

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

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BABY!

Jana and Kelsey Flynn of Troy, Missouri welcomed their first child, a daughter. Farrah Haley Flynn was born on November 8. She weighed 7lbs 4oz. Proud grandparents are Willard and Jerri Haley. Great grandparent is Rosa Klein.

Dearest Eldon UMC family,

We are settled in to our new home in Independence, MO and reflecting back on 2018. We are so grateful for the church family we have enjoyed at Eldon UMC for the past 32 years. We thank you for the wonderful dinner, cards, well wishes and send off we received from you in October. I have the congregation photo and signed frame you gave us in my office at home and love it. I enjoy watching the Facebook page and reading the newsletter to see your activities, and pray for you as you reach out to the Eldon community in Christian love. We miss seeing your faces each week and though we may be miles apart we with you in spirit.

Please let us know if you are in the Kansas City area – we would love to see you!

Your friends always,

Rick and Claire Wilhoit
3011 Cedar Crest Dr, Apt C
Independence, MO 64057

Happy New Year!

What a pleasure it is to serve as your pastor. 2018 was a year of change for all of us. You welcomed a new pastor and were patient through all the changes. David and I moved to town and have been welcomed with open arms. Even amid great change, it was a year filled with God's blessings, and I am grateful.

The upcoming year is full of possibilities. We're joining together for new classes and new social gatherings. Our Sunday school classes (namely the Basement Dwellers) are undertaking new curriculum that challenges, surprises, confuses, and teaches us. We're building new relationships with one another and with our community. Best of all, the Holy Spirit is at work in our congregation guiding and empowering us to be the body of Christ for the world. What a profound privilege it is to serve our God.

As we begin the new year, let us be thankful that we have a God who has completely closed the chapter on 2018 and offers us a whole new beginning and anxiously waits and watches to see what we will do with it. I wish you the very happiest of new years and pray you will find new life and joy.

Grace and Peace,
Rev Joan

Happy New Year ♥ *Happy New Year* ♥ *Happy New Year*

Donations

We currently have a gentleman in our church who is in need of some items to help make his house a home. If you have any items you are willing to donate it would be greatly appreciated. The list of items he is in need of is as follows: microwave, coffee table, end tables, dishes/bakeware, pots & pans, silverware, utensils, mixer, mixing bowls, TV, dining room set, bedroom set, towels/rugs, queen size mattress and boxspring, bedding, bowls/cups, roaster, crock pot, skillets, knives, pizza cutter, spice rack. Thanks!

Wesley Class

The Wesley class that meets on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm resumed last Sunday on January 6th. There is one week left of the study, and we'll discuss if we want to pick up another study sometime this spring. This has been a fun class, and we've all learned a lot about our founder, John Wesley.

Family Night

We will have a family game night at the church on Saturday, January 19th at 5:30. We will have several different tables set up with various games; trivia, Rummikub, Uno, etc. We'll have some for the kiddos, too. More info will be coming shortly regarding food and drinks. Be sure to put this on your calendar. It will be a fun evening!

Eldon UM Church,

Thank you so much for the prayers and the beautiful blanket! Mr. Mason is doing great, born weighing 3lbs 3oz and today he is 7lbs 5oz!

Thanks again, *Annie and Mason*



Thank you from Rev. Joan . . .

The church family here at EUMC is just the best. I have so many things to thank you for. First, thank you so much for the Christmas gift. It was incredibly generous. Thank you.

Second, thank you to everyone who so readily agreed to participate in the Christmas Eve service. It was a beautiful service, made so because so many were involved.

Thirdly, thank you for replacing the refrigerator in the parsonage. It's beautiful, and it's so nice not to have standing water in it!

This congregation is loving and generous, and you've welcomed me warmly into your family. I am so very glad to be here with you and look forward to many years with you.

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$143.46 and for over 150 pounds of food. We truly appreciate all your support - volunteers, food and financial aid. This helps us provide over 475 families with extra mild, meat and canned foods.

Blessings to all of you, *Eldon Food Pantry*

Church Leadership

This last Sunday, January 6th, we recognized outgoing and incoming Church Leaders during worship. Following are the leaders for 2018 and 2019:

2018 Church Leaders

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class of:</u>	<u>Position</u>
Claire Wilhoit	2018	
Mary Morgan	2018	Treasurer
Willard Haley	2018	Council Chair
Denise Taylor	2019	
John Caine	2019	Trustee Chair
Mark Richard	2019	Lay Leader, Lay Member
Harry Naught	2020	Finance Chair
Jeremy Phillips	2020	
Laura Dierking	2020	
Michael Henley	2020	
Tom Collins	2020	

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Denise Taylor	2019	Council Chair
John Caine	2019	Trustee Contact
Tom Collins	2019	Vice-chair
Harry Naught	2020	Finance Chair
Jeremy Phillips	2020	
Laura Dierking	2020	
Michael Henley	2020	
Mary Morgan	2021	Treasurer
David Wood	2021	Lay Leader, Lay Member
Kent Olinger	2021	
Dale Homan	2021	

Thank you to all individuals on both lists. This is Christ's church, and it relies entirely on the leadership of its members and the pastor. Thank you for your fine leadership and your willingness to serve.

TRUST
yourself
TO THE
Lord
WHO MADE YOU.

2018 Giving Reports

The giving reports for 2018 will be available mid January. Reports will be available to pick up starting Sunday, January 19 before or after church. We will mail out the reports to everyone who does not pick them up by Sunday, February 3.

Upcoming Soup Supper

The church will be hosting it's Soup Supper on Friday, March 8th. Please mark this on your calendar and start thinking of your favorite soup recipe. More details will come out in February.

Thank You!

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. I am truly blessed to work for such a great Church family.

Melinda



The LORD your God...
will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love.

ZEPHANIAH 3:17, ESV

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Wesley Study	7	8	9 6:30pm Baby Grace	10	11	12 8:00am Men's Group meeting @ Church
13 8:15am Handbell Choir Practice 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Wesley Study	14 9:00am Food Pantry	15	16 6:30pm Church council meeting	17	18	19 9am DAR meeting 5:30pm Family Night @ Church
20 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	21 2:00pm Lee House  Office Closed	22	23	24	25	26 6:00pm Men's group meeting @ Whittle's
27 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Youth Sunday	28	29	30	31		