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Baby Grace

There will be an informational planning meeting for those interested in helping with, or just finding out more about, the upcoming Baby Grace outreach ministry on Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30 pm in the church library. This is a ministry for young parents, and the purpose is to provide support and education. If you are interested in learning more about how you could be involved in this new exciting ministry please see Willard Haley or come to the meeting on March 8th.

SPECIAL INVITE

Please join Caitlin Walker for her Masters Degree Recital on March 10, at 7:30 pm at Hart Recital Hall. This is located at 209 S. Mcquire St. University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO. There is a reception to follow.

UMW HAPPENINGS

On April 5th Willard Haley will be speaking about the Baby Grace ministry at the UMW meeting. A luncheon will be served at 12:30 pm with the program to follow. All women are invited to attend!

UMW saving Best Choice UPC bar codes

The UMW relies on income from these to help support our unit & missions. All donations will be appreciated. Place your bar codes in the box in the coffee room.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, April 9th 10:30 am Palm Sunday

Friday, April 14th 7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 16th 10:30 am Easter Service



Eldon Food Pantry

Our church is scheduled to work at the Eldon Food Pantry on the second Monday of every month from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. You don't have to work the entire time, just come for an hour or two when you can. No sign-up sheet, just come to the food pantry ready to help!

Lenten Luncheon Schedule

Once again the Eldon Ministerial Alliance (EMA) will host our annual “brown bag” Lenten Luncheons during the month of March. The luncheons will be on Thursdays in March from 12 – 1 pm, and will be hosted at different area churches belonging to the EMA. Each host church will provide drinks and desserts, and the attenders are invited to bring their own lunch to eat while listening to different local pastors share a devotion and reflection on Lent. All are invited and welcome to attend. The schedule is as follows:

March 2

Lunch Host – First Christian Church
Speaker – Rev. Dave White

March 9

Lunch Host – Ninth Street Christian Church
Speaker – Rev. Pete Lange

March 16

Lunch Host – Bethany Lutheran Church
Speaker – Father Don Lammers

March 23

Lunch Host – Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Speaker – Rev. Jerry Frye

March 30

Lunch Host – First Baptist Church
Speaker – Rev. Chris Reynolds

Men's Breakfast

The men's fellowship & devotion breakfast meets on the first and third Saturday of every month from 8:00 – 9:00 am at the Mustang Grill. March's dates are the 4th and the 18th. 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.



Eldon Food Pantry Thrift Store

The Eldon Food Pantry Thrift store is in need of volunteers to work in the store from 9:00 to 2:00 on Mondays and Saturdays. Persons can volunteer for the entire time or just some of it. Contact Roseann Lange, 573-746-0661 or at the Pantry, 392-8380.

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Pastor Steve, (Eldon UMC family),

We are blessed to have been a member of what Sue and I consider our HOME church of 26 years. I felt your prayers when I wrapped the "Prayer Blanket" around me. What a comfort. We will soon be finding out what treatment needs to be done. Thanks, the "Prayer Blanket" is a good ministry.

Trusting in God, Richard Atteberry

Dear Church Family,

I just wanted to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns during my surgery & radiation. I have never known a church before that had taken me under their wing. Showing love and concern to someone most never even knew. Dale and I are glad we have called Eldon U.M.C. our church home.

Marcia Homan

Dear Methodist Church family,

Words cannot express my gratitude for the beautiful prayer blanket. Your thoughtfulness will forever remain in my heart. My spiritual journey was started in your church so many years ago and stays firmly within me today. With love, Paula Mosher Lea

Church family,

Thank you for the warmth of the prayer blanket, it brought me healing strength. I have gotten home and started cardio rehab on Tuesday, Feb. 7th.

I truly thank you so much for the prayer blanket. *Anita Svoboda*

Thank you so much for your recent donation of 82.32 and assorted food to the pantry.

We appreciate all your help with donations of food and money and your volunteers. They are a God send and without them we would not be able to distribute food as easily. May God Bless you.

Thank you.

Sincerely, *Eldon Food Pantry*

Free Book Marks

Shaun Lake has donated a bunch of book marks with Scripture or positive messages on them for anyone who would like them. These also make good gifts for family and friends who are avid readers. These free bookmarks are in a basket on the table in the Narthex. Take as many as you would like.

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.

Online Giving

There are over 800 references in the Bible to money and finances. In both the Old and New Testaments, God promises to not only give a spiritual blessing to those who give, but to also give tangible financial blessings as well. I am asking for everyone to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to financially participate in the ministry of our church during 2017. Online giving is an easy way to make sure your donations to our church and outreach ministries continue on Sundays that you are not able to attend church. To give electronically, simply click on the QR code below or go to the church website www.eldonumc.org and click on online giving.



March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1:00 pm UMW 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	2 12:00 "Brown Bag" Lenten Lunch @ First Christian Church w/ speaker Rev. Dave White	3 	4 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Mustang Grill
			5 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Contemporary	6	7	8 6:30 pm Financial Peace University 6:30 pm Planning meeting for Baby Grace
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