

Serving God in Ministry



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A newsletter of the
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GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree is adorned with ornaments to make two children from South Elementary Christmas wishes come true. All gifts need to be wrapped and tagged with the corresponding number for the child found on the ornament. All gifts must be at the church by Thursday, December 14 in order to bag the gifts and give to South Elementary by December 15. Your participation is appreciated! If you have questions call or see Denise Taylor.

POINSETTIAS

Once again the sanctuary will be decorated with the beautiful poinsettias. Your gift of \$10.00 will be used for our church's mission outreach through our apportionments. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, as well as special envelopes for your donation. Please give us your name and the name(s) of the people you are giving in memory or honor of. This list will be in our bulletin each Sunday of Advent. Please have your name and money in by December 17th to ensure it gets in the bulletin by the Fourth Sunday of Advent.



Christmas Open House

Kent and Julia Olinger will be hosting a Christmas Open House on December 10. It will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at their home located at 149 Milldale Rd, Eldon MO 65026. Please come and celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Christmas Eve Service

Please join us at our traditional Candle-light Christmas Eve service again this year on December 24th at 7 pm. This is a special time of music, singing carols, communion, going through the Christmas story together, and lighting candles.



Christmas Eve
SERVICE

Men's Christmas Breakfasts and Worship



Once again the First Christian Church will host the annual Men's Christmas Breakfasts & Worship. This ecumenical breakfast and worship time is for all men from Eldon and the surrounding community. Worship begins at 7:00 am and is followed by a hot breakfast which is over by 7:45 am.

Wednesday December 13, 2017

First Baptist – Worship

Ninth St. Christian – Breakfast

Thursday December 14, 2017

United Methodist – Worship

Bethany Lutheran – Breakfast

Friday December 15, 2017

Sacred Heart – Worship

First Christian – Breakfast



WOW YOUTH CONFERENCE

Once again Tiffany and I will be taking youth from our Church to the WOW (Weekend Of Worship) Youth Conference on January 20-21. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited and encouraged to attend. The cost of the conference is \$110, which includes registration, hotel, meals, travel and a tee-shirt. The Deadline to sign up is Friday, Dec. 22. Partial and full scholarships are available as needed.

WOW Scholarships

The WOW youth conference is one of the few times when youth unplug from all of the distractions in their life and open themselves up to hearing God speak to them. Each year the youth have come home from the Conference feeling spiritually refreshed and closer to God. We are looking for donations to go towards scholarships for the youth. If you would like to sponsor a youth, or give towards the WOW scholarship fund, please mark your checks or envelopes with "WOW Youth" in the memo line.

Scholarships



Make ROOM
IN YOUR Heart
for JESUS

Church Christmas Ornament

There are still a few Christmas ornaments left that have our church's picture on them. The price is \$8 each and can be purchased here at the Church or at the Eldon Chamber of Commerce office.



STAFF CHRISTMAS

During the Christmas season, it has been our custom to donate something extra to our staff. If you would like to show your appreciation for these people, please mark your envelope, "Staff Christmas" and place it in the collection plate. Our finance secretary will take care of the rest. All contributions must be received by Sunday, December 17. Please make your check payable to Eldon United Methodist Church and on the note line, mark Staff Christmas.

APPLE BUTTER



Apple Butter is back! Jars are \$5 each and proceeds go towards our new Church Improvement fund. Apple Butter jars are in the coffee room.

Baby Grace



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We are needing size 5 & 6 diapers and baby wipes for Baby Grace. Also, we are now accepting donations of baby clothes and hangers for baby or young children's clothes.



Men's Breakfast

The men's fellowship breakfast meets on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 8:00 – 9:00 am at the Mustang Grill.

Our next December date is on the 16th. This is a good opportunity to introduce friends to our church in a non-church environment.



Ride To Church

We have someone living in the Eldon Nursing Home who would like to come to our church if she had a ride for the 10:30am service. If you would be willing to give her a ride—even just one or two Sundays a month, please contact Pastor Steve.



Tour of Churches

On Wednesday, December 20th, the Ministerial Alliance will host its annual Christmas Tour of Churches from 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

Join Us for the Holidays!

6:00 to 8:00 pm - First Church of the Nazarene (Outdoor LIVE NATIVITY SCENE)

6:00 to 6:20 pm - First Assembly of God

6:30 to 6:50 pm - Ninth Street Christian

7:00 to 7:20 pm - Bethany Lutheran

7:30 to 7:50 pm - United Methodist

8:00 to 8:20 pm - Sacred Heart

8:30 to 8:50 pm - First Baptist

9:00 to 9:20 pm - First Christian

Refreshments will be served at the First Christian Church following the performance

Suggested ticket price is a donation of \$10 each, with a cap of \$20 per family. All money raised will go to supporting people in need in our community. Tickets can be purchased at our church on Sunday mornings or at any of the churches on the evening of the program.

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 below or go to the church website www.eldonumc.org and click on online giving.




Greatest worth



He came a babe of lowly birth.
He was God's Son of greatest worth.
We, like the angels, sing with mirth
because God sent his Son to earth
to ransom us and claim our worth.
Praise God this babe of lowly birth!

—MaryAnn Sundby

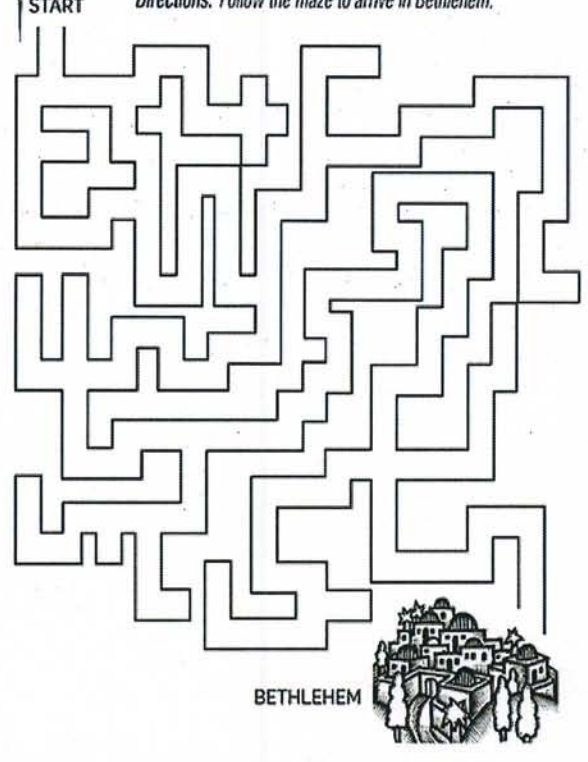


PUZZLE

JOURNEY TO
BETHLEHEM

In the Christmas story in Luke 2, an angel tells some shepherds to go see baby Jesus in Bethlehem.

START *Directions: Follow the maze to arrive in Bethlehem.*




BETHLEHEM

December 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



						1 PEO All Day	2 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Mustang Grill
9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm Potluck Supper 6:00 pm Contemporary Service	4	5	6 1:00 pm UMW	7	8	9	
9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2-4 pm Open House @ Olinger's	10 9:00 am Food Pantry	11	12	13 7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ 1st Christian Church 6:30 pm Baby Grace 6:30 pm Church Council	14 7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ 1st Christian Church	15 7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ 1st Christian Church	16 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Mustang Grill 10 am DAR
9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship/Youth Sunday	17 2:00 pm Lee House	18	19	20 Tour of the Churches	21	22	23
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