

Serving God in Ministry



For 125 Years

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Chili & Soup Extravaganza

Our church will be having it's annual Chili and Soup Extravaganza. It will be held on Thursday, October 29th from

11:00 am to 1:30 pm & 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Set up will be on Wednesday, October 28th starting at 9:00 am. We will be needing donations of different soups and desserts to make the day a success. We will also need many volunteers. There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex. Thanks for helping make this dinner a success.

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

On Sunday, October 18, Rev. Karen Hayden will be visiting our church, preaching, and leading our morning worship service. Rev.



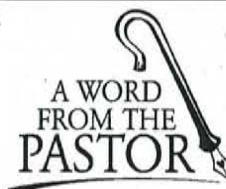
Hayden is the Director of Pastoral Excellence for Missouri, is a member of our Bishop's Cabinet, and is on the executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry. This is a big honor for our church to have her come and preach and lead worship for us. Please plan on attending worship on Sunday morning, October 18 if you are able, and make Rev. Hayden feel welcomed.

Church T-Shirts

We are going to be ordering more church t-shirts at the end of the month. I encourage every member and attender of our church to have a shirt. Wearing our church shirts during church activities and outreach ministries is a great way to let the community know who we are. To order a shirt, sign up in Narthex or call the church office. Shirts are \$9 for sizes youth - XL, and \$11 for sizes 2XL and up.

Giving Back To God

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! Please let me know what areas of ministry you feel passionate about and I will plug you in.

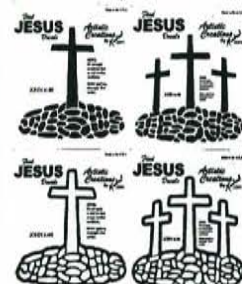


What are the talents God has given you? In what areas do you feel excited about serving God, or feel a sense of joy and peace when you help in that way? Is it Children's Ministry? Outreach? Evangelism? Work Projects? Worship? How about helping with the big fundraiser dinners?

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. Pastor Steve

Can you see Jesus?

Mike Mistler designed and created these stickers that have the name of Jesus hidden in the stones. Mike has donated them to the youth group to sell as a fundraiser. The stickers are \$1 each and all proceeds will go towards



youth scholarships for WOW (Weekend Of Worship). There are 6 options to choose from, and they make a fun gift to give away to family and friends. Look for them on a table in the Narthex.



SERVE Eldon

The next SERVE Eldon work day will be on Saturday, October 17. If

you are interested in helping serve our community through yard clean-up work projects then meet at 8:00 am at the First Christian Church in Eldon on Saturday, October 17. Most projects should be completed by noon.

Also, our church will be partnering with SERVE Eldon to collect food for the Eldon Food Pantry and clothing and shoes for the Mustang Closet between now and November 17. All donations can be brought to the church.

Acorns and Leaves



Between now and the end of November, lots of acorns, sticks and leaves will be falling on the sidewalks in front of the church. I

am looking for volunteers to pick just one Sunday in October or November and come to the church at 8:45 am and either sweep or blow the front sidewalks clean before church. This easy job will only take about 5 minutes. Sign-up in the Narthex or call the church office to pick your Sunday. Thank you!

Festival of Sharing October 17 School Kit items

- 1 pair blunt child's scissors
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1-30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 large eraser
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 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.



GROWING OUR CHURCH

The Church Council continues to talk at our monthly meetings about ways we can attract new members to our church. One suggestion has been to identify one or two unmet needs in the community and then be the church that meets those needs. Anyone with suggestions about unmet needs in the community, or ways we can be inviting to newcomers, should call and talk with Pastor Steve.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for remembering me with calls, cards, prayers, and food. Appreciate and Love all of you. God Bless,
Ruth Charlson



Dear Church family,

Don and I are very appreciative of all your prayers, prayer blanket, cards, and delicious food. We are very thankful to be a part of Eldon UMC and blessed to have such a wonderful Church family. Our love and thanks to all of you. May you all be blessed.

Jan & Don Garrett

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and the prayer blanket you sent to me while my knee was infected and keeping me out of football. I have the cards in my room, the prayers in my heart, and I wrap up in the prayer blanket every night. It's on my bed too. Thanks!

Love, *Braden*

We have an awesome church family! Truly a caring and sharing church-from a "PP" (Powerful Prayer Blanket), bountiful food, bountiful food, caring cards and calls.

Thank you all - *John & Lorraine Dowler*



Men's Breakfast

The men's fellowship & devotion breakfast continues to meet on the first and third Saturday of every month from 8:00 – 9:00 am at the Silver Dollar. This month we will meet on October 3 and 17. 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.

BELIEVE

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LETTING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



We have now completed 4 weeks in the BELIEVE series. Grounded in carefully selected Scripture, BELIEVE is a unique spiritual growth experience that takes you on a

journey to Think, Act, and Be more like Jesus. We are currently studying the ten key Beliefs of the Christian faith. This winter and throughout the spring we will study the ten key Practices of a Jesus-follower, and the ten key Virtues that characterize someone who is becoming more like Jesus.

Sunday school classes from preschoolers to adults all study the same topic, with age-appropriate lesson material, and my sermons are also on that topic. All of the Beliefs, Practices and Virtues we will study line up with Jesus' command to love God and to love others.

As Christians we need to know what we Believe and why it matters. Every believer needs to be able to answer these three questions:

- WHAT DO I BELIEVE?
- WHAT SHOULD I DO?
- WHO AM I BECOMING?

Our BELIEVE series will help everyone be able to do this, and this will allow everyone in your family to learn together to be more like Jesus.

Youth Group

The Youth Group has elected their officers and they are planning activities for the fall. On Sunday, October 25th they will be carving pumpkins. We are looking for people to donate pumpkins for this activity. We need 10-12 pumpkins



Flames Children's Choir shirts
Parents, it's time once again to order shirts for your Flames. Please check your Flame's shirt size and let us know if you need us to order a new shirt for them. Also, if you have any Flames or Church shirts that no longer fit your Flames we would be happy to give them to another Flame who it would fit. You can bring your old "too small" shirt on Sunday and we will try to find a new home for it. Thank you.

Looking for Ding-a-lings

The Bell Choir will be playing this coming Sunday, and my hope is that we will play on the second Sunday of every month. If you are interested in playing the bells with us please call Pastor Steve to sign up.



Singing Choir

We now have 10 people who have signed up saying they are interested in singing in the choir! If you are interested in singing with us please call Pastor Steve to sign up.






Children's Church

There is a new sign-up sheet in the Narthex for adults who would like to help lead Children's Church. 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 Christian educational video and then discuss the video with the kids. We are going to go through the video series called "What's in the Bible?" and it is very good. This was written by the same person who created Veggie Tales.



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). It is easy to do, and it is a fun time to be with the kids as they learn about God. 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

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 9:00 am Set up for UMC Crusaders rummage sale | 7 am - Noon UMC Crusaders Rummage Sale 8 am - 9 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast |
| 9:15 am Flames practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Service 7:00 pm Youth Group | 5 | 6 | 7 1:00 UMW meeting 6:00 pm Activities meeting | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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