

ELMWOOD MONTHLY NEWS

joining with God as he makes all things new

JANUARY 2022

AROUND ELMWOOD

NEW SERMON SERIES - PHILIPPIANS – THE CROSS-SHAPED LIFE

This January marks the beginning of a new series of messages through Paul's letter to the Philippians. As we look at this letter together, we will explore crucial and relevant themes including identity, unity, humility, joy, suffering, and the surprising advance of the gospel in difficult circumstances. Join us Sundays at 10:30 am, in person or online, as we experience the book of Philippians together.



ANNUAL MEETING AND CHURCH MEAL - Sunday, January 23, 2022



Mark your calendars and plan to join us Sunday, January 23rd, immediately following the worship gathering, for our 2022 Annual Meeting and next church meal. While we eat in the Fellowship Hall, we will hear ministry reports of how God has worked over the past year and will vote on the proposed 2022 Leadership Team. Bring a main dish, side, or dessert to share.

POST-GATHERING PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer is a vital part of the ministry of Elmwood, and one of the ways we are seeking to incorporate prayer into the life of our church is through a new post-gathering prayer ministry. If you need prayer for any reason or would like to be prayed over, come to the front of the sanctuary (right side) immediately after the worship gathering and someone will be available to pray with you.



AROUND ELMWOOD (cont)

NEXT GEN MINISTRY (kids & students) meets from 6 – 8 pm on Thursday, Jan 6

NEXT GEN MINISTRY (kids only) meets from 6 – 8 pm on Thursday, Jan 20

ADULT CLASS will not be meeting in January. Stay tuned for more details!

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday, January 5th, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

NEXT GEN STUDENTS ATTEND WINTER WIPEOUT – January 21-23

In January, our NextGen students are going to be headed to Winter Wipeout at Camp Shamineau! We are really looking forward to having an awesome time with our students as we fellowship together, traverse the ropes course, and of course, spend time worshiping Jesus. If you know anyone who is in middle or high school that would like to go, please have them contact Pastor Matt at matt@elmwoodchurch.org.



THANK YOU FROM ALL THINGS NEW PRAYER MINISTRY

One of the ministries Elmwood hosts is a prayer ministry called **All Things New**. We recently received this thank you note from them:

Dear Elmwood, Thank you so much for hosting us since 2015! Our mission is to offer a time and place for people to deepen their prayer lives. We offer Monthly Morning Retreats and Monthly Prayer Clinics. You're welcome to join us!

<http://allthingsnewprayer.org>

With much gratitude, Chris Nelson & Diane Paulson - Co-leaders

GENEROSITY REPORT

2022 giving envelopes are available by request at the church office.

A final report of giving and expenses for 2021 will be included in the 2021 Annual Report that will be available on January 9th.

BE RICH GIVING UPDATE

Last October we set out to raise \$20,000 for our BE RICH stewardship drive. Through your generosity, we raised over and above what we needed—\$21,723 as of 12/29/2021. Praise God!