

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent
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 “ON JORDAN’S BANK THE BAPTIST CRY”¹ ARR. BY H. HOPSON

RESPONSE #211 (UMH) - 8:30 “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.**

CHORAL INTROIT - 11:00 “PREPARE THE WAY O ZION”¹ FRANS MIKAEL FRANZEN

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Today we begin the journey to the manger in Bethlehem. Today, on this first day of Advent, we light the first candle on our Advent wreath – the candle of Hope.

People: We put our hope in the One to come – the promised One who comes to bring good news of salvation.

Leader: We hope in the One who will lead us to walk in the light of the Lord.

People: We light the candle of Hope.

(The acolyte lights one purple candle.)

All: On this day, as the candle burns, we look with hope to the coming of Christ.

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

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..... “THE KING IS COMING SOON”¹ CHANCEL CHOIR

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

**GOSPEL LESSON, MATTHEW 3:1-12 (page 2-3)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

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

SERMON “IT’S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS: REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL
I – BELLS”

**HYMN #3045 (W&S) “DOWN BY THE JORDAN”

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION, PAGE 12 (UMH)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

**THE PEACE

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE #217 (UMH)..... “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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY “THE KING SHALL COME”¹ STEPHEN WEBBER

**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

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

**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 “TOCCATA IN C MAJOR”¹ ARR. BY H. HOPSON



****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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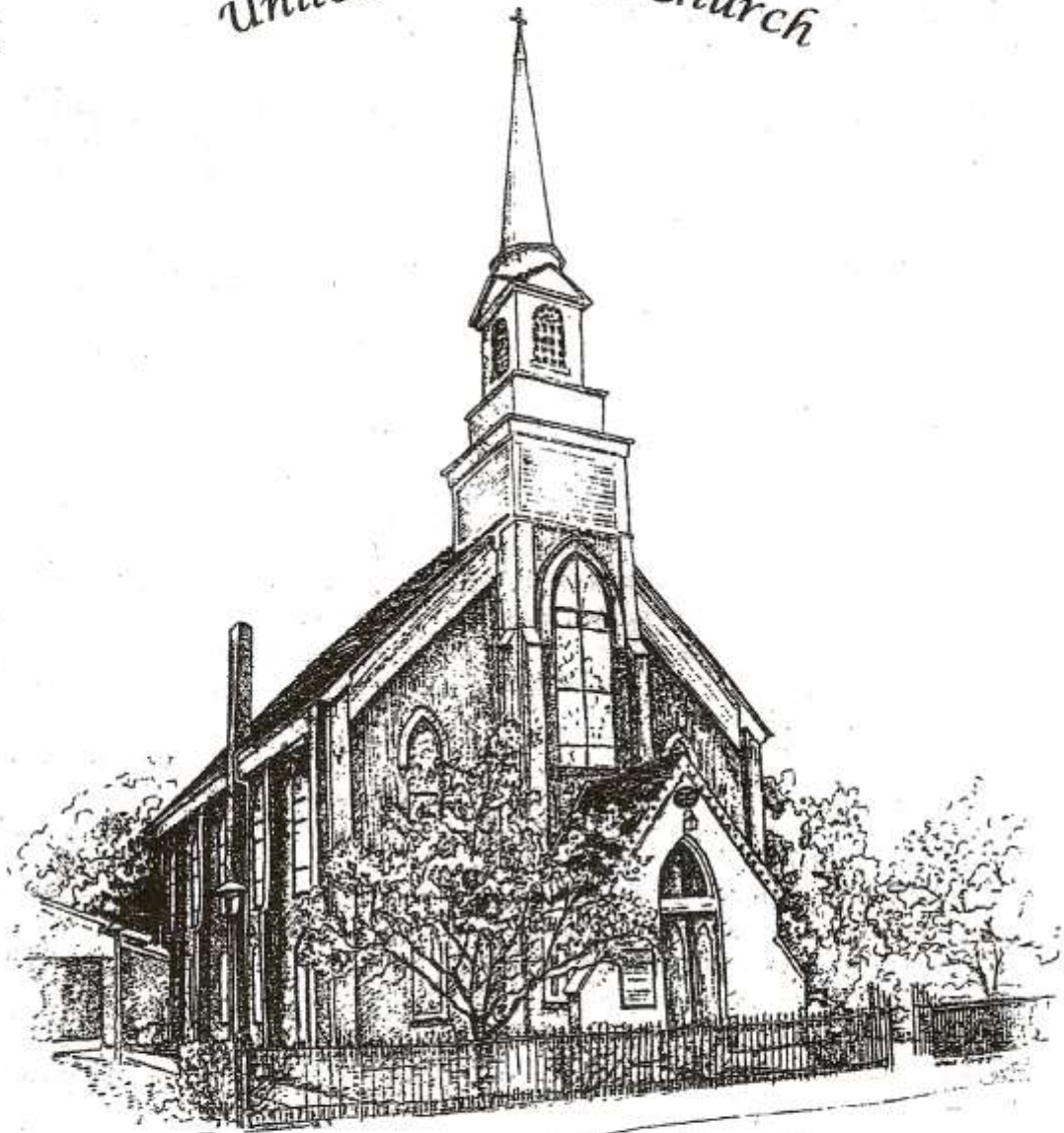
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"A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others."

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
Rev. Carlos Reyes-Rodriguez

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
Randy Fisher (Phyllis Bixler’s
cousin’s husband)
Shane Hatfield (friend of the
Pugh’s)
William Hawkins (MacDonalds’
grandson)
Capt. Tim Johnson
Elizabeth Juergens
Garrett Mann
Joe Moore
Brandon Pearson
Jeremy Sanders
Zachary Schmoock
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

Kameron Salamon (Nadine Allen’s
great-grandson)
Mary Mackie
Ryan Kosinski

Members and Friends

Terri Allen (11/3)
Les Andrews (11/3)
Melissa Bondi (11/3) (Gretchen
Ginder’s sister)
Beth Camarra (11/3)
Buddy Camors (11/3)
Vickie Cebula (11/3)
Mildred Chinski (11/3)
Patty Corder (11/24)
Virginia Davis (11/10) (Grace
Achuff’s mother)
Barbara Dean (11/3)
Sadie Detweiler (11/10)
Nancy Draper (11/3)
Ruth Dvorak (11/3) (Sonia Dulin’s
Sister)
Kim Ernst (11/10)
Todd Foucek (11/3)
Finley Freedman (11/3)
Scott Gallen (11/24) (Faith Seltzer’s
son)
Marlene Gautsch (11/3)
Cathy Haley (11/10)
Natalie Hammond (11/3)
Anita Heath (11/3)
Muff Hurst (11/3)
Bob Johnson (11/17)
Linda Lewis (12/1)
Lisa Malin (11/24)
Ken McCoy (11/3)
Alyse McKeown (11/17)
Ed McKeown (11/3)
Al Morgan (11/3)
Diana Morgan-Klusak (11/3)

Bill Osburn (11/3)
Jane Arrants-Parrack (11/3)
Gail Piazza (11/3)
Jen Redmond (11/3)
Frances Schneider (11/3)
Wayne Scholz (11/3)
Jay Sexton (11/3)
Stos Sfinas (11/3)
Robert Shumate (11/10) (Ina
Andrews’ brother-in-law)
Carol Sise (11/3)
Claire Sneeringer (11/17) (Andrea
Funke’s niece)
Joyce Stansfield (11/17)
Mike VanDenHeuvel (11/3)
Bob Waddington (11/10)
Linda Westhoff (11/3)
Owen Wevadou (11/3)
Ann Whitt (11/3)
Ken Wyerman (11/3) (Sue Ivey’s
father)

Abbey Manor

Jane Cebula
Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Hilda Frantsi
Henry Jacobs
Marge Jacobs
Jim Melvin

Sympathy

To the family and friends of Barbara
Mullins

To George and Nancy Leathrum on
the death of George’s sister-in-law,
Barbara

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:	Nancy Crawford	
Readers:	8:30 – Jane Kovicak	11:00 – Jeanette Perkins
Acolytes:	8:30 – Katie Zimmer	11:00 – Jack Edler
Greeters:	8:30 – Jim & Lynn Dech	11:00 – Bob & Emilie Waddington
Welcome Center:	8:30 – Marsha Perrine	11:00 – Denise Lee
Hospitality:	8:30 – Katie Sparks & Karen Gravatt	11:00 – Teresa Grunert & Deb Ingram
Hall Monitors:	8:30 – Tom White	11:00 – Helen Hanel
Nursery:	8:30 – TBD	11:00 – TBD
Tech Team:	8:30 – Rob & Jack Kovicak	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, Jamie Laning, Jane MacDonald, Bob MacDonald, Deborah McDowell, Ted McDowell

11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charles Campbell, Ken McCoy, Barton Funke, Christina Dant, Gregory Dant, Robert Mitchell, Michael Schmook, Ray Whiteoak

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in memory of loved ones, given by Carolann and Gary Lewis.

FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN are in memory of our son, Billy, given by Barb and Bill Pinder.

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 to the church website, elktonumc.org, and click on the "Sermons" link and there you will see a link to our YouTube Channel where you can watch the entire service each week.

ROTATING HOMELESS SHELTER - Our church will be teaming up with the Cecilton UMC parish to provide the shelter the week of January 20-26th. If you'd like to help by serving as a host/hostess, doing intake work, making a meal or staying overnight, please sign up on the form on the Missions bulletin board downstairs in the hospitality area. For more information, see Heidi or Larry Gaultney.

WOMEN'S RETREAT – The EUMC Women's Retreat will take place January 17-19, 2020 at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City. This year's theme is "Second Chances" and features guest presenter Michele Chynoweth. Brochures about the retreat are available across from the Welcome Center. It's not too late to sign up - there are still a few spaces available! A reminder to those who have already registered that your final installment is now due.

CONFERENCE YOUTH RALLY – Many of our youth, along with their leader Jason and several parents will be attending the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Youth Rally the weekend of January 10-12 in Ocean City MD. To help defray their costs, the youth will be having another "Sub Sale" this month. You can place your orders for subs on Sundays, December 8th and 15th via the bulletin insert or by seeing one of the youth in the Hospitality Area after worship. Subs will be available for pick-up on Sunday, December 22nd!

PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2020 – If you haven't turned in your financial pledge for 2020, please do so as soon as possible. If you don't have a pledge card, please see one of the ushers or contact the church office. Many thanks to all of you who have already turned in your cards!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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)
12:00 PM Youth Group

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

- 6:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 26)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019

- 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visit (Nancy McCardell's Team)
6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM Cecil County Choral Society Rehearsal (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM Nar-Anon Meeting (Room 1)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

- 6:00 PM God & Me – Scouts (Conference Room)
6:15 PM Communion (Chapel)
6:30 PM Men's Choir
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Weldin Hall)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

- 12:00 PM Weight Watchers
6:30 PM..... Administrative Council Meeting (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM..... Board of Laity (Room 34)
8:00 PM..... AA (Room 1)

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sunday, December 8th - Cecil County Choral Society Concert (4:00 pm)
Saturday, December 14th - UMW Cookie Walk in Weldin Hall (9:00 am)
Sunday, December 15th - Choir Advent Cantata (both services)
Sunday, December 22nd - Children's Christmas Program in Weldin Hall (9:45 am)
Blue Christmas Service in the Sanctuary (4:00 pm)



***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 for \$11.50, or by giving a monetary gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

All gifts will be listed in a special bulletin insert for our Christmas Eve services.

The last day to order will be Sunday, December 15th.

*****If you are ordering a poinsettia and making a donation to UMCOR, please make separate payments!! Thank you!***

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

Or In Honor of _____

Amount attached: \$ _____ Check #: _____

Envelope/Online #: _____

Poinsettia _____ or UMCOR Donation _____

***Make checks payable to Elkton UMC and write
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Please place in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.



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“The Christmas Story”



Come watch the annual
children's Christmas pageant!
Sunday December 22, 2019
10am
Weldin Hall

United Methodist Women

19th Annual Cookie Walk



Saturday, December 14, 2019

Cookies for sale 9 AM – 11 AM, Weldin Hall

Large Box - \$10, Small Box - \$6

Will you be a volunteer cookie baker?

Please fill out this slip and put it in the offering plate.

Thank you!

Please deliver cookies on Friday, Dec 13,
between 5 pm – 7 pm, Weldin Hall

My reminder: I volunteered to bake _____ dozen cookies!

-----TEAR OFF HERE AND PUT IN OFFERING PLATE-----

Yes, I will be a Cookie Walk Baker!

I will bake _____ dozen cookies

December 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 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Youth Group	2 1:30 PM JC Play Group 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	3 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Nancy McCardell's Team) 7:00 PM CCCS Rehearsal 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	4 6:00 PM God & Me - Scouts 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 Administrative Council Mtg 7:00 PM Board of Laity 8:00 PM AA Meeting	6	7
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