

# Elkton United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

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, ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE ..... “WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING” ..... ARR. BY WALTHER

SUNG RESPONSE #211 (UMH)..... “O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL” (stanza 1)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Watch! Wait! The day of God is at hand!

**People: Like the bud on a tree, God’s possibilities are about to blossom!**

Leader: Stay awake! The reign of God is very near.

**People: We are here, watching and waiting with hope. May God bring justice  
to all people this very day. We rejoice in God as children of the**

**Light!**

\*\*HYMN #3047 (W&S)..... “GOD ALMIGHTY, WE ARE WAITING”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SUNG RESPONSE (sung to the tune of “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”)

**Kindle the flame of hope, may it burn bright and true.**

**Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.**

PRAYER (in unison)

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to  
prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles. We have  
ignored the promise of your kingdom. We get distracted by all the busyness of this  
season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the**

**intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we  
may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us.  
Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING - 8:30 ..... LAURIE RUTH, SOLOIST  
11:00.....”CARRY HIS LIGHT” ..... CHANCEL CHOIR

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, JEREMIAH 33:14-16 (page 738)

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 21:25-36 (page 85)

Leader : This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**People : Thanks be to God!**

\*\*RESPONSE #204 (UMH) ..... “EMMANUEL”

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel,  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

SERMON ..... “THERE WILL BE SIGNS”.....REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

\*\*HYMN #3048 (W&S) ..... “VIEW THE PRESENT THROUGH THE PROMISE”

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION, PAGE 12 (UMH)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

\*\*THE PEACE

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE #217 ..... “AWAY IN A MANGER” (stanza 3)

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee  
there.**

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ..... “ON JORDAN’S BANK THE BAPTIST CRY” .... ARR. BY HOPSON

\*\*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, PAGE 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. After receiving, you are welcome to pray at the chancel rail for as long as you wish, and then return to your pew.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**\*\*HYMN #209 (UMH) ..... "BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL"**

**\*\*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 ..... "RECESSIONAL" ..... HUGHES



**\*\*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
- Elizabeth Gullion..... Secretary
- Bill Vassalotti..... Treasurer
- Sandy Wherry..... Director of Youth
- Sharon Williams ..... Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries
- Donald Ewing/Donna Horgan ..... Sextons

## 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 is now 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.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATION TODAY** – Today, at 9:45 am in the sanctuary, our Church and Society Committee will be presenting an information session on the upcoming UMC General Conference. Come and learn about the issues that will be discussed and voted upon at the conference in February of 2019, which will impact all of us.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019 AVAILABLE TODAY** – If you use offering envelopes, your envelopes for 2019 are ready to be picked up from the counter across from the Welcome Center. Your picking up the envelopes saves the church the expense of sending them in the mail. **Please note: Some envelope numbers have been changed.**

**ATTENTION WOMEN'S RETREAT PARTICIPANTS** – Just a reminder that your last installment payment is due now. Send or bring it into the church office.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNION** – On Wednesday evening, Holy Communion is offered in the chapel at 6:15 p.m. and is led by Ivan Mehosky. All are welcome.

**CECIL COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT** – Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Cecil County Choral Society's Concert here at our church on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. The concert will feature a children's choir, which includes children from our church. Just a heads up – you'll want to get here early to get a seat. Last year's performance was standing room only!

**CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' DECEMBER MEETING** – The Classic Christians (age 50 and over) will meet on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Weldin Hall for the December/Christmas meeting. The night will begin with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and continue on with Christmas music and fun. To take part, sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

## LOOKING AHEAD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – UMW COOKIE WALK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> – CECIL COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> – CHARGE CONFERENCE

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM..... Worship Services  
8:30 AM-12:30 PM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Rm. 24)  
9:15 AM ..... Youth Choir Rehearsal (Room 1)  
9:45 AM ..... General Conference Presentation (Sanctuary)  
9:45 AM ..... Sunday School (all ages)  
6:00 PM..... Youth Group

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018

11:00 AM ..... Line Dancing (Weldin Hall)  
6:00 PM..... Cub Scout Meeting (Weldin Hall)  
7:00 PM..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 26)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018

2:30 PM..... Nursing Home Visitation (McCardell Team)  
7:00 PM..... Cecil County Choral Society Rehearsal (WH)  
7:00 PM..... Nar-Anon Meeting (Room 1)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018

6:15 PM..... Communion (Chapel)  
6:30 PM..... Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM..... Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Weldin Hall)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

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

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018

5:00 PM ..... Cookie Walk Setup (Weldin Hall)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM..... Cookie Walk (Weldin Hall)  
9:00 AM ..... Choir Rehearsal

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Worship Leader:** Bethany Buckley

**Readers:** 8:30 – Bill Moffitt                      11:00 – Bret Eddinger

**Acolytes:** 8:30 – Ryan Zimmer                      11:00 – Jack Edler

**Greeters:** 8:30 – Mabel Gary                      11:00 – Allene Rittenhouse &  
Ada Winkowski                      Linda Boulden

**Welcome Center:**

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

**Hospitality:** 8:30 – Jane MacDonald                      11:00 – Ruth Loomis &  
Gale Willis                      Arlene Zappo

**Hall Monitors:** 8:30 – Rich Achuff                      11:00 – Bob Perkins

**Nursery:** 8:30 – Jack Kovicak                      11:00 – TBD

**Tech Team:** 8:30 – Joe Buckley and                      11:00 – Gail and Rich Juergens  
Jamie Laning

**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, Jamie Laning,  
Jane MacDonald, Bob MacDonald, Deborah McDowell,  
Ted McDowell  
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charles Campbell, Ken McCoy, Barton Funke,  
Buddy Camors, Faye Camors, Robert Mitchell,  
Michael Schmook, Ray Whiteoak

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in loving memory of my mother and Grammy, whose birthdays were December 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, by Carolann and Gary Lewis.

**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

Shane Hatfield (friend of the  
Pugh's)

Capt. Tim Johnson

Elizabeth Juergens

Eric Luppold

Garrett Mann

Joe Moore

Brandon 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**

Cindy Abrams (11/11) (Ted & Deb  
McDowell’s niece)

Ben Allen (11/25) (Nadine’s brother)

Les Andrews (11/4)

Julie Argoe (11/4)

Kathy Brown (11/25)

Enid Brumbley (11/25) Diane Mauk’s  
mother

Vickie Cebula (11/25)

Beverly Cheeks (12/2)

Dottie Cochran (12/2)

Barbara Dean (12/2)

Ruth Dvorak (11/25) (Sonia Dulin’s  
sister)

Marlene Gautsch (11/25)

Robyn Graham (11/25)

Charlotte Gruebel (11/11) (Rich’s  
mother)

Barbara Herr (11/11) (Dick

Gochnauer’s sister)

Brian Kirley (12/2)

Ken McCoy (11/25)

Ed McKeown (11/25)

Al Morgan (11/26)

Carrie Olewine (11/4)

Ernie Olsen (11/25)

Jane Arrants-Parrack (11/25)

John Pugh (11/4)

Audrey Russell (11/11) (Lucille’s  
mother-in-law)

Bob Shumate (11/25) (Ina Andrew’s  
brother-in-law)

Cheri Stout (11/25) (Donna Perkins’  
sister-in-law)

Mike VanDenHeuvel (11/25)

Owen Wevadou (11/25)

Cathy Williams (11/25)

Connie Wilkinson (11/11)

Ken Wyerman (11/25) (Sue Ivey’s  
father)

Danielle & Tim Rothermel (12/2) (Rich  
& Ellen Gruebel’s neighbors)

Pauline Taylor (12/2) (Dave Wherry’s  
mother)

### **Abbey Manor**

Mildred McCormick

### **Calvert Manor**

Henry Jacobs

Jim Melvin

### **Citizens Nursing Home**

Jackie McGuirk

### **Elkton Transition**

Wanda Webber

### **Laurelwood**

Helen Meyers

### **Thank You**

Your generous gifts, cards,  
phone calls, visits, and  
prayers were greatly  
appreciated during the  
time of our mother Lillian  
Armstrong’s illness and  
passing. This church  
has been a living example  
of Christ’s love to our  
family. Love, Ruth  
Dvorak, Sonia Dulin  
And Loretta Brockell

### **Hospital**

Keith McKenica

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.**

# December

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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<b>2</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> <b>Communion</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>3</b> 11:00 AM Line Dancing 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>4</b> 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Nancy McCardell's Team) 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg. 7:00 PM CCCS Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>6</b> 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Board of Laity (Parlor) 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Cookie Walk 
<b>9</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM Cecil County Choral Society Winter Concert 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>10</b> 6:00 PM Cub Scout Mtg. 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Cecil County Choral Society Board Meeting 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg.	<b>12</b> 10:30 AM Tele-Care Committee Meeting 12:00 PM Ruth-Sarah Circle Luncheon 2:00 PM Common Ground 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>13</b> <b>January Newsletter Deadline</b> 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM Dorcas Circle Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>14</b> 12:00 PM Community Blood Drive (WH) 6:30 PM Classic Christians' Potluck Dinner/Program	<b>15</b> 9:30 AM Charge Conference (WH)
<b>16</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> <b>Choir Cantata</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School Christmas Program 11:00 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM Blue Christmas Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>17</b> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg.	<b>19</b> 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Cracker Barrel) 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>20</b> 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>21</b> <i>First Day of Winter</i> 	<b>22</b> 5:00 PM Youth Progressive Dinner
<b>23</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> <b>Children's Time</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve Office Closed</b> 5:00 PM Family Service 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM Candlelight Services 10:00 PM Communion	<b>25</b> <b>Merry Christmas! Office Closed</b> 	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:00 AM Worship Service	<b>31</b>					



*You're Invited to Remember and Give Thanks  
For Someone Special This Christmas*

*You're invited to remember someone special in your life this Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia for our altar area for Christmas Eve, or by giving a monetary gift toward the purchase of a mosquito net for the United Methodist Church's "Imagine No Malaria" campaign. Whichever gift you choose, the cost is \$11.00, and all gifts will be listed in a special bulletin insert for our Christmas Eve services. The last day to order will be Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.*

***\*\*If you are ordering a poinsettia and a net, please make separate payments!! Thank you!***

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Or In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Amount attached: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Envelope/On-line #: \_\_\_\_\_**

Poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_ or Net \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks out to Elkton UMC and write "poinsettia" or "net" on the memo line.**

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