehl’s sister, Terri** – Had surgery last week. Surgery was successful and she is doing well.
- **Kay Ojala** – Her kidney transplant surgery went well and she and the donor are both recovering at home
- **Debbie Granberry & family** – Jeanne’s and Jay’s college friend, who lost both her husband to Alzheimer’s & her mother within 6 days last week. Pray for comfort and peace.
- **Mary Leonas** – Kathy Brandau’s mother, Mary Leonas , is not doing well. Pray for healing.
- **Rod & Tootsie Loe** – Rod and Tootsie are living together at Carefree Living. Rod is back from hospital
- **Mike Haney** – Mike is struggling with his loss of strength and treatments for brain cancer.
- **Emma Smrekar** – Carolyn Fendt’s great granddaughter is receiving chemo and radiation treatments
- **Those who have contracted the COVID-19 Virus and Family Members**
- **All essential health care workers exposed to the COVID-19 virus**

We include all the United Methodist Churches and Pastors, both active and retired, in our MN UMC Annual Conference as we work in extraordinary ways to keep our congregations and communities free from infection by the COVID-19 virus.

Prayer requests are compiled from our church prayer chain, from our Sunday morning church congregation using the prayer request forms located in the pew welcome pads, and the North Star District Prayer List. Prayer requests will remain on the Prayer Wall through four weeks unless removed earlier because the prayer is known to be no longer necessary. People may ask that prayers be renewed on the list for subsequent 4-week periods. The Prayer Wall is finalized each Thursday for the Sunday morning service.

Ely United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday

Welcome
Prelude

Pastor Craig
Susan Germek

***Hymn** #541 See How Great a Flame Aspires vs. 1,2, & 4

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Children's Time

First Reading Acts 2:1-21
Epistle Reading Romans 8:22-27

***Hymn** #420 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Sermon

Pastor Craig

***Hymn** #334 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Prayer Wall
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Hymn** #558 I Am the Church

***Ringing of the Bell**

***Benediction/Postlude**

Leading Worship: Pastor Craig Haberman

Accompanist: Susan Germek

Liturgist: Dick Taylor

541 See How Great a Flame Aspires

1. See how great a flame aspires, kin - dled
 2. When he first the work be - gun, small and
 3. Saints of God, your Sav - ior praise, who the
 4. Saw ye not the cloud a - rise, lit - tle

by a spark of grace. Je - sus' love the
 fee - ble was his day; now the Word doth
 door hath o - pened wide; he hath given the
 as a hu - man hand? Now it spreads a -

na - tions fires, sets the king - doms on a blaze.
 swift - ly run, now it wins its wid - ening way;
 word of grace, Je - sus' word is glo - ri - fied;
 long the skies, hangs o'er all the thirst - y land.

To bring fire on earth he came, kin - dled
 more and more it spreads and grows, ev - er
 Je - sus might - y to re - deem, who a -
 Lo! the prom - ise of a shower drops al -

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1749 (Lk. 12:49, 1 Kg. 18:44-45)
 MUSIC: Welsh hymn melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963, alt.
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in some hearts it is; O that all might
 might - y to pre - vail; sin's strong - holds it
 lone the work hath wrought; wor - thy is the
 read - y from a - bove; but the Lord will

catch the flame, all par - take the glo - rious bliss!
 now o'er - throws, shakes the trem - bling gates of hell.
 work of him, him who spake a world from naught,
 short - ly pour all the spir - it of his love.

Day of Pentecost

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God of grace,
 you sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit
 upon the apostles and the women,
 upon Mary the mother of Jesus and upon his brothers.
 Fill your church with power,
 kindle flaming hearts within us,
 and cause us to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue,
 that all may call on you and be saved;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS: Laurence Hall Stowkey, USA, 20th cent. (Acts 1:4, 13-14, 23, 11, 21)

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed between the two staves of each system.

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878 (Jn. 20:22)
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
 know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
 sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
 know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
Refrain
 Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - enly Dove, stay right here

WORDS: Doris Akers, 1962
 MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1962

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
 1rr. with Refrain

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings
 we lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know
 that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

An Invitation to the Holy Spirit 335

O God, the Holy Spirit,
 come to us, and among us;
 come as the wind, and cleanse us;
 come as the fire, and burn;
 come as the dew, and refresh;
 convict, convert, and consecrate
 many hearts and lives
 to our great good
 and to thy greater glory;
 and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Eric Milner-White, England, 20th cent.
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We Are the Church

Refrain (Unison)

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -

geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

Fine

1. The church is not a build-ing, the church is not a stee-ple,
2. We're man-y kinds of peo-ple, with man-y kinds of fac-es,
3. Some-times the church is march-ing, some-times it's brave-ly burn-ing,
4. And when the peo-ple gath-er, there's sing-ing and there's pray-ing,
5. At Pen-te-cost some peo-ple re-ceived the Ho-ly Spir-it

the church is not a rest-ing place, the church is a peo-ple.
all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac-es.
some-times it's rid-ing, some-times hid-ing, al - ways it's learn-ing.
there's laugh-ing and there's cry-ing some-times, all of it say-ing:
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

D.C.