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ELECTRONIC GIVING

The Eldon United Methodist Church invites you to consider our new electronic giving program as a way to automate your regular offerings rather than be weekly, monthly or one time contribution.

Electronic giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow. There is no cost for you to participate. When travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your regular to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

To get started, just go to the Eldon United Methodist Church website and click on the tab "Online Giving". It will give you step by step directions to set up your profile. Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a predetermined schedule using a credit or debit card. Online Giving lets you go to the EUMC website at anytime to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. If you need assistance in setting up your account, contact Mary Morgan, Paula Richard, or Claire Wilhoit.

Living Last Supper Dramatization on Good Friday

On March 25 at 7:00 pm, all members of the community are invited to attend and participate in a special Good Friday service at the Eldon United Methodist Church. This moving worship experience will include a dramatization of the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples and the first Holy Communion.

This live re-enactment of the Upper Room experience of Jesus and His twelve disciples on the night before the crucifixion is an empowering and gripping witness, interpretation and portrayal of Scripture. It allows us to get a sense of what it was like to be there that night at the moment when Jesus told the disciples that one of them would betray Him, and they each asked, "Is it I?" Hymns, special music, lighting, narration, Scripture reading, drama, and costumes will come together to help all experience the Last Supper and the first Lord's Supper (Holy Communion). Each Disciple, posing along with Jesus as portrayed in Leonardo da Vinci's painting of The Last Supper, comes to life and speaks of his own feelings and relationship with Jesus.

Included in the cast of disciples will be Rev. Steve George, Rev. Dr. Bill Foglesong from the First Christian Church, and Rev. David White and Rev. Tony English from the First Baptist Church, and Rev. Chris Reynolds from the Ninth Street Christian Church. Who will be Jesus and who will be Judas? You will have to attend to find out!

The service will also include special music by Rev. Steve George and Rev. Dr. Bill Foglesong, and will close with the congregation being invited to receive the Bread and the Cup along with the Disciples. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Worship Concert / Service

On Sunday night, March 6, we will host a simulcast worship service in place of our normal Sunday night service. This special worship service will start at 5:30 pm and end at 8:00 pm. If you cannot stay for the entire service you can feel free to come and go as you need to. This worship conference will be taking place live in Texas and will include live music from Chris Tomlin, Mercy Me, Lecrae and Switchfoot. Awesome! You won't want to miss this!

ITEMS FOR THE EASTER EGGS

We are in need of items to fill our Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt. We have plenty of eggs from the previous years. We have a suggested list of candies due to a child in our church having a peanut allergy. The list is as follows: **Starburst, Skittles, Tootsie Rolls, Smartees, Airheads, Twizzlers, Lifesavers, Lifesavers Gummies, and Sweet Tarts.** We need the items to be brought to the church by Palm Sunday, March 20. The Easter egg hunt will be following worship service Easter Sunday, March 27.

Men's Breakfast

The men's fellowship & devotion breakfast will continue on the first and third Saturday of every month from 8:00 – 9:00 am. This month we are going to meet at the new Mustang Grill in Eldon on E 2nd Street (between Maple and Oak St). This month's dates are March 5th and 19th. 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.

Good Friday Refreshments

We are needing several people to bring cookies for our refreshment time after the Good Friday service on March 25th. We also need one person to make coffee, iced tea, and ice water. If you are able to help with these refreshments please contact Pastor Steve or sign up in the Narthex. Thank you!



Lenten Brown Bag Lunches

The Eldon Ministerial Alliance will host the Lenten lunches. The lunches will be the "brown bag" type, that is bring your own. The host church will supply the drink and a dessert. We will start with a blessing about 12:05, eat lunch, and have a devotional about 12:30. All this is done with the idea that those who work will still be able to share with us.

The schedule is as follows:

	Host	Speaker
March 3	First Christian 1st & Aurora St.	Msgr. Don Lammers
March 10	First Baptist 209 S. Aurora St.	Rev. Pete Lange
March 17	Nazarene Lawson & Manor	Rev. Steve George
March 24	9th St. Christian 1009 McKinley Dr.	Rev. Jerry Frye

Thanks you for the prayer blanket for Bob.
Thank you for all who pray for him.
Sincerely, Martha & Bob Ratcliff

Easter Sunday

Please join us on Easter Sunday for a morning of fellowship, worship and fun. We will start the morning off with a free breakfast and fellowship from 9:30 am to 10:15 am (instead of Sunday school). The breakfast will consist of breakfast casseroles, donuts, fruit, juice, milk and coffee. Worship will begin at 10:30 am. As studies show that more people are willing to visit a church on Easter Sunday than any other Sunday of the year, this would be a good time to invite your neighbors, coworkers, friends and family. Stick around after the worship service for the Children's Easter egg hunt. This is a highlight for the kids, and there are always plenty of eggs for the children to find.

BREAKFAST CASSEROLES

We are in need of 5 volunteers to bring a breakfast casserole for our Easter morning breakfast. If you would like to provide a breakfast casserole please sign up in the Narthex.

Thank you for your Prayers and support during this difficult time. Was very comforting to see so many at the visitation and funeral.

I know we had a loving and caring Church, but it really warmed my heart to see you there.

Thanks to Pastor Steve for his visits and prayers that gave me the strength I needed. Thanks for the food & bouquet. Love & a "big hug", *Mildred Stark*

"Souper" Bowl of Caring

Thank you to all that donated to this year's "Souper" bowl of caring. We raised a total of \$47.32, with the Broncos winning at \$37.65 and the Panthers with \$9.67. All of the money raised went to the Eldon Community Food Pantry.

FOOD PANTRY

Our Church's time to volunteer at the Eldon Community Food Pantry is March 14th, at 9:00 am.

BELIEVE – Learning to Think, Act and Be like Jesus

This fall we studied 10 core beliefs of our Christian faith. This winter we studied to how to put these beliefs into action. This spring we will begin the third and final section of the series. I hope you will continue to join us on Sundays at 10:30 am or 6:00 pm as we study how to Be like Jesus.

Women's Conference

Ladies, on Saturday, April 23 the Ministerial Alliance will host a simulcast of the Lifeway Women's Conference. Priscilla Shirer is the main speaker. She was the leading actress in the recent movie War Room. The conference cost is \$10 and will include lunch. This simulcast will be held at the First Assembly of God Church in Eldon and will go from 9 am – 4 pm. Women of all ages are invited.

YOUTH SUNDAY/PALM SUNDAY

This month Youth Sunday will be on March 20th. Please get this date marked on your calendar. This is also Palm Sunday, so the kids will be helping out with waving of the palm branches.

New TV In The Fellowship Hall

In order to enhance our worship experience during the contemporary worship service, we are upgrading the TV in the fellowship hall. The cost for the new TV will be around \$1000. The current TV will then be moved to one of the Sunday school rooms. If you would like to give towards this goal of enhancing our worship, please write "New TV" on your check or envelope. Thank you.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1:00 pm UMW	3 12:00 pm Lenten Brown Bag Lunch @ 1st Christin Church	4 9 am-Noon Relay for Life Committee in Fellowship Hall	5 8 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ The Mustang Grill 9 am-Noon Relay for Life Committee in Fellowship Hall
	6 9:15 am The Flames 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30-8pm Special Worship Concert/Service	7	8	9	10 12:00 pm Lenten Brown Bag Lunch @ 1st Baptist Church	11
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13 9:15 am The Flames 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Evening Service	14 9:00 am Food Pantry	15	16 6:30 pm Church Council meeting	17 12:00 pm Lenten Brown Bag Lunch @ Nazarene Church	18	19 8 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ The Mustang Grill
20 9:15 am The Flames 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship/Youth 6:00 pm Evening Service PALM SUNDAY	21 2:00 pm Lee House	22	23	24 12:00 pm Lenten Brown Bag Lunch @ 9th Street Church	25 7:00 pm Living Last Supper Drama Good Friday Service	26
27 9:30 am Easter Breakfast 10:30 am Easter Service 11:45 am Easter Egg Hunt 6:00 pm Evening Service EASTER SUNDAY	28	29	30	31		