

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:00 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.
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LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF CHIMES

GREETING, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER

AND PRELUDE “FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME” WALTHER

SUNG RESPONSE #211 (UMH)..... “O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL” (stanza 4)

**O come, thou Root of Jesse’s tree, an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: We seek a sign of the Lord our God.

**People: From the depths of the earth to the heights of the heavens,
let God’s sign be known to all.**

Leader: A young woman shall give birth to peace, hope, and joy.

People: A young woman will give Love a name: Emmanuel – God with us.

Let us – in love – kindle the light of the Lord.

(The acolyte lights the fourth candle – the candle of Love.)

**HYMN #213 (UMH) “LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**O Holy One, who surrounds our lives with grace, we confess that our eyes are dull.
Your presence in our lives takes us by surprise. We see only the outer signs: the
baby, the feeding-place for cattle, the tired mother and father. Help us to know you,
not only in the angels’ song, but in the ordinary happenings of our lives, that we
may
be channels of your grace in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING – “I’LL SHINE” CHILDREN’S CHOIR

EPISTLE LESSON, TITUS 3:4-7 (page 215)

MUSICAL OFFERING – “IN SILENCE WE WAIT” CHANCEL CHOIR

**GOSPEL LESSON, MATTHEW 1:18-25 (page 1)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSE #204 (UMH)..... “EMMANUEL, 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
III – TO TAKE RISKS FOR GOD” (Joseph)

**HYMN #206 “I WANT TO LIVE AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT”

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.**

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY – “ECHO NOEL” D’AQUIN

**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.**

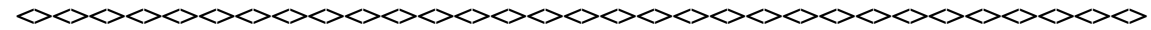
**HYMN #218 (UMH) “IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR”

**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” PACHELBEL

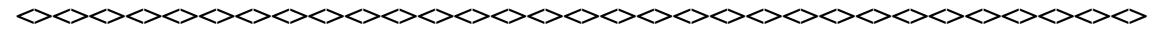


****Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

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

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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.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY! The Classic Christians are hitting the road again in April of 2018 – this time to the Norfolk, VA area for lots of great activities, including a massed gathering of military bands, a NATO parade, and tour of the Norfolk Naval Base (among other things). Flyers with full details about the trip are on the counter across from the Welcome Center. Anyone is welcome to take part in this trip, not just Classic Christians!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5 p.m. – Family Service (no sermon)

7 and 9 p.m. – Identical Candlelight
Services

10-10:30 p.m. – Silent Communion
in the Sanctuary



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 – CHRISTMAS EVE

10:00 AM..... Worship Service

10:00 AM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Rm. 24)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017 – CHRISTMAS DAY!

Merry Christmas!

Office Closed

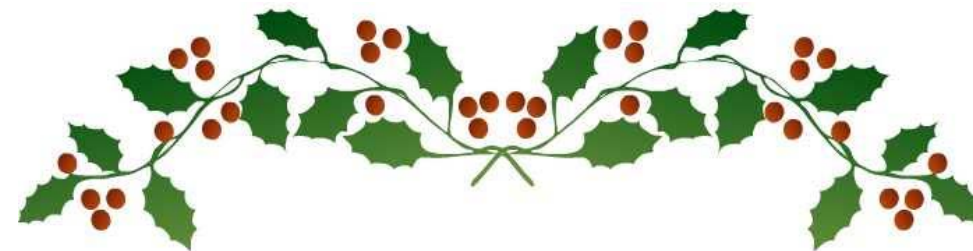
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017

Office Closed – Christmas Holiday

7:00 PM Nar-Anon Support Group (Room 1)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2017

8:00 PM AA Meeting (Room 1)



*Merry
Christmas*

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Joe Tanner

Reader: Deb Dalrymple

Acolyte: Sienna Graham

Greeters: Cheryl and Hank Fehlman

Welcome

Center: 9:40-10:00 – TBD

Hospitality: No Table – Merry Christmas!

Hall Monitor: Richard VanSchaick

Nursery: Katie Sparks

Tech Team: Roger Robinson

Parking Lot

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

Ushers: 10:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Murray Thompson, Rich Gruebel, and Ken McCoy.



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in loving memory of our daughter Tina and grandson Danny given by Maryann & Wayne Scholz.

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 (12/17) (McDowell’s
niece)

Jimmy Beck (11/19)

Gifford Biles (12/17)

Peg Bunnell (12/10)

Jackie Catron (11/19)

Frank Cebula (12/17)

Dottie Cochran (12/17)

Donna Dellinger (12/10)

Kelly Eddinger (11/26)

Sandi Ferguson (12/17)

Bill Gaultney (12/10)

Dick Gochnauer (12/17)

Sarah Juergens (12/3)

Sandra Lewis (12/3)

Matthew Lindell (12/17) (Jane & Bob
MacDonald’s grandson)

Cindy McCoy (12/3)

Ken McCoy (12/17)

Jackie McGuirk (12/24)

Ed McKeown (12/17)

Bill Pinder (12/24)

Mackenzie Price (12/3)

Audrey Russell (12/17)

Paula Schultz (12/17)

Ed Sprague (12/10)

Sandra Shumate (11/12) (Ina
Andrews’ sister)

Gary Storke (12/17)

Cheri Stout (11/12) (Donna Perkins’
sister-in-law)

Mike VanDenHeuvel (11/26)

Fran Vassalotti (11/19)

Mary Edna Vincent (12/17)

Lance Waltzer (11/12) (Betty
McCarthy’s son-in-law)

Aiden Waltzer (11/12) (Betty
McCarthy’s grandson)

Owen Wevadou (12/10)

Doug Wilson (11/19)

Sally Wood (11/26) (Betty
McCarthy’s sister)

Abbey Manor

Anne Kirk

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Jim Melvin

Laurelwood

Helen Meyers

Sympathy

To the family and friends of
William Bedwell

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.**