

# Elkton United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Christian Education Sunday

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF CHIMES

GREETING AND WELCOME

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER AND PRELUDE ..... “HOLY, HOLY”..... OWENS

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: Gracious and eternal God, you have led us to curiosity about our creation, ourselves, and all things unknown.

**People: Let us never lose our sense of wonder about the world you have given us.**

Leader: God of Abraham and Sarah, you lead us to new understandings when we least expect them.

**People: Let us never see ourselves as too young, too old, or too wise to**

**learn**

**new lessons from you.**

Leader: God of the prophets, you call us to speak truth with love to a reluctant world.

**People: Give us courage to judge ourselves, and wisdom to learn from those you send to teach us.**

Leader: God of the rich young ruler, you love us though we shrink from the challenge of discipleship.

**People: Teach us to surrender our own wills, that we might see yours and draw closer to your grace.**

Leader: Everlasting, ever-loving God, teacher, creator, giver of knowledge and freedom, fear and courage, doubt and faith,

**People: grant that we might always use your gifts to build a world where peace, justice, love, and hope reign in wisdom and in truth.**

\*\*HYMN #277 (UMH) ..... “TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Christ Jesus, too often we have lived as if we did not need you, pretending that life is what we make it. In those exceptional moments of openness when we received the gift of faith, we have assumed it was given for ourselves alone. Awaken us by your Spirit to fuller dimensions of faith. Lead us to find in our neighbors the opportunities for love, in the social order the possibilities for justice, and in the affairs of nations the potential for peace. Reform our attitudes and behaviors until in every circumstance we may, by your grace, be the instruments of your saving Word. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30 & 11:00)..... VANESSA AND ALAN FOSKEY

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE TO SECOND GRADERS

|               |                 |               |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Richie Achuff | Julie Czarnecki | Sienna Graham |
| Chase Barker  | Jack Edler      | Ada Mackie    |
|               |                 | Joshua Noll   |

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9 (page 163)

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 – ..... VANESSA AND ALAN FOSKEY  
11:00 – ..... “TELL THE CHILDREN” ..... CHANCEL CHOIR

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 10:38-42 (page 72)

**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: III – START WITH THE STORY!”... REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

\*\*HYMN #601 (UMH) ..... “THY WORD IS A LAMP”



DEDICATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS AND LEADERS (see purple insert)

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 .....“MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED” ..... WATTS

\*\*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 #600 (UMH) ..... “WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE”

\*\*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 .....“I'D LOVE TO TELL THE STORY” .....HANKEY



\*\*Indicates the congregation should stand if able

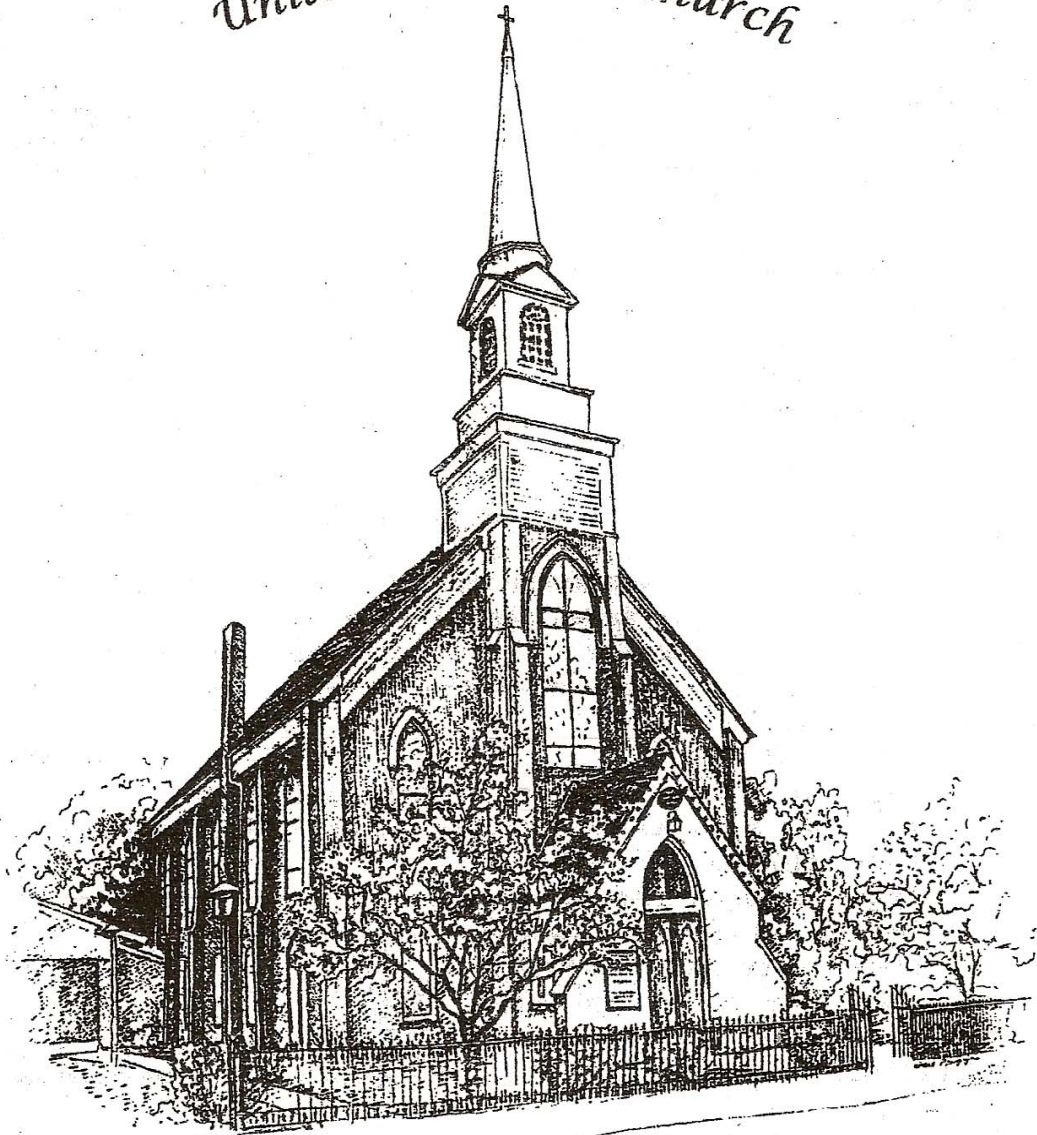
UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red cover)

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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*"A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others."*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](http://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.

**WELCOME CAROL OLSEN!** We welcome Carol Olsen as our pianist for today's worship services. Carol is sitting in for Sharon who has the weekend off to help take care of her new grandson who was born on Wednesday. Congratulations to Sharon, Tom, parents Angie and CJ, and big brother Jake! And welcome Carol – thanks so much for being with us and sharing your gifts with us today!

**POPCORN FOR SALE** – Members of our Cub Pack 443 will be on hand during the hospitality time after both services today to entice you to buy their wonderful popcorn. The money raised provides the bulk of funding for their many activities throughout the year. Our Cub Pack is very active and filled with great young men and very gifted leaders. Stop by and see them after worship today, and help them out by buying some popcorn!

**INTERESTED IN SERVING IN THE CHURCH?** The Nominating Committee is beginning their work this week to look for people willing to serve in leadership and service positions in the church starting in January of 2017. If you have an interest in serving in a particular area or leading a particular ministry, we'd like to hear from you. There will be openings in all areas of ministry in the church (Trustees, Finance, Stewardship, Evangelism, Missions, etc.) So if you're interested, please send an email to [eumc@comcast.net](mailto:eumc@comcast.net) or call Pastor Bunnell in the church office.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** – Next Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 3 p.m., we'll have our annual “Blessing of the Animals” service on the lawn in front of Weldin Hall. Bring the furry members of your family to this special service where they can receive a blessing – don't forget a leash for them and a lawn chair for yourself. The service is brief – about 20 minutes long.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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)
- 9:30 AM ..... College Outreach Mailing (Weldin Hall)
- 9:45 AM ..... Sunday School (All Ages)
- 5:30 PM ..... Youth Group

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

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

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

- 9:30 AM ..... Staff Meeting (Room 1)
- 6:30 PM ..... Nominating Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM ..... Cecil County Choral Society Rehearsal (Weldin Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

- 6:15 PM ..... Weekly Communion (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM ..... Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 PM ..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

- 6:30 PM ..... Women's Retreat Committee Meeting (Conf. Room)
- 8:00 PM ..... AA Meeting (Room 1)



## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Worship Leader:** Dick Gochnauer

**Readers:** 8:30 – Carol Frye 11:00 – Heidi Gaultney

**Acolytes:** 8:30 – Kyle Slayman 11:00 – Julian DiSciullo

**Greeters:** 8:30 – Judy and Joe Tanner 11:00 – Vickie and Stanley Cebula

### **Welcome Center:**

8:10-8:30 & 10:40-11:00 &  
9:30-9:50 – Barb Pinder 12:00-12:20 – Denise Cimososi

**Hostesses:** 8:30 – Carol Frye and 11:00 – Donna Horgan and  
Ronnie Smith Kim and Jack Edler

**Hall Monitors:** 8:30 – David Miller 11:00 – Bob Perkins

**Nursery:** 8:30 – Jack Kovicak 11:00 – TBD

**Tech Team:** 8:30 – Jocelyn Melvin and 11:00 – Rich Juergens and  
John Melvin Connery Eddinger

### **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.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in loving memory of Ronnie Dulin and Danny Dulin given  
by Sonia Dulin.

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