

# Elkton United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

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, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER

AND PRELUDE ..... “O COME, O COME EMMANUEL” ..... ARR. BY HOPSON

SUNG RESPONSE #211 (UMH)..... “O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL” (stanza 1)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: The Spirit of God rests fully on the coming Lord.

**People: The promised Christ is full of wisdom and understanding  
in the Spirit of God.**

Leader: The promised Lord will rule with true justice and righteousness.

**People: All fear will change to comfort. All enemies will be transformed  
into friends.**

Leader: As we trust in God, we find our peace.

**People: In the grace of God, we find our hope.**

**Let us – with hope – kindle the light of the Lord.**

*(The acolyte lights the candle of hope on the Advent wreath.)*

\*\*HYMN #3047 (W&S)..... “GOD ALMIGHTY, WE ARE WAITING”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER (in unison)

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to  
prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles. We have  
ignored the promise of your kingdom. We get distracted by all the busyness of this  
season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent**

**courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey  
with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the  
quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 – .....SID BLEDSOE, SOLOIST

11:00 – ..... “ADVENT CANTICLE” ..... CHANCEL CHOIR

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, ISAIAH 61:1-4 (pages 691 & 692)

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON, JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28 (pages 91 & 92)

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 ..... “DO NOT BE AFRAID”: ..... REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

I – TO SPEAK THE TRUTH (JOHN THE BAPTIST)

\*\*HYMN #209 (UMH)..... “BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL”

(During the singing of the hymn, members of the Children’s Choir may leave for rehearsal.)

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.**

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY – ..... “PRELUDE IN G MINOR” ..... J. S. BACH

\*\*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.**

\*\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 13 (UMH)

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion will be served by intinction this morning. At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to the servers, where you will receive the bread, and you are then invited to dip the bread into the juice and consume both elements together. After receiving, you are welcome to pray at the chancel rail for as long as you wish, and then return to your pew.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

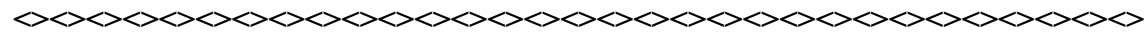
**\*\*HYMN #3048 (W&S)..... “VIEW THE PRESENT THROUGH THE PROMISE”**

**\*\*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 .....“TOCCATA IN C MAJOR”..... ZIPOL

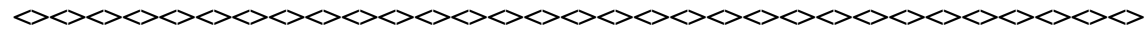


**\*\*Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

**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
- Lee Collins ..... Treasurer
- Sandy Wherry ..... Director of Youth
- Sharon Williams ..... Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries
- Sylia Honesty/Donna Horgan..... Sextons

## 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](http://elktonumc.org) and click on the "Sermons" link and there you will see a link to the You Tube site for our sermons.

**HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD FOR 2018?** If not, it's not too late. Please fill it in as soon as you can and put it in the offering plate, or drop it by the church office. If you lost your card, or never received one, please see one of the ushers.

**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.

**WIRED WORD DISCUSSION GROUP** – "Have Gun Will Travel" – We've all heard the sad news about a small Baptist Church in Texas where a killer intruded on its worship service one Sunday a few weeks ago, and spraying the congregation with gunfire, killed 26 people and wounded 20 more. Mass murders of innocent people have become so commonplace that while we are saddened, we're not that surprised anymore. Please join us on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome!



### UMW 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

This Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 9:00 AM and will stay open until 12:00 noon or until they are sold out!!

Large boxes are \$10 - Small boxes are \$6

Come and celebrate the holiday season with wonderful homemade cookies!

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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/Weldin Hall)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

2:30 PM ..... Nursing Home Visitation (Nancy McCardell's Team)  
7:00 PM ..... Nar-Anon Support Group (Room 1)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

9:00 AM..... Disciple Class (Room 1)  
6:15 PM ..... Communion (Chapel)  
6:30 PM ..... Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00-7:45 PM..... Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:45-8:15 PM..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

6:30 PM ..... Women's Retreat Meeting (Conference Room)  
6:30 PM ..... Missions Committee Meeting (Room 34)  
8:00 PM ..... AA Meeting (Room 1)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

9:00 AM-12:00 PM..... UMW Annual Cookie Walk (Weldin Hall)



## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Worship Leader:** Bethany Buckley

**Readers:** 8:30 – Keith McKenica                      11:00 – Bill Ferringer

**Acolytes:** 8:30 – Emmett Slayman                      11:00 – Jack Edler

**Greeters:** 8:30 – Mabel Gary                      11:00 – Rita and Phil Norman

**Welcome Center:**

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

**Hospitality:** 8:30 – Bethany Buckley and  
Linda White                      11:00 – Ruth Loomis and  
Charles Allport

**Hall Monitors:** 8:30 – Deb and Ted McDowell                      11:00 – Carol Robinson

**Nursery:** 8:30 – Jack Kovicak                      11:00 – Ben Ingram

**Tech Team:** 8:30 – Joe Buckley and  
Paige Laning                      11:00 – Joe Buckley and  
Rich Juergens

**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, Jamie Laning,  
Jane MacDonald, Bob MacDonald, Deb McDowell and Ted  
McDowell.  
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Faye Camors,  
Buddy Camors, Bob Mitchell, Mike Schmook and Ray Whiteoak.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in memory of my mother, grandmother and grammy given  
by Carolann & Gary Lewis.

**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

### **Hospital**

Gifford Biles

Gary Storke

### **Members and Friends**

Cindy Abrams (11/19) (McDowell’s  
niece)

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)

Pauline Eaton (11/26)

Kelly Eddinger (11/26)

Bill Gaultney (10/29)

Dick Gochnauer (11/12)

Peggy Grady (11/12)

Don Hurst (11/5)

Sarah Juergens (12/3)

Sandra Lewis (12/3)

Cindy McCoy (12/3)

Ken McCoy (11/12)

Mackenzie Price (12/3)

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 (11/26)

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 (11/26) (Betty  
McCarthy’s sister)

### **Abbey Manor**

Anne Kirk

Mildred McCormick

### **Calvert Manor**

Jim Melvin

### **Laurelwood**

Bill Bedwell

Helen Meyers

### **Sympathy**

Family and friends of Julie Griffith

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 Christmas

You're invited to remember someone special in your life this Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia for our altar area for Christmas Eve, or by giving a monetary gift toward the purchase of a mosquito net for the United Methodist Church's "Imagine No Malaria" campaign. Whichever gift you choose, the cost is \$11.00, and all gifts will be listed in a special bulletin insert for our Christmas Eve services. The last day to order will be Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*If you are ordering a poinsettia and a net, please make separate payments!! Thank you!**

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Or In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Amount attached: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_ or Net \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks out to Elkton UMC and write "poinsettia" or "net" on the memo line.**

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