

**Elkton United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, January 22, 2017**  
**Third Sunday After the Epiphany**  
**8:30 a.m. † 11:00 a.m.**

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- 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 .....“PRELUDE”..... HEROLD

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: We come seeking the holy love of God, that we may become whole and loving.

**People: As Jesus Christ has shared the life of earth, through Christ may we share the life of God, in growing holiness, justice, and love.**

Leader: In awe, faith, and thanksgiving, let us rejoice in God’s presence and share God’s life!

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*\*HYMN #152 (UMH) .....“I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Compassionate God, we confess those times when we have closed ourselves to your love. We cling to our fear, our guilt, our self-hatred, rather than let ourselves be warmed and healed by your love. We close our hearts, refusing to be channels of your love to others. Forgive us, and give us courage to trust you and to let your love flow through us to others. For we pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord and our Savior. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30 & 11:00).....KYLE SLAYMAN, VIOLIN

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, I SAMUEL 18:1-3 (page 262)

MUSICAL OFFERING – ( 8:30) – .....“MY BEST FRIEND” ..... CHILDREN’S CHOIR  
(11:00) – .....“AMAZING GRACE” .....CHANCEL CHOIR

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON, JOHN 15:9-17 (pages 109 & 110)

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*\*RESPONSE #204 (UMH) .....“EMMANUEL”

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel,  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

SERMON ..... “80’s TV: II - FRIENDS”.....REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

\*\*HYMN #560 (UMH).....“HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER”  
(During the singing of the hymn at 8:30, the Children’s Choir may leave to practice in Room 1.)

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 – ..... “ANDANTINO” ..... GURLITT

**\*\*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 #557 (UMH) .....“BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS”**

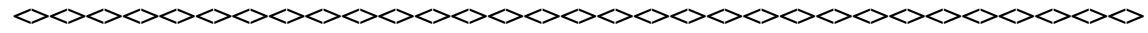
**\*\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**\*\*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 .....“FUGUE”.....BUXTEHUDE**

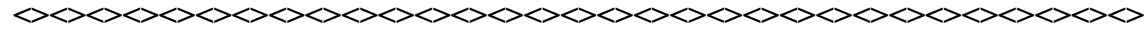


**\*\*Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

**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)



**STAFF OF ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

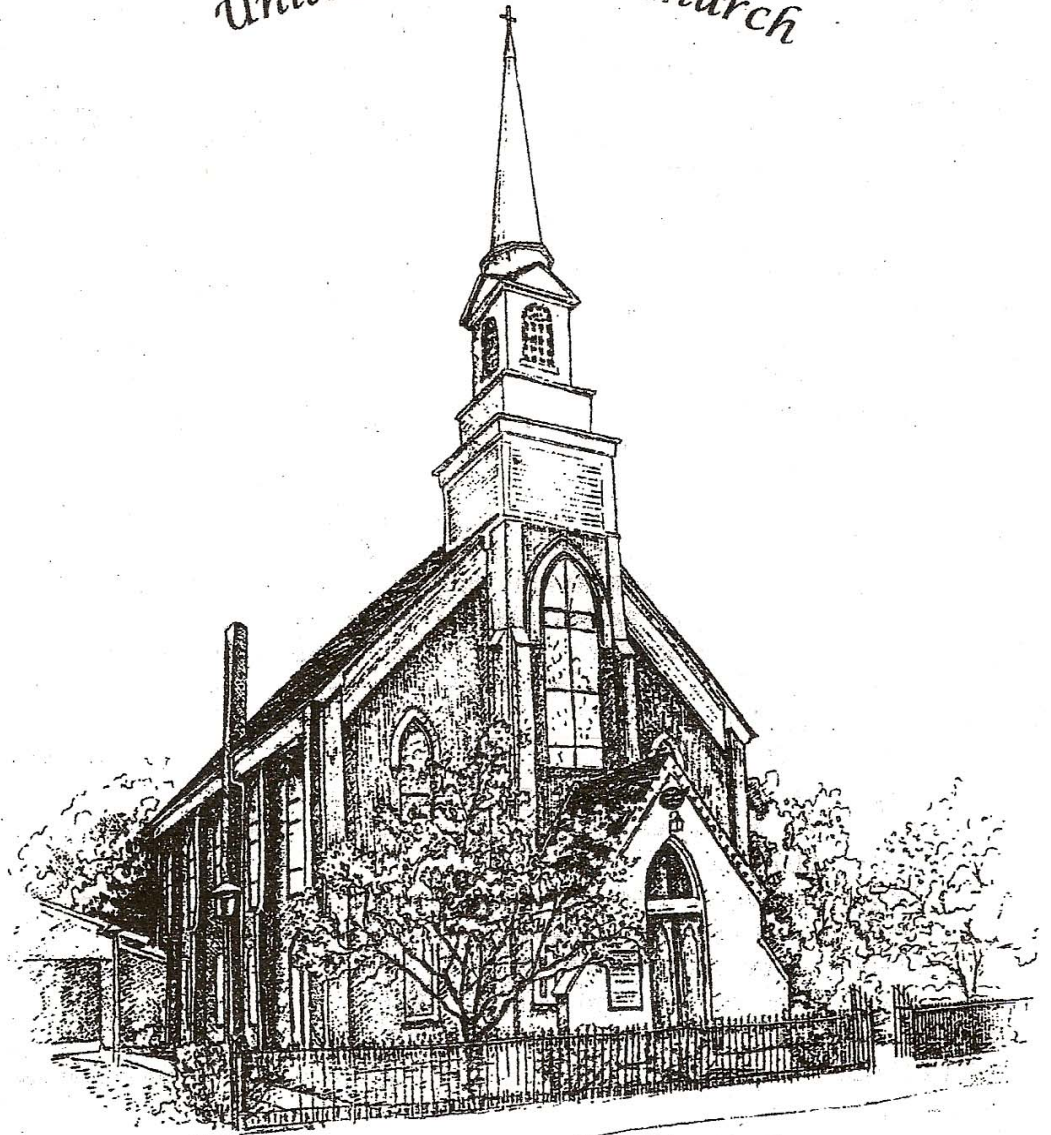
Peggy Johnson, Bishop  
Joe Archie, District Superintendent

Karen F. Bunnell..... Senior Pastor  
Ray Graham..... Associate Pastor of Visitation Ministries  
Paul Deemer..... Handbell Director  
Steven Gilmore..... Choir Director  
Kay Mortimer..... Secretary  
Katie Sparks..... Director of Children and Education Ministries  
Lee Collins..... Treasurer  
Sandy Wherry..... Director of Youth Ministries  
Sharon Williams..... Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries  
Donald Ewing/Donna Horgan..... Sextons

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*“A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others.”*

## 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!

**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](http://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.

**PRAYERS FOR THE MEN'S RETREAT** – This weekend, a group of men from our church and a few other churches, have been in retreat at the Riverview Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh. Please pray for their safe travel home this afternoon, and pray that the Spirit has moved mightily in their lives over the weekend.

**ATTENTION ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS** – Don't forget that the annual Planning Retreat for the Administrative Council is this coming Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. It is important that all ministry areas are represented at the meeting, so if you cannot attend as chair of your area, please be sure that someone can attend in your stead.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF ELKTON UMC?** Then you're invited to take part in the next New Member Orientation Class which will be held next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. in Weldin Hall. Lunch will be provided and childcare will be available, if needed. To register for the class, please call the church office at 410-398-0933 or email [eumc@comcast.net](mailto:eumc@comcast.net).

**ATTENTION CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' SPRING BUS TRIP PARTICIPANTS** – Don't forget that your first installment payment for the trip is due now. Payments can be sent in, or dropped off, to the church office.

**WEDNESDAY COMMUNION** – Every Wednesday evening at 6:15 p.m. holy communion is offered in the Chapel. It is led by Ivan Mehosky and all are welcome.

### ORGAN FUND UPDATE –

Total Cost for the New Organ	\$104,500
Funds Received Thus Far	\$ 79,440.65
Pledges Received	\$ 5,375
Amount Still Needed	\$ 19,643.35

To make a contribution, please use one of the organ offering envelopes in the pew racks. Make your check out to Elkton UMC and write “Organ” on the memo line.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017

8:30 AM & 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)  
 12:30 PM-3:00 PM ..... Youth Group

### MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

9:00 AM-5:00 PM..... AARP Tax Service (Weldin Hall)  
 6:00 PM ..... Cub Scout Meeting (Weldin Hall)  
 7:00 PM ..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 27)  
 7:00 PM ..... Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Room 1)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017

9:30 AM..... Staff Meeting (Room 1)  
 7:00 PM ..... Cecil County Choral Society (Weldin Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017

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

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017

8:00 AM-12:00 PM..... Administrative Council Retreat

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**COSTA RICA TRIP** – The Missions Team is in the planning stage for a mission trip to Costa Rica this summer. The trip is 10 days and is tentatively set for August 2-11, 2017. Young adults age 16 and up and other interested adults are invited to join the team. More information about the trip will be shared at a meeting to be held, Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15 p.m. in Weldin Hall. A light lunch will be served. If interested, please sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center. Questions? Please contact Terri Lokey at [tllokey16@gmail.com](mailto:tllokey16@gmail.com) or 443-350-1986.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

**Worship Leader:** Dianne Thompson

**Readers:** 8:30 – Joe Buckley 11:00 – Bill Alphin

**Acolytes:** 8:30 – Katie Zimmer 11:00 – Julianne Czarnecki

**Greeters:** 8:30 – Gini and Bob Selner 11:00 – Jamie and Gerry Treese

**Welcome Center:**

8:10-8:30 & 10:40-11:00 &  
9:30-9:50 – Gail Garber 12:00-12:20 – Kelly Eddinger

**Hostesses:** 8:30 – Carol Frye and 11:00 – Donna Perkins and  
Ronnie Smith Jeanette Perkins

**Hall Monitors:** 8:30 – Dick Gochnauer 11:00 – Carol Robinson

**Nursery:** 8:30 – Jack Kovicak 11:00 – Lorraine Campbell

**Tech Team:** 8:30 – Rob Kovicak and 11:00 – Roger Robinson and  
Jamie Laning Damien Hollyday

**Parking Lot**

**Knights:** Kevin White, Wayne Eller, Ken McCoy, Bob Perkins, Bob Gilmore,  
Gary Lewis, Rod Perrine and Jack Williams.

**Ushers:** 8:30 – Gifford Biles, Murray Thompson, Rich Gruebel, Wayne Eller,  
Ed Sprague, Keith McKenica, Henry Jacobs, Irv Webber and  
Kevin White.  
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Buddy Camors,  
Bart Funke, Roger Robinson, Phil Norman and Sonny Tenney.

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**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.