

*Elkton
United Methodist Church*



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

Elkton United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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” FRESCOBALDI

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 give praise and thanks to our God,
People: who delivers us from futility and darkened understanding.
Leader: Who is our hope in hard times -
People: our mighty and everlasting hope.
Leader: Who is our joy to please,
People: and our salvation every day.
All: Come, let us worship our God!

**HYMN #159 (UMH) “LIFT HIGH THE CROSS”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving and compassionate God, we realize that we have often resembled enemy agents more than people of reconciliation. With angry words and vindictive actions we have harmed our brothers and sisters. We have dehumanized those we do not wish to understand. We distance ourselves from those who disappoint us or remind us of our own frailty. Forgive us, O God; lift us to a higher, holier purpose. Help us to draw as close to each other as you drew to us in Christ. Help us to regard persons no longer from a human point of view but from the vantage point of the cross where all hostility was conquered, all forgiveness assured. For we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30 & 11:00) – “WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS”
..... HANDBELL CHOIR

EPISTLE LESSON, COLOSSIANS 3:12-17 (page 201)

MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:30) – JEN NOLL, SOLOIST
(11:00) – “LORD, BE WITH US ON THIS DAY” CHANCEL CHOIR

**GOSPEL LESSON, JOHN 12:1-8 (page 106)

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
V – EXTRAVAGANT LOVE”

**HYMN (see yellow insert) “WHEN MARY Poured A RICH PERFUME”
(During the singing of the hymn at the 8:30 service, the children may leave for choir practice in Room 1.)

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 –“VOLUNTARY”STANLEY

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE, #95 (UMH).....“DOXOLOGY”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

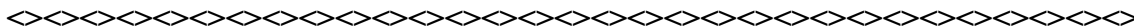
**HYMN #261 (UMH)“LORD OF THE DANCE”

**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“ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK I STAND”BRADBURY



**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

Peggy Johnson, Bishop
Joe Archie, District Superintendent

Karen F. Bunnell..... Senior Pastor
Ray Graham..... Associate Pastor of Visitation Ministries
Paul Deemer.....Handbell Director
Steven Gilmore Choir Director
Kay Mortimer..... Secretary
Katie Sparks..... Director of Children and Education Ministries
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Sandy Wherry Director of Youth Ministries
Sharon Williams..... Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries
Sylvia Honesty/Donna HorganSextons

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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!

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 and click on the "Sermons" link and there you will see a link to the You Tube site for our sermons.

UMCOR OFFERING – Thank you so much for giving to the offering last Sunday for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. On one day, you gave over \$7000! If you did not have a chance to make your offering to UMCOR, it's not too late! Simply make your check out to Elkton UMC and write UMCOR on the memo line. Thanks to all who gave to help UMCOR continue their life-saving ministries!

CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' MARCH MEETING – The Classic Christians (age 50 & over) will meet this Friday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in Weldin Hall. The night begins with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and continues on with a program about Milburns' Orchards. To take part, sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH? If you are, then you're invited to take part in the next New Member Orientation Class which will be held on Sunday, April 15 at 12:30 p.m. in Weldin Hall. If you'd like to attend, email eumc@comcast.net or call the church office at 410-398-0933.

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.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 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)
9:45 AM..... Sunday School (all ages)
6:00 PM Youth Group

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018

6:30 AM..... Men's Breakfast (Elkton Diner)
9:00 AM..... Disciple Class (Room 1)
12:00 PM Lenten Lunch & Learn (Weldin Hall)
5:00 PM Thiokol-Elkton Credit Union Dinner (Weldin Hall)
6:15 PM Communion (Chapel)
6:30 PM Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018

Cuzino's (Nino's) Day for Cub Scouts

12:30 PM Weight Watchers Meeting (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM Nominating Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Room 1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018

6:30 PM Classic Christians' Potluck Dinner & Program

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Mike Schmook

Readers: 8:30 – Paige Laning 11:00 – Krista Gilmore

Acolytes: 8:30 – Nate Kovicak 11:00 – Julianne Czarnecki

Greeters: 8:30 – Lorraine and Rich Jones 11:00 – Karen and Mike Gravatt

Welcome Center:

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

Hospitality: 8:30 – Stacie Forman and
Charlotte Mehosky 11:00 – Bettie Murray and
Kristen Czarnecki

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Kevin White 11:00 – Rich Juergens

Nursery: 8:30 – Jack Kovicak 11:00 – Karen Gravatt

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, 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 memory of loved ones given by Fran and Bill Vassalotti.

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

Lillian Armstrong

Dave Pugh

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)

Cheryl McKeown (3/11)

Ed McKeown (2/11)

Mary Beth Mendenhall (2/25)

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

Jane Arrants-Parrack (2/25)

Bill Pinder (3/4)

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)

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

Mike VanDenHeuvel (3/4)

Fran & Bill Vassalotti (3/11)

Jacob Vassalotti & Washington

College Mission Team (3/18)

Owen Wevadou (3/4)

Tom Williams (2/25)

Abbey Manor

Anne Kirk

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Jim Melvin

Elkton Transition

Amy McCarthy

Healthsouth (Middletown)

Henry Jacobs

Laurelwood

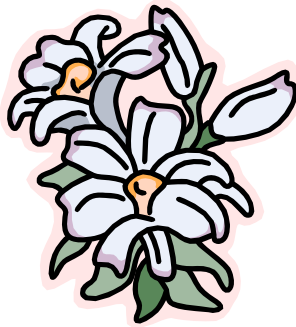
Helen Meyers

Sympathy

To Allene Rittenhouse on the death
of her sister Charlotte Meaders

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.**



Holy Week at Elkton UMC

Sunday, March 25th - Palm/Passion Sunday

*8:30 & 11 services - Chancel Choir Cantata
12:00 noon - Easter Egg Hunt & Luncheon*

Thursday, March 29th - Maundy Thursday

*5:30 pm - Soup & Bread Dinner in Weldin Hall
7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service*

Friday, March 30th - Good Friday

*12:00 pm - "Seven Last Words of Christ" Worship Service
Sponsored by the Greater Elkton Ministerial Association
in our sanctuary*

Sunday, April 1st - Easter Sunday!

*8:30 & 11 am - Identical Festival Worship Services
featuring Chancel, Men's, Handbell Choirs
and Brass and Organ Music
7:30 - 10:30 am - Easter Breakfast in Weldin Hall*