

Elmwood West Methodist Church



Elmwood West News May 2026

JESUS REVEALED IN US

Our Daily Bread May 10

After Joni Eareckson Tada's mother died, Joni thought about how our bodies are like "jars of clay" that hold the treasure of Christ's presence. She mused about a modern equivalent to describe our earthly bodies - a cardboard box. She knew her mother's "box," with its worn-out corners and bends, was now empty. But she reflected, it was a box they'd treasured, "the vessel in which the treasure of the Spirit of Christ had dwelt."

As Joni notes, those who follow Jesus let Him shine through them, often in spectacular ways through the creases and holes as their boxes collapse with age. In this she followed Paul's words about the treasure appearing in the "jars of clay" because it would reveal that "this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us" (2Corinthian 4:7). Although Paul was "hard pressed" and "perplexed" with what he suffered, he was not "crushed" or "destroyed" (v8-9). Through his suffering in his body, he knew that Christ's life would be revealed.

How's your cardboard box? You might feel the creases grow large as you groan under the weight of pain or disease. Know, however, that Jesus is being revealed in your body (v10). As you submit to Him, He'll shine His light through you, so that those who are in darkness may receive His love and His life.

Amy Boucher Pye

Legacy of Faith: Building for Tomorrow

4/26/26 Legacy Week 1	Foundations of Faith	Psalms 127:1 Matthew 7:24-25
5/3/26 Legacy Week 2	The Blessings of Legacy	Deuteronomy 6:6-7 2 Timothy 1:5
5/10/26 Legacy Week 3	Challenges and Resilience	Isaiah 40:31 Philippians 4:19
5/17/26 Legacy Week 4	A Vision for the Future	Jeremiah 29:11 Hebrews 12:1-2

"Legacy" refers to property, money, or **intangible values** (like reputation or culture) handed down from a predecessor.

Vision for Elmwood West Methodist Church

What is your vision for our church?

Where do you think this church is going?

These are two questions James has presented to the Church Council to discuss and use as a starting point to come up with a doable plan for the future.

If you have any thoughts on these questions, feel free to discuss them with James or any member of the council.

Psalms 16:2

"I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing. " "

Update on Roof Loan

The original loan amount was \$78,700. We have made 32 payments of \$1,035 and made contribution to the principal when we could. The current loan balance is just a little over \$41,000. We have paid off 52% of the principal in 32 months.

All memorials and some of the profit from the food trailer go towards principal. Also there have been some generous donation to the principal.

VBS

We will be hosting VBS this year.

Theme, dates and activities will be coming soon.

We will do a three day Bible School.

Volunteers are always needed.



Monday Evenings - April thru July

5:30-7:00

BURGERS ON THE LOT

**Made to order burger, bag of chips,
canned drink \$10**

News from the Food Pantry

In the month of March we were able to serve 357 families which represented 597 individuals.

The pantry tries to help our clients with hygiene and cleaning supplies when we have them available. There is not a budget for these items so we count on donations of these products. Please consider helping with this mission.

Another product that we try to have handy is baby wipes. The homeless clients really appreciate when we can offer them baby wipes.

Family Night at EWMC

We are starting our Summer Break early. Fellowship Meal, JOY Kids, and Adult Bible Study will resume when school starts.

WE WILL HAVE THIRD WED GAME NIGHT

May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19

A meal will be served.



3rd Wednesday Game Night May 20

Dominoes and Card Games

Come join us in games and fellowship.



Buffalo Gap Trade Day May 16 & 17



Third Weekend of each Month

Come join us at Buffalo Gap Flea Market.

We will have our food trailer at the flea market and will be selling breakfast and lunch.

**SUNDAY
EVENING
SERVICE**

James would like to start a Sunday Evening Service. If you know anyone who is interested in being part of that, contact James.

Prayer Request

Continued prayer for:

Mary Steed	Carol Myers
Ava Howard	Doris Harp
David Jackson	Megan Smith
Mary Potter	Debra Burns
Shirley Stephenson	David Moore
Lucrecia Alloway	Jen Stephenson

*You can call 692-1173 with prayer concerns
or email ewmc@elmwoodwest.com*



Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of **Bill Temple**

By : Mary Lockhart, Joy Cassell,
Carlene Markham

Attendance and Giving

April 5 Easter Sunday

Sunday School	11	Worship	29
Tithe and Offerings	\$3082	Roof Debt	\$110

April 12

Sunday School	16	Worship	24
Tithe and Offering	\$1443	Roof Debt	\$10

April 19

Sunday School	15	Worship	25
Tithe and Offering	\$1640	Roof Debt	\$100

April 26

Sunday School	15	Worship	21
Tithe and Offering	\$13,466	Roof Debt	\$30

February Income


Giving	\$9486
Building Use	\$1880
Rental Income	\$2100
Total	\$13,466

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/14: Glenna Casady
5/15: Margaret Jackson
5/19: Liz El-Attrache
5/30: Lily Johnson
5/30: Jackie Rincon

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May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	4	5 EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene	6	7 EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene Noon Circle of Faith 6:00 Prayer Group	8	9
10 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Leadership Training	11	12 EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene	13	14 EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene 6:00 Prayer Group	15	16 Buffalo Gap Trade Days
17 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	18	19 EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene 4-6 Food Pantry	20 5:30-7:30 Family Night Meal Game Night	21 EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene 6:00 Prayer Group	22	23
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Worship Service Sunday 10:15 am

In Person and Facebook Live