

Elkville Christian Church

Spotlight Focus on Sharing Joyfully



1 Peter 4:10 says "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

If you have ever had the privilege to spend any time at all with Joyce Elledge you know that she is one of a kind. Her name does her justice, this vibrant lady is as colorful as her art and exhibits JOY. Many of you probably already know that Joyce has a passion for art and she loves people. She says, "Every time I paint, travel or snap a picture with my camera I learn something new, and that is a big part of what makes my life worthwhile." She is inspired by everything; something from a book, a friend or just playing with her paints.

Family brought the Elledges to ECC in the early 90's and they were drawn in by the welcoming, comfortable and happy atmosphere. She has been married to Denny Elledge, who she calls her best friend, for 66 years. When Joyce is getting a little boisterous, you can find Denny right beside her shrugging his shoulders and saying, "I'm just along for the ride."

And what a ride it's been. It is obvious that Joyce has a gift. And she shares this talent wherever the opportunity arises. After she was married and had children, she would hold art classes with the neighborhood children, volunteered to do arts and crafts with the Girl Scouts and brought her art to her children's classroom as a room mother.

As a child, Joyce loved to draw with crayons, as most of us do. Her mother had a little saying that goes like this: Honey, honey don't draw on the walls but don't stop drawing for you have a call. Growing up in what we would now call a dysfunctional family, her Father was very distant. Art was her bright spot and crayons were exciting. She tells of a time when one positive comment bolstered her pursuit of art like no other. Around the age of 7 or 8, she wanted to draw a picture of Jesus. Her effort was rewarded when her Mother was so proud of Joyce's "masterpiece" she framed it. When her Father came home and saw it, not only did he recognize it was Jesus but he told her she had done a good job with it.

(Some beautiful samples of Joyce's artwork)



Though she had no formal training, throughout the years she sat in on classes and learned from other artists, Tooge Piper being one of them. She's honed her gift and continues to learn and that is what keeps her in forward motion. Joyce usually donates the paintings to help raise money for special charities or fundraisers. She said she gets the joy of knowing it puts a smile on someone's face.

If you have walked down the main hallway at ECC you have had the pleasure of experiencing the ECC Art Gallery. The Art Gallery is a fairly new addition to the walls of ECC thanks to the classes Joyce brings to us. When asked why she wanted to bring her art class to ECC she expressed that it is the best stress reliever; that painting can bring a release and relax you. She brings this to every class, allowing everyone (mostly herself) to act silly. She said, so many people say, "I can't paint" but she won't allow the word "can't" in her class.

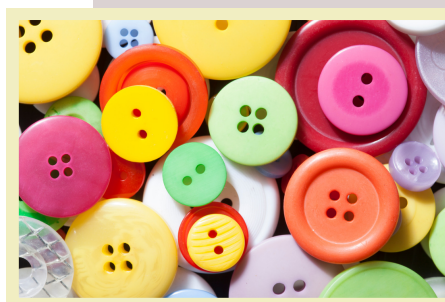
When asked what her favorite painting is she quickly stated, "The next one." She said there is a story behind every picture and she keeps her camera close because you never know where and when inspiration may come. Her next endeavor is a button project. This will be a mosaic of sorts. This class is tentatively scheduled for May. But before that can happen she is in need of an assortment of colored buttons and we are asking everyone to scour their cupboards, bins and baskets for any colored buttons you may find and contribute them to her newest project.

We have much to learn from the example of Joyce's approach to life. Regardless of what rocky roads we may travel, we can always be learning, always sharing, always looking for opportunities to give by using the gifts that God has given us with JOY!

Thank you Joyce for being you!! And as she always says . . .

"God Bless, and May you Dream in Color"

DO EVERYTHING
"HEARTILY, AS TO THE
LORD"
(COL. 3:23),
AND TO SERVE HIM
"WITH GLADNESS"
(PS. 100:2).



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2nd Gus Gibbs
3rd Zach Jones
3rd Denny Harsy
4th Errinn Carter
7th Landen Walker
9th Dennis Elledge
10th Joyce Elledge
10th Adi Jo Wilson
14th Kristian Porter
14th Jessica Martin
17th Gene Gray
19th Sarah Zirkelbach
20th Kevin Asbury
22nd Julie Garavaglia
22nd Dane Gibbs
25th Lu Pruitt
26th Jason Cobin
26th Jane Tuthill
28th Ashley Harsy
29th Becky Burroughs
29th CJ Monroe

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

26th Denny & Peggy Harsy
26th Dale & Karen Odom
26th Dustin & Brittany Dobill
28th Lloyd & Joan Watts
29th Kevin & Tricia Asbury



We will be having a
VBS Volunteer
Meeting after church
on April 21st.

SAVE THE DATE

VBS 2024
Group
diving into friendship with God
July 28th - August 1st

APRIL DATES

4/3 No Wednesday Night Activities

4/6 Men's Meeting and Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.

4/7 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.

4/8 Book Club 6:00 p.m.

4/10 Wednesday Night Bible Study Meal: 5:45-Bible Study 6:30-7:30

4/13 Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m.

4/14 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.

4/14 Guest Services Meeting

4/15 Area Men's Meeting at Minor 6:30 p.m.

4/16 Senior's Luncheon 12:00 noon

4/17 Wednesday Night Bible Study Meal: 5:45-Bible Study 6:30-7:30

4/20 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.

4/21 VBS Volunteer Meeting after Church

4/21 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.

4/24 Wednesday Night Bible Study Meal: 5:45-Bible Study 6:30-7:30

4/25 Joint Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

4/28 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.

*Please remember that dates are subject to change, and that there may be some events added later after this newsletter is published. Follow the weekly bulletins and follow us on Facebook.

FOR MORE INFORMATION.....

- Men's Breakfast- with Guest Speaker from Nashville, TN, Tommy Tomlinson bringing the devotion.
- Women's Breakfast-Christine Stearns, from Grand Avenue Christian Church, will be delivering the devotion.
- Book Club: Book of the Month is *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult.
- Senior's Ministry coffee shop now open Monday-Friday, 8:00-10:00
- Walking track open to adults of all ages Monday through Fridays, 8:00-12:00 in our multi-purpose room.
- Bring in your spare buttons!!! For an upcoming paint class with Joyce Elledge (date to be determined) we are looking for people to donate their spare colorful buttons.

APRIL SERVING SCHEDULE

Communion Purchase

Julie Briley

Communion Prep

Lisa Stewart & Sylvia Krelo

Sunday School Milk & Juice

4/7 Joyce & Larry Hickman

4/14 & 4/21 Jeanette Thompson

4/28 Nancy Kreid

Opening Prayer

4/7 Raymond Pabst

4/14 Lyle Thompson

4/21 Lance Weil

4/28 Gary Pruitt

Nursery

4/7 Susan Crane

4/14 Gail Ridgeway with Colton

4/21 Carla Bigham with Ginny Reiman

4/28 Emily Evans with Zoey Swenson

Communion Meditation

4/7 Joyce Hickman

4/14 Lance Weil

4/21 Gary Monroe

4/28 Landon Buser

Inside Greeters

4/7 Becky Burroughs & Marilyn Piper

4/14 Ellie Yates & Landon Buser

4/21 Jeannette Thompson & Bobbie Starr

4/28 Lisa Stewart & Sylvia Krelo

Hall Greeter

4/7 Jordan Evans

4/14 Randy Manis

4/21 Jake Gibbs

4/28 Aaron Thompson

Exit Greeter

4/7 Paula Dunlap

4/14 Thelma Viernum

4/21 Susan Crane

4/28 Dale Odom

COMMUNION SERVERS

4/7/2024

Doug Gibbs
Lyle Thompson
Ed Davis
Warren Yates
Jarrod Kreid
Tom Scott
Andy Burroughs
Tyler Burroughs

4/14/2024

Gordon Burroughs
Larry Hickman
Joyce Hickman
Brandon Buser
Luke Buser
Jake Gibbs
Gary Monroe
Steve Parry

4/21/2024

Dale Odom
Gary Jones
Darrell Dunbar
Craig Briley
Paula Dunlap
Jeremy Keith
AJ Keith
Wes Wilt

4/28/2024

Brandon Buser
Jake Gibbs
Mike Stewart
Hank Stewart
Aaron Thompson
Maddax Thompson
Mark Wilson
Jordan Evans

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Men's Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
7 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30	8 Book Club 6 p.m.	9	10 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	11	12	13 Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m.
14 Guest Services Meeting Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30	15 Area Men's Meeting at Minor	16 Senior's Movie Luncheon 12:00 noon	17 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	18	19	20 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
21 VBS Volunteer Meeting After Church Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30	22	23	24 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	25 Joint Board Meeting 6 p.m.	26	27
28 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30	29	30				

Prayers and Praises

Praises: Lonnie Shepard (Jane Gray's son-has had his colostomy removed! Praying it continues to go well!)

Surgery & Recovering: Nancy Denton (surgery 1/26); Lauren Buser(gallbladder surgery); Patty Buser (upcoming surgery on hand/thumb); Doug Berner (Thelma's nephew-heart surgery at Barnes); Chris Ehlers (broken ankle-surgery); Julie Hicks (surgery to remove breast cancer); Ted Harsha (toe amputation); Rodney Barwick (complications after gallbladders surgery)

Others in Need: Alec Valerius (mass in spine requiring surgery); Heidi Humerickhouse (6 month old with serious health issues); Aurura (Tom & Jenny Scott's granddaughter); Jimmie & Terri Rice (newborn twins born prematurely-in St. Louis); Pat Underwood (liver issues); Dawn Cashion (heart issues); Dawn Conner (heart issues); Marge Quillman (91-broken hip, infection-cannot do surgery); Jeff Collins (blood clots after heart attack): Jessica Davis (Serious Health Concerns; Pray for healing); Dan Hunter (Fall-brain bleed, pneumonia); Cheryl Reese(Pancreatitis & liver cirrhosis); Vickie Lewis(Health issues); Jaque Ford (torn meniscus); Nyle Ford; Richard Shimkus (balance and overall health); Doug Myers (heart issues); Brenda Segelken (broken hip); Carol Myers (serious health issues); Parker Evans (testing); Bob Dawe (pneumonia, staff infection); Nancy Denton (serious heart issues); Kelly Offermann (lung problems); Bentley Creech (newborn with breathing troubles-in St. Louis Hospital on ventilator); Chris Darnell (brain bleed-in St. Louis hospital); Evey Maye(kidney disease); Nick Fowler (biopsy-testing for possible skin cancer in the stomach);Ridgeway (heart failure); Karen Monroe; David Flowers (broken leg after a fall); Mandy Pitlick (psoriatic arthritis); Alex Walters (32 year old admitted to Barnes Jewish Hospital after a collapse; Patty Manis (cardiac and other health issues)

Those With Cancer: Owen Peebles (Wilm's tumor); Lucy Boss (5 year old with leukemia);Chuck Alexander(skin cancer); Paul Mclaughin (Jeanette Thompson's brother-stage 4 pancreatic cancer); Barb Nawakoski (lung cancer); Larry Aken (Jerry Aken's brother-cancer returned); Addi Reiman (11 year old with leukemia); Brent Crews (throat cancer); Lori Davis (Stage 4 cancer in bones, lungs, and lymph nodes); Tenza Connor (Breast Cancer); Mary McGriff (ovarian cancer); Larry Thompson (radiation treatments); Brian Tuthill (leukemia); Logan Kraeger (31 year old with stage 4 cancer);Melissa Jane Pabst (leukemia has returned); Aiden Caracker (senior @ Elverado with rare cancer-undergoing treatment); Nathan Barnes-Atterberry (on hospice);

Kathy Yates; Brenda Flowers (chemo started December 13); Janelle Coleman (mother of 3-breast cancer-preparing for double mastectomy followed by chemo; Sherry Hargis (Chemo Treatments, not doing well); Jason Stutes (lymphoma returned for 3rd time); Reice Mae Albright (Goreville High School student-brain tumor); Addilyn Holmes (6 y.o. stage 3 renal cancer, Wilms tumor-kidney removed-starts chemo January 10th followed by radiation); Cheryl Baker; Jeanette Thompson (leukemia); Linda O'dell (stage3 cancer);

Military Service: Bryce Mathis (Army Ranger); Zac Jorgenson (Air Force-stationed in North Dakota); Nick Depyatic (Air Force-stationed in Wyoming);Micheal Brown (Navy-deployed to Africa); Chad Lipe (deployed overseas); Captain Luke Grieder (Army-serving in Africa); Rylan Ragar (Coast Guard-stationed Pensacola, FL); Andrew Martin (Army-LTC@Pentagon); Jessica Sickles (Air Force-being deployed overseas); Jeffrey Davis (Navy); Stavian Bizailion (Army); Mekenna Goessman (National Guard); Brooklyn Miller-McMullen (Coast Guard)

Those in Mourning:

April Wednesday Night Menu

Meal Starts at 5:45. Comes with Drink and Dessert. Cost is \$7/plate & \$18/family
To help Donna prepare, PLEASE be sure to sign up by the Tuesday before



4/3 No Wednesday Night Activities

4/10 Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, and Salad

4/17 Taco & Nacho Bar

4/24 Chicken Parmesan Casserole, Salad, and Garlic Bread

We hope you enjoy our newsletter. You can also visit our website at
www.elkvillechristian.com for more!
Also be sure to like us on Facebook!

The Sovereign Lord will show his
justice to the nations of the
world.

Everyone will praise him!
His righteousness will be like a
garden in early spring,
with plants springing up
everywhere.

Isaiah 61:11, NLT

