

*Elkton
United Methodist Church*



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

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 17, 2017
Fifteenth 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 worshippers 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”MILAN

SUNG RESPONSE #2164 (TFWS) “SANCTUARY”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

People: In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.

Leader: In faith, the church continually seeks to understand what tasks God has set before us at the present moment.

People: In faith, we gather now to worship, knowing that as we reach out to God, God will make us new. Give us the faith, O God, to go forward and embrace the newness of life to which you call us.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring. You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. You have challenged us to generosity, but many times we would rather keep to ourselves. Enter our lives, God, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, that we may share your love with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

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

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, ISAIAH 58:10-12 (pages 688 & 689)

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 –ED MCKEOWN, SOLOIST
11:00 – “GREAT IS THE LORD” CHANCEL CHOIR

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 #2193 (TFWS) “LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING”
**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY – (8:30)..... “MOVEMENT IN A FLAT” STIRLING
(11:00).....ED MCKEOWN, SOLOIST

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE, DOXOLOGY #682 (UMH) (Sung to the tune of *Tallis Canon*)
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**GOSPEL LESSON, MATTHEW 25:31-46 (page 29)
**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!**

MESSAGE.....“SUPREME” CHRISTIANITY:COSTA RICA MISSION TEAM
II - “REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEBODY’S HAND”

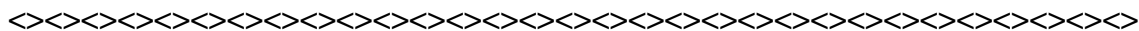
**HYMN #3128 (W&S)..... “WHATEVER YOU DO”

**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”.....SETTING BY MANZ



****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
Katie Sparks..... Director of Children and Education Ministries
Kay Mortimer..... Secretary
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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!

TODAY'S MESSAGE is being presented by our Costa Rica Mission Team, who traveled to Costa Rica in August to be in ministry and mission to our brothers and sisters in Christ there. They will share pictures and moving testimonies about their experiences with the people, with each other, and most especially with Christ. Welcome Costa Rica Mission Team – we can't wait to hear your witness!

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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS TODAY! If you're interested in joining our church, there is a New Member Orientation Class today in Weldin Hall at 12:15 p.m. You're welcome to attend, even if you had not signed up ahead of time. Lunch is being provided!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES – Just a reminder that we're in the last week of collecting donations for our first College Care Package which goes out on the 25th. Please bring your donations of goodies (granola bars, microwaveable mac 'n cheese/soup, etc., hot chocolate packets, gum, candy, etc.) to the box in the Welcome Center area.

"WALKING TO REMEMBER" – Don't forget that we're teaming up with Janes UMC in Rising Sun to host a 5K Run/Walk/Stroll on Saturday, October 21st at 9 a.m. at Fair Hill (Stafford Pavilion). The event is being held in memory of the Rev. Jim Jones, and money raised will go to dementia/Alzheimers research. You can sign up to participate today downstairs in the Hospitality Area.

HURRICANE RELIEF – Thank you so much for your tremendous response to the Hurricane Relief offering that will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). To date, you have given the phenomenal amount of over \$14,000! If you haven't had a chance to give yet, it's not too late. Make your check out to Elkton UMC, write UMCOR or Hurricane on the memo line (and including your account/envelope number if you have one), and then place it in the offering plate. Thanks so much to everyone who has given!

ORGAN CONCERT

TODAY AT 4:00 p.m.

Featuring Aram Basmadjian of the Allen Organ Company

Bring your family and friends!

It's going to be a Great Event celebrating our New Organ!!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 (for all ages)
12:30 PM.....	New Member Class (Weldin Hall)
4:00 PM.....	Organ Concert & Reception (Sanctuary/Weldin Hall)
5:30 PM.....	Youth Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

6:30 PM.....	Stewardship Committee Meeting (Room 34)
7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM.....	Nar-Anon Support Group (Room 1)
7:00 PM.....	Cecil County Choral Society Rehearsal (Weldin Hall)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

6:30 AM	Men's Breakfast (Elkton Diner)
9:00 AM	Disciple Class (Room 1)
6:15 PM.....	Communion (Chapel)
6:30 PM.....	Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

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



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Dick Gochnauer

Readers: 8:30 – Evelyn Jones 11:00 – Bobby Heath

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

Greeters: 8:30 – Ada Winkowski and Linda Renshaw 11:00 – Nadine Allen and Ellie Coleman

Welcome Center:

8:10-8:30 & 10:40-11:00 &
9:30-9:50 – Carolann Lewis 12:00-12:20 – Heidi Gaultney

Hospitality: 8:30 – Diane Shortall and Sue Ivey 11:00 – The Eddinger Family

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Ada Winkowski 11:00 – Carol Robinson

Nursery: 8:30 – Paige Laning 11:00 – Tiffany Graham

Tech Team: 8:30 – Carly Smith and Kristina Keithley 11:00 – Roger Robinson

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, Henry Fehlman, Dick Gochnauer, Bill Moffitt and Richard VanSchaick.
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Bill Ferringer, Ed Hendricks, Richard Jones, Phil Norman and Gary Storke.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are from the wedding yesterday of Pamela Walls and Joseph Kirkner.

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

Rev. Phil Godbey, 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

Shea Gerding (Frye’s grandson)

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

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)

Jacob Zervas

Hospital

Pauline Eaton

Members and Friends

Cindy Abrams (9/3) (McDowell’s
niece)

Peg Bunnell (9/17)

Dottie Cochran (8/20)

Virginia Davis (8/20) (Grace
Achuff’s mother)

Sarah Juergens (9/17)

Dorothy Fritz Lester (9/17)

Daniel Lewis & MD

Fire Crew (9/17)

Sandra Lewis (9/17)

Franklin Mackie (8/27)

Barbara & Wally McKeown (8/27)

Yvonne Mehosky (8/20) (Ivan’s
mother)

Kristen Pearce (9/17)

Ed Sprague (8/27)

Bea & Willie Tumack (9/3) (Kelly
Eddinger’s grandparents)

Mike VanDenHeuvel (9/17)

Owen Wevadou (8/20)

Becky Whitt (9/10)

Sally Wood (9/17) (Betty McCarthy’s
sister)

Abbey Manor

Anne Kirk

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Henry Jacobs

Jim Melvin

Elkton Care and Rehab

Margaret Boulden

Mickie McCormick

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Laurelwood

Frank Cebula

Helen Meyers

Sympathy

To the family and friends of

Mickie McCormick

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.**