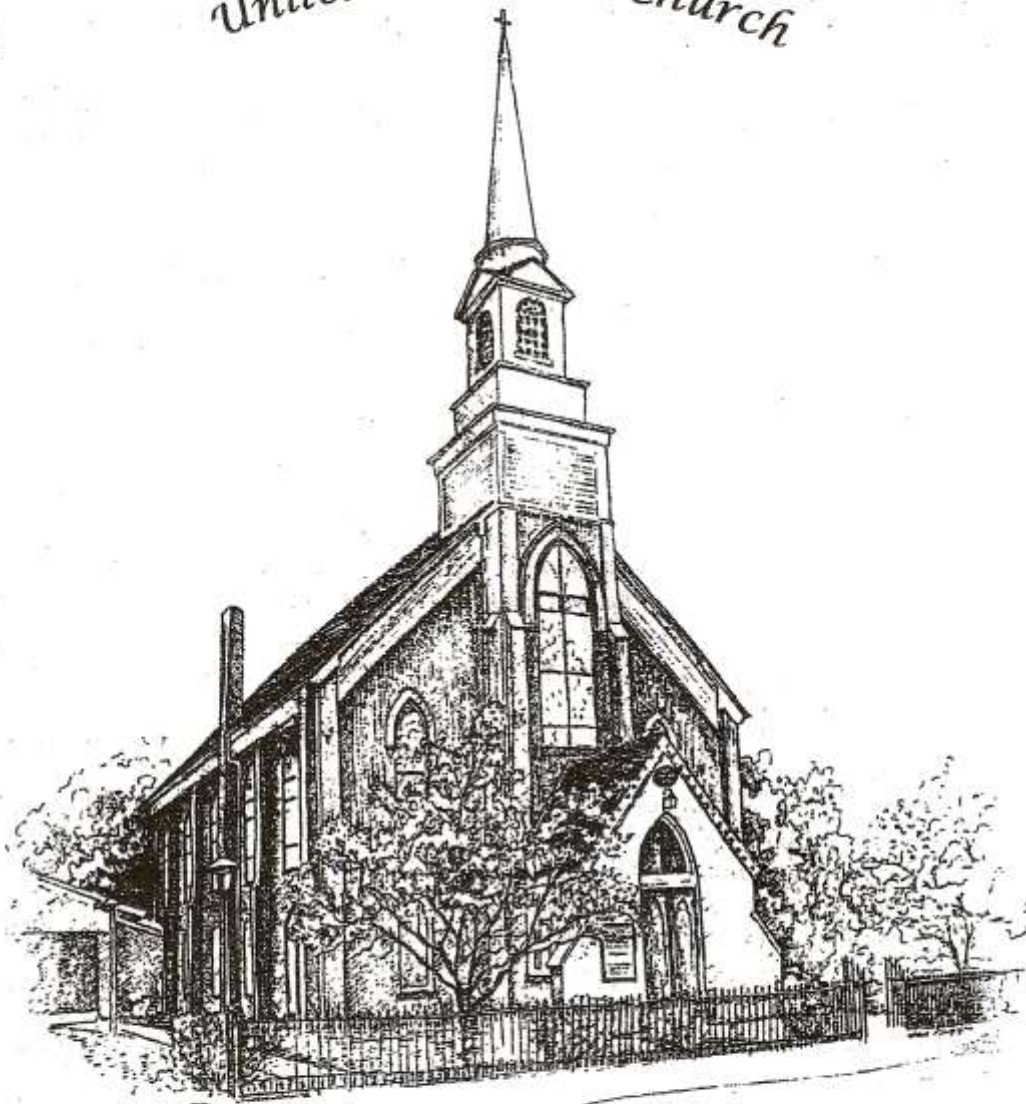


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Elkton United Methodist Church
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 31, 2019
8:30 a.m. † 11:00 a.m.

- ▶ 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“AMAZING GRACE”¹ARR. BY LINKER

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: Come, let us gather in the awareness of God’s love.

People: God’s love has brought us to this place; it has made of us a church.

Leader: We can live with confidence and hope, in the assurance that we are forgiven and accepted by a power greater than ourselves.

People: Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.

All: Let us praise this God of endless grace, and offer our hearts’ true worship.

**HYMN #400 (UMH)“COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, we can hardly believe that you have given us life and salvation as a free gift in Jesus Christ! We confess that we continually try to carry the burden of sin and salvation on our own shoulders, rather than trusting your

forgiveness and seeking new life in your Spirit. Help us to place our trust in you, and to accept the gift of new life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERINGSTEVE GILMORE, SOLOIST

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, PSALM 32 (page 506-507)

MUSICAL OFFERING - 8:30.....STEVE GILMORE, SOLOIST
11:00..... “COME, LET US REASON”¹CHANCEL CHOIR

**GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 15: 1-3, 11-32 (page 78-79)

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

People: Thanks be to God

**RESPONSE #599 (UMH)“BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE” (stanza 1)

**Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!**

SERMON..... “JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES:REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL
IV – THE ONE WHO FORGIVES”

**HYMN #3105 (W&S)..... “IN CHRIST ALONE”

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 - 8:30“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”¹ARR. BY LINKER
11:00 STEVE GILMORE, SOLOIST

**DOXOLOGY, #95 (UMH) “PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**HYMN #3101 (W&S)..... “LOVE LIFTED ME”

**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“FANFARE AND MARCH”¹ HENRY PURCELL



****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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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 is now posted on-line as well. To see a video, go to 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.

TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY! This is the day we give our annual offering to the operating budget of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR helps victims of disaster whenever it strikes around the world. It moves in quickly, and stays longer than most other agencies, and helps get people back on their feet. If you were here in worship last week, you already have your UMCOR offering envelope, but if you weren't, please see an usher – they have extras. Please give as generously as you can to this once-a-year offering. Through UMCOR, we are the hands and feet of Jesus for hurting people.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES – Starting next Sunday, we'll be looking for donations for our final college care package of the school year. These packages will go out to our students just in time for final exams and papers. Bring your donations of goodies (granola bars, chips, cookies, candy, etc.) to the College Care Package box near the Welcome Center. We'll be collecting until the last Sunday in April.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:30 pm

Cecil County Choral Society Concert (in our sanctuary)

Sunday, April 14th

Chancel Choir Cantata at both services

Easter Egg Hunt for families at noon in Weldin Hall

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

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

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

- 9:00 AM..... AARP Tax Service (Weldin Hall)
6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 26)

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

- 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Betty Budrow's Team)
7:00 PM Nar-Anon Meeting (Room 1)
7:30 PM Cecil County Choral Society Concert (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

- 12:00 PM Lenten Lunch and Learn (Weldin Hall)
6:15 PM Communion (Chapel)
6:30 PM Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

- 12:00 PM..... Weight Watchers (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM Board of Laity (Parlor)
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Room 1)



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Kim Artrip

Readers: 8:30 – Damien Hollyday 11:00 – Bobby Heath

Acolytes: 8:30 – Nathan Kovicak 11:00 – Jack Edler

Greeters: 8:30 – Sue Ivey & Judy Pugh 11:00 – Kim & Bobby Heath

Welcome

Center: 8:30 – Bethany Buckley 11:00 – Heidi Gaultney

Hospitality: 8:30 – Carolann Lewis & Judy Pugh 11:00 – Mary Mackie & Dianne Thompson

Hall Monitors: 8:30 – Lorraine & Rich Jones 11:00 – Helen Hanel

Nursery: 8:30 – TBD 11:00 – TBD

Tech Team: 8:30 – Joe Buckley & Jamie Laning 11:00 – Roger Robinson & Josh Hamilton

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, Tim McCardell, Bill Moffitt, Robert Parrack
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charles Campbell, Ken McCoy, Barton Funke, William Carroll, Sr., David Gray, Richard Jones, Paul Schneider

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in honor of family and friends given by Jane and Bob MacDonald.

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)

Thomas Walmsley (Carolann Lewis'
grandson)

William Henry Wright, Jr.

Matthew Yarrington (Wanda
Jackson's son-in-law)

Jacob Zervas

Hospital

Dave Pugh (3/24)

Ann Patterson (3/17) (Patti's
mother)

Gifford Biles (3/24)

Members and Friends

Don Andrews (3/24)

Les Andrews (3/24)

Peg Bunnell (3/24)

Beth Camarra (3/24)

Buddy Camors (3/24)

Vickie Cebula (3/24)

Beverly Cheeks (3/10)

Josephine Correau (3/24) (Ron
Fetterolf's Aunt)

Anna Cote (3/10)

Barbara Dean (3/24)

Ruth Deibert (3/10)

Ruth Dvorak (3/24) (Sonia Dulin's
Sister)

Dennis Elmore (3/3) (Tom Kyne's
uncle)

Cecilia Gaultney (3/31)

Marlene Gautsch (3/24)

Charlotte Gruebel (3/24) (Rich's
mother)

Betsy Kent (3/10)

Nancy Leathrum (2/24)

Jack Lloyd (3/3)

Ken McCoy (3/24)

Ed McKeown (3/24)

Al Morgan (3/24)

Jane Arrants-Parrack (3/24)

Jenette Ports (3/24)

Rich Robinson (3/17)

Jen Rowles (3/31)

Frances Schneider (3/24)

Jay Sexton (3/3)

Stos Sfinas (3/3)

PJ Smith (3/3)

Miles Stiefrater (3/10)

Cheri Stout (3/24) (Donna Perkins'
sister-in-law)

Mike VanDenHeuvel (3/24)

Bill Vassalotti (3/3)

Owen Wevadou (3/17)

Mary Whitehead (3/3)

Ken Wyerman (3/24) (Sue Ivey's
father)

Abbey Manor

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Henry Jacobs

Jim Melvin

Elkton Transitions

Akiko Johnson

Laurelwood

Ben Allen (3/24) (Nadine's brother)

Sympathy

To Alice Holland on the death of her
husband Ed.

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.**

March

2019

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