

NOVEMBER 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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Dear Friends in Christ,

We are fully into the autumn season (regardless of what the temperatures are doing). It doesn't seem possible, but the holidays are nearly here. We're nearing the busiest time of the year for many of us, and it's easy to get so caught up in preparations that we neglect the joy. This month, we kick things off with Thanksgiving and then the Christmas rush begins.

This is the perfect time for us to pause and just be thankful; *now*, a couple of weeks before we have to start cooking the Thanksgiving feast. Over the next couple of weeks, I invite you to spend some time each day writing in a journal or reading scripture or just being silent with God. Do this now before He gets crowded out by all of the activities.

I love the holiday season as much as anyone, so I sometimes need a reminder that the gifts and feasts are merely celebratory pieces of a season that is entirely about gratitude for all of the blessings in our lives. At Thanksgiving, we celebrate the harvest and the rest from labor that comes after. Christmas is, of course, the celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Savior. All of this has its roots firmly planted in God and all that he has done and continues to do for us. **Colossians 2:7** says "Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." We are the harvest from God's work.

Cook your turkeys and host your family gatherings. Go buy the perfect presents for your friends and loved ones. Go to holiday parties. Squeeze all the goody out of this season that you can, recognizing that we're celebrating the abundance we have been given in Christ. Without that foundation, the festivities are fun but lack the depth of true blessing.

My prayer for each of you is that you will feel the presence of the Spirit in a new way and that you will be deeply grateful this season.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Rev. Joan





Month of Sharing

Once again the Churches in the Eldon MA will partner with SERVE Eldon for a Month of Sharing. This will run from October 12 - November 16. This year the donations will go to the Eldon Mustang Packs and Eldon Mustang Closet. The food items to donate for the Mustang packs consist of Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers, SpaghettiOs (lift tab), Granola/Cereal Bars, and Fruit/Applesauce Cups. The clothing items needed for the Mustang Closet are Tennis Shoes, Packaged Socks, Packaged Underwear, and Leggings/Jogging Pants and Shorts. Kid and Adult sizes are needed. Please bring them by the church for the drop off.

Contemporary Service

On Wednesday, November 7th, we will hold our Contemporary Service. Potluck dinner will begin at 6:30pm and service will begin at 7pm. Please bring a food dish to share!



UMW meeting

The United Methodist Women's group will meet Wednesday, November 7th. It will start at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Women of ages are invited to attend.



Wesley Study

It's not too late to join us for the Wesley Study. We will meet at 4:00 each Sunday afternoon for the next four Sundays. It's a fun group and a great opportunity to learn about the founder of our denomination, John Wesley.



Church shirts

If you didn't get a chance to order your church shirts there is still time. Another order will be placed later this month so please contact the church soon. There is also polo shirts available for purchase. They will have a small church logo on the front. The polo is priced at \$25 each.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE



The annual Community Thanksgiving worship service will be held on Sunday, November 18 at 7:00 pm at the First Assembly of God Church. Our very own Rev. Joan DeBoe will be delivering the message that evening. Please plan to attend.

Hanging of the Greens

Come help decorate the church for the Christmas season on December 2nd. Come worship with us at 10:30 am and plan to stay for a soup luncheon and dessert. We will decorate the church after the luncheon.



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 8am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 4pm Weenie Roast & HayRide @ Olinger's |
| 9:30 Kid's Bell Practice 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Worship team meeting 4pm John Wesley Study | 5 | 6 | 1pm UMW meeting 6:30pm Potluck Supper 7pm Contemporary Worship Service | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 8:15am Bell Choir Practice 9:30am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4 pm John Wesley Study | 12 9am Food Pantry | 13 | 6:30pm Baby Grace 6:30pm Church Council meeting in the library | 15 | 16 | 8am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9 am - 1 pm DAR |
| 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4pm John Wesley Study 7pm Community Thanksgiving Service @ 1st Assembly of God | 19 2pm Lee House | 20 | 21 | 22  Church office closed | 23 | 24 Church office closed |
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