

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 2, 2018
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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.
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LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF CHIMES

GREETING AND WELCOME

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE “PRELUDE AND FUGHETTA” FISCHER

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: We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose the way of God’s justice.

People: We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.

Leader: Come together, then, to be God’s people. Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done. Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

People: We will share with others the goodness that we have found in God. May our lives be an expression of that goodness.

**HYMN #103 (UMH) “IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE”

PRAYER (in unison)

We worship you, O God, and thank you that you receive us when we turn to you. We turn to you now, trusting the promise of Jesus Christ to be with us whenever two or three gather in his name. Come to us, and fill us with your Spirit of unity and truth, that we may serve you in the world; for we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30 & 11:00) BOBBY HEATH, BARITONE

EPISTLE LESSON, JAMES 1:17-27 (page 229)

**GOSPEL LESSON, MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (page 42)

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 “CAN’T SEE THE FOREST FOR THE TREES” REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

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

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY – “MAGNIFICAT” DANDRIEU

**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!**

**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

All who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior are invited to receive communion. Please come to the chancel rail under the direction of the ushers.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**HYMN #614 (UMH) "FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN"

**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 "FANFARE AND CHORALE" CHESTERTON



****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

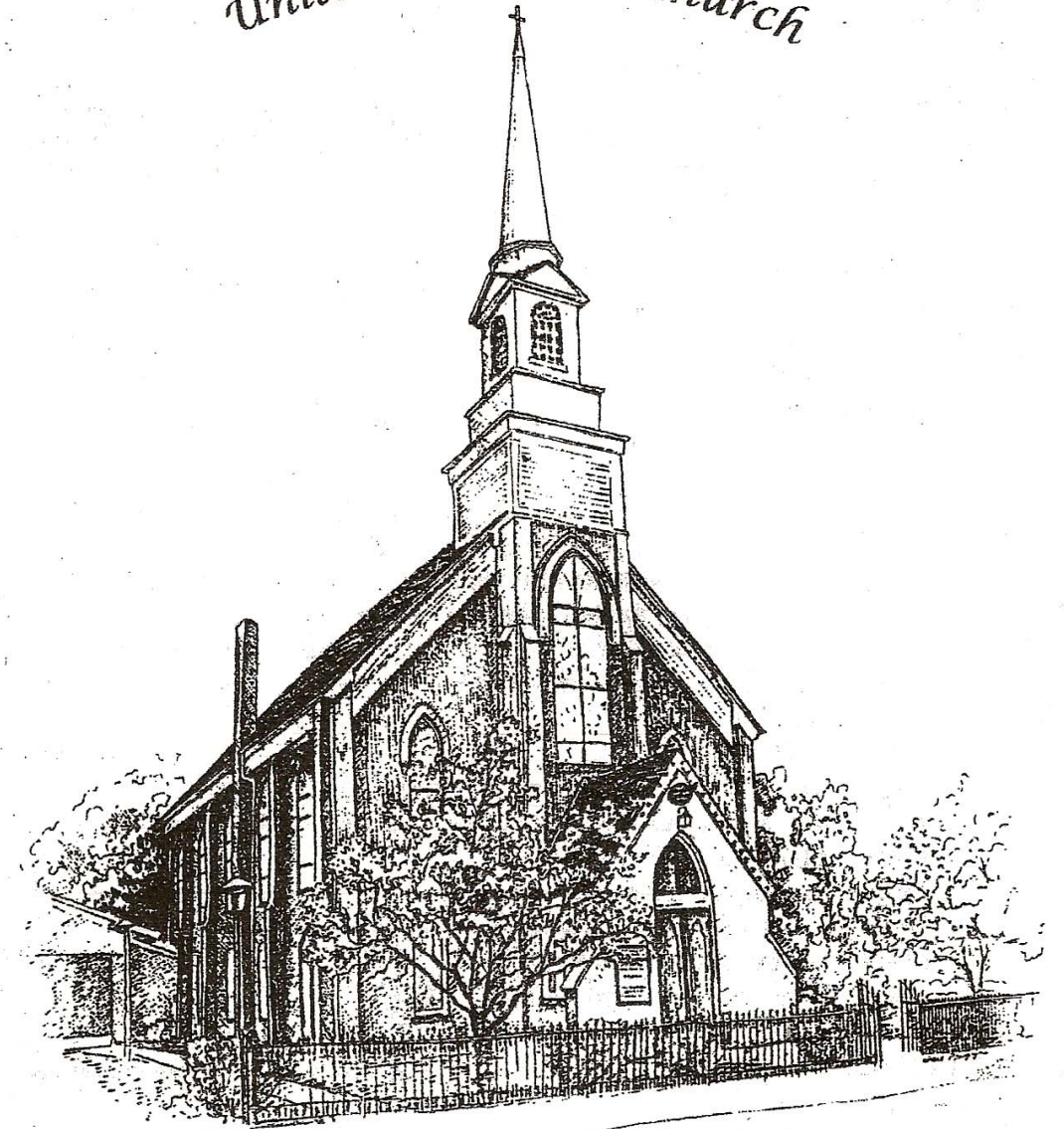
W&S: Worship & Song (green cover)



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

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. 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH? Then you're invited to attend the next New Member Orientation Class on Sunday, September 16th at 12:15 p.m. in Weldin Hall. Lunch is provided and childcare is available if needed. To register for the class, email eumc@comcast.net, or call the church office at 410-398-0933.

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES – If you have a college student in your family, we need their address so that we'll be able to send them our college care packages. Please submit their name and address to the church office at eumcadmin@comcast.net or by calling 410-398-0933.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES – Our first college care package will be going out to students at the end of September, so we're collecting donations now. Please place your donations of things like cookies, candy, granola bars, microwaveable mac 'n cheese, etc. in the box located across from the Welcome Center.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNION – Holy communion led by Ivan Mehosky is offered every Wednesday evening at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome!

TOWN HALL MEETING WITH BISHOP JOHNSON – If you'd like to learn more about the upcoming General Conference of the UMC, Bishop Johnson will be having a town hall meeting on Tuesday, September 18th at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone UMC in Bear. During the meeting, the Bishop will be putting forth the various plans being considered for the future of the denomination.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 9th – Fall Kickoff!

9:45 AM – Sunday School – Weldin Hall

5:30 PM – Youth Scavenger Hunt!! – Weldin Hall

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Services
8:30 AM-12:30 PM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Rm. 24)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

Office Closed – Labor Day Holiday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

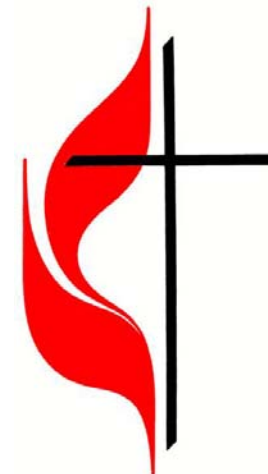
9:30 AM..... Staff Meeting (Room 1)
2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Nancy McCardell's Team)
7:00 PM Nar-Anon Meeting (Room 1)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

6:15 PM Communion (Chapel)
6:30 PM Men's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

12:30 PM Weight Watchers Meeting (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting (Room 34)
6:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Conf. Room)
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

Vickie Cebula

Members and Friends

Ben Allen (8/12) (Nadine’s brother)

Virginia & Frank Astfalk (8/12)

Alba Bates (8/12)

Henrietta Boyce-Egner (8/26)

Enid Brumbley (8/19) Diane Mauk’s
mother

Beverly Cheeks (9/2)

Marge Bryson Clayton (8/19)

Dottie Cochran (8/12)

Bill Ferringer (9/2)

Richard Hampton (8/19) (Donna
Perkins’ uncle)

David Hatfield (9/2) (Lucille
Russell’s brother-in-law)

Barbara Herr (9/2) (Dick
Gochnauer’s sister)

Hazel Jean Maclary (9/2)

Ken McCoy (8/12)

Deb McDowell (8/12)

Ed McKeown (8/12)

Joey McMahan (8/12)

Art McMillan (8/12)

Al Morgan (9/2)

Jane Arrants-Parrack (8/12)

Jen Redmond (8/12) (Gruebel’s
neighbor)

Bob Shumate (8/12) (Ina Andrew’s
brother-in-law)

Jennifer Spangenberg (9/2)

Cheri Stout (8/12) (Donna Perkins’
sister-in-law)

Mike VanDenHeuvel (8/12)

Bill Vassalotti (8/26)

Linda Webster (8/12)

Ken Wesley (9/2)

Owen Wevadou (8/12)

Amy Whitney (8/12)

Abbey Manor

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Henry Jacobs

Jim Melvin

Citizens Nursing Home

Jackie McGuirk

Laurelwood

Helen Meyers

Pat Stepler

Sympathy

To Millie Jones on the death of her
niece Roberta Copenhaver

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.**



It's time for **College Packages** to be mailed out!

EUMC sends packages to our kids and grandkids who are away from home attending college to let them know we are thinking of them. We do four mailings throughout the school year. They say it's like getting a hug from home!

Here's how you can help:

- A) **Turn your college student's address in** by emailing it to Linda White at k-lwhite@comcast.net or the church office at eumcadmin@comcast.net.
- B) **Donating items for the packages:** small, prepackaged items such as candy, cookies, granola bars, gum, chapstick, microwave popcorn, single-serving sizes of hot chocolate or instant soup, whatever will fit into the mailing boxes! As per mailing regulations, no liquids or perishables, please. We'll divide the stuff among all the boxes, so you don't need to buy one for each student; we'll take any donation amount.
- C) **Help with filling the boxes!** The first mailing will be boxed up on **Sunday, September 23rd**, at 9:30 a.m. in Weldin Hall! A collection box will be conveniently located by the Welcome Center for the month of September. ☺
- D) **We are also looking for a volunteer to take the boxes to the post office for mailing.** It's 4 times a year and we mail from the Childs P. O. Please let Ronnie Smith know if you are interested in helping.

Any questions, please contact Ronnie Smith at dvsmith9@comcast.net