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

# Elkton United Methodist Church Sunday, March 8, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

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 AND RINGING OF CHIMES

GREETING AND WELCOME

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER

**PRELUDE** 

RESPONSE #3096 (W&S) - 8:30......""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.

CHORAL INTROIT - 11:00 ........... "CHRIST, WE DO ALL ADORE THEE" ...........THEODORE DUBOIS

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

People: We come seeking the awareness of God's presence as we travel on.

Leader: We come seeking light for our darkness, strength in our weakness.

People: Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love. Make your presence

known through Jesus the Christ.

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring. You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. You have challenged us to

generosity, but many times we would rather keep to ourselves. Enter our lives, God, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, that we may share your love with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 ...... "TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS" ...... KELLY THOMPSON 11:00 ...... "SHEPHERD OF MY HEART" ....... KELLY THOMPSON

EPISTLE LESSON, I JOHN 3:16-19 (page 94)

MUSICAL OFFERING – 8:30 ......"SHEPHERD OF MY HEART" ......KELLY THOMPSON 11:00 ......"CALLED TO SERVICE" ......CHANCEL CHOIR

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON, JOHN 19:25b-27 (page 114)

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

**People: Thanks be to God.** 

\*\*RESPONSE #599 (UMH)....."BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE" (stanza 1)

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!

\*\*HYMN #581 (UMH) ......"LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE"

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**

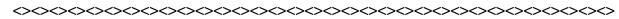
\*\*RESPONSE, #298 (UMH) ......." "WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS" (stanza 4) Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

\*\*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**



# \*\*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)

# STAFF OF ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Peggy Johnson, Bishop Joe Archie, District Superintendent

	Senior Pastor
Ray Graham	Associate Pastor of Visitation Ministries
Paul Deemer	
Suzette Burgess	Choir Director/Coordinator of Music Ministries
Eileen Brinkley	Pianist
	Director of Children and Education Ministries
Beth Gullion	
Laurie Ruth	Treasurer
Jason Cornish	
Joseph Gordon/Donna Horgan	Sextons

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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 Rev. Carlos Reves-Rodriguez

# **Our Pastors**

Rev. Peggy Johnson, Bishop Rev. Joe Archie, DS Rev. Karen Bunnell Rev. Ray Graham

Kyle Senn

Jeff Smith

Jacob Zervas

Samantha Stapp (Nancy

Lewis' grandson)

William Henry Wright, Jr.

Jackson's son-in-law)

Matthew Yarrington (Wanda

Leathrum's cousin)

Thomas Walmsley (Carolann

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

# Members and Friends

Les Andrews (2/9) Becky Bowling (3/1) (Lea Gochnauer's sister) Beth Camarra (2/9) Charlie Campbell (3/8) Vickie Cebula (2/9) Mildred Chinski (2/9) Ruth Cooper (3/1) (Millie Jones' niece) Virginia Davis (2/9) (Grace Achuff's mother) Barbara Dean (2/9) Sadie Detweiler (2/9) Irene Dunlap (2/9) Bill Dunn (2/9) Ruth Dvorak (2/9) (Sonia Dulin's Sister) Jack Edler (3/1) Kim Ernst (2/16) Scott Gallen (2/9) (Faith Seltzer's son) Mabel Gary (2/16) Marlene Gautsch (2/9) Cathy Haley (2/9) Marge Jacobs (2/23) Bill Mackie (2/9) Ken McCoy (2/9) Ed McKeown (2/23) Trinity McKeown (2/23) Ray McNemar (2/23) Al Morgan (2/9) Diana Morgan-Klusak (2/9) Patrick Neagle (2/9) (Moffitt grandson) Bill Osburn (2/9) Jane Arrants-Parrack (2/9) Gail Piazza (2/9) Tom Runyon (2/9) (Neta's son) Ray Rutter (2/9) (Faith Seltzer's son-in-law) Kameron Salamon (Nadine Allen's great-grandson) Frances Schneider (2/9)

Wayne Scholz (2/9) Jay Sexton (2/9) Robert Shumate (2/16) (Ina Andrews' brother-in-law) Claire Sneeringer (2/16) (Andrea Funke's niece) Byrda Steward (3/1) Michelle Ticknor (2/23) Mike VanDenHeuvel (2/9) Owen Wevadou (2/9) Bill & Sally Wood (2/23) Ken Wyerman (2/9) (Sue Ivey's father)

# Abbey Manor

Jane Cebula

## **Calvert Manor**

Henry Jacobs Jim Melvin

# **Appreci**ation

The Mehosky family is so grateful for the calls, emails, and cards in the loss of Mom Mehosky. What a treasure our EUMC family is to us! -Ivan and Charlotte Mehosky

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:** Dick Gochnauer

**Readers:** 8:30 – Laurie Alphin 11:00 – Kim Edler

**Acolytes:** 8:30 – Courtney Forman 11:00 – Joe Arroyo

**Greeters:** 8:30 – Joyce Browne & 11:00 – Sonny & Barb Tenney

Sonia Dulin

**Welcome Center:** 8:30 – Barb Pinder 11:00 – Denise Lee

**Hospitality:** 8:30 – Katie Sparks & 11:00 – Teresa Grunert &

Karen Gravatt Deb Ingram

**Hall Monitors:** 8:30 – Lorraine & Rich Jones 11:00 – Helen Hanel

**Nursery:** 8:30 – TBD 11:00 – TBD

**Tech Team:** 8:30 – Joe Buckley & 11:00 – Roger Robinson &

Mike Foster Laura 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,

Jim Dech, Lynn Dech, Tim McCardell, Robert Parrack

11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charles Campbell, Ken McCoy, Barton Funke,

Harry Barnes, Jr., William Carroll, Sr., David Gray, Richard Jones

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in memory of loved ones, given by Hank and Cheryl Fehlman.

**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 online 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 You Tube Channel where you can watch the entire service each week.

**MEN'S RETREAT IS THIS SATURDAY!** All men of the church are invited to take part in this year's Men's Retreat, which takes place this coming Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> in Weldin Hall. Details about the retreat can be found on a brochure on the Welcome Center. The theme is United Methodism – Past, Present and Future, and will feature guest presenter the Rev. Joseph Archie, Wilmington District Superintendent. Scholarships are available, if needed.

**PROM BOUTIQUE IS OPEN!!!** Our wonderful prom boutique opened last Saturday, and will be open all the Saturdays until prom season ends, from 10 am until 1 pm. We have lots and lots of practically new prom dresses that young women can get for free! So please spread the word to anyone who might be interested.

**MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST** – The next Men's Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am at Cracker Barrel. All men of the church are invited and encouraged to attend. No signup is necessary – just show up and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship!

**CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' MARCH MEETING** – The Classic Christians (those age 50 and over) will meet on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Weldin Hall. The night will begin with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and continue on in rousing games of Bingo with prizes! All Classic Christians are invited to come and join in the fun!

**UMCOR SUNDAY** – We're just two weeks away from UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday), when we have the opportunity to give to this wonderful agency of the United Methodist Church that reaches out in times of disaster. Stay tuned for more information next week!

## LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Cecil County Choral Society Spring Concert

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> Chancel Choir Cantata at Both Services Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon at Noon

# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020	
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM	Worship Services
	Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Room 24)
9:45 AM	Sunday School (All Ages)
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020	
9:00 AM	AARP (Weldin Hall)
6:00 PM	
	Evangelism Committee Meeting (Room 34)
	Stewardship Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 26)
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020	
9:30 AM	Staff Meeting (Room 1)
6:30 PM	SPRC Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 PM	CCCS Rehearsal (Weldin Hall)
7:00 PM	Nar-Anon (Room 1)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020	
10:30 AM	Tele-Care Committee Meeting
12:00 PM	Lenten Lunch & Learn (Weldin Hall)
6:15 PM	
6:30 PM	
7:00 PM	
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Weldin Hall)
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020	
12:00 PM	Weight Watchers (Weldin Hall)
	Dorcas Circle Meeting (Weldin Hall)
	Lay Servant Academy (Wesley Wing)
8:00 PM	
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020	
12:00 PM	Community Blood Bank (Weldin Hall)
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020	
8:30 AM	Men's Retreat (Weldin Hall)