

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 19, 2017
Thanksgiving Sunday
Stewardship Sunday
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.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF CHIMES

GREETING AND WELCOME

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER AND PRELUDE “A PRAYER” WILSON

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: God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.
People: Thanks be to God!
Leader: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.
People: Thanks be to God!
Leader: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.
People: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise!

**HYMN #122 (UMH) “GOD OF THE SPARROW, GOD OF THE WHALE”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)
Merciful God, whose care never ceases, we come to you as we are. We are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems which go unresolved. We are worried about events beyond our control. We do not easily let go. For mistakes we cannot redeem, for tasks left undone, for uncertain goals, we need your forgiveness and ask for your understanding. For recovery of strength and enthusiasm, we pray for your Spirit. For fullness of life, generous hearts, and contented souls, we pray to be followers of Christ Jesus. In your mercy, restore us

and lead us. For we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30 & 11:00) – “THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION” BELL CHOIR

EPISTLE LESSON, II CORINTHIANS 9:6-8 (pages 183 & 184)

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 – VANESSA FOSKEY
11:00 – “THANKS BE TO THEE” CHANCEL CHOIR

**GOSPEL LESSON, MARK 12:41-44 (page 50)
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 “WHAT GIFT CAN WE BRING?” REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

**HYMN #87 (UMH) “WHAT GIFT CAN WE BRING?”
(During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward and place your pledge before God on the altar rail. Remain in prayer as long as you wish before returning to your pew.)

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 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.

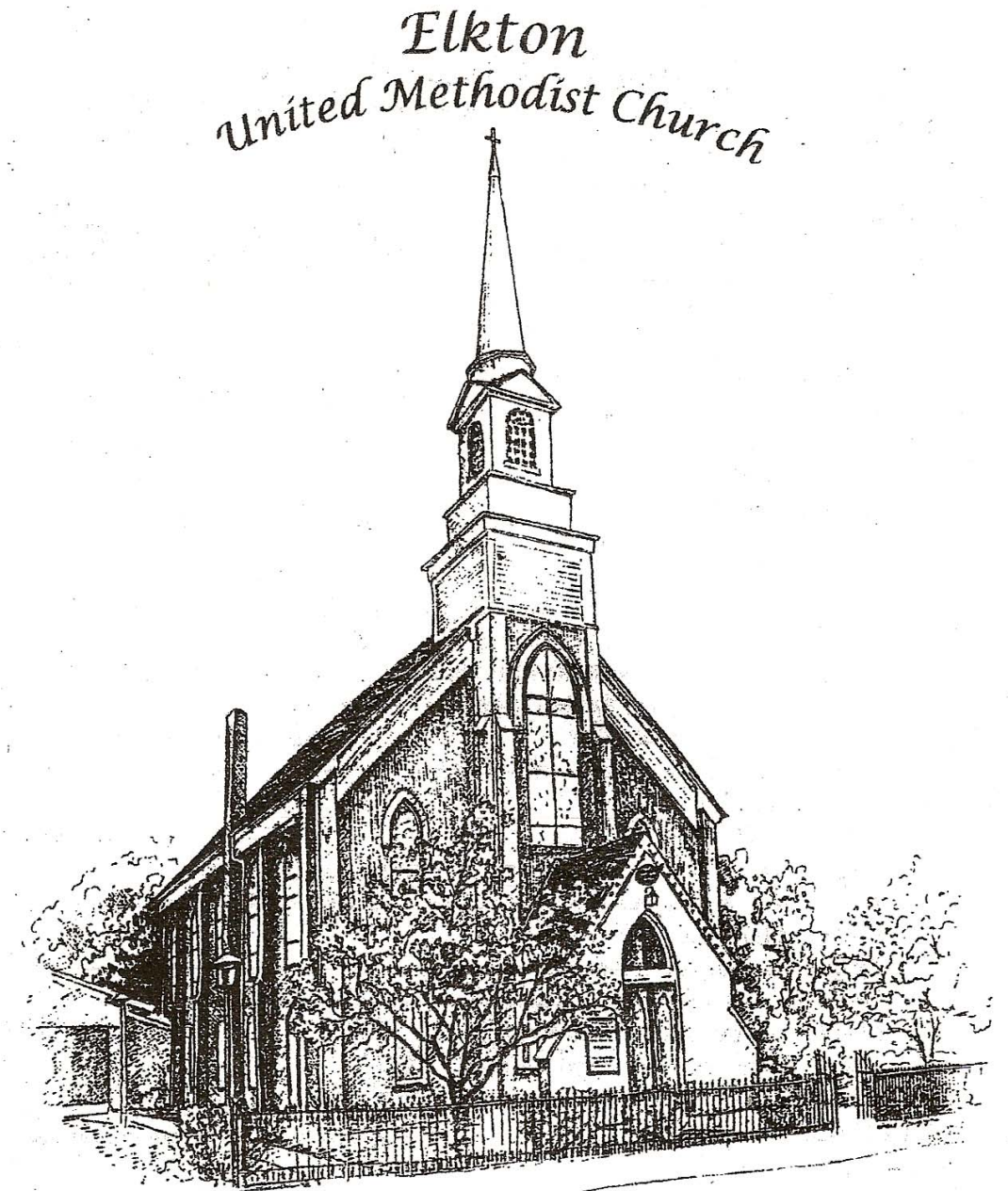
**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**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.**

W&S: Worship & Song (green cover)

Peggy Johnson, Bishop
Joe Archie, District Superintendent

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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 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.

PLEDGE SUNDAY – Today is Pledge Sunday, the day on which we make our financial pledges for the work of Christ through this church for 2018. If you forgot to bring your pledge card, or didn’t receive one in the mail, please see one of the ushers this morning. They’ll be happy to provide you with one!

PLEASE LOOK AT THE YELLOW “GIVING” INSERT – because you’ll find information about:

- College Care Packages
- Boy Scout Wreaths
- Angel Tree
- Mitten Tree
- Cookbooks

All of these activities are going on right now, so be sure to look at the insert for all the details!

WINTER RETREATS – Just a reminder that it’s not too late to sign up for the Youth Rally, the Women’s Retreat or the Men’s Retreat. The Youth Rally takes place January 5-7 in Ocean City MD, and youth interested in going should see Sandy or text her at 443-309-0160. The Women’s Retreat is the weekend of January 12-14 at the Dunes Manor in Ocean City, and the Men’s Retreat is the weekend of January 19-21 at the Riverview Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh. Brochures about both the women’s and men’s retreats are on the counter across from the Welcome Center downstairs.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tonight at 7 PM

At Five Rivers Church on Whitehall Road

(Sponsored by the Greater Elkton Ministerial Association)

Come and worship together with brother and sisters
in Christ from churches throughout Elkton!

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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)
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service (Five Rivers Church)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017

- 1:30 PM Zumba Class (Weldin Hall)
- 6:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting (Weldin Hall)
- 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (Room 1)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

- 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Support Group (Room 1)
- 7:00 PM Cecil County Choral Society Rehearsal (Weldin Hall)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017

- 6:15 PM Communion (Chapel)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017

Happy Thanksgiving
Office Closed

- 8:00 PM AA Meeting (Room 1)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017

Office Closed



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Mike Schmook

Readers: 8:30 – Carolann Lewis 11:00 – Donna Horgan

Acolytes: 8:30 – Andrew Noll 11:00 – Julie Czarnecki

Greeters: 8:30 – Ellen and Rich Gruebel 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 – Bettie Murray

Hospitality: 8:30 – Stacie Forman and 11:00 – Carol Robinson and
Charlotte Mehosky Allene Rittenhouse

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Don Andrews 11:00 – Rich Juergens

Nursery: 8:30 – Jack Kovicak 11:00 – Tiffany Graham

Tech Team: 8:30 – Rob Kovicak and 11:00 – Rich Juergens and
Paige Laning Damien Hollyday

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, Bill Alphin,
Mabel Gary, Jack McCoy, Robert Parrack, Ronnie Smith and
Dave Smith.
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Stanley Cebula,
David Gray, Phil Czarnecki, Deb Ingram and Brian Ingram.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Lee Collins as a thank you to the church for your patience and cooperation as your outgoing Treasurer.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Nancy and Ron Fetterolf for the beautiful cornucopia on the altar this morning.

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)
- Shane Hatfield (friend of the Pugh's)
- Elizabeth Juergens
- Eric Luppold
- Garrett Mann
- Joe Moore
- Brandon Pearson
- Hannah Juergens Pearson
- 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

Members and Friends

- Cindy Abrams (11/19) (McDowell’s niece)
- Les Andrews (10/22)
- Jimmy Beck (11/19)
- Peg Bunnell (10/29)
- Carolyn Butler (11/12)
- Jackie Catron (11/19)
- Frank Cebula (11/5)
- Dottie Cochran (11/5)
- Donna Dellinger (10/22)
- Gary Dunn (10/22)
- Pauline Eaton (10/15)
- Bill Gaultney (10/29)
- Dick Gochnauer (11/12)
- Julie Griffith (11/19)
- Peggy Grady (11/12)
- Don Hurst (11/5)
- Sarah Juergens (10/22)
- Sandra Lewis (10/22)
- Bob MacDonald (10/29)
- Ken McCoy (11/12)
- Audrey Russell (11/5)
- Ed Sprague (10/29)
- Sandra Shumate (11/12) (Ina Andrews’ sister)
- Cheri Stout (11/12) (Donna Perkins’ sister-in-law)
- Judy Tanner (11/5)
- Barb Tenney (11/12)
- Mike VanDenHeuvel (10/22)
- Fran Vassalotti (11/19)
- Michele Walls (11/12)
- Lance Waltzer (11/12) (Betty McCarthy’s son-in-law)
- Aiden Waltzer (11/12) (Betty McCarthy’s grandson)
- Owen Wevadou (10/29)
- Doug Wilson (11/19)
- Sally Wood (10/22) (Betty McCarthy’s sister)

Abbey Manor

- Anne Kirk
- Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

- Jim Melvin

Laurelwood

- Bill Bedwell
- Helen Meyers

Thank you

A very big “thank you” to all my church family for their prayers, phone calls and cards to speed my recovery from a recent illness.
Betty Budrow

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.



Opportunities to Give

Over the next couple of months, there are numerous opportunities for you to share your time, talents, gifts and service. Please do not feel like you have to do all of them – look over the list and decide the ones to which God is calling you – and then go for it!

New Cookbooks – Our brand-new Church Cookbook (the first one in about 20 years) is available for purchase. Cost is \$12.00/each and checks can be made out to Elkton UMC with “cookbook” on the memo line. They will be sold on Sunday mornings and at the Cookie Walk. Don’t forget that Christmas is coming and these will make great Christmas gifts!

Boy Scout Wreaths – Members of our Boy Scout Troop 443 will be on hand today to take orders for Christmas wreaths. The wreaths will be delivered to the church in early December. Profits from this sale will help support the many projects of the Scout troop.

College Care Packages – Our next care package of goodies will be sent to our college students just in time for their final exams and the end of the semester. Please bring your donations of goodies to the bin near the Welcome Center during November. The packages will be mailed on November 26th.

Mitten Tree – The Ruth/Sarah Circle invites you to donate new hats, gloves, scarves and underwear for children (from infant through 15 years) for the Mitten Tree project. Place donations in the bin in the Welcome Center area any Sunday in November. The donations will be delivered to the Help Center in early December.

Angel Tree Project – Angel Tree provides Christmas presents for children of incarcerated parents. Today, the Angel Tree is set up in the Welcome Center area. Take an angel ornament on which you will find a gift listed. Return the gift (wrapped) and it, along with a Bible, will be delivered to the recipient’s home.

Cookie Walk – The United Methodist Women will have their annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 9th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon (or until the cookies are sold out). In order to make this a success, they need lots and lots of cookies, which means they need lots and lots of help from bakers in our church! Sign up to participate on one of the inserts that will appear in the bulletin (mid-November) or the church website at elktonumc.org.

Poinsettias and Nets for Christmas Eve – Purchase a poinsettia to adorn our sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services in honor of or in memory of someone you love – or, if you don’t want or need the poinsettia, make a donation toward the United Methodist Church’s “Imagine No Malaria” campaign. All names (for both poinsettias and anti-malaria nets) will be listed in a bulletin insert on Christmas Eve. The first day to place your orders will be on Sunday, November 26th via a bulletin insert.

Rotating Homeless Shelter – Our church is scheduled to sponsor the shelter the week of January 1-8, 2018. More information about when to sign up and donations will be posted on the Missions bulletin board in the Hospitality Area.

United Methodist Women

17th Annual Cookie Walk



Saturday, December 9, 2017

Cookies for sale 9 AM - 12 Noon, Weldin Hall

Large Box - \$10, Small Box - \$6

Will you be a volunteer cookie baker?

*Please fill out this slip and put it in
the offering plate.*

Thank you!

Please deliver cookies on Friday, Dec 8,
between 6 pm – 8 pm, Weldin Hall

My reminder: I volunteered to bake _____dozen cookies!

-----TEAR OFF HERE AND PUT IN OFFERING PLATE -----

Yes, I will be a Cookie Walk Baker!

Name: _____

I will bake _____ dozen cookies

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