

Elkton United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 15, 2016

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

PRELUDE.....“VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS”..... 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: 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 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 true people of spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!

**HYMN #545 (UMH)..... “THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION”

PRAYER (in unison)

O God, on this day of Pentecost we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within your church. As that Spirit hovers in our midst, may it inspire us towards generosity, and fire us with an energy to serve you well. We ask this in the name of Christ, whose promise of ever-presence the Spirit fulfills. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 & 11:00 –..... “HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME”.....HANDBELL CHOIR

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON, ACTS 2:1-12 (page 119)

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 –..... VIOLIN SOLO, KRIS LEWMAN
11:00 – “HOLY SPIRIT LIVE IN ME” CHANCEL CHOIR

**GOSPEL LESSON, JOHN 9:1-7 (page 102)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSE #177 (UMH)..... “HE IS LORD”

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

SERMON “THE CIRCLE BREAKER” CARLOS REYES-RODRIGUEZ

**HYMN #560 (UMH)..... “HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER”

CONFIRMATION OF YOUTH (see green 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 “SOUND THE TRUMPET” ARR. BY HOPSON

**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 #344 (UMH)“LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE”

**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“GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY” 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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"A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others."

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Dianne Thompson

Readers: 8:30 – Dave Pugh 11:00 – Gerry Treese

Acolytes: 8:30 – Andrew Noll 11:00 – TBD

Greeters: 8:30 – Barbara Dean and Gail Garber 11:00 – Mary Jane Rambo and Nancy McCardell

Welcome Center:

8:10-8:30 & 10:40-11:00 &
9:30-9:50 – Lorraine Jones 12:00-12:20 – Liz Hook

Hostesses: 8:30 – Cheryl McKeown and Linda Renshaw 11:00 – Terri Lokey and Janet Forney

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Bob MacDonald 11:00 – Rich Juergens

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

Tech Team: 8:30 – Joanna and Jocelyn Melvin 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, Rick Ceresini, Ed Sprague, Jack McCoy, Mabel Gary and Ronnie Smith.
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Phil Czarnecki, David Gray, Bob Mitchell, Bill Alphin and Roger Robinson.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in memory of Pearl & Winfield Mahoney by Bettie Murray.

FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN are given in honor of Hilda Frantsi's 95th birthday.

AT BOTH SERVICES TODAY we welcome the following new members to EUMC through Confirmation – **Jacob Howard Graham** and **Kyle Kenneth Slayman**.

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.

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 HOME CARLOS! We welcome our own Carlos Reyes Rodriguez as our preacher for the morning. Carlos graduated with his Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary on Monday. He'll spend the summer doing Clinical Pastoral Education at Christiana Hospital, and then start his work with our conference in Dover in the fall.

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.

BRASS CONCERT TONIGHT! Be sure to come back to church tonight at 7:00 p.m. for a wonderful spring concert featuring the Providence Brass Quintet, our Chancel Choir, Paul Humphrey on the saxophone and Kris Lewman on violin. It's going to be a great evening of music – you won't want to miss it! Bring your family and friends along with you!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH? Then you're invited to take part in the next New Member Orientation Class next Sunday, May 22nd at 12:15 p.m. in Room 1. Lunch will be served and childcare is available when needed. To sign up, email eumc@comcast.net or call the church office at 410-398-0933.

CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' MAY MEETING – The Classic Christians will meet this Friday, May 20th in Weldin Hall at 6:30 p.m. for their May meeting. The night begins with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and then continues with the program, "Everything Has a Story." Everyone attending is invited to bring something with them to the meeting that tells something about them. It can be anything – a baptismal certificate, a medal, a piece of jewelry or clothing – anything that has a story. To take part, sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

BOOK SWAP – Don't forget that we're having a Book Swap in Weldin Hall next Sunday morning. Bring books that you'd like to donate to the swap to Weldin Hall anytime this week, and then come back next Sunday, to pick out some new books for yourself. You are invited to come to the Swap and get books even if you don't donate any books yourself.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN – Our church has responsibility for the Community Kitchen this coming Friday, May 20th. If you can help by providing sandwiches or fruit, or if you can help in person, please sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

OPEN HOUSE – All are welcome to an Open House at the home of Hilda Frantsi in honor of her 95th birthday today from 2-4 p.m. The address is 367 Brewster Bridge Road, Elkton.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

- 8:30 & 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)
- 6:00 PM..... Youth Group
- 7:00 PM..... Providence Brass Quintet Concert (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016 – JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- 6:30 PM..... Bible Class (Chapel)

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

- 9:30 AM..... Staff Meeting (Room 1)
- 6:00 PM..... Girl Scouts (Room 1)
- 7:00 PM..... Board of Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016

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

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016

- 7:00 PM..... Administrative Council Meeting (Weldin Hall)
- 8:00 PM..... AA Meeting (Room 1)

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

- 6:30 PM..... Classic Christians' Potluck Dinner and Program (WH)

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

- 6:00 PM..... Sunday School Game Night (Weldin Hall)

CONFIRMATION 2016

Introduction to the Service of Confirmation

Presentation of the Confirmands

(as their names are called, the confirmands will come forward with their friends-in-faith)

Profession of Faith by the Confirmands

Statement of Support by the Friends-in-Faith

Statement of Support by the Congregation (in unison)

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples that walk in the way that leads to life.

The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Confirmation of the Youth

Vows of Membership in the United Methodist Church and Elkton United Methodist Church

Welcome by the Congregation (in unison)

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Greeting by the Lay Leader and Presentation of Membership Pins

Congregational Response (as the confirmands return to their seats)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

2016 Confirmation Class and their Friends in Faith

**Jacob Howard Graham and Marlene & Bob Gautsch
Kyle Kenneth Slayman and Marlene & Bob Gautsch**

