

Elmwood West Methodist Church



Elmwood West News June 2025

As One

The Daily Bread June 7

A seemingly plain table with 13 simple cups divided across separate panels make up the contemporary painting, "That They May All Be One," which hangs in Wolfson College at Oxford University. Its simplicity actually, emphasizes the significance of: Jesus' last supper with his disciples. The most prominent panel, containing bread and a cup representing Jesus, is surrounded by twelve individual panels to signify the disciples' presence.

The painting is a beautiful reminder of the meal where Jesus took bread and a cup to start a new celebration for all His followers, the practice of communion. And I appreciate the row of empty panels that complete the picture because the space seems to invite the viewer to join them at the table.

Paul encourages us that "whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (Corinthians 11:26). Everyone who believes Jesus's death and resurrection provides the way for peace with God has a space waiting for them at the table.

And when we proclaim, or remember, Jesus' sacrifice when we take communion, we act as one community of believers across the world and throughout time. It is as a beautiful image of the unity of the church.



Lisa M. Samra

Message from our Pastor

As we step into June, I find myself reflecting on the past year since I became your pastor. I cannot pinpoint the exact moment I took on this role, but I can say with certainty that my devotion to God, my awe of His greatness, and my love for this church and each of you have deepened immensely.

This month, I am excited to introduce a sermon series titled "Wesleyan Evangelism: A Call to Transform Lives." Over the next four weeks, we will explore the powerful principles of evangelism as exemplified by John Wesley. His passion for personal salvation reminds us that each of us is called to experience a transformative relationship with God. As we delve into this series, I encourage you to reflect on your own spiritual journey and consider how you can share that love with others.

Wesley believed that evangelism is not just for the chosen few but for all of us. As we discuss the origins of the Methodist movement, let us remember that our mission is to reach everyone, especially those who feel forgotten or lost. We will examine the importance of community and accountability in our faith, emphasizing the value of small groups where we can grow together and support one another.

Furthermore, Wesley's commitment to social justice serves as a vital reminder that our faith must lead us to action. We are called not only to share the gospel but also to serve our community and advocate for those in need. As we engage in acts of love and service, we embody the heart of evangelism and reflect Christ's love to the world around us.

I also want to ask for your prayers as we approach our upcoming conference the first weekend in June. Your support means the world to me, and I know that together, we can seek God's guidance and wisdom for our church's future.

Let us embark on this journey together, embracing our roles as ambassadors of Christ and reaching out to those who may be longing for His love and grace. I am truly grateful for the privilege of serving alongside you in this mission.

May God Bless You All

James



Third Wednesday Game Night

As long as there is an interest, we will continue to have Third Wednesday Game Night. Although we are taking a break from Bible Study in July, we will have a meal and game night on July 16.

Come join us for a fun night of games.



Burgers on the Lot

Burgers on the Lot is up and Running. We are up to a good start. In the first 4 weeks we have deposited \$400. Spread the word and bring your friends and family for made to order burgers.



It is hot and tiring but we always welcome volunteers.

Psalms 84:11

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless."

Sermon Series—"Wesleyan Evangelism: A Call to Transform Lives"

Week 1 "The Heart of Personal Salvation"

John 3:1-8

(Nicodemus and being born again)

Week 2 "Methodism: A Movement for All"

Matthew 28:19-20

(The Great Commission)

Week 3 "Community and Accountability in Faith"

Hebrews 10:24-25

(Encouraging one another)

Week 4 "Faith in Action: Social Justice and Evangelism"

James 2:14-17

(Faith without works is dead)



Wednesday Night Bible Study

The next two week we will be concluding our study of Your Story Has a Villian. The last 2 sessions focus on being mindful of your salvation and to be connect to God in prayer. Lesson that are good reminders for all of us.

James will also a lesson on Evangelism on June 25.

We will take a month off in July and pick up again on August 4.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/ewmc>



Wednesday Night Meals

We start serving at 5:30 and will continue to serve until 6:15.

You are welcome to stay and join us for Bible study at 6:30

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

June 4 Pizza, Salad, Dessert

June 11 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes
and Gravy, Vegetable, Dessert

June 28 Chilidogs, Taylor Tots, Dessert

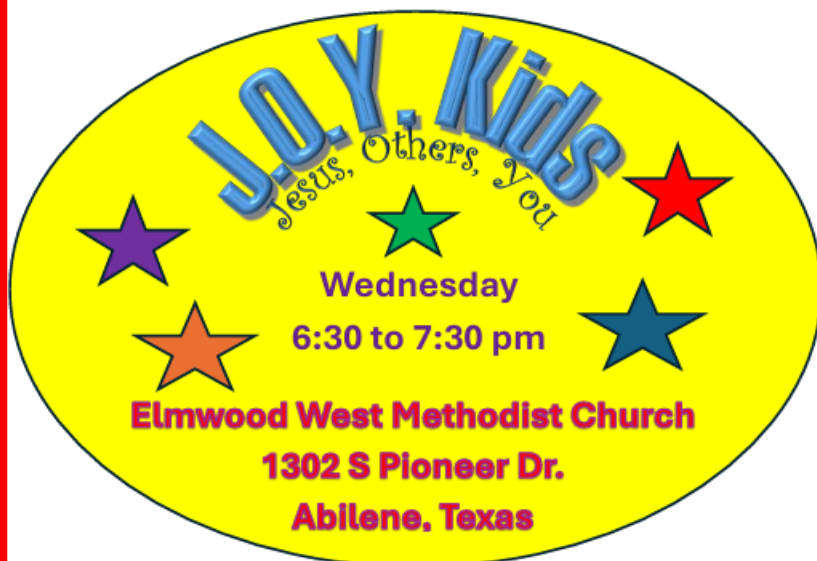
June 25 Leftovers, King Ranch Chicken,
Beef Enchilada Casserole, Goulash,
Salad and Dessert

\$5 adult

\$4 Children and college students

Children 3 and under free

\$15 family maximum



Kicking off on June 4. Pizza and salad will be served at WNM from 5:30-6:30. Parents are welcome to come and bring children for the meal. Parents are asked to stay for the meal and are free to leave their children for J.O.Y. Kids or join us for Bible Study.

Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing

Join us and bring your family, friends and neighbors for an old fashion Hymn Sing.



We will have a lunch after service. Lunch will be provided. Bring desserts to share.

News from the Food Panty

In the month of May we served 417 families which represented 889 individuals.

Abilene Gives was Tuesday, May 6. We took in 2500. We got a prize for \$500 .

This month we received a donation of 206 pounds of food from T&P Cleaning Solutions They conducted a food drive from their customer.

The Pantry continues to serve the people in Taylor County in need of food, thanks to generous donations.

Prayer Request

Continued prayer for:

Mary Steed	Jose Garcia
Carol Myers	Ava Howard
Bill Temple	Doris Harp
David Jackson	Marge Vargas
Megan Smith	Mary Potter
Agnes Campbell	Debra Burns

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

LeNell Turner 6/2

Louise Hatcher 6/5

Brantley Potter 6/19

Sonja Decker 6/20

Marjorie Vargas 6-25

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of **Lena Moore**

By Mac and Evelyn McCarthy

Attendance and Giving

April 6

Sunday School	19	Worship	27
Tithe and Offerings	\$6,582	Memorials	\$50

April 13

Sunday School	13	Worship	27
Tithe and Offering	\$247	Memorials	0

April 20

Sunday School	13	Worship	25
Tithe and Offering	\$455	Memorials	0

April 27

Sunday School	25	Worship	27
Tithe and Offering	\$1,869	Memorials	0

May

Income

Tithe and Offering	\$9,153
Rental Income	\$1,400
Building Use	\$2,679
Total	\$ 13,232

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June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	2 5:30-7:00 Burger on the Lot	3 1:00 Prayer Group	4 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 J.O.Y. Kids	5	6	7
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Worship Service
Sunday 10:00

In Person and
Facebook Live