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"We are loving, Spirit-led disciples of Jesus Christ growing in God through Nurture, Education, Worship, and Service."

Elma United Methodist Church
2991 Bowen Rd. Elma, NY 14059

Rev. Lisa D. Taylor, Pastor

Sunday Worship Service
In-Person Worship at starts at 9:15am

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Pastor Message –

[Zaccheus] was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him.... When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. - Luke 19:3-6



This is what Joyce Rupp writes about this passage as we enter into the season of Lent:*

Jesus, this Lent I am yearning to wear a Zaccheus heart.
I am wanting to hear you call my name just as you did his.
I am anxious to know that you are inviting yourself to my home.
I am humbled, amazed, excited, and astounded, just as he was.
But that is where the desire to wear a Zaccheus heart stops,
Because I know what happens when you visit someone's house.
Conversations occur. Choices are presented. Changes happen.
That's because you look for more than dust when you come to visit
and you talk about things more vital than the weather.
You move into the heart's dimensions. You gaze deeply.
You don't just dwell. You interact. You activate.
You dwell so lovingly that the truth cannot be resisted.

This Lent help me to welcome you and yearn for your love.
Grant me a Zaccheus heart that turns around and sees the truth.
I need the gaze of your love to remind me of my truest self.
I, too, need the strong call to make amends and start anew.
Hurry, Jesus, come and stay at my house today.

Friends, what Sr. Rupp describes occurs in both our intimate, one-on-one encounters with God, around our family tables, and among our church family – when we take the time to fellowship together, have courage for deeper conversations, look prayerfully at our life choices, trust that all changes Jesus inspires in us draw us toward our truest selves. This Lent, may we come together—with each other and Jesus – inviting Jesus to gaze at us in love, and birth new love and life in us.

* "Out of the Ordinary" by Joyce Rupp, © 2000 Ava Maria Press, p. 122.

PASTOR LISA'S SCHEDULE:

Pastor Lisa is typically in Elma Sundays, late afternoon Mondays through Wednesday evenings, works from home on Thursdays, takes her Sabbath on Fridays, and has her day off on Saturdays. The schedule for Thursday through Saturday sometimes changes depending upon the needs of the church. In general, she prefers not to work past 9:30pm, although this is sometimes unavoidable. As the church is a pretty busy place, it may be best to make an appointment if you want to have time to talk with Pastor Lisa. But you are always welcome to stop by. In emergencies please use the Pastor's cell phone 716-341-1896; especially during hours when no one is scheduled to be in the office.

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

(coffee and conversation available every Sunday at 8:45am before worship)

Church News and Announcements – Typically everything you need to know about what's happening at Elma UMC can be found in the Methodelma via hard copy that's mailed to those on the Methodelma mailing list, emailed copy that's emailed to those on that list, or the copy posted on the website. There is always hard copy available at the church to pick up as well.

For Current Announcements, check out the Announcement Board positioned near the coatroom.

MONTHLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

Wednesday, February 11 th , 10-10:30am and/or 6:30-7:30pm.

Please join Pastor Lisa in a time of gathering for informal prayer for our church, our community, and personal needs. Prayer for healing with laying on of hands and anointing with oil will be available for those desiring this form of prayer ministry. You are welcome to come and pray silently with those praying aloud and to pray aloud if you are so led by the Holy Spirit. You are also welcome if you have never tried a prayer group before and want to learn, or just want to try this one.

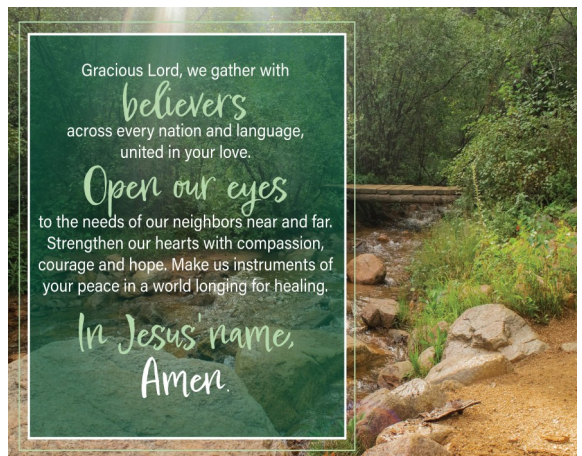


SOCIAL PRINCIPLES AND OUR WAY FORWARD:

Thank you to all who faithfully participated in the series of discussions concerning the UMC's Social Principles in 2025. Sue Brunner and Andrew Hartley did an excellent job facilitating conversations about some challenging subjects and participants heard a variety of points of view concerning each topic that was explored. If you did not participate, there are booklets available for each of the four topic areas our Book of Discipline covers on the table outside the pastor's office. Keep in mind that the Social Principles are not "church law" and, therefore are not binding upon anyone or any local church, but express the affirmed points of view of the General Conference of the UMC about various social issues in the world today. All UMC members should be aware of these and form prayerfully considered opinions about how you and your local church should respond.

Moving forward, Elma UMC will be exploring Our Way Forward, Upper New York's Graceful Conversations and Covenanting Process for Navigating the 2020/24 General Conference Changes about Human Sexuality. Our conference leadership has provided a process and resources for prayerful discernment that will ultimately lead to establishing a covenant that authentically reflects Elma UMC's position and practices. The Leadership Team has already affirmed the need to engage in this process, and the process for forming the team to plan the conversation sessions and covenant writing process has begun. This process involves collaboration among the pastor, Leadership Team, Our Way Forward Team, and the District Superintendent. It will take time and patience to accomplish, but the time will be well worth it to collaboratively process the Book of Discipline changes and "move forward in a manner that honors [our] members' beliefs and diversity within the United Methodist Church."

It is very important that everyone, members and constituents, participate in this process so to true position of the whole body is faithfully discerned. Please make participation in the process a priority as we move into it in 2026. Pastor Lisa will be reaching out to EUMC active members and constituents to be part of the organizational team beginning January 4 th with the hope of holding an initial organizational meeting later this month.



CHURCH DIRECTORY:

Jill completed the updated church directory and we have been informed of a few typos that need correcting. Jill has reached out again for corrections and the request has been announced in worship. A correction sheet will be made available for people to add to their directory. Neither Pastor Lisa nor Jill can accept changes, corrections, additions, or deletions from second party sources, however well-intentioned. If you know of someone whose information needs further updating, or there's a typo, please have that person contact the office directly.

Jill is also updating the church's email groups. If you have not responded to the email invitation for the group, please do so. Also, everyone needs to regularly check their spam or junk folders (or whatever your email account calls it). For reasons unknown sometimes emails from sources you regularly receive wind up in the spam folder. If you are expecting to hear from the church via email and do not, please contact Jill in the office so the problem can be corrected.



SCHOLARSHIPS:



Elma UMC Undergraduate Scholarships

Each year Elma UMC awards Scholarships in the amount of \$4,000.00 each to undergraduate students whose applications are accepted by the Scholarship Committee. Applications must be complete, with all additional materials included, and submitted by the deadline date May 13, 2026. Check the EUMC website for complete information and to download the application. The members of Elma UMC are blessed to be able to provide scholarships for our young adult students!

More Scholarship Opportunities!!!

The United Methodist Church General Board of Higher Education Ministries (GBHEM) offers scholarships in many areas for students who are members of UM churches. This is the website address for information and instructions: <https://www.gbhem.org/scholarships/>

BIBLE CHALLENGE:

Bible Challenge



Read Through the Bible in a Year by Reading 4 Chapters Each Day! This year's sequence of readings will take us back and forth between the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and the New Testament. John Wesley believed and taught that the Bible is the most important book for Christians to read to help us know Jesus and understand Christian faith. So please make it a priority to read your Bible this year! If you are unsure about which version to use or would like to know about study helps for your reading, ask Pastor Lisa.

Paper copies of the entire year's readings are available on the table outside Pastor Lisa's office, in half and full-page sizes for you to tuck into your Bible. If you prefer to follow the chronological reading schedule, copies are also available to pick up, or Pastor Lisa can email it to you. Enjoy a blessed year in God's Holy Word!

January

(read 4 chapters per day each week)

Week 5 - January 29th-February 4th: Matthew chapters 7-28; Leviticus chapters 1-6

Week 6 - February 5 th -11 th : Leviticus chapters 7-27; Hebrews chapters 1-7

Week 7 - February 12 th -18 th : Hebrews chapters 8-13; Joshua chapters 1-22

Week 8 - February 19 th -25 th : Joshua chapters 23-24; Judges chapters 1-21; 1 Samuel chapters 1-5

Week 9 - February 26 th -March 4 th : 1 Samuel chapters 6-31; 2 Samuel chapters 1-2

LUNCH BUNCH:

Wendie Stockton

Join friends for lunch

Monday, February 9th at 12:30pm.

Olive Tree on Broadway in Lancaster.

Sign up on the bulletin board



LEADERSHIP NEWS:

Elma UMC's Leadership Team is seeking strong communication between itself and the members and friends of Elma UMC. Everyone is welcome to reach out to Team members about the church and to find out more about the new ways we get to do the administrative and visioning work.

Here is your Team for 2026:

Class of 2026 – Steve Buechi, Annette DeNies (team chair for 2026), Wendie Stockton

Class of 2027 – Sue Brunner, D'Lynn Zurek

Class of 2028 – Randi Dressel, Dan Sank, Jim Wojnar

Lay Leader - Rose Shiesley, and Lay Member to AC - Andrew Hartley also serve Pastor Lisa works with and is accountable to the Leadership Team for all program, ministry, and mission areas, and to the UNY Annual Conference for oversight of all administrative functions.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 23 rd at 7pm.

In addition, your **Leadership Development and Nominations Team** (Pastor Lisa-chair, Rose Shiesley, Steve DeNies, Martha Horohoe, and Pam Thauer) will be working on creating new ways to help our members and friends grow in Christian discipleship, as we all discover the ministries we get to do through sharing the Good NEWS of Jesus through Nurture, Education, Worship, and Service. You can let any of these team members know what you're interested in.

Elma UMC's **Board of Trustees** – Peter Buechi – Chair, Steve DeNies, Randi Dressel, Greg Fuer, Dan Sank, Bruce Stockton, James Trombley, and Dave Wainwright



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE:

The Leadership Team and Pastor Lisa have prayerfully considered the two proposals that were submitted concerning the management of EUMC Christian Education. In this season the church will be continuing with Pastor Lisa in administrative and content oversight of the CE program for children, youth, and adults; Cheryl Buechi and Sue Brunner collaborating on creating and facilitating execution of the nuts and bolts of the program, each in their respective areas of focus; and Jill Kochmanski attending to all administrative tasks, communication, and resourcing. This creative team works in collaboration with the rest of the CE Team. There is help needed from those gifted and interested in serving our young people and adults in this very important ministry area. So please reach out to Sue, Cheryl, or Jill if you are sensing God nudging you to be part of it all! This is a work in progress and the Leadership Team will continue to hold the pastor accountable for the program's effectiveness and adherence to the church's mission and vision.

UP COMING DISTRICT TRAINING:

Elma UMC has been asked to host the Niagara Frontier District Leadership Training that will be held Saturday, March 28 th from 9am-1pm. We will provide a light breakfast and coffee/beverages. Please let Pastor Lisa know if you are willing to help with this. There will be worship offered with our Niagara Frontier siblings in Christ, a session on Shared Ministries, and two sessions covering SPPRC Training and Trustee Training. Pastor Lisa strongly encourages all LTeam, LD&N, and Trustees to attend, and as many church members to attend as are able. She will send a clipboard around to ask for help with this.





Souper Bowl of Caring Making A Difference

February 8, 2026



The competition of the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING will be on February 8th .

Monetary and non-perishable items can be brought to the church. Place your donation in the Soup Pot of the Super Bowl team you would like to see win. Checks are to be made out to Elma UMC with Souper Bowl of Caring in the memo section.

Hunger isn't just a Third World problem. One in six people in America (one in four children) live in food insecure households. (Source: United States Department of Agriculture)

100% of the money collected for Souper Bowl of Caring, is donated directly to FISH of East Aurora. EUMC has been part of the movement to fight hunger and poverty in communities like our own, for the past 24 years.

A simple prayer: *"LORD, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."* Let us be mindful of this as we help fight hunger and poverty.

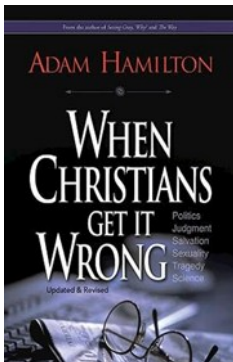
An announcement will be made on which Soup Bowl Pot received the most donations. Any questions please contact the Office at 652-5427 or elmaumoffice@gmail.com

EUMC NEXT ADULT STUDY:

EUMC Next Adult Study is:

When Christians Get it Wrong

by Adam Hamilton





- The Study will be held on Sunday during Discipleship Hour and during Tuesday Bible Study.
- The Study will pause for a Lenten Study and resume after Lent.
- Dates: Sunday, February 8
Sunday, February 15
Tuesday, February 3
Tuesday, February 10
Tuesday, February 17
- Sign up sheet will be available this coming Sunday

February



<u>Worship Volunteers</u>	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>Ushers: Tara & Ryker Piskothy Liturgists: Ella Vidal Greeters: Dar Schmidt Up & About: We need 2 more people</p>	<p>1 Communion Sunday 8:45am Fellowship Time 9:15am - Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship Time 11am Choir Practice 11am- Trustees Mtg</p> <p>Donations of cookies for college students drop off today</p>	<p>2 11:00am packaging cookies for college students & military members</p>	<p>3 8:45-1145 AM Preschool 3 & 4 yr olds 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Wool Gatherers</p>
<p>Ushers: Bruce & Wendie Stockton Liturgists: Annette DeNies Greeters: Carrie or Ryan Schmitz Up & About: We need 2 more people</p>	<p>8 Souper Bowl of Caring 8:45am Fellowship Time 9:15 am In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship Time 11am Christian Education 11am Choir Practice</p>	<p>9 12:30PM Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>10 8:45-1145 AM Preschool 3 & 4 yr olds 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Wool Gatherers</p>
<p>Ushers: Green & Shiesley Liturgists: Steve DeNies Greeters: Wendie Stockton Up & About: We need 2 more people</p>	<p>15 8:45am Fellowship Time 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship Time 11am Christian Education 11am Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 8:45-1145 AM Preschool 3 & 4 yr olds 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Wool Gatherers</p>
<p>Ushers: Nolan & Bessey Liturgists: Randi Dressel Greeters: Rose Shiesley Up & About: We need 2 more people</p>	<p>22 1st Sunday of Lent 8:45am Fellowship Time 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship Time 11am- Adult Lent Study Begins 11am Choir Practice</p>	<p>23 LT meeting 7pm</p>	<p>24 8:45-1145 AM Preschool 3 & 4 yr olds 9:30 AM Adult Lent Study Begins Bible Study 10:30 AM Wool Gatherers</p>

2026

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 3:30 PM Online Devotional 6:30PM Book Club</p>	<p>5 8:45-1145 AM Preschool 3 & 4 yr olds</p>	<p>6 9AM Preschool - 4yr. olds</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>11 10-10:30am Morning prayer 3:30 PM Online Devotional 6:30-7:30pm Prayer hour</p>	<p>12 8:45-1145 AM Preschool 3 & 4 yr olds</p>	<p>13 9AM Preschool - 4yr. olds</p>	<p>14</p> 
<p>18 Ash Wednesday 10am Ash Wednesday Service 3:30 PM Online Devotional 7pm Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>19 8:45-1145 AM Preschool 3 & 4 yr olds</p>	<p>20 9AM Preschool - 4yr. olds</p>	<p>21 9am—Noon Church work day</p> 
<p>25 3:30 PM Online Devotional</p>	<p>26 8:45-1145 AM Preschool 3 & 4 yr olds</p>	<p>27 9AM Preschool - 4yr. olds</p>	<p>28</p>



Christian Education News

We hope you will join us this year as we learn and grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are making disciples for the transformation of the world! Come grow with us!

- February 1 Fellowship time for all following worship
- February 8 **Children meet in Youth Room to learn about *Who is Jesus? King/Authority***
11:00 – 12:00 **Adults – *When Christians Get it Wrong* study in library**
- February 15 **Children – *What is Lent?***
11:00 – 12:00 **Adults – *When Christians Get it Wrong* study in library**
- February 22 **Children – *Who is Jesus? Priest/Healer/Savior***
11:00 – 12:00 **Adults – *Lenten Study begins - Dialogue of Suffering***

Tuesday Bible Study Join us in the library every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 3,10,17 – *When Christians Get it Wrong*
Feb 22 – *Lenten Study Dialogue of Suffering*

Wednesday, February 11 Prayer Time 10:00 – 10:30 AM
7:00 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday Online Devotion – 3:30pm on Facebook

***** Attention Youth – *Best NEWS Ever Youth Sleepover* –
March 21 -22 Bring a friend – SIGN UP NOW! *****

We are always looking for help with Christian Education activities.
Please see a CE team member if you would like to help in any way.
Summer planning will begin soon.

Christian Education Team

Cheryl Buechi D'Lynn Zurek Jennifer Fuer
Carrie Schmitz Samantha Vidal Sue Brunner

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT:

Ash Wednesday Services – February 18 th 10:00am and 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday begins the Christian season called Lent, a special season of prayer, fasting, and reflection. Join us for this special service that includes imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

February 24 th – Adult Lent Study begins 9:30am (study will also be offered in the evening if there's interest)

February 22 nd – 1 st Sunday of Lent (sermon series preaching thru the Gospel According to Mark)

– Sunday Adult Lent Study begins 11am

March 29 th – Combined Adult and Young People CE - Journey to the Cross

April 2 nd – Holy Thursday Service 7pm

April 3 rd – Good Friday Service 7pm

April 4 th – Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil time TBA

April 5 th – Easter Sunday Service

The Adult Lent Study will be: A Dialogue of Suffering: Between the Crucifixion and the Holocaust by artist Rick Wienecke. This is an especially timely study given the sharp increase in anti-Semitism in this nation. Through Scripture and the sculpture "The Fountain of Tears" (on exhibition in Arad, Israel), the Seven Last Words of Jesus are juxtaposed with the images of Wienecke's work. The author writes, "Don't expect to find clear-cut answers, but allow God the Father to share his tears, one layer at a time, in the questions." The book accompanying this study is \$11.00. There will be a sign up.



Asbury District Youth Retreat 2026

Six of our EUMC youth had a blast at the Asbury District Youth Retreat in January for a weekend of faith, adventure, and community. The theme was “In It Together” with lots of fun Winter Olympic activities. We grew together and learned a lot about being “one body in Christ” through Bible teachings, workshops, and worship. Ask one of our youth about our fun winter weekend!



How good
and pleasant it is
when God's people
live together
in unity!
Psalm 133:1



Elma United Methodist Church

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Best NEWS Ever!

FOOD

Youth sleepover

FUN

Grades 5th - 12th

Sat., March 21 - Sun., March 22

Sign-up by March 1

PRAISE

FRIENDS

WORSHIP

See Cheryl Buechi or Sue Brunner for info.

Less Plastic, More Health and Beauty

Concerned about plastic waste? Concerned that microplastics now infiltrate the rain, the soil that grows our food, the water we drink, and even our bodily organs? Concerned that people diagnosed with dementia seem (as per a recent study) to have higher levels of plastic in their brains? Concerned that plastic waste desecrates the oceans, streams, and hills that are supposed to testify to the goodness of God?

You can impact the problem most by asking your New York State Assembly-member to support the Package Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (A1749), described at <https://www.eany.org/memo/the-packaging-reduction-and-recycling-infrastructure-act>. You can find who is your member by visiting <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/search/>. Call or write them soon, because the Act may come up for a vote in the Assembly this legislative session. It's easy! I've called legislators' offices scores of times, and it's always been a pleasant experience.

As we wait for that bill to be passed, we can also reduce this waste via our personal habits. Here are some steps you might not have thought of, courtesy of a writer's recent email:

- Freeze baked goods in plastic bags from products you bought. Fold over the tops to remove the air. Secure the openings with staples, twist ties or clothespins (no plastic zip ties, please!). For long term freezing, slip a note inside, indicating the date. Thin cellophane bags are suitable for short term storage. Another plus: You won't need to buy as many bags.

If you have cardboard drink cartons, then open the tops carefully, clean them and use them for long term freezing, especially of fish or poultry (Beef? Not so much, please! See <https://iere.org/why-is-beef-bad-for-the-environment/>). Before freezing that food, cut up any meat and freeze it on a cookie sheet. Then, put it in a labeled drink carton. To save freezer space and reduce freezer burn, push the top down flat and tape it.





FISH:



We continue to collect several bags of food each month that are delivered to FISH. Thank you for all the contributions in past months.

February's FISH item is Canned Tuna.

As always you can donate any non-perishable items.

COOKIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & MILITARY SERVICE PEOPLE:

All Women are invited:

We will be packing cookies for college students and military service people on Monday, February 2 at 11:00am, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a soup and sandwich lunch following the packaging. Please bring a sandwich to share. Soups, dessert, and beverages will be provided. Donations of cookies are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off 1/30- between hours of 8am-1pm, brought to service on 2/1 or the morning of 2/2 before 11am. Please give addresses of college students or military service people to Jilliane in the office, or to Cheryl Buechi by Thursday, January 29. Any questions contact Cheryl Buechi or Rose Shiesley or Wendie Stockton





MUSIC NEWS:



Dear Elma UMC Family,

King David wrote many of the Psalms in the Bible- these were songs he sung to the Lord in all seasons of his life- in times of success and abundance and in times of deep distress, fear, and loss. One of the most famous Psalms most of us grew up memorizing is Psalm 23. We often hear this Psalm read at a funeral or memorial service of a loved one, but I have found much comfort in this Psalm in my life. I believe it's a Psalm for the living, and for every season of our life.

"The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's relationship.

"I lack nothing..." That's supply.

"He makes me lie down in green pastures..." That's rest.

"He leads me beside quiet waters..." That's relief.

"He refreshes my soul..." That's restoration and healing.

"He guides me along the right paths..." That's guidance.

"For His name's sake..." That's purpose.

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley..." That's testing.

"I will fear no evil..." That's protection.

"For You are with me..." That's faithfulness and presence.

"Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me..." That's discipline.

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies..." That's hope.

"You anoint my head with oil..." That's consecration, being set apart.

"My cup overflows..." That's abundance.

"Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life..." That's blessing.

"And I will dwell in the house of the Lord..." That's security.

"Forever..." That is eternity.

Psalm 23- NIV

I pray this Psalm brings much comfort to you in every season of your life as well.... God's Word is perfect and brings healing and life. May we always keep this song of David and God's Word hidden in our heart and on our lips.

Blessings,

Nan Keller

Worship Music Minister

Join US!





BOOK CLUB:

Shirley Schildkamp

THE ELMA PAGE TUURNERS

The Elma Page Turners have selected the following books for the next months:

- February 4th ISOLA by Allegra Goodman
- March 4th THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY by Matt Haig
- April 1st THE FROZEN RIVER by Ariel Lawhon
- May 6th THE BRIAR CLUB by Kate Quinn
- June 3rd THINGS IN JARS by Jess Kidd.

Everyone is invited to attend the discussions held on the first Wednesday of every month. The discussion usually lasts an hour and is in the Church Youth Room at 6:30. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 4, 6:30 to discuss ISOLA by Allegra Goodman.



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| 02/06—Susan Wollen | 02/19—Sharon Renn |
| 02/08—Steven DeNies | 02/20—Jennifer Fuer |
| 02/09—Nancy Gradwell | 02/20—Logan Nolan |
| 02/09—Jill Seileman | 02/21—Ryan McGoldrick |
| 02/14—Pam Thauer | 02/21—Betty Wantuck |
| 02/14—Erika Wargula | 02/22—Ryan Zak |
| 02/14—Sienna Wojnar | 02/23—Noah Corke |
| 02/18—Eileen Holden | 02/23—Kara Parete |
| 02/18—Andrew Jozwiak | 02/24—Jenna Kegler |
| 02/19—Virginia Langworthy | 02/25—D'Lynn Zurek |
| | 02/26—Katherine Erhardt |



- 02/12—Duke & Barbara Dygert
- 02/25—John & Elaine Hollander
- 02/25—Ray & Charlene Piscitelli
- 02/28—Eric & Mandi Nicholson

If you would like your birthday or Anniversary announced in the Methodelma please email Jilliane at ElmaUMOffice@gmail.com and let her know. Thank you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

World Day of Prayer

Elma UMC will be hosting the annual World Day of Prayer service on Friday, March 6 at 10:00 AM, for the Elma-East Aurora area.

World Day of Prayer is a women-led ecumenical movement which has been celebrated in over 120 countries annually.

This years' service, which we will be sharing, has been prepared by the women of Nigeria and the theme is

"I will give you rest: come."

Matthew 11:28-30.

Notices will be going out to churches in Elma and East Aurora, and women will be invited to participate in the service.

Light refreshments will be served following the service and we would be happy to have help from any Elma UMC women who are available that morning.

