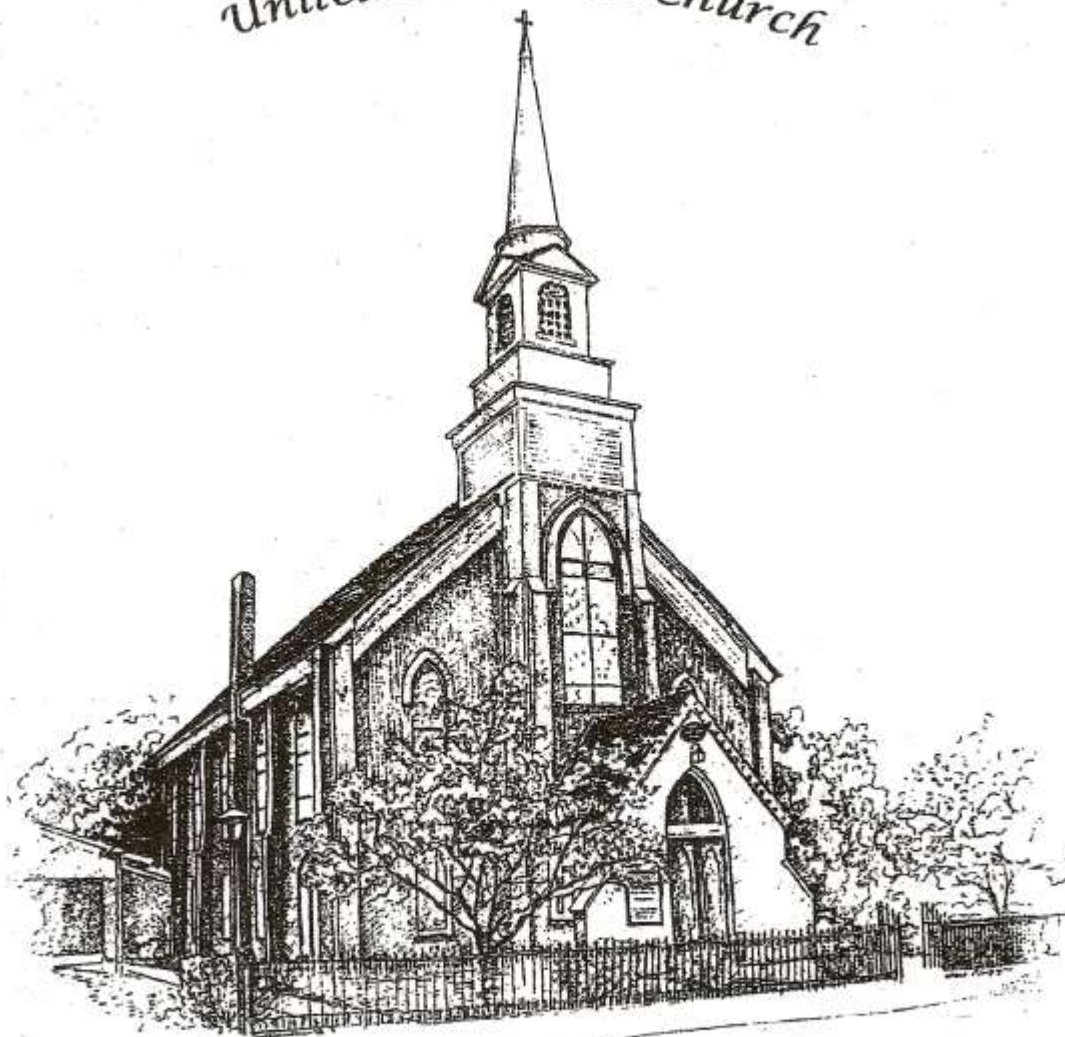


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"A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others."

Elkton United Methodist Church
Sunday, February 23, 2020
Joy of Faith Weekend
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

RESPONSE #328 (UMH) – 8:30..... “SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD”

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

CHORAL INTROIT – 11:00..... “AS WE GATHER”¹ MIKE FAY & TOM COOMES

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

People: We know the beauty of God’s creation and the wonder of the human family.

Leader: We remember those whose love has shaped our lives.

People: We gather in our church to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God’s work in the world.

All: May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope and joy!

**HYMN #277 (UMH) “TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS”

PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious and Holy God, we come to you because you have first come to us. We know you because you have revealed yourself. Give us in this morning hour of worship a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us. Lift our hearts with the

wings of song, heal our souls with the balm of prayer, enliven our minds with the words of scripture and interpretation, and newly enable us to dedicate our strength, our substance, and our service to your work in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING..... "MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE"¹..... SID BLEDSON

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, PSALM 78:1-7 (page 537-538)

MUSICAL OFFERING - 8:30..... "ABIDE WITH ME"¹..... SID BLEDSON
11:00..... "JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING"¹..... CHANCEL CHOIR

****GOSPEL LESSON, MATTHEW 13:1-9 (page 13-14)**

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.

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 #2215 (TFWS)..... "CARES CHORUS"

**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

****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!

MESSAGE..... BIL LEPP

**HYMN #369 (UMH)..... "BLESSED ASSURANCE"

**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)

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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 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

Charlie Campbell
Louise Jacoby (Samantha
Perkin’s grandmother)

Members and Friends

Les Andrews (2/9)
Judy Bennett (2/2) (Gail Garber’s
sister-in-law)
Colleen Bowers (2/9)
Becky Bowling (1/26) (Lea
Gochnauer’s sister)
Beth Camarra (2/9)
Vickie Cebula (2/9)
Mildred Chinski (2/9)
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 (1/26)
Kim Ernst (2/16)
Scott Gallen (2/9) (Faith Seltzer’s
son)
Mabel Gary (2/16)
Marlene Gautsch (2/9)
Natalie Hammond (1/26)
Cathy Haley (2/9)
Sue Johnson (1/26)
Bill Mackie (2/9)
Betty McCarthy (2/9)
Ken McCoy (2/9)
Alyse McKeown (2/9)
Ed McKeown (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)
Michelle Ticknor (2/9)
Mike VanDenHeuvel (2/9)
Owen Wevadou (2/9)
Ken Wyerman (2/9) (Sue Ivey’s
father)

Abbey Manor

Jane Cebula

Calvert Manor

Henry Jacobs
Marge Jacobs
Jim Melvin

Sympathy

To Ivan and Charlotte Mehosky on
the death of his mother.

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:	Bethany Buckley	
Readers:	8:30 – Bill Alphin	11:00 – Kaitlyn Czarnecki
Acolytes:	8:30 – Kyle Forman	11:00 – Julie Czarnecki
Greeters:	8:30 – Ellen Gruebel & Linda Renshaw	11:00 – Mary Mackie & Terri Allen
Welcome Center:	8:30 – Bethany Buckley	11:00 – Carol Robinson
Hospitality:	8:30 – Cheryl McKeown & Linda Renshaw	11:00 – Carol Robinson & Kristen Czarnecki
Hall Monitors:	8:30 – Bob MacDonald	11:00 – Phil Czarnecki
Nursery:	8:30 – TBD	11:00 – TBD
Tech Team:	8:30 – TBD	11:00 – Roger Robinson & 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, Joyce Browne, Joe Buckley, Bill Moffitt, Romie Jones, Richard VanSchaick
11:00 – Frank Deibert, Charles Campbell, Ken McCoy, Barton Funke, Joseph Graham, Hobert Halsey, Gary Storke, Ray Whiteoak

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Michael, Christopher, and Hillary Foster in fond memory of their wife and mother, Russanne, who became their sweet, sweet spirit 6 years ago this March 2nd.

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!

WELCOME JOY OF FAITH PRESENTER BIL LEPP! We welcome Bil back to EUMC for this, our 15th Joy of Faith weekend. Bil is a nationally renowned storyteller, as well as an author and recording artist. He has appeared at countless storytelling festivals and is a five-time champion of the West Virginia Liars contest! He lives in Charleston, West Virginia, with his wife, two children and their dog Apollo! We're delighted to have Bil back with us and look forward to his great stories!

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

CANTATA REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN – The Chancel Choir has begun rehearsing the Lenten cantata they will present on Palm/Passion Sunday, and welcome other singers to join them. The rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Questions? Email Suzette Burgess at suzetteising@gmail.com.

ATTENTION PARTICIPANTS IN THE CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' BUS TRIP THIS TUESDAY! Just a reminder that the bus will leave the parking lot on Tuesday at 9:30 am, so you are encouraged to be here between 9 and 9:15, so that the bus can be loaded and on its way on time.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH? Then you're invited to take part in the next New Member Orientation Class, which will be held on Sunday, March 1st at 12:15 pm in Room 1. A light lunch will be served, and childcare is available, if needed. To register for the class, email eumc@comcast.net or call the church office at 410-398-0933.

MEN'S RETREAT 2020 – The Men's Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 14th in Weldin Hall and will center on the United Methodist Church – past, present and future. Brochures containing all of the details about the retreat are available on the Welcome Center. All men of the church are invited and encouraged to attend.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

- 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM.....Worship Services
- 8:30 AM-12:30 PMChild Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Room 24)
- 9:45 AM.....Sunday School (All Ages)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

- 9:00 AM.....AARP (Weldin Hall)
- 6:00 PMCub Scouts (Weldin Hall)
- 6:30 PMChurch & Society Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PMHandbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 26)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

- 9:30 AM.....Classic Christians' Bus Trip to Dutch Apple
- 7:00 PMCCCS Rehearsal (Weldin Hall)
- 7:00 PMNar-Anon (Room 1)
- 7:00 PMLULAC (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 – ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PMWorship Service
- 7:00 PMBoy Scout Troop Meeting (Weldin Hall)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

- 12:00 PMWeight Watchers (Weldin Hall)
- 6:00 PMLay Servant Academy (Wesley Wing Classrooms)
- 8:00 PMAA (Room 1)

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT 7:00 PM

With Holy Communion & the Imposition of Ashes



This year's retreat will be in honor of Dave Pugh, an active member of the retreat planning committee who passed from us on 10/19/2019



The United Methodist Church

***How Did It Start?
Where is it Going?***



**Elkton UMC's
Men's Retreat 2020**

***March 14th
8:30 AM-3:00 PM***

Come and be a part of this year's Men's Retreat – to be held in Weldin Hall

The day will be filled with times of discussion, sharing, music, food and fun! There will be sessions discussing how the United Methodist Church started, how it came to the Americas, what the proposed changes are and how they will affect us. The Rev. Joseph Archie, Wilmington District Superintendent, will speak to us about the future of the United Methodist Church

The day begins at 8:30 AM with registration, coffee and donuts, and the opening prayer. Closing is planned for about 3:00 PM.

Cost

Cost will be \$25 per person, due to the church no later than March 1st.

A welcoming breakfast of coffee and donuts will be provided as well as a catered lunch.

Join us for a day of camaraderie with others and a chance to connect with others.

Registration Form

Name _____

Home Address

Phone # _____

Cell # _____

Email _____

Check # _____

*Please **do not** put your registration in the offering plate.*

Mail or turn in your registration form and payment to the church office:

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HOLY WEEK AT ELKTON UMC

Sunday, April 5th – PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Choir cantata at both services
Easter Egg Hunt at noon in Weldin Hall

Thursday, April 8th – MAUNDY THURSDAY

5:30 pm – Soup and Bread Dinner in Weldin Hall
7:00 pm – Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 9th – GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 noon – Ecumenical “Seven Last Words” Service in our Sanctuary
Sponsored by the Greater Elkton Ministerial Association
Featuring preachers from seven different churches, each giving a brief homily
on one of the words of Jesus from the cross.

Sunday, April 12th – EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 & 11 am – Identical Festival Worship Services
Featuring choral, brass, organ and handbell music!
7:30 – 10:30 am – Easter Breakfast in Weldin Hall

