

# Serving God in Ministry



## For 125 Years

A newsletter of the  
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.**  
**WORSHIP 10:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.**

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### SEPTEMBER 2016



#### **Worship Time Change**

This Sunday, September 4th we will change morning worship back to it's 10:30 am start. Sunday

School will begin at 9:30 am on September 11th. Contemporary Service will stay at it's 6:00 pm time.

#### **CHILI & SOUP EXTRAVAGANZA**



We are planning our fall chili & soup dinner for October 13, 2016. Volunteers will be needed for the dinner to be a success. There are several departments that will need a leader and helpers. Those departments are Ticket Sales to businesses, Advertising, Kitchen, Dining Room, Desserts, Beverages, Carryout and Cleanup. We have an outline of what needs to be accomplished for each area. None of them are overwhelming in themselves but each of these areas are essential for the success of the dinner. Anyone who is willing to be a manager for one of these areas, please contact Mary or Clarence Morgan. There are plenty of helpers but takes someone to oversee each area.

We, of course, will be needing soups contributed along with desserts. The variety of soups that we offer is what makes our soup extravaganza unique. There will be signup sheets in the Narthex for volunteers and food. This is always a great way to get to know your church family. Please be willing to commit to this project. We think it is important that we open our doors for the community and invite them in to show that we are a caring and sharing church.



#### **THE STORY**

On September 11 we will start The Story. The Story is your opportunity to encounter God in his Word like never before. The Story is a collection of the basic stories of the Bible that tell the

whole story of God's people from beginning to end—it is God's story and it is YOUR Story.

The Story will take you into God's house where he has framed photos of your ancestors—folks you may not know—lining the walls of his house.

Stories of a family patriarch named Abraham whose faith was as great as any. A matriarch named Ruth with courage that would make the most hardened warrior proud. A stubborn Jonah and his improbable fish tale. Impetuous Peter and his big mouth. Persistent Paul and his adventures in preaching.

Yet who he wants most of all for you to meet in his story is his son. He desires for you to look long into the loving eyes of Jesus Christ and hear his claims—that what he began in the first chapter of creation he will realize at the last chapter of the New Creation, where a perfect people can live in a perfect place with their perfect Lord.

You may be a bit intimidated by the Bible. You're not alone; many people are. And no wonder, its pages mention odd names like Jehoshaphat and Nebuchadnezzar. It contains accounts from places you probably never heard of, like Sinai and Samaria. And it seems to be made up of a lot of different, seemingly unrelated stories. But it really is one big, exciting story.

Like last year, Sunday school classes for all age groups will study the same topic for that week. This topic will also be the theme of our worship service and my sermon.

I invite you and your family to join us each week as we study The Story together.

*Pastor Steve*





### Turkey Festival Parade

The Turkey Festival Parade will be held on September 24th at 10:00 am. The theme this year is "Shake Your Tail Feathers." Our

church is planning on having a float in the parade. We are in need of candy donations for the kids to throw during the parade. A container is available in the Narthex to put the donations in. We might also be in need of materials for the float decorations, but that will be announced at a later time. So be on the look out for more information on this as the time gets closer.

### Festival of Sharing October 15 School Kit items

- 1 pair blunt child's scissors
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1-30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 large eraser
- 1 pencil sharpener (hand-held)
- 3 Spiral or tape-bound notebooks of ruled paper, 8" x 10"
- 14"x16" finished SIZE, cloth bag with cloth handles. Please contribute any of these items or make some cloth bags for the festival. If you have any questions call Lorraine Dowler.



### VISITATION

Do you like talking with people? Are you a good listener? The Membership Care team is looking for a few people to help visit our shut-ins. This is easy and fun, and really means a

lot to our members who are no longer able to join us for worship on Sunday mornings. We want them to know that we have not forgotten about them and that we miss them, so we are looking for a few volunteers who will make time to visit a few of our shut-ins just once every three months (only 4 times a year). If you have time to do this and are interested in more information, please sign up in the Narthex or call Denise Taylor at 280-8332.

# God is Love



### Little Mr & Miss Contest

Looking for adorable kids age 3-6 to be in the Little Mr & Miss contest at the Turkey Festival. Lots of fun for the kids and proceeds benefit our community and the food pantry. Applications in The Advertiser and at the Chamber Office!



### What is your passion?

It is that time of year again when we are looking at teams and committees for next year. I have many people tell me that they are willing to serve where ever needed. Thank you! That's great, we need you! My preference though would be to have you serve in an area that you feel passionate about. What are the talents God has given you, and how can you use them to serve God, our church, and the unsaved in our community? In what areas do you feel excited about serving God, or feel a sense of joy and peace when you help in that way? Is it Children's Ministry? Outreach? Evangelism? Work Projects (Trustees)? Worship? How about helping with the big fundraiser dinners? I am asking everyone to pray this month and see in what area God might be calling you to serve. Then, let me know! Send me an email or call me and let me know how you would like to serve in our church and with outreach to our community. Thank you.





## Flu Shots

Stay healthy this fall! Protect yourself and your loved ones this fall by getting your flu shot right here at the church! Flu shots will be available before

and after church on Sunday, October 9th. Flu shots can be billed to Medicare or private insurance leaving no expense for you. We will also be providing blood pressure and blood sugar checks as well. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, but walk-ins will also be welcome. Any questions? Please see Erin Svoboda (378-8323) or Cindy Cronenberg (286-3184).

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is the time when the children (grades K-5) are dismissed from the service, and usually last about 35 minutes. Our format is to show a fun Christian character building educational video and then discuss the video with the kids. There is a new sign-up sheet in the Narthex for adults who would like to help lead Children's Church. We have the videos already picked out and have the discussion questions too! It could not be easier and it is a fun time to be with the kids. Please consider signing up for just once every other month (only 6 times a year).



## New Bishop

**NEW** The Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church has a new Bishop, our own Bob Farr. Bishop Farr has served on our current Bishop's Cabinet as the Director of Congregational Excellence for the last 12 years. There will be an Episcopal Welcome Service for Bishop Farr on Saturday, October 1 from 1-3 pm at the Missouri UMC in Columbia. All United Methodist are invited to this special service to help us welcome Bob Farr as our new Bishop.

## Thank You

I would like to thank all of my friends at the United Methodist Church for the beautiful prayer blanket, as well as the prayers & good well wishes. Your kindness is really appreciated. Thank you so much!  
Love, *Betty McDowell*



## Five Practices Fund for Fruitful Congregations

The Five Practices Fund for Fruitful congregations is a charitable endowment fund administered by the Missouri United Methodist Foundation. The annual income from the fund will be used for education programming and resources for Missouri laity and clergy. All gifts to the Fund are tax-deductible. If you would like to give to this fund to honor the legacy of Bishop Schnase and provide enriching educational experiences for Missouri United Methodist church, please call Pastor Steve. I will collect all donations, and we will send one check from our church.



## Birthday Celebration

On Monday, October 10th Paul Mosher will be turning 95 years old. Carl, Lanny, and Paula will be having a small party in his honor in the Eldon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall from 1:00-3:00 pm. Members of the church are welcome to come and join in on the celebration that day. They are requesting no presents, just cards.

## DVD PLAYER

One of the Sunday School classrooms is in need of a DVD player. If you have one that works and no longer need it, please consider donating it to the church.



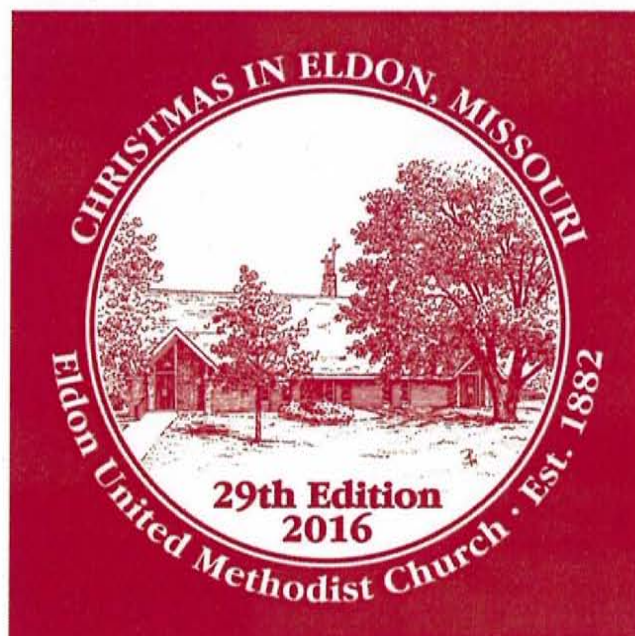
## Men's Breakfast

The men's fellowship & devotion breakfast will continue this fall on the first and third Saturdays of every month from 8:00-9:00 am at the Mustang Grill. This month's dates are September 3rd and 17th. This is a time when we can come together as Christian men to eat, have a short devotion, fellowship, and to encourage each other in our faith. This is an informal group for MEN of all ages and no RSVP is required, just show up hungry.



# September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Mustang Grill
4 10:30 am Church Service 6:00 pm Contemporary Service	5  Office Closed	6	7 1:00 pm UMW	8	9	10
11 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Church Service 6:00 pm Contemporary Service	12 9:00 am Food Pantry	13	14	15	16	17 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Mustang Grill 10:00 am DAR
18 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Church Service 6:00 pm Contemporary Service	19 2:00 pm Lee House	20	21 6:30 pm Church Council meeting	22	23	24 10 am Turkey Festival Parade
25 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Church Service/Youth Sunday 6:00 pm Contemporary Service	26	27	28	29	30	



This year our church was chosen for the Chamber of Commerce's Christmas ornament. I am not sure of the price yet, but the ornament can be purchased during the Turkey Festival, or afterwards at the Chamber office or here at the Church. All proceeds go to support the Chamber. Below is the historical sketch of our Church which will appear in the Eldon Advertiser.

The Methodist Church had a presence in Miller County as early as 1833 with several circuit rider ministers preaching in homes, schoolhouses, or under trees in the towns of Pleasant Mount (now Mount Pleasant), Eldon, Olean, and High point.

The first official Methodist Church was organized in Eldon in 1882. The Methodists met one Sunday per month in a Church building that was also used by the Congregation Church and the Disciples Church.

The first Methodist Church built in Eldon was in 1889 at the Corner of Oak and North Streets, but was destroyed only 6 years later by cyclonic winds. The Church was rebuilt in 1897 and underwent several remodels and additions as the Methodists worshipped there until they outgrew the church in 1963.

In 1963 they built a new church on the corner of Oak and Fairview. This is the current Church. Rev. Harold Dodds was the pastor at the time. This new church was built by Joe Curtiss and the Curtiss-Manes Construction Company of Eldon, which is now Curtiss Manes Shulte Inc..

In 1968 the Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church to form the United Methodist Church. Rev. Steve George is the current pastor and has been serving here since 2012.