

Elkton United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Earth Day

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.....“ORISON” WAGNER

SUNG RESPONSE #328 (UMH).....“SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE”

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Paul the Apostle commends to us whatever is true and honorable and just.

People: Let us hear these words that we may be challenged.

Leader: Paul also offers us whatever is pure and lovely and gracious.

People: Let us seek these ways that we may be blessed.

Leader: We are to set before ourselves whatever is excellent and worthy of praise.

People: Let us think upon these deeds in our time of worship together.

All: And the peace of God which passes all understanding will keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**HYMN #3018 (W&S)“CREATION SINGS”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, we come in confession for our lack of love. Too often we have neither loved ourselves nor our neighbors. We have passed by suffering and misfortune because of fear or busyness or preoccupation. We have held prejudices against people as deep as those that were held against the Samaritans in days gone by.

Heal our pains, amend our faults, and guide us in ways of care and compassion, for we pray in the name of Jesus, our most beloved neighbor, who cared for us even to the cross. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30) –SID BLEDSOE, SOLOIST
(11:00) –..... “JESUS LOVES ME”CHILDREN’S CHOIR

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, PSALM 51:1-11 (page 520)

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30) –SID BLEDSOE, SOLOIST
(11:00) –..... “ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL”CHANCEL CHOIR

**GOSPEL LESSON, MATTHEW 7:1-5 (pages 6 & 7)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSE #177 (UMH).....“HE IS LORD”

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

SERMON “THE BIBLE DOESN’T SAY THAT: THE REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL
II– ‘LOVE THE SINNER, HATE THE SIN’”

**HYMN #463 (UMH) “LORD, SPEAK TO ME”

(During the singing of the hymn at the 8:30 service, the children’s choir may dismiss to Room 1 for practice.)

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 – (8:30) – “FUGUING TUNE” WAGNER
(11:00) – SID BLEDSOE, SOLOIST

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE, #94 (UMH)..... “PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

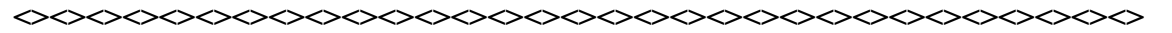
**HYMN #549 (UMH) “WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL”

**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 “PROCESSIONAL #3” HANDEL

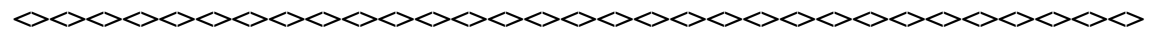


****Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

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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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. Video 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.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE EARTH DAY! We're remembering God's gift of creation today as we celebrate Earth Day. Our bulletin cover was designed by Sunday School student **Danielle Rogers**. Members of our Stewardship Committee are visiting our children's Sunday School classrooms today to help the students plants herbs that can be used for their families' meals. Take good care of this great earth God has given us!

YOUTH – COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP!

Tonight's youth group will feature a presentation by Terri Lokey and Joe Tanner about this summer's Costa Rica mission trip. All youth are invited to come and learn more about it and possibly consider taking part this year! Parents are invited to attend as well. The meeting is at 6:00 p.m.

PROM BOUTIQUE – Spread the word that our Prom Boutique is now open on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. The dresses are practically brand new and some accessories are available as well – and it's all free!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNION – On Wednesday evening at 6:15 p.m. holy communion is offered in the Chapel. It is led by Ivan Mehosky and all are welcome.

WIRED WORD DISCUSSION GROUP – After the Parkland School Killings, Students Across the U.S. Launch Protests Against Gun Violence.

Though not all Americans agree with the youth, those who do find the leadership and zeal from these teenagers to be inspiring and commendable. These teenagers want their efforts to somehow reduce the number of school attacks and deaths. We take this opportunity to consider some biblical views of young people and to think about the cause uniting those involved in the protests. We will meet in the Conference Room on Thursday, May 3rd at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Services
8:30 AM-12:00 PM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten
9:15 AM..... Children's Choir Rehearsal (Room 1)
9:30 AM..... College Outreach Mailings (Weldin Hall)
9:45 AM..... Sunday School (all ages)
6:00 PM Youth Group

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018

6:00 PM Cub Scouts (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts (Room 1)
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018

6:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM Nar-Anon Support Group (Room 1)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

9:00 AM..... Disciple Class (Room 1)
3:00 PM Meeting Ground Committee Meeting (Conf. Room)
6:15 PM Communion (Chapel)
6:30 PM Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

Classic Christians' Bus Trip to Virginia

12:30 PM Weight Watchers Meeting (Weldin Hall)
6:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM Administrative Council Meeting (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM Lay Academy Training (Wesley Wing)
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)

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

Ed McKeown

Members and Friends

Cindy Abrams (4/15) (McDowell’s
niece)

Ben Allen (4/8) (Nadine’s brother)

Duane Arentzen (4/1)

Lillian Armstrong (4/22)

Gifford Biles (4/15)

Peg Bunnell (4/8)

Frank Cebula (4/15)

John Clark (4/1)

Dottie Cochran (4/15)

Henry Jacobs (3/25)

Mark Krauss (4/15)

Jerry Lockard (4/15)

Amy McCarthy (3/25)

Ken McCoy (4/1)

Jackie McGuirk (4/15)

Hazel Jean Maclary (4/15)

Cheryl McKeown (3/11)

Linda Moon (3/11) (Stacie Forman’s
mother)

Jane Arrants-Parrack (4/1)

Bill Pinder (4/15)

Dave Pugh (4/22)

Jen Redmond (4/8) (Gruebel’s
neighbor)

Gabi Sasse (4/15) (Betty McCarthy’s
granddaughter)

Ed Sprague (4/1)

Cheri Stout (3/18) (Donna Perkins’
sister-in-law)

Charles Strosnider (4/8) (Gail
Garber’s brother)

Lisa Tenerowicz (4/1) (Bethany
Buckley’s sister)

Mike VanDenHeuvel (4/15)

Owen Wevadou (4/15)

Abbev Manor

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Jim Melvin

Laurelwood

Helen Meyers

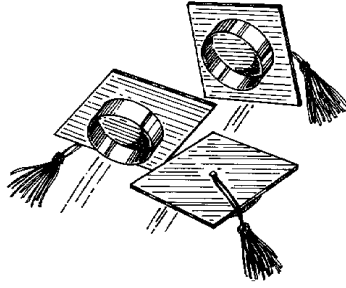
Sympathy

To the family and friends of Robert

“Dippy” Cebula

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.**



Graduates and/or Families of Graduates

If you or someone in your family is graduating this year from high school, college, or graduate school, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. We will be recognizing graduates on Sunday, June 3rd during both worship services. Thank you for allowing us to celebrate with you.

We would also like to have 5 pictures of you or your graduating family member. If you would allow us to borrow them, we would be happy to return them after June 3rd. **Please turn the pictures and the information below into the church office no later than May 7th.**

Name _____

High School _____

College Attending/Attended _____

College Degree Earned _____

Family Member @ EUMC _____