

Elkton United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Christian Education Sunday

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 “PRELUDE IN E MINOR”..... J.S. BACH

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: Gracious and eternal God, you have led us to curiosity about our creation, ourselves, and all things unknown.

People: Let us never lose our sense of wonder about the world you have given us.

Leader: God of Abraham and Sarah, you lead us to new understandings when we least expect them.

People: Let us never see ourselves as too young, too old, or too wise to learn new lessons from you.

Leader: God of the prophets, you call us to speak truth with love to a reluctant world.

People: Give us courage to judge ourselves, and wisdom to learn from those you send to teach us.

Leader: God of the rich young ruler, you love us though we shrink from the challenge of discipleship.

People: Teach us to surrender our own wills, that we might seek yours and draw closer to your grace.

Leader: Everlasting, ever-loving God, teacher, creator, giver of knowledge and freedom, fear and courage, doubt and faith,

People: Grant that we might always use your gifts to build a world where peace, justice, love, and hope reign in wisdom and in truth.

**HYMN #2004 (TFWS)..... “PRAISE THE SOURCE OF FAITH AND LEARNING”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Christ Jesus, too often we have lived as if we did not need you, pretending that life is what we make it. In those exceptional moments of openness when we received the gift of faith, we have assumed it was given for ourselves alone. Awaken us by your Spirit to fuller dimensions of faith. Lead us to find in our neighbors the opportunities for love, in the social order the possibilities for justice, and in the affairs of nationsthe potential for peace. Reform our attitudes and behaviors until in every circumstance we may, by your grace, be the instruments of your saving Word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON, ACTS 8:26-40 (page 127)

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 –..... ED MCKEOWN, SOLOIST
11:00 – “HERE IS THE CHURCH” CHANCEL CHOIR

**GOSPEL LESSON, JOHN 15:1-11 (page 109)

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 “SUPREME” CHRISTIANITY: REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL
III - “COME SEE ABOUT ME”

**HYMN #2158 (TFWS)..... “JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE”

DEDICATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS AND LEADERS (see blue insert)

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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30) (see gold insert)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY – “FUGUE IN A MAJOR” ZACHAU

**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.**

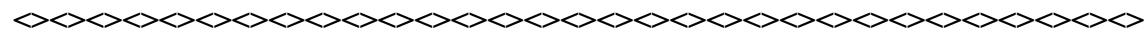
**HYMN #2197 (TFWS)“LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS”

**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“RONDO” BULL

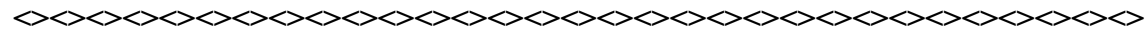


****Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red cover)

TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black cover) - found in the rack underneath the pew in front of you

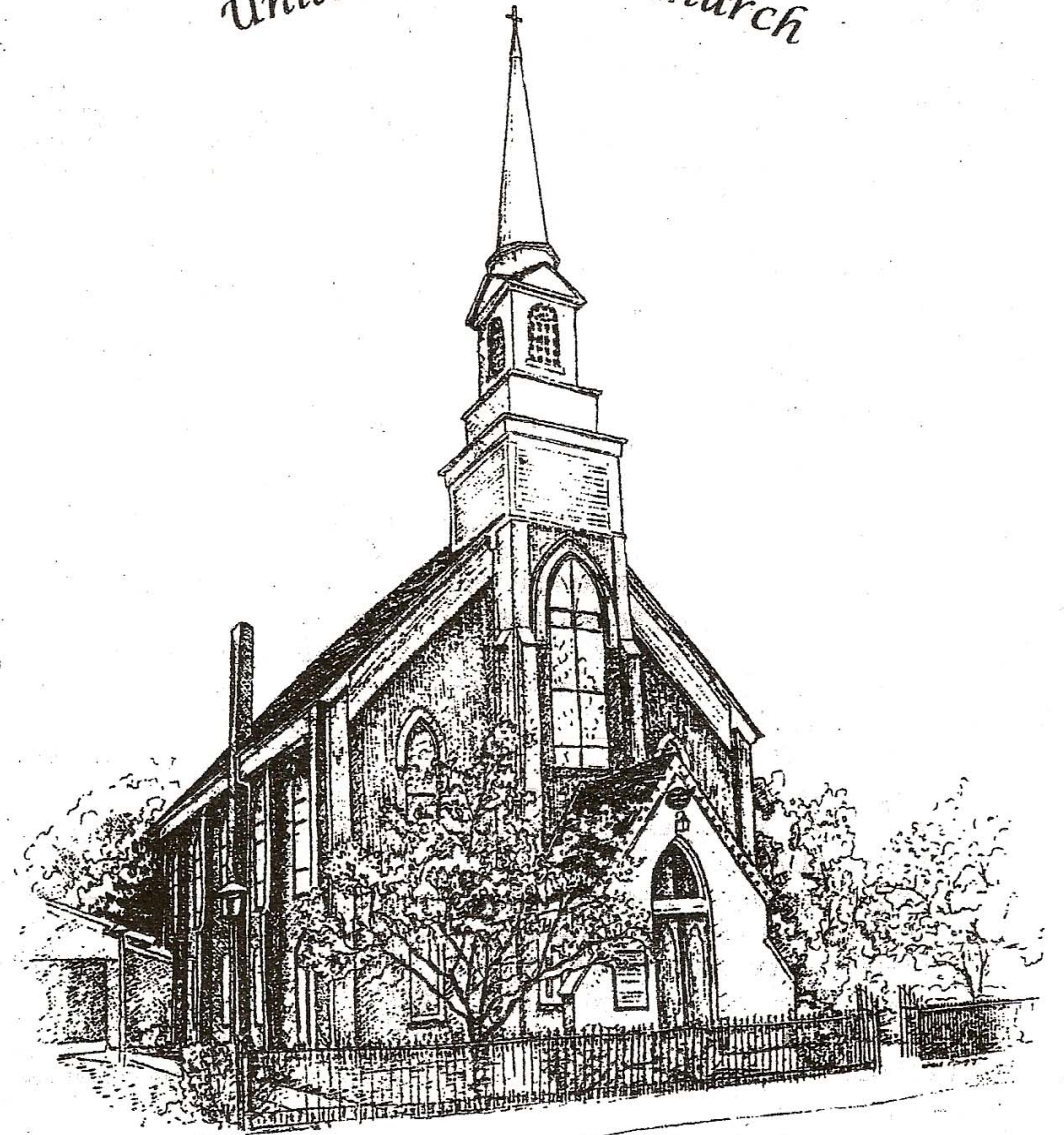
W&S: Worship & Song (green cover)



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

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Bill Graham

Readers: 8:30 – Cheryl Fehlman 11:00 – Damien Hollyday

Acolytes: 8:30 – Lauren Zimmer 11:00 – Sienna Graham

Greeters: 8:30 – Nancy Crawford and
Barbara Pinder 11:00 – Betty McCarthy and
Beverly Kennedy

Welcome Center:

8:10-8:30 & 10:40-11:00 &
9:30-9:50 – Marsha Perrine 12:00-12:20 – Barb Tenney

Hospitality: 8:30 – Carolann Lewis and
Judy Pugh 11:00 – Mary Mackie and
Janet Forney

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Rich Gruebel 11:00 – Bob Perkins

Nursery: 8:30 – Jack Kovicak 11:00 – Heidi Gaultney

Tech Team: 8:30 – Joe Buckley and
Jamie Laning 11:00 – Rich Juergens and
Damien Hollyday

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 in loving memory of Ronnie and Danny Dulin given by
Sonia Dulin.

FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN are in memory of Marjorie Campbell, for her birthday, given
by her husband Charlie and family.

TODAY at the 8:30 service we welcome, **Uriel Charles Austin Schott**, son of Elizabeth Meyers
and Theodore Schott, into the Universal Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism.

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.

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.

CUB SCOUT POPCORN SALE TODAY! Members of our very own Cub Pack 443 will be selling popcorn downstairs in the hospitality area after both services today. This is their major fundraising effort for the year, so please stop by and purchase some, and help fund their wonderful activities and programs. This pack has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years and needs our help to keep it strong!

“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.

BLOOD DRIVE COMING SOON – We're having another blood drive on Sunday, October 15th in Weldin Hall. You can sign-up to participate on Sundays, October 1st and 8th in the Hospitality Area. Please help if you can! The need is great! If you can't help by donating blood, perhaps you can help by being a greeter for those coming to donate, or work in the canteen. If you'd like to do either of those things, contact Joe Tanner at jtanner495@gmail.com.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! As of this week, you have collectively given over \$15,000 to UMCOR for hurricane relief! Thank you so much for your generosity! May our gifts be evidence to people whose lives have been devastated that love and care and Christ have more power than any storms life brings their way.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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)
9:30 AM..... Mailing for College Outreach (Weldin Hall)
9:45 AM..... Sunday School (for all ages)
12:00 PM-3:00 PM Videotaping (Sanctuary)
5:30 PM Youth Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

6:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

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 28, 2017

8:00 PM AA Meeting (Room 1)



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

Dick Gochnauer

Members and Friends

Cindy Abrams (9/3) (McDowell’s
niece)

Peg Bunnell (9/17)

Dottie Cochran (9/24)

Henry Jacobs (9/24)

Sarah Juergens (9/17)

Dorothy Fritz Lester (9/17)

Daniel Lewis & MD

Fire Crew (9/17)

Sandra Lewis (9/17)

Franklin Mackie (9/24)

Barbara & Wally McKeown (8/27)

Yvonne Mehosky (9/24) (Ivan’s
mother)

Kristen Pearce (9/17)

Ed Sprague (9/24)

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

Mike VanDenHeuvel (9/17)

Owen Wevadou (9/24)

Becky Whitt (9/10)

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

Abbey Manor

Anne Kirk

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Jim Melvin

Elkton Care and Rehab

Margaret Boulden

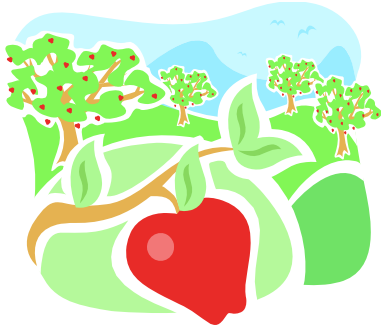
Laurelwood

Frank Cebula

Helen Meyers

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.**



Dedication of Christian Education Teachers and Leaders

Introduction of Teachers and Leaders

Katie Sparks: Dear friends, let us recognize these our brothers and sisters who have responded to the call of God to become workers in our Christian Education program. To teach, to administer the work of teaching are ministries of Christ among us. Those called to these ministries need our loyal support and our prayers.

Pastor Bunnell (to the teachers and leaders): You have recognized God's call in your lives. Will you endeavor to develop your gifts for teaching and leading so as to continue to pass on the Christian faith? Will you be faithful to the task, taking seriously the commitments of time and talent? Will you take seriously your role as learner, studying diligently the Scriptures and traditions of the faith?

Teachers and leaders: We have heard God's call to teach and lead, and we have responded to that call. We teach, trusting in God's promises to support, sustain, and encourage us through gifts sufficient for the task. We teach, relying on prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit. We teach, inviting others to recognize and respond to God's call in their lives. We teach, depending on this congregation to uphold us in this task.

Pastor Bunnell: (to the congregation) My friends, will you pledge to uphold these Christian Education teachers and leaders with prayer and support as they lead others to Christ?

Congregation: **We pledge ourselves to pray for you and for the educational ministry of this congregation. We pledge ourselves to enable, encourage, and love you in this ministry. We pledge ourselves to be learners with you, diligently studying with you the Scriptures and traditions of our faith.**

Pastor Bunnell: Let us pray. Eternal God, you have entrusted us with the message of your power, grace, justice and love. Provide for us your guidance, that we may be teachers and learners together. Believing that you are in our midst, we set apart these who would serve in our Christian Education ministry. May they serve you well in nurturing the spiritual growth of all who are entrusted to their care. Bless each one gathered before us, enabling them to be channels of your grace and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Christian Education Teachers and Leaders

Tiffany & Joseph Graham, 2's and 3's

Barb Pinder & Christina Dant, Pre-K & Kindergarten

Diane Mauk & Linda Renshaw, 1st & 2nd Grades

Kim Edler & Donna Horgan, 3rd & 4th Grades

Marlene & Bob Gautsch, 5th & 6th Grades

Sandy Wherry, Confirmation Class/Director of Youth Ministries

Denita Catron & Sarah Alphin, 8th Grade & High School Class

Kim Artrip, Dot Eltzroth, Krista Gilmore, Karen & Mike Gravatt, & Ivan Mehosky, Adult Classes

Susan Starrett, Children's Choir

