

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 28, 2016
Fifteenth 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 "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY" ARR. BY HOPSON

SUNG RESPONSE #328 (UMH) "SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE"
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Lord, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others.

People: Open our ears that we may hear their cries.

Leader: Show us where love and hope and faith are needed and use us to bring them to those places.

People: Open our eyes and ears and hearts that we may this day be able to do some work of peace for Thee.

**HYMN #568 (UMH) "CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of us all, you challenge us to find our friends among the people often considered weak. Befriend the poor, the mentally and physically challenged, you tell us. How ironic that we often shun those who are blessed with the greatest

courage, the deepest hope, the most radical faith. Forgive us for avoiding the people who could be our best teachers so we can gain the esteem of those who are often our worst enemies. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30 & 11:00).....BEN GRAHAM, TROMBONE

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, JEREMIAH 2:4-13 (page 699)

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30 & 11:00)..... DOROTHEA AND BILL GRAHAM, VOCAL DUET

**GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 14:1, 7-14 (page 77)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSE #454 (UMH) "OPEN MY EYES"

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

SERMON....."BE CAREFUL WHO YOU INVITE TO DINNER"....REV. GEORGE N. LEATHRUM

**HYMN #428 (UMH) "FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS"

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 “STAND BY ME”

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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!**

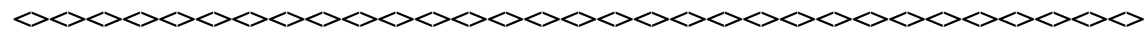
****HYMN #430 (UMH).....“O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE”**

****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“PROCESSIONAL IN C” ARR. BY HOPSON



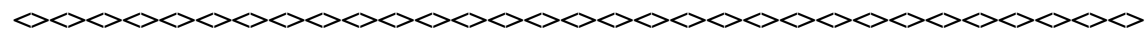
****Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

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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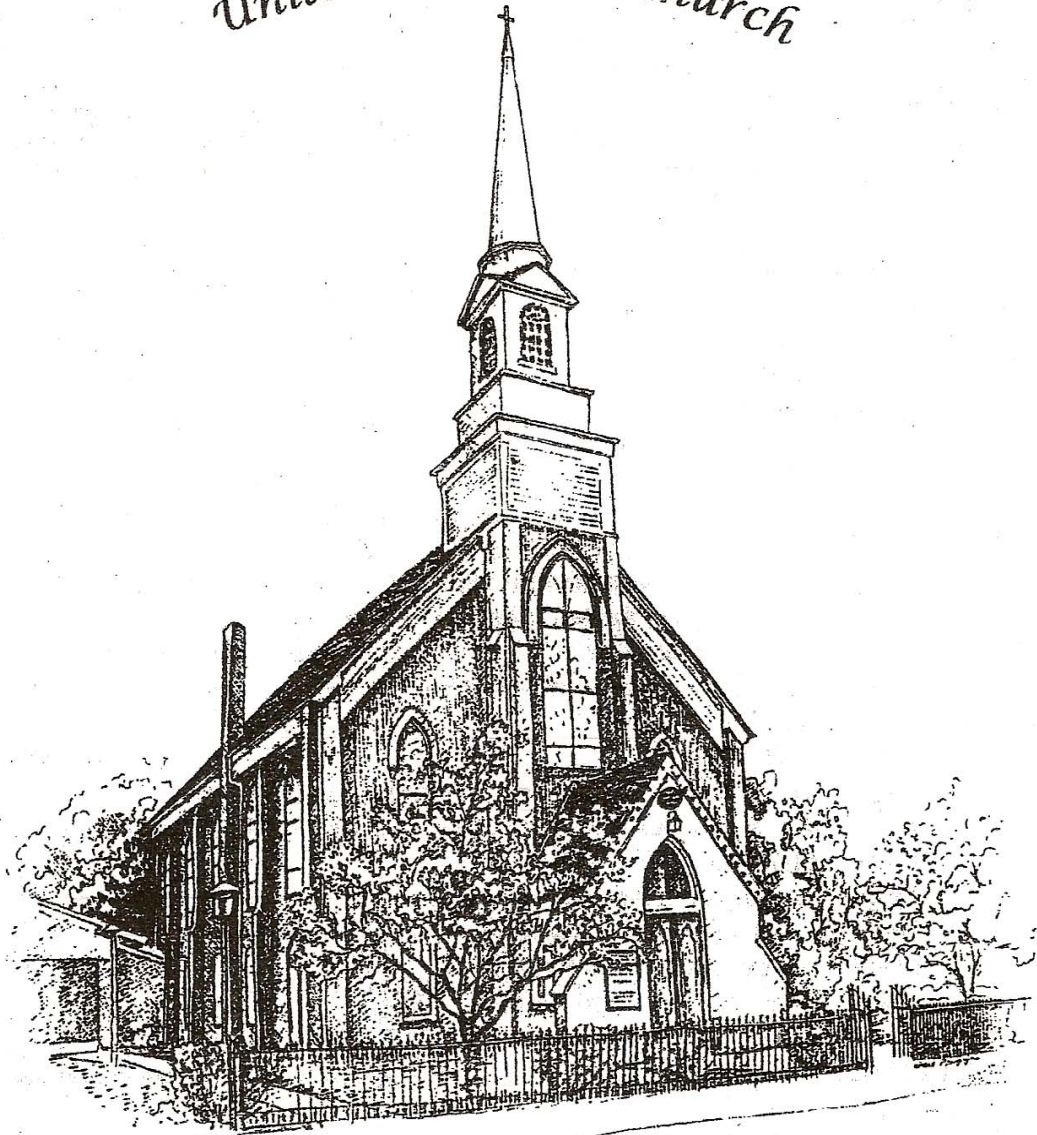


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"A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others."

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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.

JOIN THE CLASSIC CHRISTIANS ON A ROAD TRIP! The Classic Christians are hitting the road again – this time to Baltimore. On Wednesday, October 19th they'll leave the church parking lot via bus at 9:45 a.m. and head to the Inner Harbor to board *The Spirit of Baltimore* for a lunch cruise. After the cruise, they'll head over to Fort McHenry for a time of exploring this great historic site, and then head for home around 4:30 p.m. Cost for the day is \$90/person (which includes the bus, all admission fees/tickets and tip for the driver). To go on the trip, sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center. PS – You don't have to be a Classic Christian to go on the trip! Questions? Contact Millie Jones at grandmajonesx3@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNION – Just a reminder that Holy Communion is offered every Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, September 7th – First Chancel Choir Rehearsal of the Fall

Sunday, September 11th – Kickoff Sunday!

*Sunday School Starts

*Chancel Choir Returns

*Youth Scavenger Hunt!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM..... Worship Services

8:30 AM – 1200 PM Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten
(Rm. 24)

6:00 PM..... Youth Group

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2016

7:00-9:00 AM..... Drive-Thru Prayer (EUMC parking lot)

6:00 PM..... Cub Scouts (Weldin Hall)

6:30 PM..... Women's Retreat Committee Meeting (Conf. Room)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016

9:30 AM Staff Meeting (Room 1)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016

6:15 PM..... Weekly Communion (Chapel)

6:30 PM..... District Conference Meeting (Weldin Hall)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

8:00 PM..... AA Meeting (Room 1)



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Bethany Buckley

Readers: 8:30 – Cheryl McKeown 11:00 – Deb Dalrymple

Acolytes: 8:30 – Nate Kovicak 11:00 – Julianna Swyka

Greeters: 8:30 – Joe Buckley 11:00 – Linda Boulden and
Peg Bunnell

Welcome Center:

8:10-8:30 & 10:40-11:00 &
9:30-9:50 – Linda White 12:00-12:20 – Barb Tenney

Hostesses: 8:30 – Kathleen Keithley and 11:00 – Mary Mackie and
Cindy McCoy Janet Forney

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Gerry Treese 11:00 – Bob Perkins

Nursery: 8:30 – Paige Laning 11:00 – John Sparks

Tech Team: 8:30 – Carly Smith and 11:00 – Roger Robinson and
Kristina Keithley 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, Joe Buckley,
Mike Foster, Romie Jones, Robert Parrack and Joe Tanner.
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Charles

Allport,

Buddy Camors, Phil Norman and Sonny Tenney.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in loving memory of Robert Olewine, Sr. given by Carrie and family.

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.