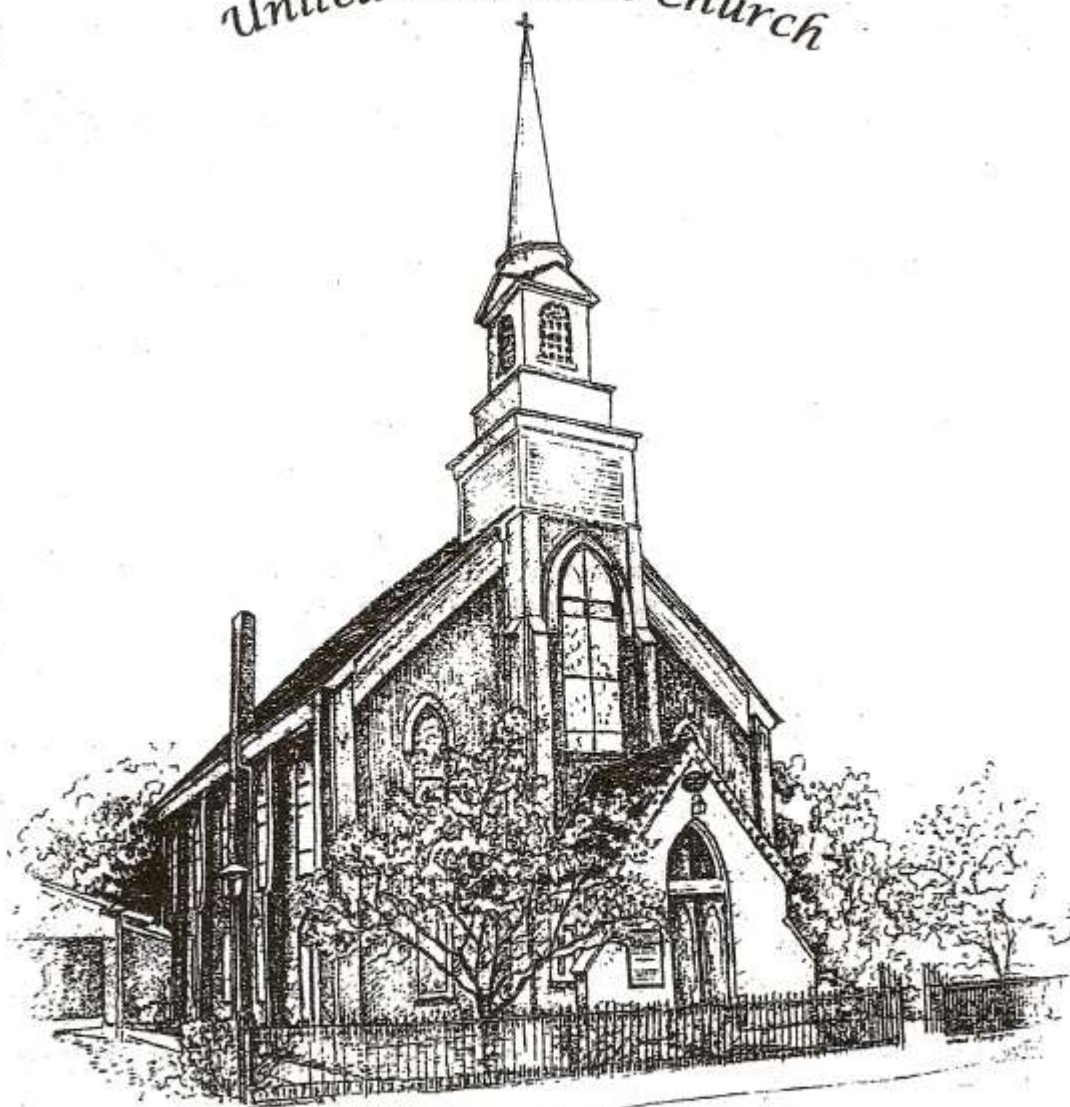


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*"A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others."*

**Elkton United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, March 1, 2020**  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
**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

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..... “BLESS HIS HOLY NAME”<sup>1</sup>..... ANDRAE CROUCH

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: In this season, we worship remembering Jesus’ death in love for us  
and all people.

**People: Lent is a time of tears.**

Leader: But out of tears, joy is born – the joy of sin forgiven, hope reborn,  
and life restored.

**People: We stand in awe of the God who brings joy out of tears, and life out  
of death. Let us worship with reverence.**

\*\*HYMN #269 (UMH) ..... “LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS”

PRAYER (in unison)

**We come before you, O God, in the shadow of the cross, grateful for your great love  
for us. As you came to us in Jesus to win our love and obedience, reveal yourself  
among us still. Give us courage to follow Jesus over rocky hills where we carry our  
crosses and green valleys where you restore our souls. For we pray in the name of  
the Shepherd whose life was laid down for the sheep, Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“REDEEMER”<sup>1</sup>.....CHANCEL CHOIR

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, PSALM 18:1-6 (page 497)

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 23:39-43 (page 89)

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!**

SERMON .....“CROSS WORDS: .....REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

I – ‘TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.’”

\*\*HYMN #2113 (TFWS).....“LAMB OF GOD”

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION, PAGE 12 (UMH)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

\*\*THE PEACE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

\*\*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.**

\*\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PAGE 13 (UMH)

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion will be served by intinction this morning. At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to the servers, where you will receive the bread, and you are then invited to dip the bread into the juice and consume both elements together. After receiving, you are welcome to pray at the chancel rail for as long as you wish, and then return to your pew.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

\*\*HYMN #2281 (TFWS) ..... “MAY YOU RUN AND NOT BE WEARY”

\*\*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

Jack Edler

### Members and Friends

Les Andrews (2/9)  
Colleen Bowers (2/9)  
Becky Bowling (3/1) (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)  
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)  
Betty McCarthy (2/9)  
Ken McCoy (2/9)  
Alyse McKeown (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)  
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

### Elkton Transitional Care

Charlie Campbell

### Sympathy

To Larry and Gail Garber on the  
death of his sister, Judy Bennett

To Samantha Perkins and family on  
the death of her grandmother,  
Louise Jacoby

### Appreciation

I want to thank all my church family  
for the many prayers and beautiful  
cards that were sent my way for my  
sister. It has been a comfort  
knowing that my family wasn’t  
alone as we cared for my sister.  
Thank you for being there in this  
time of loss.

-Gretchen Ginder

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>	Nancy Crawford	
<b>Readers:</b>	8:30 – Keith McKenica	11:00 – Bobby Heath
<b>Acolytes:</b>	8:30 – Ryan Zimmer	11:00 – Kaitlyn Czarnecki
<b>Greeters:</b>	8:30 – Cathy & Norman Petterson	11:00 – Dot Eltzroth & Betty Budrow
<b>Welcome Center:</b>	8:30 – Sue Ivey	11:00 – Kim Heath
<b>Hospitality:</b>	8:30 – Gail Garber & Terry White	11:00 – Mary Mackie & Dianne Thompson
<b>Hall Monitors:</b>	8:30 – Sonia Dulin	11:00 – Bob Perkins
<b>Nursery:</b>	8:30 – TBD	11:00 – TBD
<b>Tech Team:</b>	8:30 – TBD	11:00 – Roger Robinson & Sonny Tenney

### **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 appreciation for our music ministry given by Mary Ann and Mike Schmook.

**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!

**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 (opening, Gospel, and offertory); 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 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.

**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](mailto:suzetteising@gmail.com).

**LENTEN LUNCH & LEARN** – If you have signed up for the class and are purchasing a book, please pick up your book today and read the first chapter prior to the first class on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Books can be picked up from Karen today or from the office during the week. The cost is \$14.00 and checks should be made payable to Elkton United Methodist Church. There is still room in the class, so if you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late. Don't forget to bring a bag lunch with you to class – drinks and desserts will be provided!

**MEN'S RETREAT 2020** – The Men's Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' MARCH MEETING** will take place on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Weldin Hall. The night will start with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and continue on in the always fun BINGO NIGHT! Classic Christians invites all who are 50 and over to join them!

**INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE UPCOMING UMC GENERAL CONFERENCE?** If you are, then you're invited to attend a "Listening Session" with the General Conference Delegates from our area. It will take place on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until noon at Connection Community Church in Middletown. The delegates will bring participants up to date with resolutions that are being presented at the Conference in May, and answer questions and hear feedback. All are welcome to attend!

# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

## TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

- 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)  
6:00 PM.....Youth Group

## MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

- 9:00 AM.....AARP (Weldin Hall)  
6:00 PM.....Cub Scouts (Weldin Hall)  
7:00 PM.....Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 26)

## TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

- 2:30 PM.....Nursing home Visit (Alice Holland's Team)  
7:00 PM.....CCCS Rehearsal (Weldin Hall)  
7:00 PM.....Nar-Anon (Room 1)

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020

\*There will be no Communion this evening

- 12:00 PM.....Lenten Lunch & Learn (Weldin Hall)  
6:30 PM.....Men's Choir  
7:00 PM.....Chancel Choir  
7:00 PM.....Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Weldin Hall)

## THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

- 12:00 PM.....Weight Watchers (Weldin Hall)  
7:00 PM.....Lay Servant Academy (Wesley Wing)  
7:00 PM.....Board of Laity (Room 34)  
8:00 PM.....AA (Room 1)

**DON'T FORGET THAT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND, SO TURN YOUR CLOCK AHEAD  
ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT  
OR YOU'LL BE LATE FOR CHURCH ON SUNDAY!**