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Parish News

June 16, 2023

A Note from Pastor Craig

Picture Directory, Front Lawn Update, and Joint Worship Service

Picture Directory: Our church is going to have another picture directory produced this summer, the first since 2015. There is detailed information in this edition of Parish News.

Although it may seem daunting, the process for signing up is quite simple.

Semer's Beach Worship:

The joint worship service we share with Grace Lutheran, St. Mary's Episcopal, and Ely Presbyterian will be held at Semer's beach at 10:00 on Sunday, July 16th. (Note: This service replaces our usual Sunday morning service.)

The format will be nearly identical to last year, with one exception. It will be a potluck dinner with hot dogs provided.

Front Lawn Update: We are the process of re-establishing our front lawn following a difficult winter and the present moderate drought. Stay tuned.

Greetings from Pastor Craig! I arrived back in Ely late evening on Tuesday, following a simply wonderful trip to see my family in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. I attended three Little League baseball games, a soccer match, and a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball victory over the New York Mets. I also had the opportunity to worship with my family at All Saints' Anglican Church, which feels almost like a second church family.

I'm returning to Ely refreshed and looking forward to an Ely summer here in town and with each of you at Ely United Methodist Church. I do have to say, however, that I'm not enjoying the black flies.

A special thank you to Dick and Mary Taylor for providing worship leadership last Sunday! And to Jay Tomlinson who will be presenting a "Message from Annual Conference" this Sunday - part recapturing the spirit of worship and learning from the Annual Conference and part report on the business, budgets, and legislation. It will be both a time of inspiration and information.

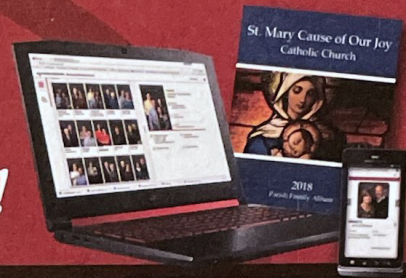
Listed below and on the back of this page is information about our upcoming Picture Directory project. Pastor Craig

Plans are underway for our new Ely UMC pictorial directory! We have two photographers from Universal Church Directories coming to our church on August 11th and 12th to take pictures for our directory and also provide the opportunity for families to order pictures for themselves.

Each family having a picture taken at the church will get a free 8x10 photo, a copy of the church directory, and the opportunity to download an app for digital access to the directory.

Starting this Sunday, there will be a sign-up sheet for photo times at the back of church or you can sign up for a time on-line. Check out the *Church Directory - Parish News - Info Sheet.pdf* attachment accompanying this Parish News or the next newsletter page for more info. Jeanne Tomlinson

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

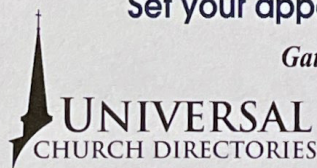
Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Schedule Your Photo Appointment Online! Photo Dates Friday & Saturday, August 11 & 12

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code to the right. Or go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" button. Enter **mn390** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field. **Note:** The Church Code & Password are case sensitive. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 time slots. The online scheduling option may not be available Saturday or Sunday because we will be doing paper sign-ups at church on selected weekends. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**



The Ely United Methodist Church

Prayer Wall

June 16, 2023

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.

Psalm 19: 14 (NIV)



"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Mike and Lynn Lockhart** – Sheila Shultz used to work with Lynn who was a special ed teacher in the Ely schools. Her husband, Mike, has a stroke. Pray for them and his recovery.
- **Nancy Fredrick's family and friends** – Nancy, Dick and Mary Taylor's daughter-in-law Mandy's grandmother, passed away. Pray for peace and comfort.
- **Andy and Paula Hill** – Andy fell and broke his foot on a portage requiring surgery to insert a plate and pins to aid in healing and recovery. Pray for comfort and patience.
- **Thomas Hane** – Bill Hane's brother, Thomas, had emergency heart surgery. Pray for healing.
- **Lisa Diesslin** – Butch Diesslin's sister, Lisa, had back surgery and requires an additional back surgery.
- **Joe Oxley** – Shelley Oxley asked for prayers for her husband who is undergoing medical testing.
- **Linda Lee Tikkala** – Linda Hane asked for prayers for Linda Lee Tikkala who is having heart tests done.
- **Arthur Hane's family and friends** – Bill Hane's brother, Arthur, died from multiple health complications including Parkinson's. Please pray for comfort for Bill and Linda and for Arthur's other family and friends.
- **Dovie and Dana Schorfheide** – Bonnie Berglund asked for prayers for two of her sister-in-laws. Dovie Schorfheide in Ripley, MN, and Dana Schorfheide in Maseoutah, IL, who were both diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. They have already started chemo treatments. Pray for successful treatments.
- **Joan Nicholas' family & friends** – Please join Jim Nicholas and his family in prayerful thanksgiving for the life of Joan Nicholas which came to a quiet and peaceful end on May 26th. Joan recently told Jim that she was happy and that she didn't want to die, but that she would die happy and that was good to know. Jim and Joan have been long time members of the Ely UMC.
- **Jo Philipp** – **Update: Jo's surgery went well.** Linda Hane's sister, Jo, fell and broke her arm requiring surgery to insert a plate and screws. Please pray for a successful surgery and quick healing.
- **Jesse & Laura Tarpkis** – Sheila Shultz's neighbor, Linda Tarpkis, asked for prayers for her son and daughter-in-law, Jesse and Laura, who are stationed in Guam where a severe typhoon has hit. Please pray for their safety and for all the others impacted by this severe storm.
- **Anna Kochendorf** – Suzette Tedrick asked for prayers for Ann K who has just been diagnosed with colon cancer. She is 36 with 2 young boys. Please pray for a successful treatment plan.
- **The Russia / Ukraine conflict** – Pray for a world-wide lasting resolution, safety of the people, and peace.
- **All essential health care workers exposed to the COVID-19 virus and the Delta & Omicron variants**

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.