

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 4, 2016
Sixteenth 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 #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: God has made this day.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Leader: Let us worship the living God!
People: To God, Fountain of Life, Living Word, and Spirit of Holiness be praise in all the earth!

**HYMN #111 (UMH) “HOW CAN WE NAME A LOVE”

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY (in unison)

Lord Jesus, we give thanks for work, and for the many works you have given us to do. Hear our prayers on this day of rest, and strengthen us for the week ahead. We pray that you would be present with those who work by day, and those who work by night; those who work near, and those whose work carries them far away; and we pray for those who in this uncertain time have no job. We pray all of this knowing that your labors on our behalf never cease, and that your yoke is easy, and your burden is light. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 & 11:00 –..... ED MCKEOWN, SOLOIST

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, ECCLESIASTES 3:1-13 (page 616)

**GOSPEL LESSON, MATTHEW 4:18-22 (pages 3 & 4)

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..... “GOD BLESS THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS” REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

**HYMN (see blue insert) “O GOD, OUR CREATOR, YOU WORK EVERY DAY”

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 – “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!

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Mike Schmook

Readers: 8:30 – Jocelyn Melvin 11:00 – Charlotte Mehosky

Acolytes: 8:30 – Emmett Slayman 11:00 – Alice Mackie

Greeters: 8:30 – Lorraine and Rich Jones 11:00 – Henrietta Boyce-Egner and
Bettie Murray

Welcome Center:

8:10-8:30 & 10:40-11:00 &
9:30-9:50 – Bethany Buckley 12:00-12:20 – Carol Robinson

Hostesses: 8:30 – Cheryl McKeown and 11:00 – Mary Ann Schmook and
Linda Renshaw Sheila Hendricks

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – John Melvin 11:00 – Rich Juergens

Nursery: 8:30 – Jane Kovicak 11:00 – Celeste DiSciullo

Tech Team: 8:30 – Joe Buckley and 11:00 – Roger Robinson and
Rich Juergens 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, 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.

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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are to the glory of God in honor of the wedding of Emily Topper and Steven Gilmore which took place on Friday, September 2nd.

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

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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.

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.

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.

*Youth Scavenger Hunt!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM..... Worship Services
8:30 AM – 1200 PM Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten
(Rm. 24)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2016

Office Closed – Labor Day Holiday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

9:30 AM Staff Meeting (Room 1)
2:30 PM..... Elkton Rehab (Nancy McCardell's Team)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

6:15 PM..... Weekly Communion (Chapel)
6:30 PM..... Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 PM..... Cub Scout Committee Meeting (Room 1)
7:00 PM..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

7:00 PM..... Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Conf. Room)
8:00 PM..... AA Meeting (Room 1)

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Sunday, September 11th – Kickoff Sunday!

*Sunday School Starts

*Chancel Choir Returns

