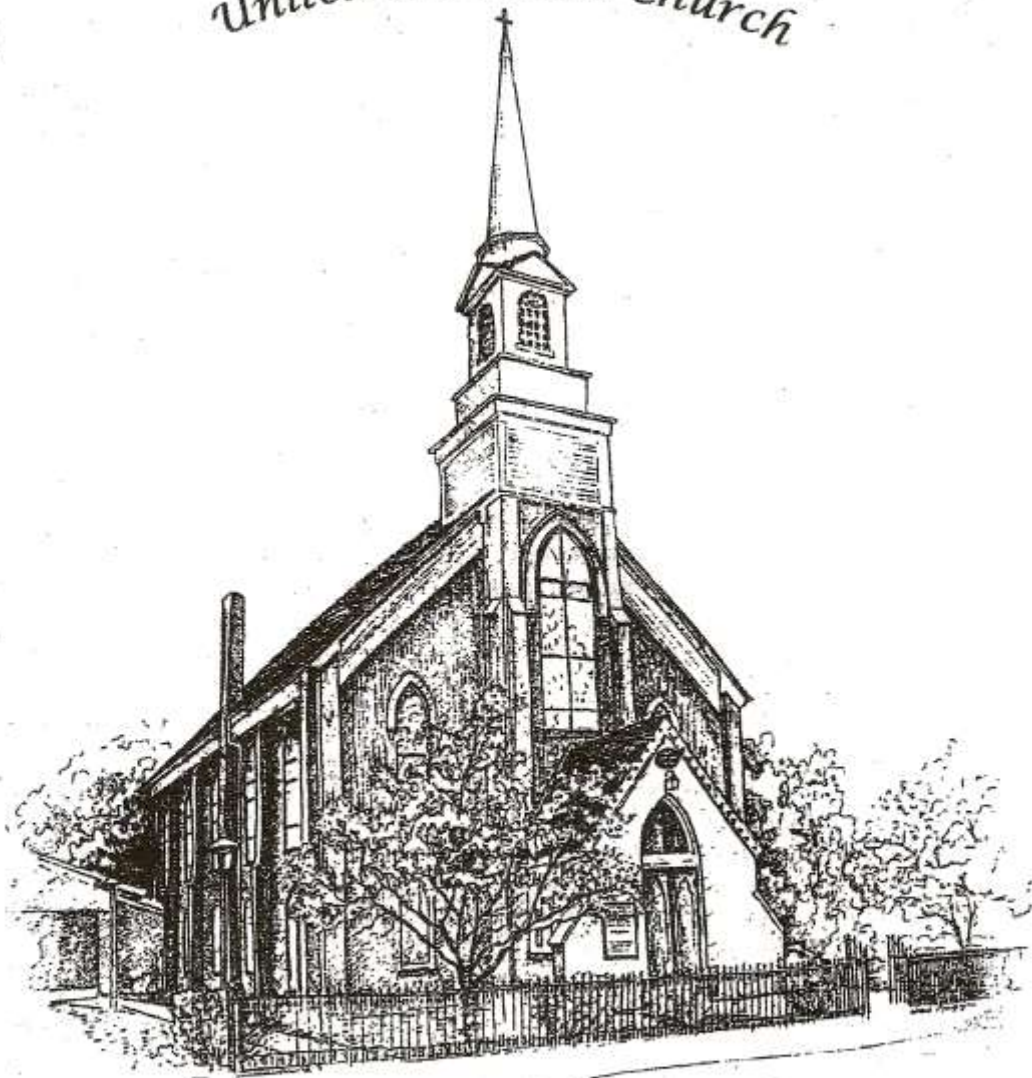


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Elkton United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 8, 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 “HYMN”¹ D. WAGNER

RESPONSE #393 (UMH) - 8:30 “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.

CHORAL INTROIT - 11:00 “WORSHIP THE LORD”¹ LLOYD LARSON

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God, the Source of Love and Life, who creates us.

People: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

People: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord!

**HYMN #126 (UMH) “SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God who loves us, you have always given us what we need. You have taken care of us even when we could not care for ourselves. You have given us life and breath. Yet, too often, we still doubt you, we still go on our own way and rebel against you. O God, we have hurt ourselves and others by being so fiercely independent. Give us courage enough to place our trust in you. May

we always remember that, like a great quilt maker, you take all the pieces and put them together into one beautiful, coherent whole. In that we trust, and in Jesus' name we lift this our prayer. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERINGSUE JOHNSON, SOLOIST

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, PSALM 51:1-17 (page 520-521)

MUSICAL OFFERING - 8:30SUE JOHNSON, SOLOIST
11:00 "O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD"¹ CHANCEL CHOIR

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

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..... "GOD'S GIFTS: I – PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER" REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

**HYMN #2146 (TFWS) "HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW"

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.

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CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "PRAISE SONG"¹ D. WAGNER

**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 #2008 (TFWS) “LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING”

**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 “THE POWER AND THE GLORY”¹L. SMITH



****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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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:

Joe DeHaven

Shane Hatfield (friend of the
Pugh's)

Capt. Tim Johnson

Elizabeth Juergens

Garrett Mann

Joe Moore

Brandon Pearson

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

Members and Friends

Joann Achuff (8/18)

Don Andrews (8/25)

Les Andrews (8/25)

John and Rhonda Brown (9/1)

Peg Bunnell (8/25)

Beth Camarra (8/25)

Buddy Camors (8/25)

Vickie Cebula (8/25)

Mildred Chinski (8/11)

Patty Corder (8/25)

Virginia Davis (9/8) (Grace

Achuff's mother)

Sadie Detweiler (8/25)

Jessica Dulin (8/25) (Sonia Dulin's
Granddaughter)

Ruth Dvorak (8/25) (Sonia Dulin's
Sister)

Finley Freedman (8/25)

Cecilia Gaultney (8/25)

Marlene Gautsch (8/11)

Charlotte Gruebel (8/25) (Rich's
Mother)

Muff Hurst (8/25)

Bill Mackie (8/11)

Ken McCoy (8/25)

Ed McKeown (8/25)

Jerry McNabb (8/11)

Ray McNemar (9/1) Betty

McCarthy's cousin)

Ivan Mehosky (8/25)

Al Morgan (9/8)

Diana Morgan-Klusak (8/11)

Frank Mueller (8/18)

Bill Osburn (8/11)

Jane Arrants-Parrack (8/25)

Gail Piazza (8/25)

Dave Pugh (8/11)

Kameron Salamon (Nadine Allen's
great-grandson)

Frances Schneider (8/25)

Wayne Scholz (8/25)

Scott Seltzer (8/11)

Jay Sexton (9/8)

Stos Sfinas (8/25)

Robert Shumate (9/8) (Ina
Andrews' brother-in-law)

George Singleton (9/1) (Ginny
Corona's brother)

Mike VanDenHeuvel (8/25)

Eileen Vitak (8/25)

Owen Wevadou (8/25)

Ann Whitt (8/25)

Connie Wilkinson (9/1)

Ken Wyerman (8/25) (Sue Ivey's
father)

Abbey Manor

Jane Cebula

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Joyce Dech

Henry Jacobs

Jim Melvin

Middletown Encompass

Rehab

Wanda Webber

Sympathy

To the family and friends of Keith
Sinclair

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:	Mike Schmook	
Readers:	8:30 – Susan Starrett	11:00 – Heidi Gaultney
Acolytes:	8:30 – Ryan Zimmer	11:00 – Joe Ace
Greeters:	8:30 – Barb Pinder & Nancy Crawford	11:00 – Ed & Sheila Hendricks
Welcome Center:	8:30 – Barb Pinder	11:00 – Kim Heath
Hospitality:	8:30 – TBD	11:00 – Carol Robinson & Allene Rittenhouse
Hall Monitors:	8:30 – Dave Sentman	11:00 – Barb & Sonny Tenney
Nursery:	8:30 – TBD	11:00 – TBD
Tech Team:	8:30 – Joe Buckley & Paige Laning	11:00 – TBD

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, Dick Gochner, Bill Moffitt, Richard VanSchaick

11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charles Campbell, Ken McCoy, Barton Funke, Edward Hendricks, Richard Jones, Phil Norman, Gary Storke

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Rev. Karen Bunnell in memory of her father and Bob Heath and their battle with ALS, and for all those fighting the battle today.

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.

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 SERVICE – 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 service is now 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 our You Tube Channel where you can watch the entire service each week.

TODAY IS KICKOFF SUNDAY! Today is the kickoff of our fall season in the church. Sunday School begins again, and everyone is welcome to the “Kickoff Carnival” being held in Weldin Hall at 9:45 am. Go and learn about all of the exciting classes being offered this fall! We also welcome back our Chancel Choir, and hope they've had a wonderful, restful summer. We look forward to hearing their wonderful voices this morning!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY – If you are interested in taking part in this faith-based study on money management, debt reduction and more, which will take place on Sunday nights, please sign up as soon as possible. Please remember that, though there is a cost associated with the course, scholarship money is available if needed. To sign up, go to the church website – elktonumc.org. Questions? Contact Linda Meffley at lritt2012@gmail.com.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES – We're going to be sending out our first care packages near the end of September, so now's the time to be making donations of things like crackers, cookies, granola bars, gum, microwaveable mac-n-cheese, etc. We'll be collecting until Sunday, September 29th. Please bring your donations to the bin near the Welcome Center. This package is especially important, because it may reach a freshman (or two) who might be homesick right now!

BISHOP JOHNSON'S NIGHT ON THE WILMINGTON DISTRICT – Everyone is invited to attend a meeting with Bishop Johnson, this Thursday evening, September 12th at Christ the Cornerstone Church on Rt. 896 in Glasgow. There will be a gathering time at 6:30 pm, followed by the meeting with the Bishop at 7 pm. There is no need to sign up ahead of time. All are welcome.

CATHY GOHLKE will be with us next Sunday, September 15th to sign copies of her latest book *The Medallion*. She'll be down in the Hospitality Area after both services.

CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' SEPTEMBER MEETING – The Classic Christians (for those 50 and over) will meet on Friday, September 20th at 6:30 pm in Weldin Hall. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and then continue on with a program featuring Al Bacon and his collection of license plates. Come and hear about Al's fascinating hobby and see what he's collected over the years. To take part, please sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

MANY THANKS to Andee McKenica, for sharing with us her gift of quilting and her beautiful quilts! In the next few weeks of this sermon series, we'll look at dancing, woodcarving and painting as well. Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate these wonderful gifts from God and these wonderful artists in our midst!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

- 6:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (Room 34)
6:30 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 26)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting (Room 1)
6:30 PM Cecil County Choral Society Rehearsal (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM Church and Society Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM Nar-Anon Meeting (Room 1)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

- 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 PM Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Weldin Hall)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

- 12:00 PM Weight Watchers (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM Dorcas Circle Meeting (Weldin Hall)
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Room 1)

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF!

All youth in grades 6-12 and their parents
are invited to a *Youth Group Kickoff Luncheon*

Sunday, September 15th, 12 noon – 2 pm in Weldin Hall
To sign up, email youthdirector@elktonumc.org!



***Come and Help Us Make a Joyful
Noise Unto the Lord!***

The music ministries programs at EUMC are starting up again for the fall season, and we need your help! Listed below are all of the groups and their rehearsal times and start-up dates. We'd love to have you join us and share your musical talents.

Chancel (Adult) Choir – rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. First rehearsal – September 4th.

Men's Choir – rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7 p.m. in the sanctuary. First rehearsal – September 11th.

Children's Choir – (Grade K-5) – rehearses on Sunday mornings 9:15-9:45 a.m. in Room 1. First rehearsal – September 15th.

Adult Handbell Choir – rehearses on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Room (26). First rehearsal – September 9th.

We are also interested in learning about persons who would like to perform solos or sing in small groups, or play an instrument for worship.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these ministries, please fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate.

One of us will be in touch with you very soon.

Suzette Burgess, Chancel Choir and Men's Choir Director/Coordinator of Music Ministries

Paul Deemer, Handbell Choir Director

Susan Starrett, Children's Choir Director

Sharon Williams, Organist

Name _____

Phone# and email _____

I am interested in being a part of _____



COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED

EUMC sends packages to our kids and grandkids who are away from home attending college to let them know we are thinking of them. We do four mailings throughout the school year. They say it's like getting a hug from home!

Turn in your college student's address by using this form and placing it in the offering plate or by emailing it to the church office at eumcadmin@comcast.net.

Name of Student _____

Address of Student _____

Student's Email _____

Name of
Parent/Grandparent _____

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

The Evangelism Committee is rolling out an exciting new program this fall. Financial Peace University is a 9 week course that teaches you how to get out of debt, manage money and budgeting, plan for retirement and more. If this is something you are interested in or know a friend or family member who might be, come to our information session on Aug 18th. FPU can transform your financial life.



With a dedicated trainer, instructional videos, books and financial online tools, you can learn how to achieve financial peace. Take the step to transform your life today. Scholarship money will be available.

25 YEARS OF LIVES CHANGED

Over 5 million people have learned to pay off debt, save and invest for their future with *Financial Peace University*. It's your turn now!

Information session to be held August 18th
between services.

September 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 Communion 8:30 AM Worship Service 8:30 AM Children's Church 11:00 AM Worship Service	2 Labor Day - Office Closed	3 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Nancy McCardell's Team) 6:30 PM CCCS Rehearsal 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	4 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Missions Comm Mtg 7:00 PM Board of Laity 8:00 PM AA Meeting	6	7
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