

JUNE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to summer! We've just celebrated Memorial Day, although the celebration was a bit subdued for many in Eldon by the tornado. I pray each of you found time amidst the upset to fellowship with family and friends and to remember and honor loved ones.

Vacations have begun, and life at the Lake is in full swing. Vacations allow us much-needed time to step away from the everyday demands of our lives and just relax and enjoy down time with family and friends and to have a change of scenery. It also gives us an opportunity to open our hearts and minds and allow God to speak to us without the normal distractions. Especially this year in the wake of the storm, we can all use reassurance that God walks with us even through challenging times. Wherever you may go this summer, remember to take your Bible and other devotional materials. Carve time out of your itinerary to spend time alone with God, listening to what he would say to you. Being connected to and energized by his holy presence is truly a gift that will renew your heart and mind and prepare you to step back into your normal routine rested and energized and ready for what God has in store for you. We have copies of the Upper Room, a devotional magazine, and if you're in need of a Bible, we have those as well. Also, we will stream the worship service on our Facebook page (if your pastor can figure out how to get everything set up and running when the tech folks are out), so you are still able to worship with us even from a distance. Know that while you're away on vacation, your church family will hold you in prayer and look forward to having you back very soon.

In the wake of a storm like we've had, there is sometimes a temptation to think we're being punished, that God is unhappy with us. The truth is, though, that God has heard our cries and has rescued us. He walks with us as we clear debris and make repairs, and thankfully for only a very few, he has rescued through the profound gift of resurrection and eternal life. At all times and in all places, God walks with us, loves us, and sees to our wellbeing. As disciples of Jesus, we, in turn, must reach out to those who need assurance and prayer and assistance. We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world, and it is especially important in times like these that we lift up in prayer those who suffered as a result of the storm. This is the time when we must offer our assistance and our resources to aid God's children. Please be in prayer for the many families who suffered damage and displacement, and ask God to guide you, and all of us as Christ's church, in how to best assist them.

Here is some information about the tornado relief efforts in Eldon:

First, volunteers who want to help in Eldon can call 573-392-9111 and tell them when and what work you wish to do. They will relay that info to the person in charge of volunteer groups in Eldon and he will return the call and give assignments.

Second, financial help can be given in any number of ways:

-The City has set up a disaster relief checking account at Central Bank in Eldon at 611 E North Street Eldon, MO 65026, (573) 392-5086.

-The Ministerial Alliance has a fund for disaster relief as well. The contact for that is Rev Bill Fogelsong (treasurer of the Alliance) at First Christian Church 573-392-8282.

-Eldon UMC also has an emergency fund. Donations can be made to that fund with that designation on your check.

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-At this point, clothing and food are not requested. Most folks are getting relocated and are able to manage their meals. However, because of the areas hit, it is safe to assume that even if the Community Center closes down as a shelter, the needs of the families who have stayed there have not been fully resolved. The need will continue.

-The Red Cross and Salvation Army have been very active in the community. The Red Cross has been set up at the Community Center to assist. You may contact either organization to see what needs they still have identified.

Thank you so much for all of your concern for the people affected by the tornadoes. Please continue to hold the victims and those who have responded in your prayers asking God to lead you to that area of service that best utilizes your unique, God-given gifts. Blessings and prayers to each of you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Joan

Be a Shut In ambassador!

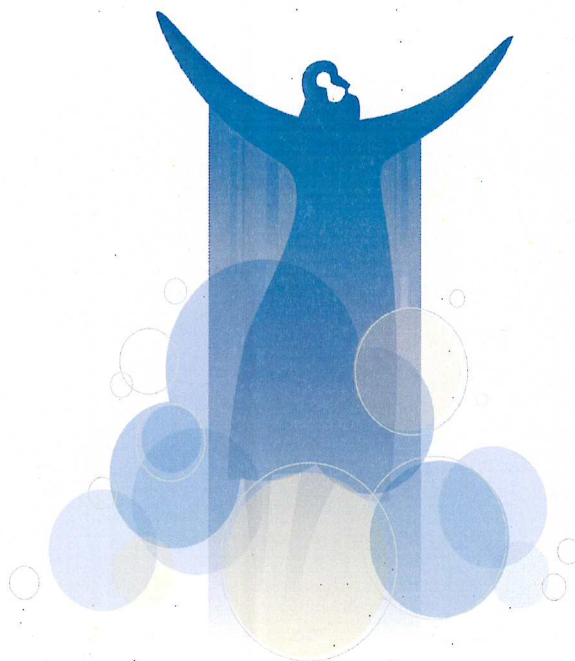
Shut In visitation is one of our church's ministries that let folks know they are remembered and important to us. Currently, there are ten members who participate in this ministry. If you would like to join this group or go along with one of us, just check with that member. Two of our members are in Jefferson City quite often and are able to visit there. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for our group members to choose a month starting in June to visit our Shut-Ins for the remainder of 2019. Our Shut-In team consists of Frances Croy, Sally Dorrell, Julia Olinger, Marcia Naught, Mary Morgan, Diane Schneider, Marcia Homan and Denise Taylor. Kathy White and A.J. Mistler are our Jefferson City ambassadors. We are always looking for additional members, come join us in this ministry.

Fifth Sunday Potluck

The month of June has 5 Sundays! So that means we will be having our Fifth Sunday potluck lunch after worship service on June 30. Please bring a food dish to share. This will also be VBS Sunday.

Worship Time Change

Starting June 2 our worship time will change to 10:00 am. This time change will be our new worship time that continues throughout the year. Sunday school is taking a break for the summer months and will resume again in September.



God Sightings!

In the recent month we have had numerous God sightings at our church worth mentioning. The planter at the front door has once again beautiful flowers in it as does the planter at the back side door. The flowers were donated from several members of our family and lovingly planted. Baby Grace donated baby food to the Eldon Community Food Pantry. There is also the installation of poles at the end of the parking lot to better mark where not to exit the lot and a member has embroidered Prayer Blankets for us. Thanks to all of them and these are just a few of the numerous ways, we truly are living our church Mission of being a caring and sharing church.

VBS - Yee-Haw Celebrating God's Greastest Gift.

The theme for this year's VBS is Yee-Haw: Celebrating God's Greatest Gift! VBS will be held on Sunday, June 29th. Many helping hands are needed to prepare for VBS, please consider donating your time. We are also asking for donations of different items. The items needed are pinned on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you want to donate, remove the item and take it with you (both as a reminder and so someone else doesn't get it too). Please contact Paula Richard to sign up to help or with questions about donations.

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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10:00am Worship Service 2:00pm Rock Island Village	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00am Worship Service	9	10 9:00am Food Pantry Volunteer Day	11	12 6:30pm Baby Grace	13	14 	15 8am-1pm DAR meeting
10:00am Worship Service Happy Father's Day	16	17 2:00pm Lee House	18	19 6:30pm Church Council meeting	20	21 	22
10:00am Worship Service	23	24	25	26 *Newsletter articles due into the Church office	27	28	29 9am-3:30pm VBS Yee-Haw
10:00am Worship Service/VBS Sunday 11:00am Fifth Sunday Potluck	30	<div></div>					



ONE DAY VBS

Saturday, June 29

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

All children who have completed grades

Kindergarten - 5

Eldon United Methodist Church

600 N Oak St

For more information call 392-3713

or visit www.eldonumc.org

Lunch is provided !!