

**Elkton United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, December 30, 2018**  
**First Sunday after Christmas**  
**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

PRELUDE.....“ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY” ..... ARR. BY HOPSON

RESPONSE #328 (UMH)..... “SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD”

**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: Rejoice, for God has sent the Messiah

**People: to bind up the brokenhearted,**

Leader: to proclaim liberty to the captives,

**People: to grant those who mourn a garland instead of ashes,**

Leader: the mantle of praise, instead of a faint spirit.

**People: Arise, shine, for our light has come!**

\*\*HYMN #220 (UMH)..... “ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Eternal God, who can make all things new, we humbly bring before you the record of our lives in the year soon ending. Where life has been good for us, do not let us take more of the credit than we deserve. Where we have been good to others, help us to forget all thoughts of honor and reward. Where we have fallen short, forgive us, and free us from brooding over what is past. Cleanse us by your mercy, guide us**

**by your truth, fill us with your love, lead us forward in your all-conquering hope, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING ..... “THE BIRTHDAY OF A KING” ..... WOMEN’S TRIO

EPISTLE LESSON, COLOSSIANS 3:12-17 (page 301)

MUSICAL OFFERING..... “ON A NIGHT OF WONDER” ..... CHANCEL CHOIR

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON, MATTHEW 25:31-46 (page 29)

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.....“PRESCRIPTION FOR A NEW YEAR”..... REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER, #607 (UMH)

\*\*HYMN #383 (UMH)..... “THIS IS A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS”

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 .....“FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME”..... ARR. BY WALTHER

**\*\*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!**

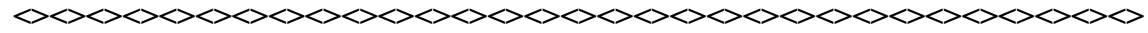
**\*\*HYMN (see insert).....“ON THIS DAY OF CELEBRATION”**

**\*\*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 .....“NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE” ..... WEBER

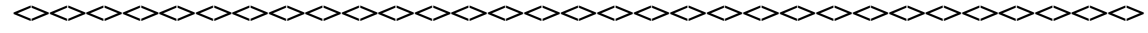


**\*\*Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

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**

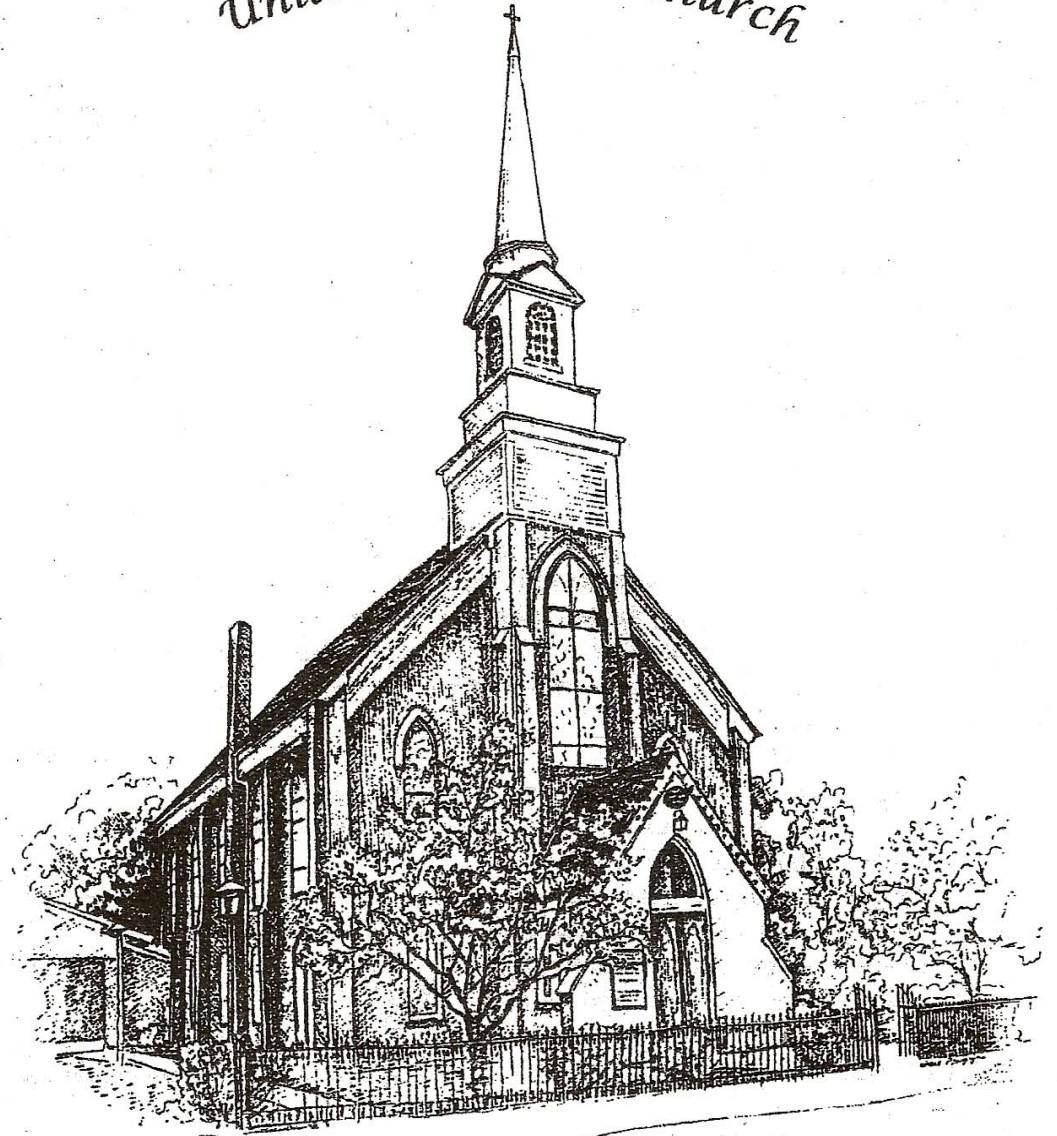
Peggy Johnson, Bishop  
Joe Archie, District Superintendent

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  
Beth Gullion..... 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.”*

## 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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNION** – Communion will not be offered on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**CHURCH SECURITY** – In order to do everything possible to ensure our congregation's safety, the Security Committee is beginning a new procedure next Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, which is to lock the front door of the church five minutes after services begin. After that point, entry can be gained to the church through the back (parking lot) door where the parking lot “knights” are stationed. A sign will be posted out front about this new procedure. Again, this is meant to be one of the steps we are taking (with more to come) to ensure the safety of all who worship at Elkton UMC.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**January 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> - Women's Retreat in Ocean City, MD**

**January 27<sup>th</sup> – Forum and Dialogue Session on “The Way Forward”  
(see bulletin insert for details)**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Joy of Faith Weekend featuring Ryan and Friends!**

**February 24<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scout Sunday with Pancake Breakfast**

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

10:00 AM..... Worship Service

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018

7:00 PM..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 26)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019

9:00 AM..... AARP Tax Training (Weldin Hall)

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, JANUARY 3, 2019

12:30 PM..... Weight Watchers (Weldin Hall)

7:00 PM..... Board of Laity

8:00 PM..... AA Meeting (Room 1)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019

9:00 AM..... AARP

## **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

### **Hospital**

#### **Members and Friends**

Cindy Abrams (12/16) (Ted & Deb

McDowell’s niece)

Ben Allen (12/16) (Nadine’s brother)

Don Andrews (12/16)

Les Andrews (12/9)

Donna Baker (12/16)

Enid Brumbley (12/16) Diane Mauk’s  
Mother

Beth Camarra (12/9)

Vickie Cebula (12/16)

Beverly Cheeks (12/2)

Dottie Cochran (12/2)

Josephine Correau (12/30) (Ron

Fetterolf’s aunt)

Jaxon Davis (12/9)

Barbara Dean (12/2)

Ruth Dvorak (12/16) (Sonia Dulin’s  
sister)

Marlene Gautsch (12/16)

Robyn Graham (12/16)

Charlotte Gruebel (12/16) (Rich’s  
mother)

Sharon Halsey (12/9)

Sheila Hendricks (12/30)

Liz Herr (12/16) (Dick Gohnauer’s  
niece)

Ken McCoy (12/16)

Ed McKeown (12/16)

Carrie Olewine (12/9)

Jane Arrants-Parrack (12/16)

Audrey Russell (12/16) (Lucille’s  
mother-in-law)

Bennie Sharp (12/9)

Bob Shumate (12/16) (Ina Andrew’s  
brother-in-law)

Cheri Stout (12/16) (Donna Perkins’  
sister-in-law)

Mike VanDenHeuvel (12/16)

Wanda Webber (12/9)

Owen Wevadou (12/16)

Cathy Williams (12/16)

Connie Wilkinson (12/16)

Ken Wyerman (12/16) (Sue Ivey’s  
father)

### **Abbey Manor**

Mildred McCormick

### **Calvert Manor**

Henry Jacobs

Jim Melvin

### **Laurelwood**

Helen Meyers

### **In Sympathy**

To the Family & Friends of Nancy

Clugston

To the family and friends of Audrey

Russell

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.**

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Worship Leader:** Kim Artrip

**Reader:** Jack Kovicak

**Acolytes:** Noah Noll

**Greeters:** Donna Horgan & Kim and Jack Edler

**Hospitality:** Wendy Eller & Connie Wilkinson

**Hall Monitors:** Barb Pinder

**Nursery:** John Sparks

**Tech Team:** Roger Robinson

### **Parking Lot**

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

**Ushers:** Murray Thompson, Rich Gruebel, Wayne Scholz, Frank Deibert, Charles Campbell, Ken McCoy, Barton Funke

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in given by Judy and Joe Tanner, wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

**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.

# January

# 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<b>1</b> New Year's Day! Office Closed 	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM AARP Training 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Board of Laity 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM AARP Training	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Children's Choir 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM AARP Training 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:00 PM Women's Retreat Meeting 6:30 PM Evang. Meeting 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Betty's Team) 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg. 7:00 PM CCCS Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM AARP Training 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>10</b> 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>11</b> 12:00 PM Community Blood Drive (WH)	<b>12</b>
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<b>20</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Children's Choir 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>21</b> <b>MLK Holiday Office Closed</b> 9:00 AM AARP Training 7:00 OM Handbell Choir	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg. 6:00 PM CCCS Board Meeting	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM AARP Training 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM AARP Training 6:30 PM Classic Christians	<b>26</b>
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