Elkton United Methodist Church Third Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 24, 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.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES GREETING AND WELCOME TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER 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: God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this week. People: We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us. Leader: God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness. People: Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God our Shepherd, we have strayed like lost sheep, wandering through life, far from home. Often in our wanderings we find ourselves in places we ought not be, trapped and unable to turn ourselves around. Hear our cries of lostness; come rescue us and be our guide. At other times, through fear, we huddle in the safety of the fold; not daring to venture out into your pastures where we're called to live in freedom. Come challenge us and be our guide. For we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE EPISTLE LESSON, I CORINTHIANS 10:1-13 (page 172) MUSICAL OFFERING - 8:30...... "I SURRENDER ALL"¹SHARON WILLIAMS, PIANO SOLO 11:00...... "IN LOVE CHRIST CAME AMONG US"¹CHANCEL CHOIR **GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 13: 1-9 (page 76) Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **People:** Thanks be to God 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! III – OUR CHALLENGER" **HYMN #357 (UMH)......"JUST AS I AM"

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.

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	"FUGHETTA" ¹	Rembrandt
Praise God, fron Praise him, all cr Praise him above	H) "PRAISE GOD n whom all blessings flow; reatures here below; e, ye heavenly host; on, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"
**Hymn #368 (UMH)		
**DISMISSAL WITH BLES	SING	
8	SPONSE , Lord, bind us together with cor , Lord, bind us together, bind us	
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UMH: United Methodist	ng (black cover) - found in the rack un	derneath the pew in front of you

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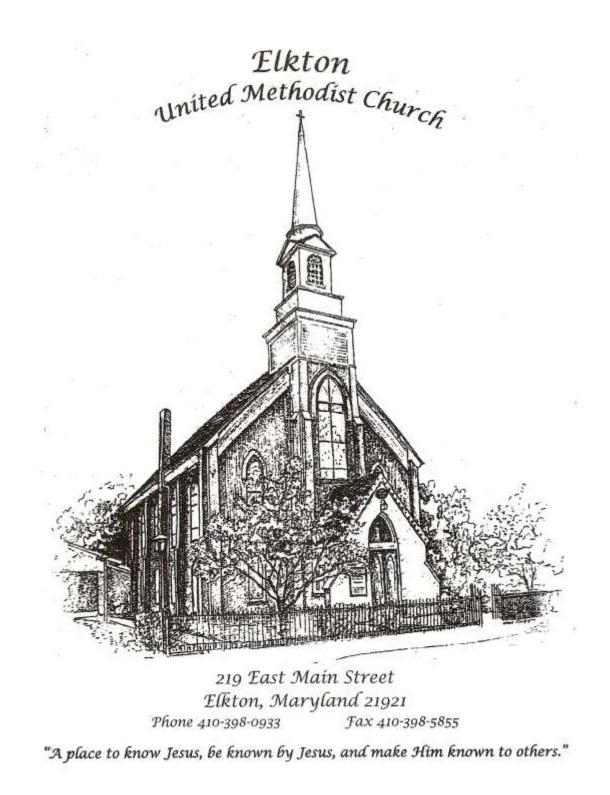
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WELCOME GUESTS! We welcome all to worship at Elkton UMC this morning, and extend a special welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning. Please fill out the blue visitor card located in the pew racks. We also have a gift for all first-time 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.

BLOOD DRIVE TODAY! The Blood Bank of Delmarva is set up in Weldin Hall today to receive blood donations. If you signed up to donate ahead of time, thank you so much! But if you didn't and still would like to give blood, just head on down to Weldin Hall and they'll fit you into the schedule. Thanks to all who are giving blood today – you're saving lives!

EASTER CANDY NEEDED! We're looking for donations of candy to fill the eggs for our annual Easter Egg hunt on April 14th. Please bring your donation to the box in the Welcome Center area. Thanks for helping to make this a great event for our children and their families!

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

Next Sunday is UMCOR Sunday!

(formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing)

Next Sunday we'll be receiving our annual offering for UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief). This offering goes to their operating budget so that when disasters arise, special offerings can go entirely (100%) to those disaster areas. In the past, our church has been one of the highest-giving churches in our conference to UMCOR, so let's keep that tradition going. Last year, we gave over \$12,000 to the UMCOR Sunday offering. Can we top that this year? Let's hope so, because the need for UMCOR's ministries are great. Just look at the weather-related tragedies in the Midwest right now. UMCOR is there helping to care for those whose lives have been destroyed by flooding. Please pray about giving to UMCOR this week, and then, make your check out to Elkton UMC, put UMCOR on the memo line, put it in the enclosed envelope and bring it with you to worship next Sunday.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Blood Drive (Weldin Hall)
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, MARCH 25, 2019

9:00 AM	AARP Tax Service (Weldin Hall)
6:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack Meeting (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM	

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

6:00 PM	Cecil County Choral Society Board Meeting (Weldin Hall)
	Cecil County Choral Society Rehearsal (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM	

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019

12:00 PM	Lenten Lunch and Learn (Weldin Hall)
6:15 PM	Communion (Chapel)
6:30 PM	
	Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Weldin Hall)

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019

12:00 PM	Weight Watchers (Weldin Hall)
6:30 PM	Boy Scout Planning Meeting (Wesley Wing)
8:00 PM	AA Meeting (Room 1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019

7:00 PMCecil County Choral Society Rehearsal (Weldin Hall)

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Lead	er: Mike Schmook		
Readers:	8:30 – Susan Starrett	11:00 – Heidi Gaultney	
Acolytes:	8:30 – Kyle Forman	11:00 – Sienna Graham	
Greeters:	8:30 – Lea & Rich Gochnau	her 11:00 – Liz Hook & Nancy Fetterolf	
Welcome Center:	8:30 – Sue Ivey	11:00 – Kelly Eddinger	
Hospitality:	8:30 – Grace Achuff & Lee Gochnauer	11:00 – Linda Kosinski & Kim Heath	
Hall Monitors	8:30 – Kevin White	11:00 – Phil Czarnecki	
Nursery:	8:30 – TBD	11:00 – TBD	
Tech Team:	8:30 – Rob Kovicak & Jamie Laning	11:00 – Rich Juergens & Sonny Tenney	
Parking LotKnights:Kevin White, Wayne Eller, Ken McCoy, Bob Perkins, Gary Lewis, Rod Perrine and Jack Williams.			
Ushers:	Tim McCardell, Bil 1:00 – Frank Deibert, Char	 Murray Thompson, Rich Gruebel, Wayne Scholz, Jim Dech, Tim McCardell, Bill Moffitt, Robert Parrack Frank Deibert, Charles Campbell, Ken McCoy, Barton Funke, William Carroll, Sr., David Gray, Richard Jones, Paul Schneider 	

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of Susan Starrett and the beautiful voices of the Youth Choir given by Dick and Lea Gochnauer.

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

<u>Hospital</u>

Ben Allen (2/17) (Nadine's brother) Ann Patterson (3/17) (Patti's mother) Stanley Cebula, Jr.

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) Lynn Dech (3/17)Ruth Deibert (3/10) Ruth Dvorak (3/24) (Sonia Dulin's Sister) Dennis Elmore (3/3) (Tom Kyne's uncle) Marlene Gautsch (3/24)Charlotte Gruebel (3/24) (Rich's mother) Michele Jones (2/24) Betsy Kent (3/10) Mary Kremer (3/17) Jane MacDonald's sister Nancy Leathrum (3/24) Jack Lloyd (3/3) Ken McCoy (3/24) Ed McKeown (3/24) Al Morgan (3/24) Jane Arrants-Parrack (3/24) Rich Robinson (3/24) 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 3/24) Mary Whitehead (3/3) Ann Whitt (2/24) Ted Woodruff (2/17) Ken Wyerman (3/24) (Sue Ivey's father)

Abbey Manor

Mildred McCormick

Calvert Manor

Henry Jacobs Jim Melvin

Elkton Transitions

Akiko Johnson

Sympathy

To Linda Renshaw on the death of her mother Margaret Olsen.

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.