

# JULY NEWSLETTER

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METHODIST CHURCH

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin in the Fall**

**WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.**

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## Facebook Page

We are in need of someone to take over the responsibility of the Church's Facebook page. As of right now Claire Wilhoit is managing it and is ready to pass the torch on to someone else. Please contact the church office or Claire if you are interested.

## Potluck Brunch

Mark your calendar for August 5th Potluck Brunch to welcome Reverend Joan. Plan to attend this Potluck brunch in honor of Reverend Joan and her husband Dave. This will be a time of fellowship and getting to know each other with our new pastor. See you there!



## 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 Silver Dollar Restaurant. In July they will meet on the 7th and the 21st. This is a good opportunity to introduce friends to our church in a non-church environment.



## 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!



Happy 4th of July, Eldon UMC. It is an honor and a privilege to join the church family, and I look forward to years of productive ministry together. You make a wonderful first impression. The painting and repairs at the parsonage have been a team effort, and I am grateful to each of you who donated your own time and sweat to help get the place ready. It's a very positive testimony to the church when people will come together like this to help one another. Thank you. It is a beautiful home, and I know David and I will be very comfortable here.

The church building is equally beautiful. I know you've been working hard on upgrading it as well, and your love and work show. It's very well and tastefully done. The space is welcoming and comfortable, and it stands ready to house passionate worship and radical hospitality. I've peeked in at the Baby Grace area and can see the effort that has been and is going into that. This ministry is such a positive and helpful one and one that is needed in the community. I look forward to hearing and seeing more of this.

As I said in my sermon yesterday, new beginnings mean change which can be uncomfortable and even unwelcome sometimes, but I can sense your willingness to welcome a new pastor, even your first ever female pastor. I am grateful for that. Over the next weeks and months, I will be listening and learning. Know that my door (and phone and email) are always open, and I welcome your thoughts and opinions. I will welcome the opportunities to get to know each of you.

So let's meet up in the wheelbarrow, keeping our eyes, ears, and hearts focused on God as King David always did. We have a loving God we can trust to walk with us, comforting and sustaining us always.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Joan

## 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.

## Meet and Greet Events

The Membership Care Team is looking for volunteers to host "Meet and Greet" listening events for Pastor Joan DeBoe in July and August. These will be a get together with 6 or 7 church families with Rev DeBoe to have the opportunity to get to know the congregation as well as ask questions of church members and get their responses. If you would be interested in hosting one, please contact Denise Taylor, 392-6298.



## 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).



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



With the LORD  
there is  
*steadfast love,*  
and with him is  
great power  
to redeem.

PSALM 130:7, NRSV

## Omnipresent

We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with him. He walks everywhere incognito. And the incognito is not always hard to penetrate. The real labor is to remember, to attend ... in fact to come awake. Still more, to remain awake.

—C.S. Lewis

## Prayer for the 4th




Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty

is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.

—Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Worship 5:30 pm Potluck Supper 6:00 pm Contemporary Service	2	3	4  Office Closed	5	6	7 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
8 9:30 am Worship	9 9:00 am Food Pantry	10	11 6:30 pm Baby Grace	12	13	14
15 9:30 am Worship	16 2:00 pm Lee House	17	18	19	20 All Day PEO	21 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
22 9:30 am Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 am Worship	30	31	