

# Elkton United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

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 ..... “MEDITATION” ..... MORRISON

SUNG RESPONSE #3096 (W&S) ..... “GENTLE SHEPHERD”

**Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.  
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.  
There’s no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;  
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.**

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: We are gathered in the presence of God, who asks us to choose between life and death, blessing and curse.

**People: We are gathered like the people of Israel, who were challenged to choose the way of life.**

Leader: Like them, we often follow the ways of death.

**People: Yet, like them, we have the freedom each day to begin anew by the grace of God.**

Leader: By our presence here, we are saying that we want to choose life one more time.

**People: Let us praise the God of love and life who has called us to this place.**

\*\*HYMN #368 (UMH) ..... “MY HOPE IS BUILT”

PRAYER (in unison)

**Gracious and holy God, we come to you because you have first come to us. We know you because you have revealed yourself. Give us in this morning hour of worship a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us. Lift our hearts with the wings of song, heal our souls with the balm of prayer, enliven our minds with the**

**words of scripture and interpretation, and newly enable us to dedicate our strength, our substance, and our service to your work in the world. For we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING – ( 8:30) ..... SHARON WILLIAMS, PIANO SOLO  
(11:00)..... “HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US” ....CHANCEL CHOIR

EPISTLE LESSON, PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 (page 197)

\*\*GOSPEL LESSONS, MATTHEW 26:26-29 (page 30)

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 ..... “WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE: .....REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL  
III – BROKEN FOR YOU”

\*\*HYMN #622 (UMH) ..... “THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD”

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 – ..... “PRELUDE AND FUGHETTA” ..... HANDEL

**\*\*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

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. Then enter into a time of prayer, either at the chancel rail or in your pew.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

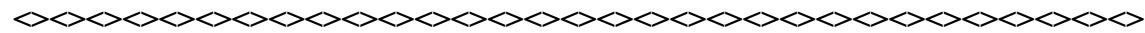
**\*\*HYMN #671 (UMH) .....“LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING”**

**\*\*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 .....“POSTLUDE” .....KERN

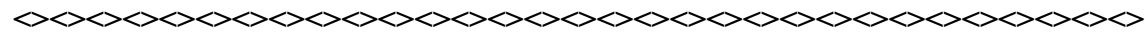


**\*\*Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

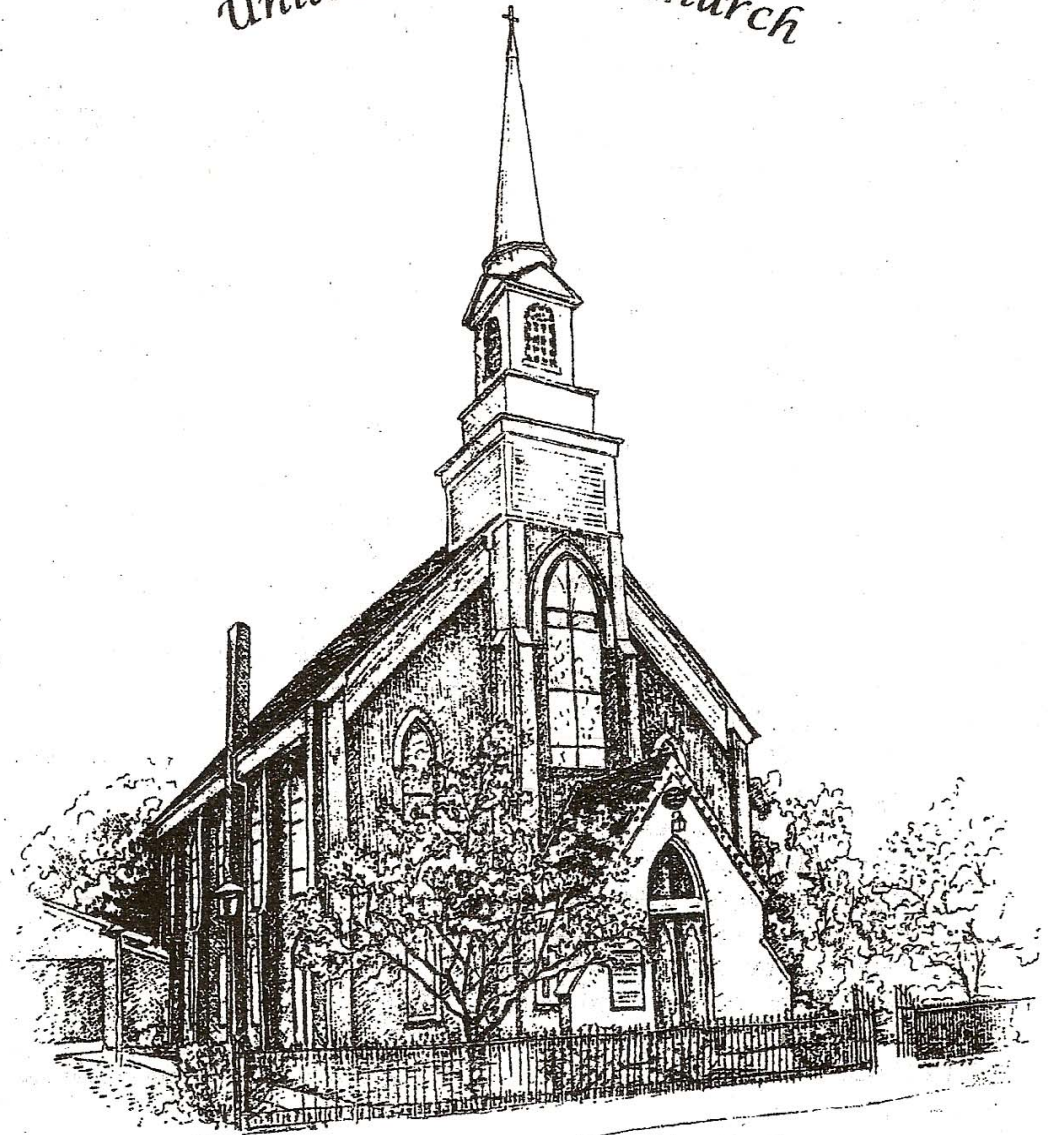
UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red cover)

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!

**THE SEASON OF LENT** – The season of Lent is the forty-day period (not including Sundays), from Ash Wednesday to Easter. During Lent, we are called to a time of contemplation, penitence and confession, a time to intentionally grow deeper in our faith, and a time to ponder what Jesus did for us and our salvation. Because of the solemnity of the season, you will notice changes in our worship service during the Sundays ahead. Some of the sung responses have changed (prayer response, Gospel response); the choir will not process during the opening hymn; we will refrain from applause, and we will sing no alleluias until we raise the glorious Alleluias! of Easter morn.

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

**WELCOME CATHY GOHLKE!** We're delighted to have Cathy Gohlke with us today. She has brought copies of her newest book *Until We Find Home*, which you can purchase during the coffee hour in the Hospitality area this morning. The paperback version is \$15, hardback \$25. (Make checks payable to Cathy Gohlke.)

**EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER** – Our week sponsoring the Homeless Shelter begins tomorrow, Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. We can still use some help with overnight stays. So please pray about it, and if you can help, email Susan at [starrett623@yahoo.com](mailto:starrett623@yahoo.com).

**EASTER CANDY** – We're still collecting individually wrapped pieces of candy for our Easter Egg hunt which will take place on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, place your donations in the bin next to the Welcome Center.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND** – Don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed next Saturday night, or you'll be late for church on Sunday! Move them ahead one hour!

**NEXT SUNDAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY** – Next Sunday, you'll have the opportunity to give your annual donation to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. We've put the offering envelopes in this Sunday's bulletin so that you can take it home, pray over what you want to give, fill it out, and bring it back with you next Sunday. Just a reminder that the UMCOR Sunday offering goes to fund the administrative costs of UMCOR, so that when disasters strike, offerings taken in their aftermath go completely to disaster relief.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 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  
9:45 AM ..... Sunday School (all ages)  
6:00 PM..... Youth Group  
7:00 PM..... Elkton Town Band Concert (EHS)

### MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

9:00 AM ..... AARP Tax Help (Weldin Hall)  
6:00 PM..... Cub Scouts (Weldin Hall)  
6:30 PM..... Evangelism/Membership Committee Mtg. (Conf. Room)  
7:00 PM..... Boy Scouts (Room 1/Weldin Hall)  
7:00 PM..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

2:30 PM..... Nursing Home Visitation (Nancy McCardell's Team)  
7:00 PM..... Nar-Anon Support Group (Room 1)  
7:00 PM..... Cecil County Choral Society Rehearsal (Weldin Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

9:00 AM ..... Disciple Class (Room 1)  
12:00 PM..... Lenten Lunch & Learn (Weldin Hall)  
5:00 PM..... Chair Yoga (Weldin Hall)  
6:15 PM..... Communion (Chapel)  
6:30 PM..... Walk to Emmaus Community Gathering (WH)  
6:30 PM..... Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018

12:30 PM..... Weight Watchers Meeting (Weldin Hall)  
8:00 PM..... AA Meeting (Room 1)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018

7:00 PM..... Cecil County Choral Society Dress Rehearsal (WH)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018 – SPRING FORWARD TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME!

9:00 AM ..... Meeting Ground Committee Meeting (Conference Room)  
10:00 AM ..... Dorcas Circle (Weldin Hall)

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Worship Leader:** Bethany Buckley

**Readers:** 8:30 – Keith McKenica 11:00 – Bobby Heath

**Acolytes:** 8:30 – Katie Zimmer 11:00 – Kaitlyn Czarnecki

**Greeters:** 8:30 – Barbara Dean and  
Gail Garber 11:00 – Jamie and Gerry Treese

**Welcome Center:**

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

**Hospitality:** 8:30 – Ellen Gruebel and  
Carol Sise 11:00 – Ruth Loomis and  
Fran Vassalotti

**Hall Monitors:** 8:30 – Bob MacDonald 11:00 – Ken McCoy

**Nursery:** 8:30 – Jack Kovicak 11:00 – Evelyn Jones

**Tech Team:** 8:30 – Joe Buckley and  
Kristina Keithley 11:00 – Rich Juergens and  
Joe Buckley

**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, Jim Dech, Tim  
McCardell, Bill Moffitt, Robert Parrack and Wayne Scholz.  
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Harry Barnes, Bill  
Carroll, Ed Hendricks, Rich Jones and Paul Schneider.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in honor of the EUMC musicians given by Maryann and Mike Schmook.

**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**

Cheryl McKeown

### **Members and Friends**

Cindy Abrams (3/4) (McDowell’s  
niece)

Ben Allen (2/25) (Nadine’s brother)

Duane Arentzen (2/25)

Gifford Biles (3/4)

Peg Bunnell (2/25)

Beth Camarra (3/4)

Frank Cebula (3/4)

John Clark (2/25)

Dottie Cochran (3/4)

DACA and TPS People (3/4)

Dick Gochnauer (2/11)

Mark Krauss (3/4)

Ken McCoy (2/25)

Jackie McGuirk (3/4)

Ed McKeown (2/11)

Mary Beth Mendenhall (2/25)

Jane Arrants-Parrack (2/25)

Bill Pinder (3/4)

Dave Pugh (2/11)

Mary Jane Rambo (2/4/)

Jen Redmond (2/11) (Gruebel’s  
neighbor)

Gabi Sasse (2/11) (Betty McCarthy’s  
granddaughter)

Bob Shumate (3/4) (Ina’s brother-in-  
law)

Ed Sprague (2/11)

Pat Stepler (2/25)

Mike VanDenHeuvel (3/4)

Owen Wevadou (3/4)

Tom Williams (2/25)

### **Abbey Manor**

Anne Kirk

Mildred McCormick

### **Calvert Manor**

Jim Melvin

### **Elkton Transition**

Amy McCarthy

### **Laurelwood**

Helen Meyers

### **Sympathy**

Family and friends of Pepper

Martin

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.**