

DECEMBER 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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December 2018



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 12, 2018

Ninth St. Christian – Worship

First Baptist – Breakfast

Thursday December 13, 2018

Bethany Lutheran – Worship

United Methodist – Breakfast

Friday December 14, 2018

First Christian – Worship

Sacred Heart – Breakfast

Merry Christmas to Eldon UMC.

I've been here about six months now, and I can honestly tell you I like it better every day. This congregation is warm and welcoming, and I feel very much at home here. Thank you for the many kindnesses you have shown David and me since we arrived.

As we close this year, I pray that each of you will encounter Christ in a new way this Christmas. The baby brings new life to each of us and to our church, and I pray he will bring you spiritual renewal and profound peace. The humility and willingness of Mary and Joseph to serve God by parenting his child provides us with a beautiful example of servanthood and devotion to God. Theirs was not an easy journey, but it was a glorious one that God used to bring everlasting life to his beloved people. I pray each of you will find the wonder in this mystery of faith.

Merry Christmas.

Grace and Peace,
Rev Joan

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 16th to ensure it gets in the bulletin by the Fourth Sunday of Advent.





Tour of Churches

On Wednesday, December 19th, the Ministerial Alliance will host its annual Christmas Tour of Churches from 6:00 - 9:00 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 - First Christian
- 7:00 to 7:20 pm - United Methodist
- 7:30 to 7:50 pm - Bethany Lutheran
- 8:00 to 8:20 pm - Ninth Street Christian
- 8:30 to 8:50 pm - First Baptist

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

During the Christmas season, it has been our custom to donate something extra to our staff. This includes our pastor, nursery attendant, and secretary. If you would like to show your appreciation for these people, please mark your donation, "Staff Christmas" and place it in the collection plate. Make checks out to the Eldon UMC and have your donation in by December 16th. Our financial secretary will take care of the rest. Thank you and have a Blessed Christmas.



Men's Group meetings

The men's group is going to try something new in hopes to get more men involved. The men's group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Saturday's of the month. This month they will meet at 8:00 am at the church on December 8th. The second meeting will take place at 6:00 pm at Whittle's on December 22nd. All men of the church are encourage to attend and to bring a friend.



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IS HIS NAME.

LUKE 1:49

THANK YOU

To My Church family:

Over the past several months, many of you have helped me through finances, prayer, or both. I struggled with what to write to show you have my heartfelt appreciation, but nothing seemed good enough. All I can say, is thank you. It'snot enough, but there simply aren't words that can express how much you've helped me. You have provided me and my family with a home, and for that I am eternally grateful. I miss my church family and hope to see you guys again soon. And again, thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!!!



Shannon George & family

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



Please join us at our traditional Candle-light Christmas Eve service 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.

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9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:40am Luncheon Hanging of the Greens			1pm UMW 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Contemporary Service				8 8am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Church
8:15am Bell Choir Practice 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Rock Island Village	9am Food Pantry		7am Men's Advent Breakfast @ 1st Christian 6:30pm Baby Grace	7am Men's Advent Breakfast @ 1st Christian Our men supply the Breakfast	7am Men's Advent Breakfast @ 1st Christian		15 9am DAR meeting
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