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SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin in the Fall

WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

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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!

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

The first Sunday of each month will be designated Food Pantry Sunday. Food items and monetary donations will be collected on these Sundays. The donation container will be in the Narthex on those Sundays to place food items in as you enter church. Monetary donations should be in an envelope and designated Food Pantry and put in the offering plate. Donations are accepted all month long and may be placed in the container found by the outside door next to the stairs.



PURPOSE

The Membership Care Team's purpose is to reach out to our church family. In order to assist our family members in whatever way is needed, we are asking for your help by contacting the church office. Whenever you or someone you know is sick, facing surgery, or whatever the situation may be, be informing the church, we can better provide support, encouragements, meals, or help however it is needed. You may also contact Denise Taylor, 392-6298.

Back to school already! As a kid, I remember feeling a sense of dread when it was time to buy school supplies. I loved summer because it meant the swimming pool and the county fair and the drive-in theater and watermelon and home-made ice cream. But then before I knew it, I'd be racing toward fall football games and homecoming parades and marching band, forgetting to look back over my shoulder at summer left behind.

Every season brings with it such fun if we can only remember to race toward rather than looking back.

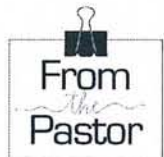
This year, we're going to race toward the school year with a blessing of the back packs. We're asking the kids to bring their back packs to church with them on the 12th, and we'll take some time to bless them, the students, and the teachers. Education of our children is so foundationally important, and it's appropriate for the church family to support it. We pray God's blessings on each student and teacher.

I've had the opportunity this week to get to know the folks at Eldon UMC a little bit, and I am impressed with what I see. A beloved member of the congregation has been in the hospital, and this congregation has gone out of its way to visit and pray and support. That is what a church family is supposed to do, and this one does it very well.

We've also had our first Meet & Greet, and the conversation over dessert was fun and very helpful. My biggest takeaway so far is that this congregation is passionate about its church, and that is contagious. I'm glad to be a part of it, and I look forward to working with all of you.

As we race into the new school year, go with God's blessings and the prayers of your church family. See you in church!

Peace,
Rev. Joan





BABY GRACE DONATIONS
Baby Grace is in need of wipes, size 6 diapers, and size 4T/5T pull ups. Please drop them off at the church.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast are now going to be meeting at Donna's Diner. It will still be the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 8:00 am. Hope you will be able to attend and bring a friend!



MEET AND GREET SESSIONS

Our meet and Greet Sessions are underway. These small group sessions give Pastor Joan an opportunity to listen and learn about our church and its members by sharing our perspective and desires for our church.

Each member will be contacted by a hostess to attend a session. If you are unable to attend the event, you may contact the hostess of the other listed sessions so they can include you in one of them.

These will be short, 90 minute gatherings with dessert and refreshments provided. Hopefully we all can attend and help Pastor Joan learn more about our church and its ministries.

The sessions are as listed:

- August 6 @ 7:00 pm with Dale and Marcia Homan, 480-7362.
- August 10 @ 7:00 pm with Clarence & Mary Morgan, 392-7851.
- August 13 @ 7:00 pm with Harry & Marcia Naught, 392-6054.
- August 26 @ 3:00 pm with Ben & Diane Schneider, 392-8267.

The sessions with Rev. Joan will center around these three questions: (1) What is one thing I, as your new pastor, need to know about this church? (2) What is one way that we can reach new people together? (3) What is one dream that you have for our church?

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



Love
Joy
Peace

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Sunday school start up and morning worship time change will begin on September 9th. Sunday school will begin at 9:30 am and Worship time will change back to 10:30 am.




Thanks
Teachers!

EMA Teacher's Luncheon

The Eldon Ministerial Alliance once again is hosting the annual Teacher's appreciation luncheon. It held on Tuesday, August 14th at 12:00 pm at the First Baptist Church. Our church has been asked to be in charge of the bread. We are also asking for 4 volunteers to help set up at the 1st Baptist Church on Monday. Five desserts are needed and 4 people are needed to help at the luncheon from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex, so please look it over and consider helping.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Donna's Diner
5 9:30 am Worship Service 10:40 am Welcoming Potluck Brunch	6	7	8 6:30 pm Baby Grace	9 4:30 - 7 pm DAR Ice Cream Social	10	11
12 9:30 am Worship Service/Backpack Sunday	13 9:00 am Food Pantry	14 12:00 pm Back to School Teacher's Lunch at 1st Baptist Church	15	16	17 4:00 pm DAR set up for Rummage Sale	18 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Donna's Diner 7 am - 4 pm DAR Rummage Sale
19 9:30 am Worship Service	20 2:00 pm Lee House	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship Service/Youth Sunday	27 1-5:30 pm Mental Health First Aid Training Program in Fellowship Hall	28 1-5:30 pm Mental Health First Aid Training Program in Fellowship Hall	29	30	31	