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A newsletter of the
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Bike Safety Fair

This year's 13th annual bike safety fair will take place on Saturday, May 6th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers and donations. There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex after Easter Sunday. This year we are also asking for monetary donations. If you are willing to donate money please mark your donation "Bike Fair". More information will be available the closer we get to the event.



Easter Lilies

This year we have lilies available for purchase in memory of or honor of a loved one(s). The lilies will be on display Easter Sunday. They are \$10 each and a sign-up sheet and envelope are on the table in the Narthex. Please make sure to have your money in by Palm Sunday, April 9th.

Easter Candy

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, April 9. The Easter egg hunt will be after the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 16.



Easter Breakfast

Please join us on April 16, 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.

Easter Worship Service

Studies have shown that more people are willing to visit a church on Easter Sunday than any other Sunday. Please pray about who God might be leading you to invite to our Easter worship service.

Easter Egg Hunt

Stick around after the worship service on April 16 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.

Good Friday Refreshments

We are needing several people to bring cookies for our refreshment time after the Living Last Supper service. 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!

Breakfast Casseroles

We are in need of 6 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.



Living Last Supper

On April 14 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, Rev. David White from the First Baptist Church, and Rev. Chris Reynolds and Associate Pastor Michael Walton 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, 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.

CASH OFFERINGS

Please make sure all cash offerings are placed in an envelope with the giver's name. That way the offering can be recorded properly on the Record of Giving sheets. Envelopes are located in the pews and also on the table in the Narthex.



*He is not here:
for he is Risen,
as he said.* -MATTHEW 28:6

Baby Grace

Baby Grace is our church's newest outreach ministry to young mothers. Baby Grace will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm starting on April 12th. There are a number of ways to get involved and help with this new ministry: be a mentor to a young mother; donate diapers, wipes, or baby clothes; make a snack for the moms or the kids; help watch little ones in the nursery while the mothers are participating in our program, or just attend the program to be a positive, caring influence during the program. Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex or contact Willard Haley for more information.



Donations needed: We are accepting baby clothes for children 1 day – 5 years old. These can be new or used (only used clothes in very good condition please). Also, diapers of all sizes. Donations should be put in the baby play pen in the Narthex.

SERVE Eldon

Next Saturday, April 8, SERVE Eldon will do several projects in our community, including painting the caboose at the Community Center, sorting clothes at the Mustang Closet, and doing yard work and clean up along the road in front of the Eldon Cemetery and Middle School. If you would like to help, meet at the Eldon Community Center at 8:00 am.

Habitat for Humanity Trivia Night

Saturday, April 8th at the Eldon Community Center. Doors open at 6 pm, Trivia starts at 7 pm sharp! \$100 per table, up to 10 per table. Contact Mark Runyan to sign up or for more information at hfhofmillercenty@yahoo.com or 573-280-6589.

VBS

The theme for this year's VBS is Camp Out - Getting S'More of Jesus. VBS will take place on Saturday, June 17th starting at 9:00 A VBS planning meeting is scheduled for April 23rd following morning worship service. Many volunteers will be needed, so please consider helping in any way that you can.



MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT The Eldon Ministerial Alliance will host its 3rd annual Basketball

Tourney Fundraiser on Saturday, April 15th start at 12:00 pm at the Eldon High School Gym. There will be two brackets based on skill level. The cost is \$125 per team. Any business can purchase a sponsorship (2 banners prominently displayed in the gym and concession areas) for \$40. The cost to attend and cheer on the players is FREE. Contact Richard Gray for more information at 573-280-6430.

ONLINE GIVING

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 on the back of the bulletin or go to the church website www.eldonumc.org and click on online giving.

PROJECT PROM

Project Prom is an annual alcohol and drug free overnight event for juniors and seniors after the school Prom. Games, activities, music and lots of food are provided for the students. The students also receive many great gifts for use at college or when they move out on their own, like small refrigerators, futons, gifts cards, TV's, iPads, etc.. The Project Prom committee is seeking monetary contributions, prize donations, and volunteers to help at this year's Project Prom, which will be on April 29th. Contact Carole Marriott (573-375-7757) or Stacey Dunham (573-216-8196) to donate, sign-up, or for more information.

MANY THANKS

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayer blanket. John's father was a big believer in prayer. We will miss him, but he is walking those streets of Gold now. Love, *John & Cindy Cronenberg*

Dear Friends,

Thanks for all of you for your generous donations of food in February and March to the pantry. We appreciate your donations so very much. Even though fewer families are coming in each month for food, the total number of people has stayed the same, so the need for food is still great. We also appreciate the devotion of volunteers from Eldon UMC who help us distribute the food as well as help unload the truck once a month. They work so hard and are irreplaceable. May God richly Bless all of you. Respectfully your, *Eldon Food Panty*

I would like to expand my sincere thanks to my friends at Eldon UMC for the recent hospital stay. Also a special thanks for Pastor Steve for visits at the hospital and rehab. *Maurine Topliff*

Graduation recognition

Our church would like to recognize those that are graduating from 8th grade, High School, College, etc. If you know of anyone in our church family please contact the office with the information so they can be recognized on May 21st.



April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<div>1</div> <div>8:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Mustang Grill</div>
<div>2</div> <div>9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Contemporary</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <div>12:30 pm UMW</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div>10:00 am DAR meeting</div>
<div>9</div> <div>9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Contemporary PALM SUNDAY</div>	<div>10</div> <div>9:00 am Food Pantry</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div> <div>6:30 pm Baby Grace</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>7:00 pm Living Last Supper Drama</div>	<div>15</div> <div>8:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Mustang Grill 12:00 pm MA Basketball Tournament</div>
<div>16</div> <div>9:30 am Brunch 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Egg Hunt 6:00 pm Contemporary EASTER SUNDAY</div>	<div>17</div> <div>2:00 pm Lee House</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>6:30 pm Church Council meeting</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div>
<div>23</div> <div>9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship/Youth Sunday 11:40 am VBS meeting 6:00 pm Contemporary</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div>10:00 am- 2:00 pm Hickery Hill BBQ in Fellowship Hall</div>	<div>29</div>
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