

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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**ELDON UNITED**

**METHODIST CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.**

**WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.**

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**February 2018**



## POTLUCK LUNCH

There will be a potluck lunch on Sunday, February 18 after church. Everyone bring a dish and come as it will be a good time to fellowship and share food. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

## Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who gave towards scholarships for the WOW Youth Conference. Once again the youth had a good time connecting with God and each other. Thank you for investing in our youth. Pastor Steve



## 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!

## UMW

The United Methodist Women's group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Women of all ages are invited.



## 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.

## Ash Wednesday service



Wednesday, February 14 is Ash Wednesday, and we will be having an Ash Wednesday service at the Church at 7:00 pm. This will be a time to reflect on what Jesus Christ has done for us through his life, death, burial and resurrection. Please plan on attending this special service if you are able.

## 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.

## 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. The next February date is the 17th. This is a good opportunity to introduce friends to our church in a non-church environment.





### Baby Grace

Interested in helping with one of our church's outreach ministries in 2018? Please consider Baby Grace!

Baby Grace meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. There are a number of ways to help, from making refreshments to putting together gift bags to being available to talk with moms. We are also accepting donations of baby clothes and hangers for baby or young children's clothes now. Call or text Erin Svoboda for more information or to sign up to help (573-378-8323).

### Apple Butter

There are still a few jars of Apple Butter left in the coffee room. Jars are \$5 each, and proceeds go towards our new Church Improvement fund.



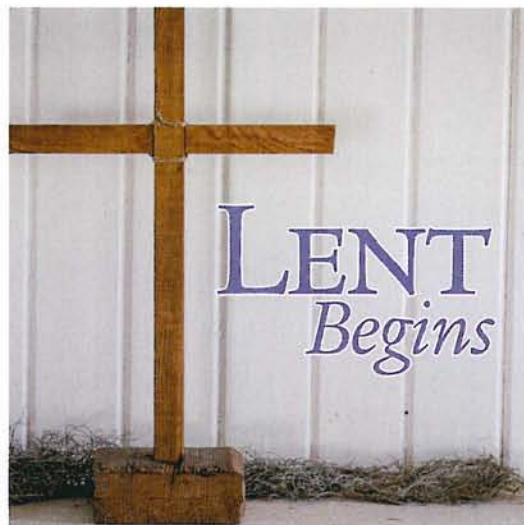
### Ride To Church

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.



### 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 2018. 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 or go to the church website [www.eldonumc.org](http://www.eldonumc.org) and click on online giving.



### March Lenten Luncheons



#### BROWN BAG LUNCH

Once again the Eldon Ministerial Alliance (EMA) will host our annual "brown bag" Lenten

Luncheons on the first four Thursdays in March from 12 – 1 pm. The luncheon will be hosted at different area churches belonging to the EMA. Each host church will provide drinks and desserts, and the attendees 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 1

Lunch Host – First Church of the Nazarene  
Speaker – Rev. Pete Lange

#### March 8

Lunch Host – Ninth Street Christian Church  
Speaker – Rev. Steve George

#### March 15

Lunch Host – First Baptist Church  
Speaker – Rev. Jerry Frye

#### March 22

Lunch Host – First Christian Church  
Speaker – Father Alex Gabriel

# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ The Mustang Grill
4 9:30 am Sunday School/ Confirmation class 10:30 am Worship	5	6	7 1:00 pm UMW	8	9	10
11 9:30 am Sunday School/ Confirmation class 10:30 am Worship	12 9:00 am Food Pantry	13	14 6:30 pm Baby Grace 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	15	16	17 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ The Mustang Grill 10:00 am DAR
18 9:30 am Sunday School/ Confirmation class 10:30 am Worship First Sunday in <i>Lent</i>	19 2:00 pm Lee House  Church Office Closed	20	21 6:30 pm Church Council meeting	22	23	24
25 9:30 am Sunday School/ Confirmation class 10:30 am Worship/Youth Second Sunday in <i>Lent</i>	26	27	28			



## Mid-State District

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Our Great Teacher Jesus offers us this teaching in Luke's gospel...

*Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back –  
given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way.*

*Generosity begets generosity.*

(Luke 6:38 The Message)

One of the many ways your church has offered to give to others is through the faithful payment of 100% of your conference apportionments for 2017. I pray that as you have given in generosity, you have found joy in the giving.

Please know that the gifts you offer through your conference apportionments are faithfully used to *lead congregations to lead people to actively follow Jesus Christ*; that's our mission together. So together we train pastors and start new churches. Together we provide opportunities for youth and college students to come to know Jesus Christ, sometimes in camps, sometimes on campuses, sometimes at WOW, and sometimes in our local churches. Together we reach out in service in Haiti and Mozambique and in places of every disaster of every kind. Together we work to keep our sanctuaries safe, and we invite people to find their ways of serving God. Together we provide a great witness of grace and justice and hope.

For your faithfulness and generosity, again I say thanks. *Giving, not getting, is the way.*

Blessings,

Sherry Habben



## WE CELEBRATE THE MINISTRY OF **Eldon UMC**

for faithfully giving 100% of conference, national and  
global apportionments for 2017 to support  
United Methodist connectional ministries in our  
mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ  
for transformation of the world.

We give God thanks for your extravagant generosity!

Bishop

District Superintendent

Council on Finance and  
Administration Chair

*"For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means,  
and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for  
the privilege of sharing in this ministry..."*

2 Corinthians 8:3

