

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 18, 2016
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
8:30 a.m. † 11:00 a.m.

- Before the service begins, please give your white prayer request card to an usher.
 - Please see an usher if you would like to have a large print bulletin or hymnal.
 - All worshipers are asked to sign the attendance register. If you are a guest, please fill out all the information. As the register is passed back down the pew, make note of those sitting near you so you can greet them after the service.
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LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF CHIMES

GREETING AND WELCOME

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER AND PRELUDE “PETITE PRELUDE” BUTLER

SUNG RESPONSE #2025 (TFWS)..... “AS THE DEER”

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people!

People: The winds of the Spirit have given us breath and the fire of the Spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.

Leader: Come here in faithfulness and be ready for the surprises that God’s Spirit brings.

People: We will open our lives to the presence of God and trust God’s promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace. May God help us to be people of spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!

**HYMN #126 (UMH) “SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans and dreams,

and crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us. Open our eyes, that we may accept the new life you offer us, and thus show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30 & 11:00).....SID BLED SOE

EPISTLE LESSON, REVELATION 21:5-7 (page 259)

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 –SID BLED SOE
11:00 – “HALLE, HALLE, HALLE” CHANCEL CHOIR

**GOSPEL LESSON, MATTHEW 14:13-21 (page 16)

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSE #393 (UMH) “SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SERMON..... “NOT CHURCH AS USUAL: II – DREAMING BIG!” REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

**HYMN #152 (UMH) “I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE #2215 (TFWS)..... “CARES CHORUS”

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don’t know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY“ARABESQUE”..... BUTLER

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****OFFERTORY RESPONSE, #94 (UMH) ..“PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

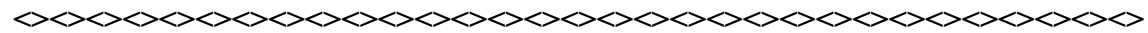
****HYMN #733 (UMH).....“MARCHING TO ZION”**

****DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

****CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together in love.**

POSTLUDE“FUGHETTA”..... BUTLER



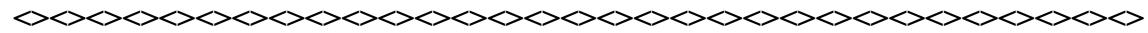
****Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red cover)

TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black cover) - found in the rack underneath the pew in front of you

W&S: Worship & Song (green cover)

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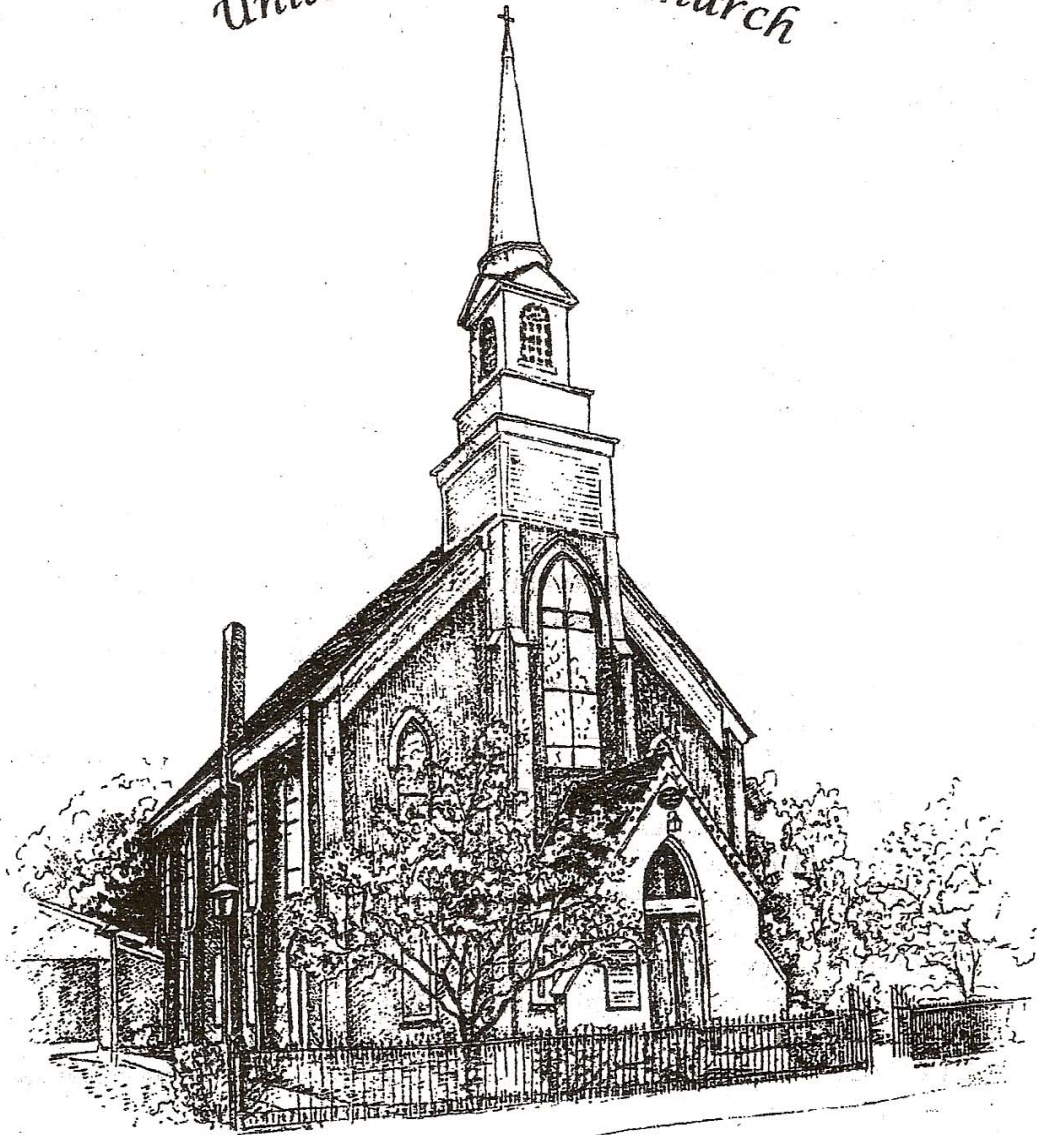


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interested in attending, please call the church office at 401-398-0933.

WELCOME GUESTS! We welcome all to worship at Elkton UMC this morning, and extend a special welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning. Please fill out the blue visitor card located in the pew racks. We also have a gift for all first-time visitors to our church. It is available from the welcome center or from the ushers in the foyer. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive the gift, just speak to one of the ushers as you're leaving the worship service this morning, and they will see that you receive one! Once again, welcome to worship at Elkton UMC!

COPIES OF TODAY'S SERMON/VIDEO OF TODAY'S SERMON – Several persons with hearing difficulties have found it helpful to have a copy of the sermon and read along as it is preached, therefore copies are now available from the ushers should you wish to have one. Videos of our 11 a.m. weekly service are now available online as well. To see a video, go the church website, elktonumc.org, and click on the “Sermons” link and there you will see a link to our You Tube channel where all EUMC videos are available.

CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' SEPTEMBER PROGRAM – Due to a conflict in the presenter's schedule, the date for the Classic Christians' meeting in September has been changed and will now take place on Friday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in Weldin Hall. The night begins with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and continues on with a program by Rich Juergens and Lee Collins entitled “Collections: What We Collect, Why We Collect It, and What We Do with Our Collections!” You won't want to miss this presentation by two of our greatest history buffs! Sign up to participate in the meeting on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR MENTORS – We're looking for people willing to serve as mentors to children in Thomson Estates Elementary School this year. You need to be able to dedicate an hour a week to work with a child at the school. If you're interested in taking part, please contact Nancy Mitchell at nhmitchell@msn.com.

UNITED METHODIST NEWS –

- District Superintendent Installation – Today, at 4 p.m. at Cornerstone UMC in Bear,

the Rev. Joe Archie will be installed as the new Wilmington District Superintendent.

All are invited and welcome to attend this very special service.

- Bishop's Day on the District – Bishop Peggy Johnson will have her annual “Day on the Wilmington District” this Tuesday, September 20th at Cornerstone Church in Bear.

All laity of the district are invited to meet with her from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. If you're

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM..... Worship Services
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Rm. 24)
9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal (Room 1)
9:45 AM Sunday School (All Ages)
5:30 PM..... Youth Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

6:00 PM..... Cub Scout/Boy Scout (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 21)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

7:00 PM..... Cecil County Choral Society Rehearsal (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM..... Board of Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

6:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Elkton Diner)
5:00 PM..... Relay for Life Committee Meeting (Weldin Hall)
6:15 PM..... Weekly Communion (Chapel)
6:30 PM..... Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

7:00 PM..... Finance Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Room 1)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

6:30 PM..... Classic Christians' Potluck Dinner and Program

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Judy Pugh

Readers: 8:30 – Nancy Crawford 11:00 – Ivan Mehosky

Acolytes: 8:30 – Jack Kovicak 11:00 – Jack Edler

Greeters: 8:30 – Joan and Herb Perry 11:00 – Betty McCarthy

Welcome Center:

**8:10-8:30 & 10:40-11:00 &
9:30-9:50 – Ronnie Smith 12:00-12:20 – Robyn Graham**

Hostesses: 8:30 – Sharon Slayman and Jennifer Slayman 11:00 – Kim Heath and Linda Kosinski

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Richard VanSchaick 11:00 – Carol Robinson

Nursery: 8:30 – Paige Laning 11:00 – Evelyn Jones

Tech Team: 8:30 – Carly Smith and Kristina Keithley 11:00 – Roger Robinson and Damien Hollyday

Parking Lot

Knights: Kevin White, Wayne Eller, Ken McCoy, Bob Perkins, Gary Lewis, Rod Perrine and Jack Williams.

Ushers: 8:30 – Gifford Biles, Murray Thompson, Rich Gruebel, Jim Dech, Hank

Fehlman, Dick Gochnauer, Bill Moffitt and Richard VanSchaick.

11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Bill Ferringer,

Bob

Gilmore, Ed Hendricks, Paul Schneider and Gary Storke.

unhappy. Your child will be happier and those seated around you will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in loving memory of Marjorie Campbell given by her husband Charlie and family.

FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN are in honor of Millie and Romie Jones' 50th Wedding Anniversary.

AVAILABLE ALL MORNING – Nursery care is available during this morning's worship services. The nursery is located in Rooms 22-24 and is staffed by Yolanda Gomez, a professional childcare worker, assisted by volunteers from our congregation. One of our ushers can guide you there. New children are welcome! Also, please know that it is perfectly fine to leave the worship service with your child if they become restless or



It's time for **College Packages** to be mailed out!

EUMC sends packages to our kids and grandkids who are away from home attending college to let them know we are thinking of them. We do four mailings throughout the school year. They say it's like getting a hug from home!

Here's how you can help:

- A) **Turn your college student's address in** by emailing it to Linda White at k-lwhite@comcast.net or the church office at eumcadmin@comcast.net.
- B) **Donating items for the packages:** small, prepackaged items such as candy, cookies, granola bars, gum, chapstick, microwave popcorn, single-serving sizes of hot chocolate or instant soup, whatever will fit into the mailing boxes! As per mailing regulations, no liquids or perishables, please. We'll divide the stuff among all the boxes, so you don't need to buy one for each student; we'll take any donation amount.
- C) **Help with filling the boxes!** The first mailing will be boxed up on **Sunday, September 25th**, at 9:30 a.m. in Weldin Hall! A collection box will be conveniently located by the Welcome Center for the month of September. ☺

Thank you for your support!

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