

**Serving God in Ministry**



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A newsletter of the  
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**JUNE 2015**

**CHURCH WORK DAY**

There will be an all-church work day at our church on Saturday, June 13 from 9 am – 12 noon. We will be working on a number of outdoor projects like cutting down and clearing out 1 dead tree, installing light mounts, trimming dead tree limbs and spreading fertilizer. Bring your chain saw and some work gloves if you have them.

**Summer Worship Service Time  
Change to 9:30 am**

Our worship time has changed to 9:30 am for the summer.

Summer is a great time to enjoy vacations, the lake, the parks, and to make up excuses as to why we can't make it to church! While this is easy to do, I would encourage you to not only come to church this summer as often as you can, but invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and anyone who you feel could use the love of God in their life. Yes, 9:30 am is early, but I promise that God will get up early to be there—will you?

We will resume our normal service time in the fall once school starts back up again.

**Ministerial Alliance Picnic**

The Ministerial Alliance will be hosting a fundraiser picnic on Friday, June 12 at the Air Park from 4 – 7 pm. Each church is being asked to have a table with a fun activity for children. If you have an idea for what we could do, or are interested in helping with this for our church, please contact Pastor Steve.

**Contemporary Worship Service**

Starting on Sunday, June 14, we will be starting a new contemporary worship service at our church on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm. Not only will the message and music be different, but the format of the service will be completely different from our current morning service. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend this service. After the service is over, the adults will go home and we will have activities and games for the youth group.

My plan is for us to have this new service every Sunday night throughout the summer and see how it goes. If it is a good fit for our church, then we will have our official "Grand Opening" and start advertising and promoting the service this fall once school starts again. Please pray for me as I continue to work on this new service, and pray that it will attract new families to our church. *Pastor Steve*



**UMW HAPPENINGS**

Thanks to all who contributed to the Candle Burning in Mission Effort. Also, thanks to those who provided food for the luncheon to the family of Lillian Mitchell. They are most appreciative! The next meeting of UMW will be September 2 at 1:00 P.M. All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## FOOD PANTRY

The Eldon community food pantry has been accepted into the community rewards program with Gerbes. If you have a Gerbes Plus card, you can sign up to participate and help the pantry receive a percent of your sales. You must have 3 things to register and begin supporting the food pantry. 1. A Plus Card, which is available at any store by asking an associate; 2. A valid email address; and 3. a personalized account at the Gerbes website. To enroll visit

[www.gerbes.com/communityrewards](http://www.gerbes.com/communityrewards), then sign in or create an account. Click on "enroll now", fill out your information, and then enter the 5-digit NPO. The NPO for the Eldon food pantry is 45197. You then select the Eldon Community Food Pantry and click on "Enroll" For assistance setting up an online account or with general questions, please contact Dillions are 800-576-4377 option 3.

Our church's time to volunteer at the Food Pantry is Monday, June 8 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

## Children's Church

We will continue to have Children's Church throughout the summer. Children's Church is the time when the children (grades K – 5) are dismissed from the service, and usually lasts about 35 minutes. Our format is to show a fun educational video and then discuss the video with the kids. We have the videos already picked out and have the questions too! It could not be easier, and it is a fun time to be with the kids as they learn about God. We are still going through the video series called "What's in the Bible?" which was written by the same person who created Veggie Tales.

We need more adults to sign up to lead Children's Church on Sunday mornings during the summer. I am asking for everyone to pray about being involved with this, and to consider signing up for just once every other month (only 6 times a year). Please pray and ask God if He is calling you to be a part of this exciting ministry to our children.

Thank you, *Pastor Steve*



God's  
Love  
Never  
Fails

## Father and Children's Camp Out

Fathers and Grandfathers, I am planning a camp out on Friday, July 31 at a nearby camp ground. This is for all Fathers and Grandfathers and their children and grandchildren (sorry, no "adult daughters" over the age of 18 allowed).

We will meet at the camp ground Friday evening and return on Saturday afternoon. More details will follow as the time gets closer. This is a time for us to get away with our children and grandchildren, and to give our wives a break! Please sign up in the Narthex or send me an email if you are interested in attending. *Pastor Steve*

## Men's Breakfast

The men's fellowship & devotion breakfast will continue through the summer on the first and third Saturday of every month from 8:00 – 9:00 am at the Silver Dollar. This month's dates are June 6 and 20. 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.

### *Nursery Volunteer(s) for the summer*

All, we are looking for volunteers to work in our church nursery on Sunday mornings over the summer during the 9:30 am worship service. Our young parents need a break so they can worship, so I am asking older experienced parents and grandparents to consider signing up for just one or two Sundays over the summer. If you are willing to help, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

I would like to thank Jennifer Wickham who has been doing this for a long time—thank you, Jennifer! Your time and investment in our children has been a blessing.

### **The Main Event Men's Conference**

In July a group of men from our church will be going to Kansas City for a Men's Conference called "The Main Event". The dates are July 17-18 and the cost is \$79 per person (meals and lodging are extra). We will leave Eldon around 1:00 pm on Friday afternoon to drive up together, and return Saturday sometime in the late afternoon.

I have attended a number of men's conference's in the past and am looking forward to this one. It is always a great time to get away, have fun with other men, and get focused on what it means to be a Christian man, husband and father. During the Conference we will hear several big name speakers, a comedian, and have awesome worship time (contemporary-style with a band).

You can register yourself online, or I can register you if needed. Five of us have already registered but there is room for more. I will reserve rooms at a hotel near the conference once I know how many men are attending. Please let me know if you would like your own room or if you would like to share a room with someone.

Pastor Steve

You can check out the details here:

[http://www.lifeway.com/Event/mens-event-the-main-event-2015-kansas-city-mo#pricing\\_detail](http://www.lifeway.com/Event/mens-event-the-main-event-2015-kansas-city-mo#pricing_detail)

### **Vacation Bible School**

Since last year's One-Day VBS was so successful we are doing it again! VBS will be on Saturday, June 27 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. Volunteers are needed for a number of different positions—no experience required! Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex or just show up at 8:30 am ready to have fun and help the children.

A VBS planning meeting is scheduled for June 10th at 6:00 pm.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR FALL**

Sunday school will be taking a break over the summer months. We are in need Sunday school teachers for the upcoming Sunday school year, which begins in the fall. Please pray about this and let us know if you are interested in helping out.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you all so much for all your thoughts and prayers. A special thanks for the laying of your hands on my prayer blanket, it brings much courage facing uncertainties. I praise the Lord everyday for the way things turned out for me and praise Him for sending Kent & I to Eldon UMC, and for this church family.

In Christian Love, *Julia Olinger*

### **New Church Pictorial Directory**

We have completed our new church pictorial directory and copies may be found in the Narthex. We have already made a revision in the form of larger print, so if you picked up one of the original copies but would like the updated version with larger print, please feel free to take one.

There are also several digital ways to access this directory—all of which are completely secure.

At your request we can email you a PDF copy of the directory. If you have a smart phone, there is an app you can download. Search your app store for "Instant Church Directory". But, in order to access our church's directory, you must have given us your email address. You will be prompted to also enter a secure code once you have been verified. If a person's email address is not in our file then they cannot access the directory. You can also log into the website:





<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>

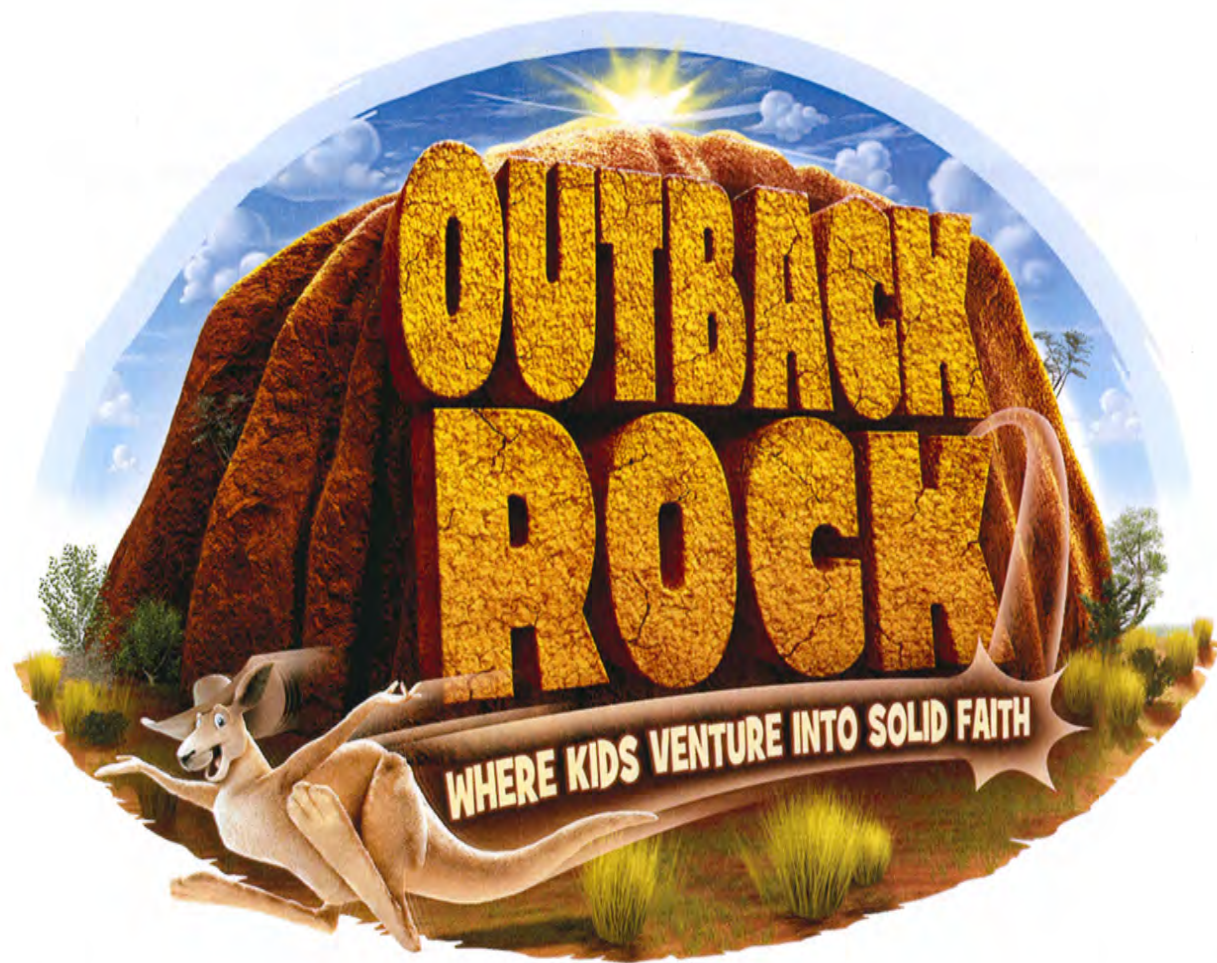
Again, we will already need to have your email address on file. Once you create your account, you will need to be verified before you can access the directory.

Again, the online and smartphone versions of the directory are completely secure, and only the members of our church can access it through a 4-step process of security.



# June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 pm Eldon Cancer Crusaders Support Group	2	3	4 7:00 pm N.A. group	5	6 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Silver Dollar Rest.
7 9:30 am Worship Service	8 9:00 am Food Pantry 7:00 pm Eldon Cancer Crusaders Support Group	9	10 6:00 pm VBS meeting	11 7:00 pm N.A. group	12 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm "BBQ in Park" MA Fundraiser @ Eldon AirPark	13 9:00 am - Noon Church work day
14 9:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service	15 2:00 pm Lee House 7:00 pm Eldon Cancer Crusaders Support Group	16	17 6:30 pm Church Council meeting	18 7:00 pm N.A. group	19	20 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Silver Dollar Rest. 10:00 am DAR
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# ONE DAY VBS

**Saturday, June 27**

**9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

All children going into grades

**Kindergarten - 6**

**Eldon United Methodist Church  
600 N Oak St**

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**!! Free Lunch is included !!**