

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 11, 2016
Seventeenth 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 “MEDITATION”.....D. WAGNER

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 God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.

People: We come celebrating the new life that is ours as God’s faithful people.

Leader: Let your joy ring through the universe, and let your vision see to the depths of every soul.

People: We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God’s light wherever we go. Praise God for this day!

****HYMN #577 (UMH) “GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY”**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God our Shepherd, we have strayed like lost sheep, wandering through life, far from home. Often in our wanderings we find ourselves in places where we ought not be, trapped and unable to turn ourselves around. Hear our cries of lostness; come and be our guide. At other times, through fear, we huddle in the safety of the fold; not daring to venture out into your pastures where we’re called to live in freedom.

Come challenge us and be our guide. For we pray in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

CHILDREN’S TIME

LITTLE RABBIT LOST

**WRITTEN & ILLUSTRATED
BY HARRY HORSE**

**MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 – ED MCKEOWN, SOLOIST
11:00 – “JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE” .CHANCEL CHOIR**

****GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 15:1-10 (page 78)**

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: I – LOST SHEEP”..... REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

****HYMN #591 (UMH) “RESCUE THE PERISHING”**

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 “VOLUNTARY”D. WAGNER

****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!

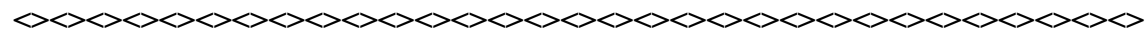
****HYMN #572 (UMH)..... “PASS IT ON”**

****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 “TRUMPET TUNE”D. WAGNER



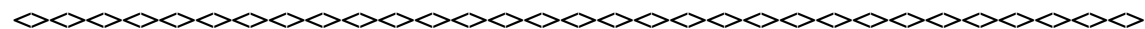
****Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

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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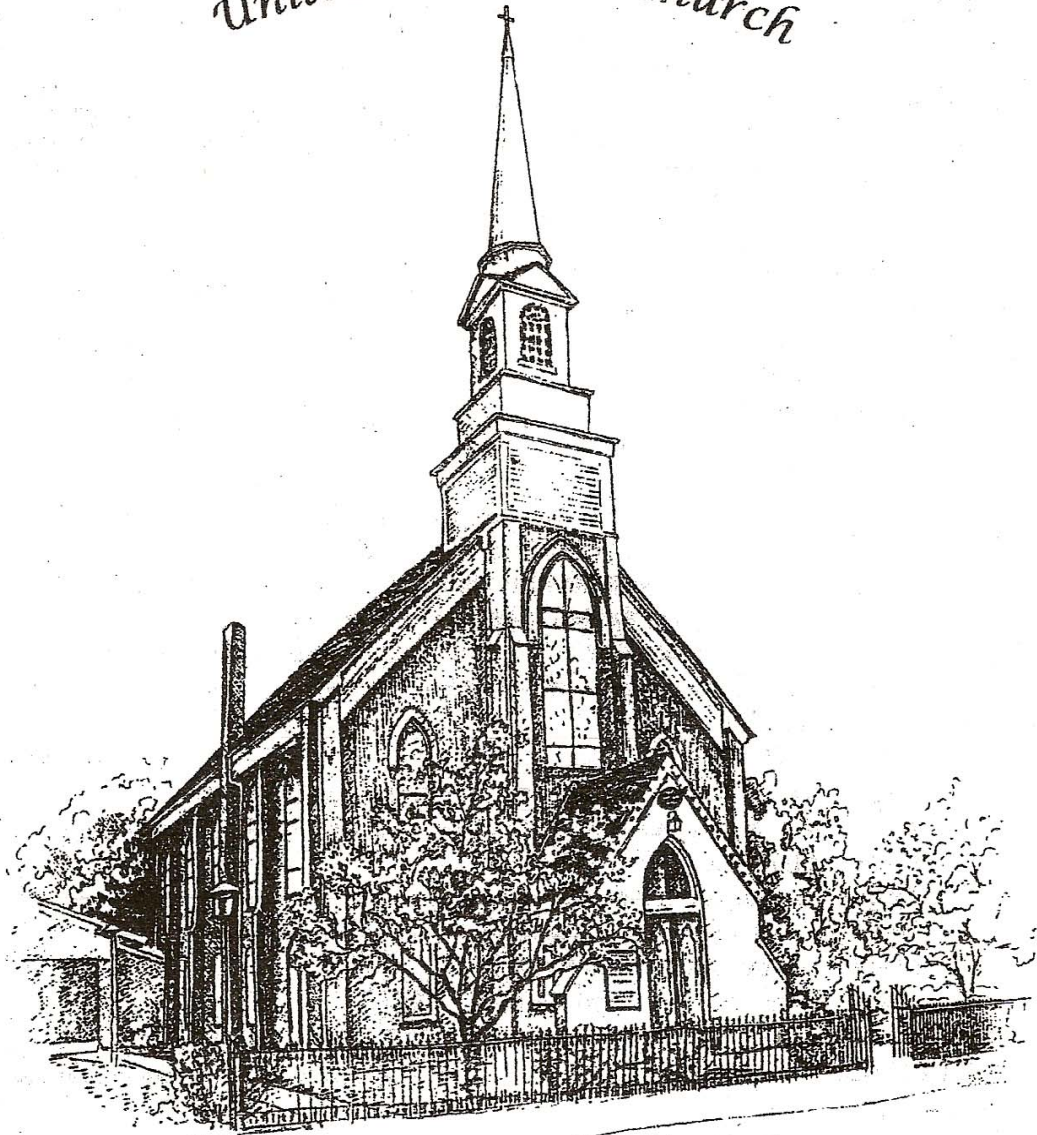


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"A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others."

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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.

CHILDREN'S TIME – Beginning today, on the second Sunday of every month, we're going to have a special time for children in our worship services. All children in the congregation will be invited to come forward to hear a book read which reflects the theme of the morning's sermon. Today's book is *Little Rabbit Lost* by Harry Horse, and it will surely help the children (and all of us) remember what it is like to be lost.

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 after you hear more about it during the announcements this morning, please contact Nancy Mitchell at nhmitchell@msn.com.

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.

Youth Group Kicks Off Tonight With Their Fabulous

Youth Scavenger Hunt!!!

5:00 p.m. – Potluck Dinner followed by the Scavenger Hunt for the youth and a parents' meeting

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

- 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM..... Worship Services
- 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Rm. 24)
- 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM..... Blood Pressure Screenings (Parish Nurse Office)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School Kick-Off (All Ages) (Weldin Hall)
- 5:00 PM..... Youth Group Kick-Off Potluck Dinner & Scavenger Hunt (Weldin Hall)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

- 6:00 PM..... Cub Scout/Boy Scout (Weldin Hall)
- 6:30 PM..... Evangelism/Membership Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 21)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting (Room 1)
- 5:00 PM..... Cecil County Choral Society Potluck Dinner (WH)
- 6:30 PM..... Communications Committee Meeting (Conf. Room)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

- 10:30 AM Tele-Care Committee Meeting (Room 1)
- 12:00 PM..... Ruth-Sarah Circle (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 15, 2016 – OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Rick Ceresini

Readers: 8:30 – Jane Kovicak 11:00 – Laurie Alphin

Children's Time

Readers: 8:30 – Susan Starrett 11:00 – Kim Edler

Acolytes: 8:30 – Katie Zimmer 11:00 – Joe Ingram

Greeters: 8:30 – Jane and Bob MacDonald 11:00 – Mary Jane Rambo and
Nancy McCardell

Welcome Center:

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

Hostesses: 8:30 – Bethany Buckley and 11:00 – Cheryl Ferringer and
Linda White Deb Ingram

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Bill Alphin 11:00 – Helen Hanel

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

Tech Team: 8:30 – Joanna and Jocelyn Melvin 11:00 – Rich Juergens and
Rob Kovicak

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 Gochner, 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 memory of our grandson, Danny, given by Maryann and Wayne Scholz.

FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN are in memory of my mother, Pauline B. Anderson, who died three years ago on 9/11, given by Paula and David Trout.

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.