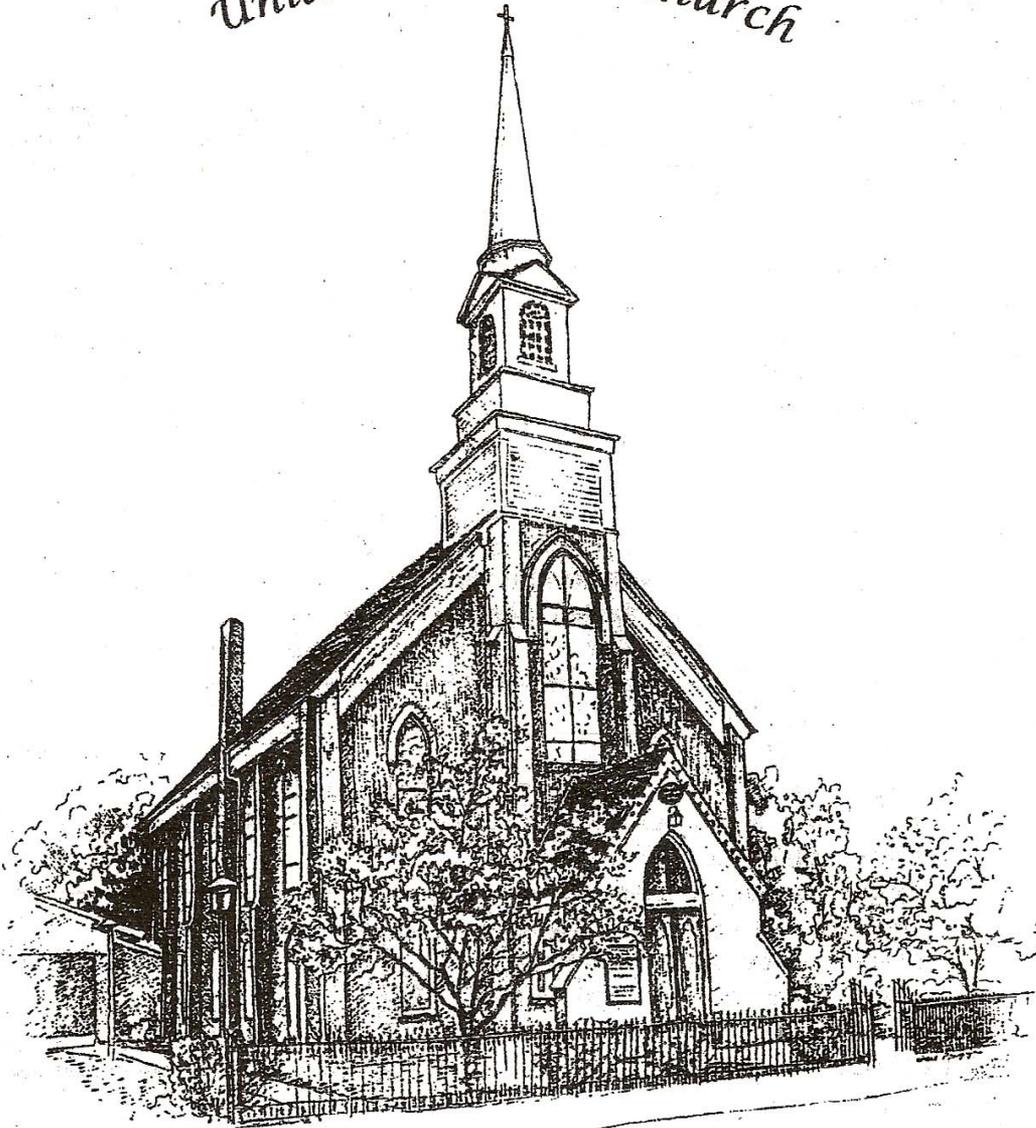


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"A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others."

Elkton United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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“O REST IN THE LORD” ARR. BY LINKER

SUNG RESPONSE #3096 (W&S)..... “GENTLE SHEPHERD”

**Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.
There’s no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, as we gather in the welcome of God’s love,
as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ, as we gather in the
power of the Spirit, let us listen for the voice of God!

**People: Let us worship God who has spoken and still speaks to those
who attend to the roar or whisper of the Holy One.**

**HYMN #101 (UMH) “FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Most holy and most merciful God, in your presence we must face the sinfulness of
our nature and the errors of our ways, intended and accidental. You alone know
how often we have failed by wandering from your paths, wasting your gifts, and
underestimating your love. Have mercy upon us, O God, for we have broken your
requirements for justice and overlooked opportunities for kindness. Humble us**

with

your truth and raise us by your grace that we may more nearly be the people of

Christ and witnesses of your Spirit. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30 & 11:00) –..... VANESSA & ALAN FOSKEY

EPISTLE LESSON, EPHESIANS 5:8-14 (page 194)

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 –ALAN FOSKEY
11:00 – “THE LOVE HE GAVE” CHANCEL CHOIR

GOSPEL LESSON, JOHN 9:1-41(pages 102 & 103)

(Due to the length of the Gospel lesson, you may remain seated.)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE #599 (UMH)..... “BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE” (stanza 1)

**Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!**

SERMON “WERE YOU THERE? IV – A PHARISEE”REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

**HYMN #453 (UMH) “MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST”

(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 – “BE THOU MY VISION” ARR. BY HOPSON

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE “LENTEN DOXOLOGY”

**Praise God throughout these forty days,
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

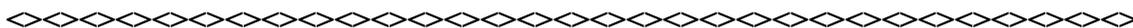
**HYMN #261(UMH) “LORD OF THE DANCE”

**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 “POSTLUDE” BRUCKNER



****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

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Ray Graham Associate Pastor of Visitation Ministries
Paul Deemer.....Handbell Director
Steven Gilmore Choir Director
Katie Sparks..... Director of Children and Education Ministries
Kay Mortimer..... Secretary
Lee Collins..... Treasurer
Sandy Wherry Director of Youth
Sharon Williams..... Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries
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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!

THE SEASON OF LENT – The season of Lent is the forty-day period (not including Sundays), from Ash Wednesday to Easter. During Lent, we are called to a time of contemplation, penitence and confession, a time to intentionally grow deeper in our faith, and a time to ponder what Jesus did for us and our salvation. Because of the solemnity of the season, you will notice changes in our worship service – the choir will not process during the opening hymn, we will refrain from applause, and we will sing no alleluias until we raise the glorious Alleluias! of Easter morn.

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.

TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY! Today we receive the annual UMCOR offering (formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing) which goes entirely to fund the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (our denomination's agency that responds to disasters around the world). Envelopes for today's offering were included in last week's bulletin, but if you didn't get one you can get one from the ushers this morning, or simply make out a check to Elkton UMC and write UMCOR on the memo line. Our church has been a leading contributor to this offering each year – let's continue that good work today and give generously, for the need is great!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH? Then you're invited to take part in the next New Member Orientation Class which will take place next Sunday, April 2nd at 12:15 in Room 1. To sign up for the class, email eumc@comcast.net or call the church office at 410-398-0933. Lunch will be served and childcare is available, if needed

WE STILL NEED CANDY FOR OUR EASTER EGG HUNT! We're looking for donations of individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th. Please bring your donations to the bin in the Welcome Center area by April 2nd.

BUS TRIP TO ANNAPOLIS – There are still a few seats left on the Classic Christians' bus trip to Annapolis on Thursday, April 6th. Flyers containing the details of the day trip are on the table across from the Welcome Center – as well as the sign-up sheet. Cost is \$40/person.

CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT – The Cecil County Choral Society will offer their spring concert in our sanctuary next Tuesday, March 28th at 7:30 p.m. The theme of the concert is "Believe", so come and be inspired. Bring your friends along too!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 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, MARCH 27, 2017

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

9:30 AM..... Staff Meeting (Room 1)
7:00 PM Cecil County Choral Society Spring Concert
(Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

12:00 PM Lenten Lunch & Learn (Weldin Hall)
6:15 PM Weekly Communion (Chapel)
6:30 PM Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Room 1)

ORGAN FUND UPDATE – Unbelievably good news this week as a long-time friend of our church gave a very substantial gift for our new organ. Because of this gift, and taking into account the \$2125 that is still to come through pledges, we are so pleased to announce that we will have the money we need to both pay for the new organ and the costs associated with its installation. Thanks so much to all who gave so generously (and those who will still give to fulfill their pledge) to this exciting project of our church! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader:	Joe Tanner	
Reader:	8:30 – Cheryl Fehlman	11:00 – Heidi Gaultney
Pharisee:	8:30 & 11:00 – Alan Foskey	
Acolytes:	8:30 – Kyle Slayman	11:00 – Sienna Graham
Greeters:	8:30 – Joan and Herb Perry	11:00 – Faye and Buddy Camors

Welcome Center:

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

Hostesses:	8:30 – Sue Ivey and Diane Shortall	11:00 – Cheryl Ferringer and Deb Ingram
Hall Monitors:	8:30 – Ada Winkowski	11:00 – Rich Juergens
Nursery:	8:30 – John Sparks	11:00 – Karen Gravatt
Tech Team:	8:30 – Carly Smith and Kristina Keithley	11:00 – Roger Robinson and Connery Eddinger

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, Jim Dech, Tim McCardell, Bill Moffitt, Robert Parrack and Wayne Scholz.
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Harry Barnes, Bill Carroll, Ed Hendricks, Richard Jones and Paul Schneider.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in honor of our Youth Ministries – all youth and youth directors given by Lea and Dick Gochnauer.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS*

“Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit.
Stay alert and keep praying for God’s people.” Ephesians 6:18 CEV

Our Missionaries

Terri Lokey, Costa Rica
Rev. Dan Griffiths, Red Bird, KY

Our Pastors

Rev. Peggy Johnson, Bishop
Rev. Joe Archie, DS
Rev. Karen Bunnell
Rev. Ray Graham

Our Nation

President Trump, & All Leaders
Those serving in the military:

Aaron Baunchalk
Joe DeHaven
Faith Gerres (Judy Tanner’s niece)
Justin Hampton (Ina Andrews’
nephew)
Shane Hatfield (friend of the
Pugh’s)
Elizabeth Juergens
Eric Luppold
Garrett Mann
Joe Moore
Brandon Pearson
Hannah Juergens Pearson
Reggie Powers
Robert Rakes
Anderson Rowan
Jeremy Sanders
Zachary Schmook
Ethan Senn
Zachary Senn
Kyle Senn
Jeff Smith
Samantha Stapp (Nancy Leathrum’s
cousin)
William Henry Wright, Jr.
Matthew Yarrington (Wanda
Jackson’s son-in-law)

Members and Friends

Duane Arentzen (3/26)
Jenny Asbury (3/26)
Anna Baird (3/12) (Millie Jones’
sister)
Jack Bailey (3/19)
Virginia Barnes (3/26)
Blonnie Brooks (3/12)
Peg Bunnell (3/26)
Beth Camarra (3/12) (Gail Garber’s
niece)
Dottie Cochran (3/26)
Virginia Davis (3/12) (Grace
Achuff’s mother)
Nelson Ditzler (3/12)
Richard Hampton (3/5)
Peg Harrison (3/5)
Akiko Johnson (3/5)
Sarah Juergens (3/12)
Sandra Lewis (3/12)
Betty Loveall (3/26) (Nancy
Leathrum’s sister)
Jane MacDonald (3/12)
Karl Marking (3/26)
Sheila Miller (3/19) (Donna Perkins’
sister)
Dawn Oakes (3/26)
Carrie Olewine (3/26)
Sharon Polite (3/26)
Butch Russell (3/26)
Lou Salerno (3/26)
Mel Sappington (3/12)
Carole Seifred (3/19)
Beulah Shupe (3/12)
Kim & Josh Smith (3/26)
Andy Snyder (3/12)
Lori Suarez (3/26)
Bill Sweeney (3/5)
Dennis Turner (3/5)
Helen Taylor (3/26) (Dianne
Thompson’s mother)
Mike VanDenHeuvel (3/19)

Tim Vogel (3/5)
Jim Wash (3/12)
Amere Webster (3/5)
Owen Wevadou (3/12)
Doug Wright (3/12)
Tom Wynegar (3/5)

Abbey Manor

Anne Kirk
Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Jeff Wilkinson

Elkton Care and Rehab

Mickie McCormick

Laurelwood

Helen Meyers

Sunny Acres

Edith Conrad

If you know that a church member is hospitalized or sick, so as to need
a pastor’s attention, please let the Church Office know.

**Names are listed for 4 weeks. After that, if you wish a name to remain,
please submit a white prayer card indicating that.**



***You're Invited to Remember and Give
Thanks For Someone Special This Easter***

You're invited to remember someone special in your life this Easter by purchasing a lily for our altar area for Easter Sunday, or by giving a monetary gift toward the purchase of a mosquito net for the United Methodist Church's anti-malaria campaign. Whichever gift you choose, the cost is \$10.00, and all gifts will be listed in a special bulletin insert for our Easter Sunday services.

****If you wish to purchase a lily and a net, please fill out a form for each and make separate payments. This will assist the counting team and church office. Thank you!***

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

Or In Honor of _____

Amount attached: \$ _____ Check #: _____

Envelope/On-line #: _____

Lily _____ or Net _____

Please place in the offering plate, or drop it by the church office.