

**Elkton United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2019**  
**Second 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

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE ..... “PASSACAGLIA”<sup>1</sup> ..... DOUGLAS WAGNER

RESPONSE #211 (UMH) - 8:30 ..... “O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL” (stanza 2)

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

CHORAL INTROIT - 11:00 ..... “PREPARE THE WAY O ZION”<sup>1</sup> ..... FRANS MIKAEL FRANZEN

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ.  
*(The acolyte lights one purple candle.)*

**People: Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.**

Leader: God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of a peaceful world full of wolves, leopards and lions eating, sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves.

**People: We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table. We light this candle in Peace.**  
*(The acolyte lights a second purple candle.)*

**All: On this day, we remember the Lord of All who brings the peace that passes all understanding.**

\*\*HYMN #196 (UMH) ..... “COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Almighty God, Light of the World, you caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of Jesus our Christ; you continually open to us the ways we are to prepare.**

**We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING ..... "ON A NIGHT OF WONDER"<sup>1</sup> ..... MEN'S CHOIR

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, GENESIS 3:1-8 (page 2-3)

MUSICAL OFFERING - 8:30 ..... "LIGHT OF THE STAR" WITH ..... MEN'S CHOIR

"COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS"<sup>1</sup>

11:00 ..... "HE WILL COME!"<sup>1</sup> ..... CHANCEL CHOIR

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 3:1-6 (page 60)

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

II - CHRISTMAS TREES"

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

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 #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 ..... "COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE"<sup>1</sup> ..... SETTING BY PAUL MANZ

**\*\*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 #218 (UMH)..... “IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR”**

**\*\*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 ..... “TRUMPET TUNE”<sup>1</sup> ..... DOUGLAS WAGNER



**\*\*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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## 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](http://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.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020** – If you give your offering using the offering envelopes, you can pick up your 2020 envelopes this morning. They are downstairs, on the counter across from the Welcome Center. If you cannot find yours, please contact the church office at 410-398-0933 and we'll take care of it.

**ROTATING HOMELESS SHELTER** - Our church will be teaming up with the Cecilton UMC parish to provide the shelter the week of January 20-26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT TODAY!** The Cecil County Choral Society will present their holiday concert here in our sanctuary this afternoon at 4 pm. This is always a wonderful concert and there's always a big crowd – so be sure to come early!

**NEXT SUNDAY** – Our Chancel Choir will be offering their "Advent Cantata" at both services. It is a beautiful presentation of the journey of waiting for the coming of the Christ Child. Invite your friends and neighbors to come and hear it with you!

**CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' DECEMBER MEETING** – The Classic Christians (age 50 and over) will have their December meeting on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 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 some Christmas fun and games. **PARTICIPANTS! PLEASE BE SURE TO PICK UP THE SHEET ON THE COUNTER ACROSS FROM THE WELCOME CENTER WHERE YOU'LL FIND INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIAL EVENT OF THE NIGHT, A VERY SPECIAL GIFT EXCHANGE!**

## 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 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

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

### Members and Friends

Terri Allen (12/1)  
Les Andrews (12/1)  
Melissa Bondi (12/1) (Gretchen  
Ginder’s sister)  
Peg Bunnell (12/1)  
Beth Camarra (12/1)  
Buddy Camors (11/3)  
Vickie Cebula (12/1)  
Mildred Chinski (12/1)  
Patty Corder (12/1)  
Virginia Davis (11/10) (Grace  
Achuff’s mother)  
Sadie Detweiler (11/10)  
Nancy Draper (12/1)  
Ruth Dvorak (12/1) (Sonia Dulin’s  
Sister)  
Kim Ernst (11/10)  
Todd Foucek (12/1)  
Finley Freedman (12/1)  
Scott Gallen (12/1) (Faith Seltzer’s  
son)  
Marlene Gautsch (12/1)  
Cathy Haley (12/1)  
Muff Hurst (11/3)  
Bob Johnson (11/17)  
Linda Lewis (12/1)  
Mary Mackie (11/24)  
Lisa Malin (11/24)  
Ken McCoy (12/1)  
Alyse McKeown (11/17)  
Ed McKeown (12/1)  
Al Morgan (12/1)  
Diana Morgan-Klusak (12/1)  
Bill Osburn (12/1)  
Jane Arrants-Parrack (12/1)  
Gail Piazza (12/1)  
Patty Roadcap (12/1)  
Frances Schneider (12/1)  
Wayne Scholz (12/1)  
Jay Sexton (12/1)  
Stos Sfinas (12/1)  
Robert Shumate (11/10) (Ina  
Andrews’ brother-in-law)

Carol Sise (12/1)  
Claire Sneeringer (11/17) (Andrea  
Funke’s niece)  
Joyce Stansfield (11/17)  
Mike VanDenHeuvel (12/1)  
Bob Waddington (11/10)  
Lance Waltzer (12/1)  
Owen Wevadou (12/1)  
Ann Whitt (12/1)  
Denise Wilhelm (12/1)  
Carolyn Williams (12/8) (Murray  
Thompson’s sister)  
Rodger Williams (12/8) Murray  
Thompson’s nephew)  
Ken Wyerman (12/1) (Sue Ivey’s  
father)

### Abbey Manor

Jane Cebula  
Mildred McCormick

### Calvert Manor

Henry Jacobs  
Marge Jacobs  
Jim Melvin

### Sympathy

To the family and friends of Hilda  
Frantsi (Barb Pinder’s mother)

To Andee and Keith McKenica on  
the death of Andee’s father, Gus  
Psomas

To Ed and Carol Sise on the death  
of Ed’s father

### Appreciation

Thank you for all of the cards,  
prayers, and phone calls on the  
death of Richard’s mom, Charlotte –  
Richard and Ellen Gruebel

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

<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Judy Pugh	
<b>Readers:</b>	8:30 – Tom White	11:00 – Bobby Heath
<b>Acolytes:</b>	8:30 – Kyle Forman	11:00 – Joe Ace
<b>Greeters:</b>	8:30 – Ina & Don Andrews	11:00 – Nancy Stubbs & Alice Holland
<b>Welcome Center:</b>	8:30 – Gail Garber	11:00 – Donna Perkins
<b>Hospitality:</b>	8:30 – Diane Shortall & Sue Ivey	11:00 – Jeanette Perkins & Donna Perkins
<b>Hall Monitors:</b>	8:30 – Don Andrews	11:00 – Carol Robinson
<b>Nursery:</b>	8:30 – TBD	11:00 – TBD
<b>Tech Team:</b>	8:30 – Jamie Laning & Paige Laning	11:00 – Roger Robinson & Laura Hamilton
<b>Parking Lot</b>		
<b>Knights:</b>	Kevin White, Wayne Eller, Ken McCoy, Bob Perkins, Gary Lewis, Rod Perrine and Jack Williams.	
<b>Ushers:</b>	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 my dear husband, Edward Stubbs, Jr., and all the other dear family members and EUMC family members we've lost this year, given by Nancy S. Stubbs.

**FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN** are in memory of Lorell Funke-Davies, for her birthday, given by her family.

**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.

# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

## TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 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)
- 12:00 PM ..... Youth Group
- 4:00 PM ..... Cecil County Choral Society Concert (Sanctuary)

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

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

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

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

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

- 10:30 AM..... Tele-Care Committee Meeting (Room 1)
- 12:00 PM ..... Ruth-Sarah Circle Meeting (Wellwood Restaurant)
- 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 12, 2019

- 12:00 PM ..... Weight Watchers
- 6:00 PM..... Dorcas Circle Meeting (Hospitality Area)
- 8:00 PM..... AA (Room 1)

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019 – JANUARY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

- 9:00 AM ..... UMW Cookie Walk (Weldin Hall)
- 9:30 AM ..... Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

United Methodist Women

# 19<sup>th</sup> 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



# “The Christmas Story”



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



***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 15<sup>th</sup>.*

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

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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  
"poinsettia" or "UMCOR" on the memo line.***

*Please place in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.*

# December 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>1 Communion</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Youth Group	<b>2</b> 1:30 PM JC Play Group 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>3</b> 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Nancy McCardell's Team) 7:00 PM CCCS Rehearsal 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	<b>4</b> 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	<b>5</b> 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Administrative Council Mtg 7:00 PM Board of Laity 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Youth Group 4:00 PM CCCS Concert	<b>9</b> 1:30 PM JC Play Group 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM CCCS Rehearsal 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	<b>11</b> 10:30 AM Tele-Care Mtg 12:00 PM Ruth-Sarah 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>12</b> 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Dorcas Circle 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>January Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM Cookie Walk 
<b>15 Cantata</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Children's Christmas Program 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Youth Group	<b>16</b> 1:30 PM JC Play Group 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>17</b> 6:00 PM CCCS Board Mtg 6:30 PM Cub Scout Comm Mtg 7:00 PM CCCS Rehearsal 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	<b>18</b> 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 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	<b>19</b> 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Boy Scout Comm Mtg 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM Classic Christians Dinner and Meeting	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Youth Group 4:00 PM Blue Christmas	<b>23</b> 1:30 PM JC Play Group 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>24</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 5:00 PM Family Service 7:00 PM Candlelight Service 9:00 PM Candlelight Service 10:00 PM Silent Communion	<b>25</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> 12:00 PM Community Blood Drive	<b>28</b>
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