

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 10, 2016
Eighth 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 worshippers 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

PRELUDE “GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS” W. H. RUNYAN

SUNG RESPONSE #2164 (TFWS)..... “SANCTUARY”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

****CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God, the Source of Love and Life,
who creates us.

People: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives
among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

All: To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord!

****HYMN #140 (UMH) “GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”**

PRAYER (in unison)

We worship you, O God, and thank you that you receive us when we turn to you.
We turn to you now, trusting the promise of Jesus Christ to be with us whenever
two or three gather in his name. Come to us, and fill us with your Spirit of unity
and truth, that we may serve you in the world; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 & 11:00 –..... THE GILMORE FAMILY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON, ACTS 8:26-39 (page 127)

****GOSPEL LESSON, JOHN 15:1-8 (page 109)**

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..... “I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL
WHO STRENGTHENS ME: I – ACT”

****HYMN #130 (UMH) “GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU”**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION, p. 12 (UMH)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

****THE PEACE**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 – “BE STILL, MY SOUL” J. SIBELIUS

****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!

****THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 13 (UMH)**

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!

WELCOME GUEST MUSICIAN BRIAN GILMORE! We welcome Brian Gilmore to our worship services this morning as he sits in for Sharon who's enjoying some well-deserved vacation time. It's always wonderful to have Brian with us and to be blessed by his incredible piano playing. Welcome back Brian, it's good to have you home with us this morning!

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 the sermon are now being posted on-line 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 the You Tube site for our sermons.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS TONIGHT! It's not too late to bring your kids or grandkids to VBS which starts tonight at 5:30 p.m. with dinner! You can register them at the door, for this fun-filled five days of Bible stories, activities, crafts, music and more! Thanks, ahead of time, to all who are making this wonderful week possible for our children!

KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP – Our mission team leaves for Kentucky this coming Saturday morning (the 16th). You're invited to come to the parking lot and have a time of devotion with them at 8:30 a.m. The members of this year's team are: Ted McDowell (team leader), Dave Wherry, Sandy Wherry, Sharlene Lyle, Travis Russell, Ben Dalrymple, Ed Dalrymple, Jocelyn Melvin, Morgan Cook, Megan O'Neal and Carly Smith. They will be returning to the same community we visit every year, to work with our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ there who have become very special to our church family. Please remember them in your prayers as they travel to Kentucky and are gone from us from Saturday, July 16th through Sunday, July 24th.

CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' PICNIC – The Classic Christians will have their annual summer picnic on Friday, August 5th at 4 p.m. at the home of Betty and Ed Sprague in North East. All Classic Christians (age 50 and over) are invited. Hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls and beverages will be provided. You're invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share, a lawn chair, and a bathing suit if you want to swim in their beautiful pool! Sign

up for the picnic on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM..... Worship Services
8:30 AM-1200 PM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten
(Rm. 24)
9:30 AM-12:30 PM Blood Pressure Screenings (Parish Nurse Office)
5:30 PM-8:00 PM..... Vacation Bible School

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

5:30 PM-8:00 PM..... Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016

5:30 PM-8:00 PM..... Vacation Bible School

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016

Classic Christians Trip to Lancaster
10:30 AM Tele-Care Meeting (Room 1)
5:30 PM-8:00 PM..... Vacation Bible School
6:15 PM..... Weekly Communion

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016

5:30 PM-8:00 PM..... Vacation Bible School
8:00 PM..... AA Meeting (Room 1)

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016

Mission Team leaves for Kentucky

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

your thoughtfulness.

Worship Leader: Rick Ceresini

Readers: 8:30 – Mike Foster 11:00 – Gifford Biles

Acolytes: 8:30 – Emmett Slayman 11:00 – Julian DiSciullo

Greeters: 8:30 – Joyce Browne and Wendy Eller 11:00 – Faye and Buddy Camors

Welcome Center:

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

Hostesses: 8:30 – Jane MacDonald and Gale Willis 11:00 – Barb Tenney and Gail Juergens

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Tom White 11:00 – Bob Perkins

Nursery: 8:30 –John Sparks 11:00 – Evelyn Jones

Tech Team: 8:30 – Kristina Keithley and Carly Smith 11:00 – Roger Robinson and Madelyn 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, Nancy Crawford, Keith McKenica, Irving Webber, Henry Jacobs and Wayne Eller. 11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Sid Bledsoe,

Ron Fetterolf and Bob Perkins.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of our niece's 17th birthday given by the DiSciullo family. Happy Birthday Kayla!

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