

**The 125<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration Invitation Letter below is being mailed with an RSVP card, an Ely United Methodist Embroidered Shirt Order Form and a return Envelope. Please mark your calendar and plan on being with us to help celebrate 125 years of the Ely United Methodist Church.**

April 25, 2017

Dear Members, Friends, and Guests:

On Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the Ely United Methodist Church's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we invite you to join us in this joyous occasion. We will have our District Superintendent, Mark Miller, with us to give the message during our church service beginning at 10:00 am. Following our service, there will be fellowship and a full dinner served for all in attendance. There will be entertainment and memorabilia for all to take home and enjoy.

We have been so fortunate to have Dana Thompson as our minister for 30 years, but he will be retiring in June of 2018. It would be wonderful to have you here to help us show how much we appreciate his many years dedicated to the spiritual and emotional needs of our church members, friends and guests.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us. There is no cost, but it would be helpful if you would return the enclosed RSVP card so we can plan for the dinner arrangements for everyone. Please share this invitation with family members and friends of the church who might not be on our church mailing list. Thank you.

We have also included an optional order form for Ely United Methodist Church embroidered shirts. There are several different styles to choose from. If you would like to have one or more of these shirts, please complete the order form, enclose the appropriate amount, return by July 20<sup>th</sup>, and we will have them ready for you at the celebration. (Make checks payable to the Ely United Methodist Church) If you would like a shirt, but cannot attend the celebration, we can ship your order to you. Just enclose the information with your RSVP card.

We look forward to seeing you on this special day, Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> in celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ely United Methodist Church.

Kindest regards,

The Ely UMC Administrative Board