

Welcome to Elma UMC

Good Morning and welcome to the church in the valley. We invite all visitors to complete a visitor's card located in the pew and use it as the offering today. Restrooms are located on both the first and second floor. Koala Stations are located in both restrooms on the second floor, as well as the ladies and family restroom on the first floor.

Before Service Begins: Large print bulletins are available in the narthex. An usher would be happy to provide one for you.

Each service offers a sharing prayer. Please use the green "sharing of our joys and concerns" slips to list any matter you would like brought to prayer today. They are located in the narthex. Hand the completed prayer to an usher or the prayer partner before service begins. These prayers will be read by the Pastor during joys and concerns and will be posted on e-prayer this week. We have found this to be the best way to communicate our congregation's joyous news and deepest concerns so all may hear and join in prayer. Slips placed in the offering plate will not be announced from the pulpit, but will be placed on e-prayer during the week. We are unable to publish verbal sharing on e-prayer at this time.

About Our Program: During starred (*) areas of worship, parishioners will be asked by the Pastor or Liturgist to stand. If standing for these periods of time would be uncomfortable for you, please remain seated. Children are invited to join the Pastor in the front of the church during Children's Chatter at our 10:30 am service. After sharing and a special prayer, children may return to worship with their families or be dismissed to our Toddler Time, (see description below)

During Our Service: Closed circuit television is now available in our library for those needing more room or privacy than the sanctuary provides. The library is located on the first floor directly below the sanctuary. An usher would be happy to assist you.

Toddler Time is a service provided for our 2-4 year olds needing some time to play. The program begins after Children's Chatter at the 10:30 am service.

After Our Service: We offer a weekly coffee hour after each service. Please come to our Fellowship Hall located to the right after exiting the stairs for refreshments and to join in friendship.



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Order of Worship for ELMA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**“Let us go on to the
neighboring towns,
so that I may proclaim the
message there also;
for that is what I came
out to do.”**

Mark 1:38, NRSV

February 5, 2012

10:30 am

A Loving Church Serving a LOVING GOD

Pastoral care by the Reverend Daven W. Oskvig

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5th Sunday After Epiphany

ENTRANCE

PASTORAL WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

"To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." - *Nelson Mandela*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Praise the Lord! It is a good thing to sing praises to our God.

ALL: Yes, because God is gracious and so a song of praise is fitting.

ONE: Think about it—God gathers the outcasts, heals the broken, determines the number of the stars and gives them names . . .

ALL: Great is our Lord so let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; God is full of power and God's wisdom is beyond measure.

ONE: God lifts up the downtrodden, covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow in on the hills, give animals their food . . .

ALL: But God does not delight in power or speed, but those who hope in God's steadfast love. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *God of Love and God of Power* #578

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Out of your power and compassion, O God, you sent your Son into our sick world to proclaim the day of healing, of salvation. Heal the broken-hearted; bind up our wounds. Bring us health of body and spirit and raise us to new life in your service. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER (Please sing the refrain of *Jesus Loves Me* (#191) as the children come forward and as they return)

A Loving Church Serving A Loving God.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:21-31 pg. 668

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 pg. 171

*HYMN *There is a Balm in Gilead* #375

*GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39 pg. 35

SERMON *What Torments Us?* the Rev. Daven W. Oskvig

ANTHEM

PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER PASTOR: Lord, in your mercy.

RESPONSE: Hear our prayers.

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

SUNG AMEN #898

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #95

COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #15

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* #569

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL CLOSING *A Closing Prayer (inside hymnal cover)*

*POSTLUDE

Next Sunday and what follows

February 12, 2012

Services will be held at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Scriptures: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

Greeters: the Erhardt Family Acolytes: Ryan & Nathan McGoldrick
 Toddler Time: Laurie Hoertz, Tammy Sugrue & Alexis Murphy
 Liturgist: Mike Schuetz Ushers: Steve & Laura Buechi
 Fellowship: Schuetz Family & Ken & Carol Garland

Mission Moment: Lucy Roth from Asbury Shalom Zone

Mini Youth meet 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Family Event at Bryncliff 2 pm

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
2/13	2/14	2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18
Administrative Council 7 pm	Bible Study 9:30 am Knit & Crochet 10:30 am	Morning Prayer 9:30 am Lectionary Lessons 10:00 am Bell Choir 7 pm	Chancel Choir 7:30 pm		

Pull out page of announcements for this week and upcoming events in the life of the church

Volunteers for the 10:30 am service.

Greeters: Carol & Ken Garland Altar Flowers: Hank & Darlene Schmidt
 Acolytes: Amanda Hartman & Hanna Wargula
 Toddler Time: Judi & Sue Wollen & Rob Coatsworth
 Liturgist: Steve DeNies Ushers: Jim & Deb Coatsworth
 Fellowship: Fuer & Schmitz Families

Altar flowers are placed today by Alicia Wollen in honor of her mother's birthday.
 Happy Birthday Sue Wollen!

Souper Bowl Sunday. Monetary donations and canned food will be collected for FISH of East Aurora. Please remember to pick up your subs for the Mini Youth Sub Sale.

Please drop off cookies for the UMW cookie package day (Tuesday, Feb 7th)

High School Choir meets with John Mitton after 2nd service.

Senior Youth Group meets 12:30 - 2 pm

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2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11
Visioning 7 pm	Bible Study 9:30 am UMW Cookie Box Luncheon 11 am SPRC 7 pm	Morning Prayer 9:30 am Lectionary Lessons 10:00 am Bazaar Wrap Up Meeting 12 pm Bell Choir 7 pm	NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal		



Communion Stewards are needed for special services and the first Sunday of each month. A sign up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board. The 10:30 am service needs 2 communion stewards. Please sign up for the Sunday you are available. Thank you.

Join us for a fun day of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing



at *Byrncliff Resort*, 2357 Humphrey Road, Varysburg, NY 14167

Sunday, February 12th
2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Trail fee: \$10.00 (under 11 free) Equipment rental fee: \$10.00

Please sign up here AND complete the rental form and bring it with you to Byrncliff. Bring hot chocolate and snacks to share in the Skiers Lodge! If you need a ride, please call Sue Brunner @ 982-8924 or Deb Coatsworth @ 863-7409.

On February 12th the 9 am Sunday Adult Clas will hear the experience of one who traveled and stayed with a Palestinian family as a UM representative in search of a greater understanding. Karen Peterson from Horseheads UMC in the Mountainview District will present.

Today is the last day to sign up for the Women's Retreat. Any questions may be answered by Deb Coatsworth.

The women will be meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be packing cookies to mail to college students and military people.

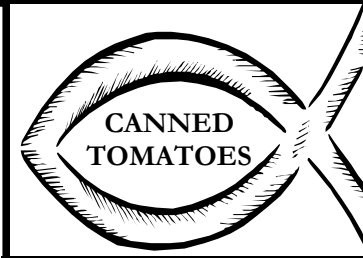
Please bring a sandwich to share. Soup, dessert and beverages will be provided. We are asking the congregation for donations of cookies by Sunday, February 5th, or you can bring them to the meeting. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.



Donations for postage are gratefully accepted.

Several members of the congregation have stepped forward to offer assistance for others in need of a ride, someone to shop for them or some small task around the home. Those that are in need of these services should contact the office to be provided with names and contact numbers of those that can potentially help.

EIGHT BRICKS have been sold, and the Memorial Committee is eager to place the engraving order. Please consider buying a brick in our Memorial Walk. Forms are available on the table inside the south entrance.



Scholarship applications are available for undergraduates enrolled in a college program for Fall 2012 on the table at the south entrance or on the website.

John Mitton will offer approximately 30 minutes of reflective music following the Ash Wednesday service (February 22nd at 7 pm).

