

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 9, 2018
Sixteenth 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 “ANDANTE” HAYDN

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: The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.

People: We come celebrating the new life that is ours as God’s faithful people.

Leader: Let your joy ring through the universe, and let your vision see to the depths of every soul.

People: We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God’s light wherever we go. Praise God for this day!

**HYMN #152 (UMH) “I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER (in unison)

Holy God, we acknowledge to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we are not what you have called us to be. Too often, we have not stood by our faith, shared our hope, or reached out with love. We have done unkind and shameful deeds, and we have left undone deeds which could have made a difference in the lives of those around us. We have failed to speak and act for peace and justice in our world. Have mercy upon our repentance, forgive our sin, and change our lives, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

CHILDREN’S TIME “WORDS ARE LIKE TOOTHPASTE!” BETHANY BUCKLEY

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30) – STEVE GILMORE, SOLOIST
(11:00) – “WE ARE SINGING, FOR THE LORD IS OUR LIGHT”. CHANCEL CHOIR

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, I SAMUEL 1:1-7 (page 244)

**GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 19:1-10 (page 82)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSE #393 (UMH) “SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SERMON “SCHOOL DAYS! SCHOOL DAYS! REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL
I – NAME TAGS”

**HYMN #451 (UMH) “BE THOU MY VISION”

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 – STEVE GILMORE, 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 #462 (UMH) “TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS”**

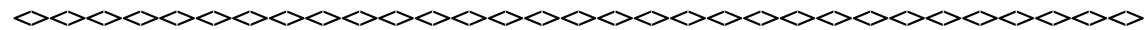
****DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

****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“TRUMPET TUNE” ARR. BY HARRIS

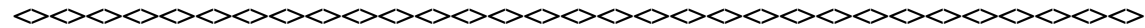


****Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

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

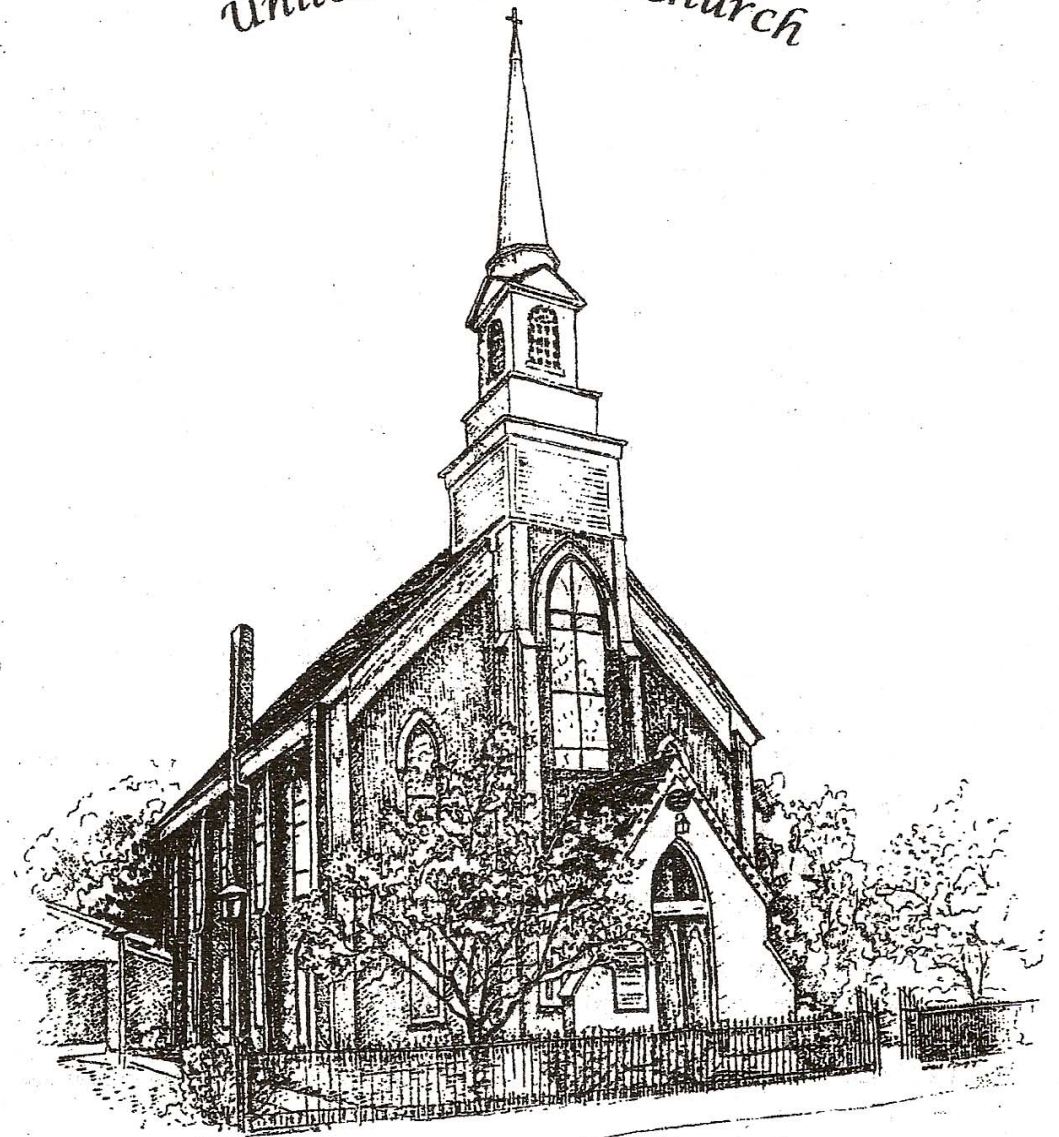
Joe Archie, District Superintendent

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

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

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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.

IT'S KICKOFF SUNDAY! Don't forget that *Sunday School* starts up today at 9:45 am. There are classes for people of all ages! Head on down to Weldin Hall and find a class that fits you, and the join in the learning, fellowship and fun! Then *Youth Group* kick off their season with their always popular Scavenger Hunt beginning at 5:30 pm in Weldin Hall with a potluck dinner. All youth from grades 6 to 12 are invited and encouraged to come and join in the fun and fellowship, and help make plans for a great year ahead!

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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CIRCLES START THE FALL SEASON THIS WEEK! All women of the church are invited to take part in one of our UMW circles this year. The Ruth/Sarah Circle meets on the second Wednesday of each month at noon in Weldin Hall, and the Dorcas Circle meets on the second Thursday night of each month at 6:30 pm in Weldin Hall. No need to sign up ahead of time, just show up and enjoy great fellowship with other women of the church!

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.

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.

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!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM..... Worship Services
8:30 AM-12:30 PM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Rm. 24)
9:45 AM Sunday School Kick Off (Weldin Hall) (all ages)
5:30 PM..... Youth Group Kick Off with Scavenger Hunt and Potluck Dinner (Weldin Hall)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

5:30 PM..... Gentle Yoga (Hospitality Area)
6:00 PM..... Cub Scout Meeting (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM..... Evangelism/Membership Committee Meeting (Conf. Room)
7:00 PM..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 26)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

5:00 PM..... Chair Yoga (Wesley Wing)
5:30 PM..... Cecil County Choral Society Potluck Dinner (WH)
6:30 PM..... Communications Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM..... Nar-Anon Meeting (Room 1)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

10:30 AM Tele-Care Committee Meeting (Room 1)
12:00 PM..... Ruth-Sarah Circle Meeting (Weldin Hall)
6:15 PM..... Communion (Chapel)
6:30-8:00 PM Prom Boutique (Basement)
6:30 PM..... Men's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM..... Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Weldin Hall)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

12:30 PM..... Weight Watchers Meeting (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM..... Dorcas Circle Meeting (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM..... Finance Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
8:00 PM..... AA Meeting (Room 1)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

October Newsletter Deadline

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Prom Boutique (Basement)

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Bethany Buckley

Readers: 8:30 – Tom White 11:00 – Jack Kovicak

Acolytes: 8:30 – Andrew Noll 11:00 – Joe Ingram

Greeters: 8:30 – Joyce Browne and
Sonia Dulin 11:00 – Kim and Bobby Heath

Welcome Center:

8:10-8:30 & 10:40-11:00 &
9:30-9:50 – Linda White 12:00-12:20 – Denise Lee

Hospitality: 8:30 – Grace Achuff and
Lea Gochnauer 11:00 – Ruth Loomis and
Shirley Robinson

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Dave Sentman 11:00 – Helen Hanel

Nursery: 8:30 – TBD 11:00 – Katie Sparks

Tech Team: 8:30 – Rob Kovicak and
Paige Laning 11:00 – Roger Robinson

Parking Lot

Knights: Kevin White, Wayne Eller, Ken McCoy, Bob Perkins, Gary Lewis,
Rod Perrine and Jack Williams.

Ushers: 8:30 – Murray Thompson, Rich Gruebel, Wayne Scholz, Jim Dech, Hank
Fehlman, Dick Gochnauer, Bill Moffitt and Richard VanSchaick.
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Ken McCoy, Bart Funke, Bill
Ferringer, Ed Hendricks, Rich Jones, Phil Norman and Gary
Storke.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in memory of our grandson, Danny, given by Maryann and Wayne Scholz.

FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN are in honor of my father-in-law, Jim Slayman, for his 100th birthday given by the Slayman family.

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

Members and Friends

Ben Allen (8/12) (Nadine’s brother)

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 (9/9)

Ruth Dvorak (9/9) (Sonia Dulin’s
sister)

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 (9/9)

Barbara McKeown (9/9)

Ed McKeown (9/9)

Al Morgan (9/2)

Jane Arrants-Parrack (9/9)

Jen Redmond (9/9) (Gruebel’s
neighbor)

Bob Shumate (9/9) (Ina Andrew’s
brother-in-law)

Jennifer Spangenberg (9/2)

Cheri Stout (9/9) (Donna Perkins’
sister-in-law)

Mike VanDenHeuvel (9/9)

Bill Vassalotti (8/26)

Linda Webster (9/9)

Ken Wesley (9/2)

Owen Wevadou (9/9)

Carolyn Williams (9/9) (Murray
Thompson’s sister)

Abbey Manor

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Henry Jacobs

Jim Melvin

Citizens Nursing Home

Jackie McGuirk

Health South

Vickie Cebula

Laurelwood

Helen Meyers

Thank you

Thank you for all your prayers,
cards, visits and phone calls during
my recent cancer procedure and
subsequent hospital stay. Our
church family is the greatest. Bill
Ferringer

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.**

September

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Friday

Saturday

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