

**Elkton United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, December 29, 2019**  
**First Sunday after Christmas**  
**10:00 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 ..... “LO, HOW A ROSE E’RE BLOOMING”<sup>1</sup> ..... EDITED BY H. HOPSON

CHORAL INTROIT ..... “IN JOYOUS PRAISE!”<sup>1</sup> ..... LLOYD LARSON

\*\*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.....“MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING”<sup>1</sup> ..... MADELYN FUNKE

EPISTLE LESSON, ECCLESIASTES 3:1-13 (page 616)

MUSICAL OFFERING..... “THE EARLIEST CHRISTMAS MORN”<sup>1</sup> ..... CHANCEL CHOIR

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON, MATTHEW 2:13-23 (page 2)

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 .....“GPS: GOD’S POSITIONING SYSTEM” ..... REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER, #607 (UMH)

\*\*HYMN #127 (UMH) ..... “GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH”

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.....“NOEL”<sup>1</sup> ..... G. YOUNG

\*\*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 ..... “IN DULCI JUBILO”<sup>1</sup> .....ARR. BY G. YOUNG



**\*\*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)

<sup>1</sup> *Public Music performance provided for and reported to CCLI Licensing  
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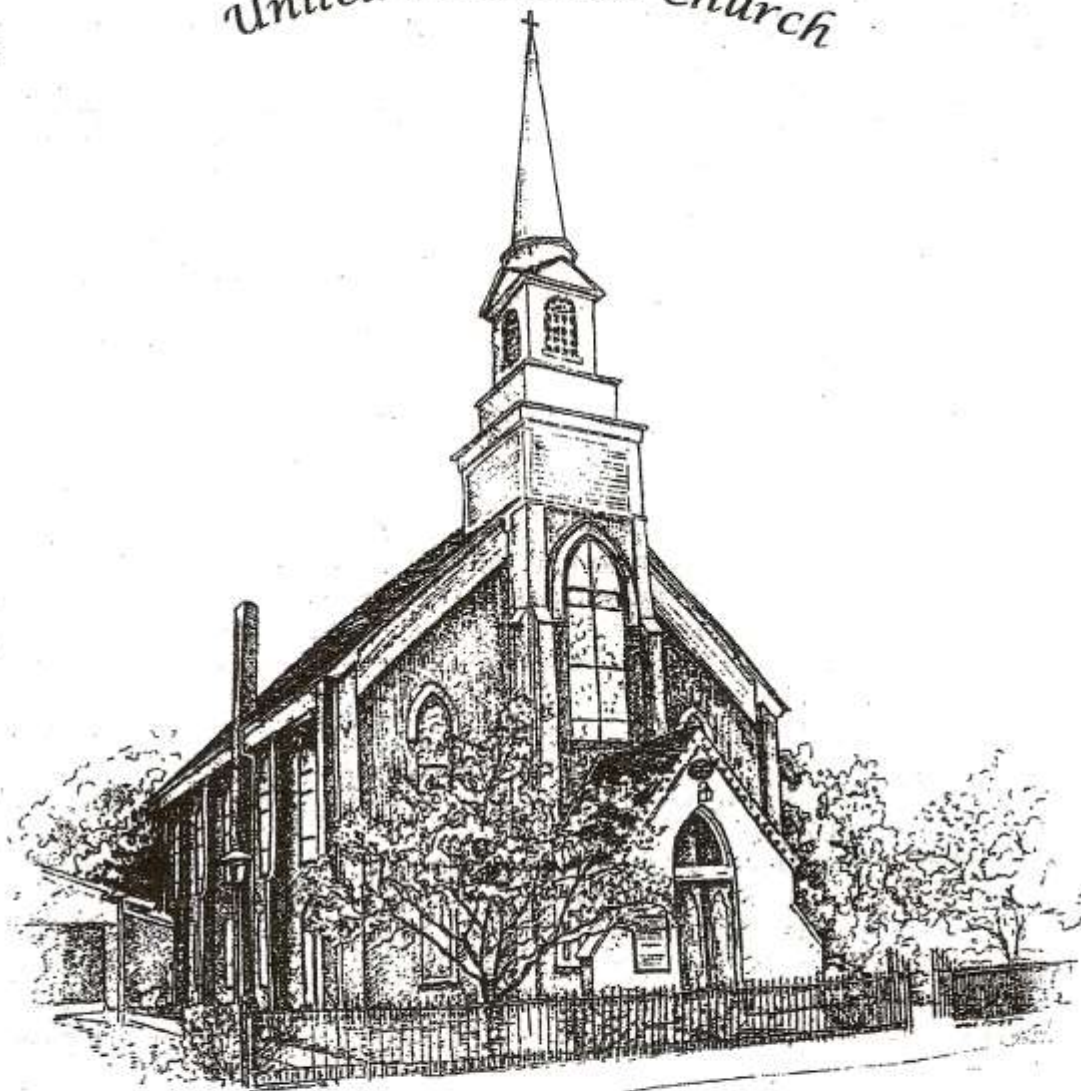
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Ray Graham ..... Associate Pastor of Visitation Ministries  
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Suzette Burgess..... Choir Director/Coordinator of Music Ministries  
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Laurie Ruth ..... Treasurer  
Jason Cornish.....Director of Youth  
Sharon Williams .....Organist  
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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 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)  
Dan McCool

### Members and Friends

Les Andrews (12/1)  
Melissa Bondi (12/1) (Gretchen  
Ginder’s sister)  
Peg Bunnell (12/1)  
Beth Camarra (12/1)  
Vickie Cebula (12/1)  
Mildred Chinski (12/1)  
Virginia Davis (12/15) (Grace  
Achuff’s mother)  
Barbara Dean (12/15)  
Sadie Detweiler (12/15)  
Nancy Draper (12/1)  
Irene Dunlap (12/15)  
Ruth Dvorak (12/15) (Sonia Dulin’s  
Sister)  
Jack Edler (12/22)  
Kim Ernst (12/15)  
Todd Foucek (12/1)  
Finley Freedman (12/1)  
Scott Gallen (12/1) (Faith Seltzer’s  
son)  
Marlene Gautsch (12/1)  
Cathy Haley (12/1)  
Josh Hamilton (12/15)  
Muff Hurst (12/15)  
Marge Jacobs (12/15)  
Bob Johnson (11/17)  
Ryan Kosinski (12/8)  
Mary Mackie (11/24)  
Lisa Malin (11/24)  
Ken McCoy (12/1)  
Ed McKeown (12/1)  
Al Morgan (12/1)  
Diana Morgan-Klusak (12/1)  
Patrick Neagle (12/15) (Bill  
Moffitt’s grandson)  
Bill Osburn (12/1)  
Jane Arrants-Parrack (12/1)  
Gail Piazza (12/1)  
Patty Roadcap (12/1)  
Tom Runyon (12/15) (Neta’s son)  
Ray Rutter (12/15) (Faith Seltzer’s  
son-in-law)

Frances Schneider (12/1)  
Wayne Scholz (12/1)  
Jay Sexton (12/1)  
Stos Sfinas (12/1)  
Robert Shumate (12/15) (Ina  
Andrews’ brother-in-law)  
Carol Sise (12/1)  
Claire Sneeringer (12/15) (Andrea  
Funke’s niece)  
Mike VanDenHeuvel (12/1)  
Bob Waddington (12/15)  
Lance Waltzer (12/1)  
Owen Wevadou (12/1)  
Ann Whitt (12/1)  
Denise Willhelm (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

### Calvert Manor

Henry Jacobs  
Jim Melvin

### Wilmington Hospital Rehab

Bill Mackie

### Appreciation

Would like to thank all of my  
church family for their support and  
good wishes through the time of my  
mother’s passing. I so appreciate  
their loving support, beautiful cards,  
and all their warm hugs.  
Lovingly, Barb Pinder

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

**Acolyte:** Courtney Forman

**Greeters:** Andrea & Keith McKenica  
Cheryl Ferringer & Sandra Funke

**Welcome Center:** Bethany Buckley & Kelly Eddinger

**Hospitality:** Andee McKenica & Judy Tanner  
Ruth Loomis & Arlene Zappo

**Hall Monitors:** Dave Sentman & Ken McCoy

**Nursery:** TBD

**Tech Team:** Rob & Nate Kovicak  
Roger Robinson & Laura Hamilton

### **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, Jamie Laning, Jane MacDonald, Bob MacDonald, Deborah McDowell, Ted McDowell, Frank Deibert, Charles Campbell, Ken McCoy, Barton Funke, Robert Mitchell, Michael Schmook, Ray Whiteoak

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Joe and Judy Tanner, wishing the Church and the Congregation a Happy and Healthy 2020. New Year Blessings to all.

**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](http://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.

**REMINDER TO THOSE WHO GIVE THEIR OFFERINGS ONLINE** - If you changed the amount you're giving to the church for 2020 from that which you gave this year, you need to go to the website to make that change. Otherwise, Vanco will still submit 2019's amount. Simply go to the church website, click on "online donations" and make the change there. Don't forget to also delete the 2019 figure, so they don't take out both amounts! Questions? Call the church office.

**INVITATION TO ONLINE GIVING** - The first of a new year is a great time to make the switch to online giving! It's easy to do, and benefits both you and the church. Online giving provides a steady source of income for the church even when online givers are away on vacation or out sick, or worship has to be cancelled because of bad weather. It's very easy to sign up for online giving through our church website. Simply go to the church website – [elktonumc.org](http://elktonumc.org) – click on "online donations" and you'll be walked through the process. If you have questions or need assistance, call the church office.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE** – Just a reminder that the church office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of New Year's Day.

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNION THIS WEEK** due to the New Year's holiday. Communion will resume on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm in the Chapel.

**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

**THANK YOU!** Millie Jones and the Angel Tree Committee would like to thank the congregation for their participation in the Angel Tree Program again this year. They were able to deliver 54 packages to children in the area.

**NEW CHAIRS IN THE SANCTUARY** – While completing an accessibility audit for our church in advance of the Charge Conference in November, we became aware that having some chairs with arms on them in the sanctuary would benefit those with mobility issues. Therefore, we have removed the very back pew on the left hand side of the sanctuary (facing the altar) and replaced it with two arm chairs with a table in between. If we find that more chairs are needed, we will add them. If it would be helpful for you to be more comfortable sitting in (and getting up from) an armchair rather than a pew, please try one of these chairs. We hope this change makes coming to church a better experience for you!

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

10:00 AM.....Worship Service  
10:00 AM.....Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Room 24)  
12:00 PM.....Youth Group

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2019

6:00 PM.....Cub Scout Meeting (Weldin Hall)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019

7:00 PM.....LULAC (Parlor)  
7:00 PM.....Nar-Anon Meeting (Room 1)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020 – OFFICE CLOSED



### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020

12:00 PM.....Weight Watchers (Weldin Hall)  
7:00 PM.....Board of Laity (Room 34)  
8:00 PM.....AA (Room 1)



# 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>
<b>29</b> <b>10:00 AM Worship Service</b> 12:00 PM Youth Group	<b>30</b> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>31</b> 7:00 PM CCCS Rehearsal 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg 7:00 PM LULAC Mtg				