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Community Events

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SUNDAY MORNING LIVE

8:45 AM

SML is a four-week (Oct 1, 8, 15, & 22) gathering Sunday mornings: Dr. Ben Ribbens, the book of Hebrews and light breakfast!

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ALPHA

5:30 PM

A place to talk, a place to be seen, and a place to ask life's big questions in a safe and non-judgmental environment. Oct 1-Nov 12.

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COMMUNITY DINNER

5:30-6:30 PM

Dinner is served! Come for a time of delicious dinner and community together.

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5th SUNDAY SERVE & BLOOD DRIVE

10 AM

We'll get out and serve our neighbors -- together! Blood Drive available on-site.

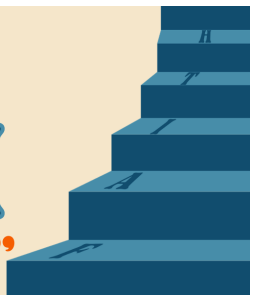
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Oct 1, 2023

Steps of FAITH

I is for "Intentions"



❖ WELCOME

❖ PRAISE

*All Are Welcome
Trust and Obey*

❖ KIDS MESSAGE

Jesus Strong and Kind

❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ KIDS DISMISSAL

❖ PRAYER

❖ OFFERING

Shepherd Me, O God (Choir)

❖ MESSAGE

*John 10:11-21, 1 Timothy 2:5-6
FAITH: I = Intentions of God, Part 2*

❖ COMMUNION

Anchor Before the Throne of God

❖ BLESSING

HELLO!

If you are new here,
text Hello to
630-748-8172.

FAMILIES:

Nursery is available
for ages 0 - 2.
Children's Worship for
PreK-4th grade
Activity supply
stations available
in the lobby and
Java Stop.

More announcements:
elmhurstcrc.org/thisweek



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PASTOR:

Jeff Klein

WORSHIP TEAM:

Tim Lundeen, Aaron Leo
Erin Lanenga

CONNECT

SML (Sunday Morning Live) Oct 1, 8, 15, 22 – a gathering prior to the service featuring Dr. Ben Ribbens, Prof of Theology at Trinity Chr College, and the book of Hebrews. Begins at 8:30 with a continental breakfast, Upper Gathering Area.

Alpha STARTS TONIGHT Join in the discussion Oct 1 – Nov 12, 5:30–7pm. Invite someone to join you! Includes dinner & child care. **Visit the Prayer Wall** in the lobby to pray for who you will invite.

Wheelchair and Mobility Device Collection this month for Living With Hope. This organization, based in Nairobi, Kenya, provides equipment free of cost, bringing HOPE and PURPOSE to those with disabilities in Eastern Africa. Drop off items by the church office.

Join our Choir! Everyone is welcome! Rehearsals are every Wed, 7–8pm in the Garden Room.

Hand Bell Choir is open to new members! For more info, contact Mary Reitsma: dmajreitsma@att.net. Rehearsals begin Oct 1.

Journeyman Thu, Oct 12, 6:30am. Featuring Johnny Zayas, Pastor of Grace and Peace CRC, in Chicago. Garden Room. Coffee/Donuts.

YOUTH GROUP

Parents: if you are not receiving our **Youth Group updates**, please email rachel.klooster@elmhurstcrc.org to be added to the list!

Sun, Oct 8, 5:30pm: Big Night of Worship in the Youth Room
Text Haley for info: 703-507-8656

Encore Are you within five years of a major life transition or retirement? Or thinking through what your identity is as a new retiree? On **Tue, Oct 24 at 7pm** David Hendricks, licensed Christian therapist will talk on issues of time, identity, purpose, and legacy.

SHE Single Mothers Support Group – meets Oct 8, 12:15pm. Topic: *Budgeting Tips*. Lunch and child care. Friends welcome.

JOIN OUR TEAM – Director of Worship develops and equips a diverse team of artists and oversees all non-preaching aspects of Sunday am worship. elmhurstcrc.org/join-our-team

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

PRAYER & E-NEWS: elmhurstcrc.org/subscribe
DAILY DEVOTIONALS: elmhurstcrc.org/podcasts
or text DEVOS to 630-748-8172 for text reminders

Church office: 630-600-5100

LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS

It's the time of year when congregation members are invited to nominate **Elders, Deacons, and Senior Leadership Team (SLT)** members to serve the community. These positions serve the church for three-year terms.

Who makes a good nominee? It's not dependent on age or tenure, but rather on an individual's personal and spiritual maturity. We seek individuals who embody qualities such as *caring and compassion* (deacon), *shepherding and teaching* (elder), and *leadership and administration* (SLT). Our criteria for these roles are defined by these qualifications, as well as those found in I Timothy 3:1-17.

All offices are open to any active, professing member. *Do you know someone who might be a good fit for these positions?*

Submit your nomination online **by Sunday, October 15**.

elmhurstcrc.org/nominations

GEMS: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

THE ECRC GEMS Girls Club will be collecting shoebox-size items for Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse). Each box will be packaged in Christmas wrapping paper and labeled for an age group– ages 2–4, ages 5–9 and ages 10–14. GEMS would love help collecting items for this project! Items needed:

- Wrapping paper, bows and ribbon
- Small toys– little frisbees or balls, yo-yos, puzzles, dolls, Barbies, super hero figures, fidgets, cars, trucks, small stuffed animals
- Crafts & Activities– crayons, markers, pencils, small pads of paper, activity books, stickers
- Personal Care– small combs/hairbrushes, band-aids, water bottles, toothbrushes
- Clothing & Accessories– jewelry, socks, sunglasses, hair bows, hats, mittens, scarves, drawstring backpacks, fabric tote bags, small purses

Place new or gently-used items in the boxes by the ECRC church office by October 22. Thank you for your generosity!