

# ELM LEAF SEPTEMBER 2009

Elm Street Presbyterian Church 101 West Elm Street, Alton, Illinois 62002

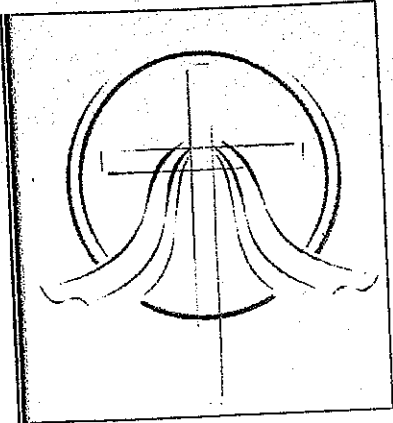
As you know or should know several things have been going on here at ESPC, this is just an update.

The Designated Pastor Nominating Committee worked diligently, got the information together about our church, wrote a new Mission Statement (really just polished up the previous one), answered the questions presented to us, etc. The Session and Congregation approved the parts they had to approve. Richard Sisk, Moderator of the committee sent it off to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, which they approved with two minor corrections, which we made. Richard and Mary Cordes tried multiple times, different computers, etc. to put it online with his password. Every time at a certain point it said a major error had occurred. Mary tried using the Clerk of Session's password, same results. After several weeks of trying, we found out it had to be put online by the Presbytery office. Couldn't figure out why no one had told us this before. Anyway Mary emailed our Church Information Forms to the Presbytery office and it should be out there now. Now, we need your prayers for a pastor to respond to our CIF. The others on this committee are Sandy Krug, Tom Wyatt, Richard Hetge and Marj Bryant, if you have any questions.

The Alton Area Presbyterian Churches are meeting, Rev. Mason started the meetings again right before he left. We invited Bethalto, Salem, Moro and Zion Presbyterian Churches to the meetings. So far only Zion Presbyterian has met with First, Twelfth St. College Ave and Elm St. and has been very active. We are focusing on Missions. Our first project was the "*Night at the Museum*". We toured the Locks and dam, saw two movies, had a worship service, prepared by Mark Stone, pastor at Zion and Janet Riley, interim pastor at CAPC. Each church had displays showing the mission work they do, there were a few handouts and excellent refreshments. 103 adults purchased tickets and 13 children. We collected \$783.00 and 210 food items for the Crisis Food Center. Our next project will be helping the Presbyterian Church in St. Louis the congregation of which is African-American as is their pastor.

Last but definitely not least, ESPC got a letter from 12<sup>th</sup> Street Presbyterian Church regarding merger. A copy of the letter is on page 2. The Session agreed to talk with them and a committee was formed with four members from each church, three Elders and someone from the congregation. Our committee members are Chance Shewmake, Cathy Bryant, John Kennedy and Marj Bryant. We have met twice and shared some church information, expenses, budgets, etc. We are planning to have several Sunday Worship Services together, some at 12<sup>th</sup> St., some at ESPC, to acquaint the congregations with each church, also tours of the buildings will be offered. The committee is looking into this and studying the feasibility of this process, only the congregation can make the decision. More details later. If you have any questions see one of the committee members,

Marjory Bryant  
Clerk of Session



# Twelfth Street Presbyterian Church

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17 June 2009

Elder Marge Brandt, Clerk of Session  
Elm Street Presbyterian Church  
101 W. Elm Street  
Alton, IL 62002

Dear Marge,

Within the context of the "One Church Alton" meetings, the four churches have worked diligently to keep the conversation going in the right direction. Elm Street Presbyterian has been very instrumental in moving these meetings forward. The conversations have begun to bear fruit in the appointment of a special task group.

However, we still struggle with the issue of union (merger). We both know that the immediacy of this discussion is felt more by Elm and Twelfth than First, College, and Zion. It is in this reality that Twelfth Street would like to enter into discussions with Elm Street specifically about merger. The Session of Twelfth Street voted 15 June 2009 (without dissent) to establish a team of three elders from Session and one member of the congregation to begin this discussion. We would like to invite and encourage your Session to do the same. We sincerely desire to make these discussions open and frank about our possibilities for merger. The Session of Twelfth Street believes that all issues are open for discussion.

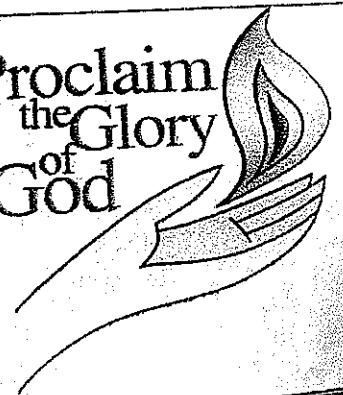
We would like to begin these discussions with your representatives on or before 15 July 2009. We believe that even with these discussions, we would remain in the larger discussion of the "One Church" meetings.

If you have questions or concerns about the beginning of these discussions please contact our Clerk, Jean Rathgeb at 466-1249. Please communicate with Jean about possible meeting dates and times.

We eagerly await your response,

David A. Olson

Proclaim  
the Glory  
of God





To: ESPC "The Session"

I am writing to thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness in helping to make our children's baptism day so special. The music selections were beautiful and we were happy to have Cherilyn, who played at our wedding, share in this special day. The flowers were a unique touch and the candles are a beautiful token by which we'll remember this important day. We appreciate being a part of your church family even as we are so far away. Thank you for always making us feel at home at Elm Street and thank you again for helping us celebrate Ashley and Eddie's Baptism.

*Sincerely, Pam & Kirk Phelps*

Dear Elm Street, Thank you for encouragement and support throughout my life. You all have always been there for me and I love you all for that, also for the gift clock. It definitely makes my desk look a lot more classy. I hope to make you all proud. Thanks again.

*God Bless You, Matt Stolze*

To the Members of Elm Street, We wish to express our gratitude to you for the love you showed to dad through the years. You all held a special place in his heart. We wish also to thank you for the same Christian love you showed us during this tough time. You are a loving family and we appreciate you. Thank you for the wonderful food, thoughts, prayers and love.

*Love, Mark & Sue Stone and family*

Just wanted to send a quick note to thank you for the use of your facilities and supplies for the Cordes shower. Everything was perfect!

*Jessica Cordes and The Cordes family*

We appreciate the use of your community fellowship room for our bridal shower. The room was most pleasant and your kindness most accommodating. We look forward to visiting with you in worship when we come with Mary again soon. *The Cordes family, Liz Cordes*

Thanks to *John Bridgeman, his wife and several boys from Boy Scout Troop 7* for the washing, waxing and polishing of the floor of the church basement. Did you notice how it shines?

Dear Friends, Our congregation has a regular method of praying for the churches in the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery and yours has been in the prayers of *St. Charles Presbyterian Church.* *Warmly, The Prayer Circle.*

Elm St. Presbyterian, Thank you so much for collecting for me it helped a lot! We leave for outreach on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be working with urban youth, with Muslims, Jewish, as well as many people when we go to the beaches. We'll be going to New York, New Jersey, Michigan and Florida. We can't wait to see what God will do through our team. I'm sending a movie to my parents about our team if you all would like to see. Thank you again so very much. Elm St. is in my prayers.

*Blessings, Elisa Wallace*

Dear Elm Street Presbyterian Church, Please convey our thanks to everyone at your church that helped with our 2009 Baby Bottle Campaign. The need was so great this year, and you have been a part of one of the best campaigns ever! We hope God will continue to bless you for your generosity. The total amount donated by your church was \$445.13. On behalf of the mothers and babies we serve...**THANK YOU!**

*Arms Of Love Ministry*

#### **OUR SYMPATHY**

To the Family of  
**William S. Stone**

Who died at home on August 4, 2009.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Lilianna Jean Steinmann**  
born July 6, 2009 weight - 7# 12oz.  
to Josh & Add Steinmann  
grandmother - **Kathy Steinmann**

**Ethan David Wallace**  
born August 2, 2009 weight - 6# 9 oz.  
To Naomi & Shawn Wallace  
Grandparents - **Al & Debbie Wallace**

Great Grandma **Sandy Krug** on the birth of  
**Austin Robert Hodge**

To **Ryan Huber** who received an Air Force ROTC college scholarship offer to attend a selected host college or university. Upon completion of the ROTC program, the cadet will receive a bachelor's degree and a commission of second lieutenant in the Air Force.

**New Addresses**

**Jeannette Greene**  
Glenhaven Gardens of Alton  
Room 204  
100 Glenhaven Drive, Alton, IL 62002  
Phone - 433-7748  
She would love to have visitors.

**June Justice**  
Glenhaven Gardens of Alton  
Room 244  
100 Glenhaven Drive, Alton, IL 62002  
Phone - 433-7788

**Mary Calendar**  
Glenhaven Gardens of Alton  
Room 237  
100 Glenhaven Drive, Alton, IL 62002  
Phone - 433-7781

**Ann McLaughlin & family**  
1120 Taylor Avenue  
Godfrey, IL 62035

**Kayla Wray**  
Hannibal-LaGrange College  
2800 Palmyra Road #587  
Hannibal, MO 63401

**CRISIS FOOD CENTER REPORT**

ESPC sent 109 items to the Crisis Food Center since reported in our last newsletter. We have received several letters from the CFC thanking us for our donations. They had a program called "Kid Box" during the summer. Families with school aged children received a KID BOX to help compensate for the school lunch programs that are dormant during the summer months.

**DEACONS REPORT**

The Deacons are asking you to continue using your green Deacon Fund envelope (found in with your pledge envelopes) as often as you can. They have not been able to help as many people as they would like. Their money goes fast. **They are still collecting empty ink-jet cartridges with printer heads**, don't forget to bring your empty ones in. The Deacons did not meet during the summer months.

**SESSION INFORMATION**

The Session met with Rev. Jay Kanerva as Moderator on June 23 and July 28 and several Special meetings with Rev. George Humbert as moderator. The Session approved:

1. Minutes of all previous meetings.
2. Audrey Stewart as Elder commissioner for a Special Presbytery meeting on July 1.
3. Cathy Bryant as Elder commissioner to the Presbytery meeting on August 20.
4. The request of 12<sup>th</sup> St. Presbyterian Church to set up a committee to discuss merger.
5. Chance Shewmake, Cathy Bryant, Marj Bryant and John Kennedy (if he agrees) to serve on the merger committee.
6. The DPNC suggestion of \$21,000 to \$24,000.00 for the salary of a new pastor.
7. The baptism of Josephine Lynn Williams, daughter of Sarah (Paddock) and Christopher Williams on Sunday, August 9, 2009.

- 8. Use by the Girl Scouts of the CE Building for their Cookie Caravan ( training and distribution of cookies) Sept. 24, 25 & 26.
- 9. Rental of a room in the C.E. Building by the VNA Health Care Corporation from September 1 through December 31, 2009 as a distribution center for their flu vaccines, supplies, etc. and as a walk in clinic for flu shots on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- 10. Use of C. E. Building by Girl Scout Troop #224 on the first, second and third Thursdays of each month.
- 11. To allow the Administrative Assistant to work afternoons on October 2, 9, and 16, so she can attend classes in the morning.
- 12. Allow Marj Bryant to sign the lease agreement with the VNA.

*A Special Congregational meeting on June 7 approved the DPNC revised Mission Statement and Dan Jarman as Elder, Class of 2011 to replace Jerry Wray, who resigned to become pastor of the Bethalto Presbyterian Church.*

**Outreach Committee**

Since there have been no offers of a Coffee Hour coordinator, it has been decided to have a coffee hour on the second and last Sundays of the month. If you would like to volunteer to host a coffee hour on any Sunday, see Sue Bryant. On Sundays when no coffee hour is scheduled if you make coffee and get out the supplies you will be responsible for cleaning up after worship

Coffee hour host are:

- September 13 - Ginny Thatcher
- September 27 - The Jarmans & Richard Hetge

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Choir Practice began on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm. It is open to those who feel the call to praise the Lord. Come join us.

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Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal at the Salvation Army on Saturday, September 19, 2009. See JoAnn Phelps if you can help.

ESPC Golf Scramble, Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 1:00 pm. Rolling Hills Golf Course. Cost \$30.00 which covers greens fee, golf cart, prize pool and a donation to the Outreach and Fellowship committee. The golf outing will be followed by a potluck meal with the main dish provided. Non-golfers are invited to attend the meal and cheer the golfers. Please contact Tom Wyatt 466-2328 or Marj Bryant 466-5421.

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ESPC Sunday School will start again on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 8:45 am

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**4<sup>th</sup> Hurricane Katrina Volunteer Work team is being formed for a trip to Olive Tree Village at New Orleans October 24 - Oct. 31, See Marj for more information.**

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Deacons will have a meeting on Monday, September 21 at 6:30 pm after having the summer off.

Session meets on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 pm

The Outreach, Fellowship and Evangelism Committee will meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 14.

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**Over 55**

**Wednesday, September 16** - Donald Danforth Plant Science Center St. Louis is privileged to have one of the premier plant science centers in the world The Center's has more than 100 scientists engaged in research on plants which may feed the hungry, improve human health, preserve and renew the environment. After a welcome introduction, we will tour the center.. We will spend about an hour at the center after which we will go to Pujol's Restaurant for a buffet lunch in a private dining room.. Cost \$45.00 all inclusive. Leave CAPC at 9:00 am. We are disappointed in the number that have signed up for this trip, it will not be cancelled, sometimes we don't appreciate what is in our own backyard.

**Friday, October 16** - Annual visit to the St. Louis Symphony Coffee Concert. The program includes The Korngold's Violin Concerto, Borodin's Symphony #2 and Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture featuring a guest violinist and conductor. Lunch at Favazza's on the Hill.. Cost \$60.00 all inclusive. Leave CAPC at 8:45 am. Reservation deadline is Monday, October 12. As of the last newsletter only 9 tickets remained.

**Wednesday, November 11** - St. Louis Ragtimers Show for \$50.00 you get breakfast, a show and a 3-course meal at Vin de Set. Leave CAPC at 8:15 am. Main floor tickets, Last day for reservations is October 12, When you send in reservations give your choice of soup or salad and entrée from the selections below. Dessert will be served family style.

Choice of Soup or Salad: **Three Onion Soup or Mixed Field Greens** w/gouda, tomato, caramelized onion & sunflower seeds

**Entrée Choice of**

**White Wine Coq au Vin**

Braised chicken w/Yukon gold mashed potatoes & bacon-onion-mushroom demi glace

**Grilled 8 oz. Pork Chop**

W/bacon-blue cheese scalloped potatoes & tomato-apricot chutney

**Grilled Wild Canadian Salmon**

W/pine nut quinoa, pickled onion and cucumbers & lime tarragon butter

**Tuesday, December 8** - Missouri Botanical Gardens to see two special Christmas exhibits, both in the main building. One is the Gardenland Express. Eight model trains will travel along 800 feet of railway track in the Floral Display Hall through a colorful palette of plants, flowers and garden landmarks in miniature. The other exhibit is of holiday wreaths, designed by area floral designers. Unless you want to go in the garden, you can spend the entire day in the main building eating lunch (On your Own) and visiting the gift shop. Cost of the event is \$33.00 which includes bus, garden and exhibit admissions. Leave CAPC at 9:00 am

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**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Resurrection Lutheran Church Oktoberfest**

**Friday, Sept. 18, 4 - 9 pm**

Dinner 4-9pm, New Horizons Band 5-7 pm, Raffle Basket & Wine Tasting

**Saturday, Sept. 19 11 am - 7 pm**

Dinner 11 am-7 pm, Art fair 10am - 4 pm, Business Showcase, Raffle Baskets & Wine Tasting. Adults \$8.00 Children \$4.00 Menu: Bratwurst, Hot German Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Hot Dog, Barbeque Pork, Slaw, Dessert and Drink.

For Booth or Ticket information see [www.riceca.org](http://www.riceca.org) or call 466-2788

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**All Alton Presbyterian Churches are meeting and planning events. Next meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2009 7:00 pm at 12<sup>th</sup> Street Presbyterian Church**

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**2009 History Tour**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2009**

**9:00 am Departure from First**

**Presbyterian Church 100 E Adams Kirkwood, MO Return about 3:00 pm Cost: \$47.00 person (Includes box lunch) Tour includes; Shrine of St. Joseph, St. Stanislaus and Pink Sisters (Mount Grace Chapel)**

**For reservations call Carol Conner at 314-821-5955**

**Make checks payable to the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy and mail to: 420 S Kirkwood Rd. Apt. 406, Kirkwood, MO 63122**

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**NEEDED**

**A good home for six little kittens. See or call Nancy Bailey**



*Elm Leaf Prayer Concerns - September 2009*

***"Members"***

Esther & Bill Bott  
Florence & Dan Earnhardt  
Nellie Smithee  
Evert Kingery  
Jeannette Greene  
The Family of Bill Stone  
Lois Mitchell  
Loretta Tague  
June Justice

***"In The Nursing Home"***

Pat Gross.....Willow Rose  
Lorene Peterson... St. Patrick's Residence  
Clarabel Park.....Royal Oak Care Ctr.  
Jean Freer.....Eunice Smith Nsg Home  
Marjorie Johnson...White Hall Nsg & Rehab Ctr.  
Willanette Ball.....Methodist Village  
Ruth Wilson.....Robing's Manor  
Sonia Hetge.....Jerseyville Manor

**Relatives and Friends of ESPC**

Dorothy Crabtree and Claire Purcell..... Louise Norman's sister's  
Anna Hopkins.....Kathy Steinmann  
Carol Jo & Don Domescik, Helen Waggoner.....Carole Springgate  
Ruth & Barb Roth.....The Bryant Family  
Margo & Robert Greenwell.....Debbie Wallace  
Mike & Lori Mortland & Debbie Kanyo.....Ann McLaughlin  
Dorothy Conner.....friend of Mildred Maguire  
The Reynolds family.....Cherilyn Trusty's Family  
Scott Bryant.....Son of Cathy Bryant  
Greg & Cathy Lister.....Marjorie Johnson's daughter and son-in-law  
Judy Colburn.....Lyndal's wife  
Kathy Shewmake.....Zada and Chance's daughter  
Bob Cronin.....Terri Darr's father  
Kin Stiebel.....daughter-in-law of Joyce Schrupf Goethe  
Gary Lee Roberts.....nephew of Marjorie Johnson  
Judy Stice.....friend of Nancy Bailey  
Winifred Orris  
Marilyn Law.....Friend of Audrey Stewart  
Ellen Hanold.....friend of Terri Darr  
Jean Hayes..... friend of Chance & Zada Shewmake  
Joshua Shewmake.....grandson of Zada and Chance Shewmake  
Dale Bailey.....Nancy Bailey's husband  
The Families of Jordan Ehlers, Mike Neswander, Sadie Bland and Tom Lewis  
Michael Krug.....Sandy Krug's son

***If you know of anyone that can be taken off of the prayer list,  
please call the church office and let us know.***



**SEPTEMBER 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 9:45 Prayer 10:15 Worship	7 Office Closed - Labor Day 8 pm AA/Al Anon	8 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - church 8:30 pm AA	9 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	10 6:30 pm Girl Scout -CE Bldg 7 pm Choir practice	11	12
13 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Prayer 10:15 Worship Communion	14 7 pm Outreach Committee meets 8 pm AA/Al Anon	15 6:30 pm B&P Women 8:30 pm AA	16 9 am Over 55 thp 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	17 6:30 pm Girl Scout -CE Bldg 7 pm Choir practice	18	19 ESPC - Salvation Army meal
20 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Prayer 10:15 Worship	21 6:30 pm - Deacons meet 8 pm AA/Al-Anon	22 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - church 7 pm Session 8:30 pm AA	23 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	24 6:30 pm Girl Scout neighborhood mtg. 8:00 pm Girl Scout service unit mtg. 7 pm Choir practice	25 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Girl Scout Cookie Caravan	26
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