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*Deadline for Article Submission is the 15<sup>th</sup> of Each Month*

**FROM THE PASTOR**

*Rev. Eric Warner, Senior Pastor*

I've been blessed to have recently witnessed a few beautiful sunrises and sunsets. I think they are one of the most spectacular events we can gaze upon here on earth. When the sky lights up with such beautiful colors ranging from pastel yellow to blazing red, I can't help but be in awe of God's marvelous creation. I have several photos of sunsets in my living room that were taken by one of my very best friends. I oftentimes stop to marvel at those photos.

I also think there is something beautiful in the message that is inherent to sunrises and sunsets. The sunrise reminds us that it is a new day and there is great beauty in being able to start anew. No matter what has happened in the past, God has made a way for us to enjoy his loving presence, be accepted, and be forgiven. Similarly, the gorgeous sunset reminds us that even after a bad day and facing trials and tribulations, the day has ended, God has forgotten our sins, God is with us, and God is making a way for all things new. Psalm 65:8 says, "They who dwell in the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your signs. You make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy."

As we head into a new season, don't forget to stand in awe of the beautiful sunrises and sunsets. Allow them to remind you of God's promises, God's care, and God's nearness. When the day ends, may you breathe deeply of the knowledge that God is still with you. When you arise in the morning, remember it is a new day that the Lord has made so rejoice and be glad in it!

# MISSIONS

*"He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy." Proverbs 14:21*

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

*Submitted by Joe Tanner*

***Jesus said: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples."***

### DEEP ROOTS MISSION PROJECT

Our mission project this summer at Deep Roots Family Homeless Shelter was to restore the front side of a building that is home to eight families. We applied new vinyl siding, soffits, and painted the doors and windows. Our team, combined with a team from Wisconsin, and also painted the main gathering room of this building.

Our team consisted of Wayne Scholtz, Lucille Russell, Chuck and Mary Werner, Mike Foster, Bart Funk, Bill Moffitt, Scott Simpson, Eric Warner, Mike Schmook, Dick Gochner, and Joe Tanner. Several people worked all five days and others on selected days. With the mission being local, it made it easier for people to select when they could work.



Last day of our team with the Wisconsin Team



Front of building on the first day with the protective layer installed



Mike Foster & Mike Schmook installing soffit on entry porch of the building



Local residents helping with installation of the vinyl siding

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EUMC Monthly Blood Drive for the Blood Bank of Delmarva: The August 4<sup>th</sup> blood drive had 28 donors. The next donation dates are September 8<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> from noon until 5:00 pm. If you wish to donate you can sign up at [delmarvablood.org](http://delmarvablood.org) or walk-ins are welcome. Donating Blood Saves Lives!

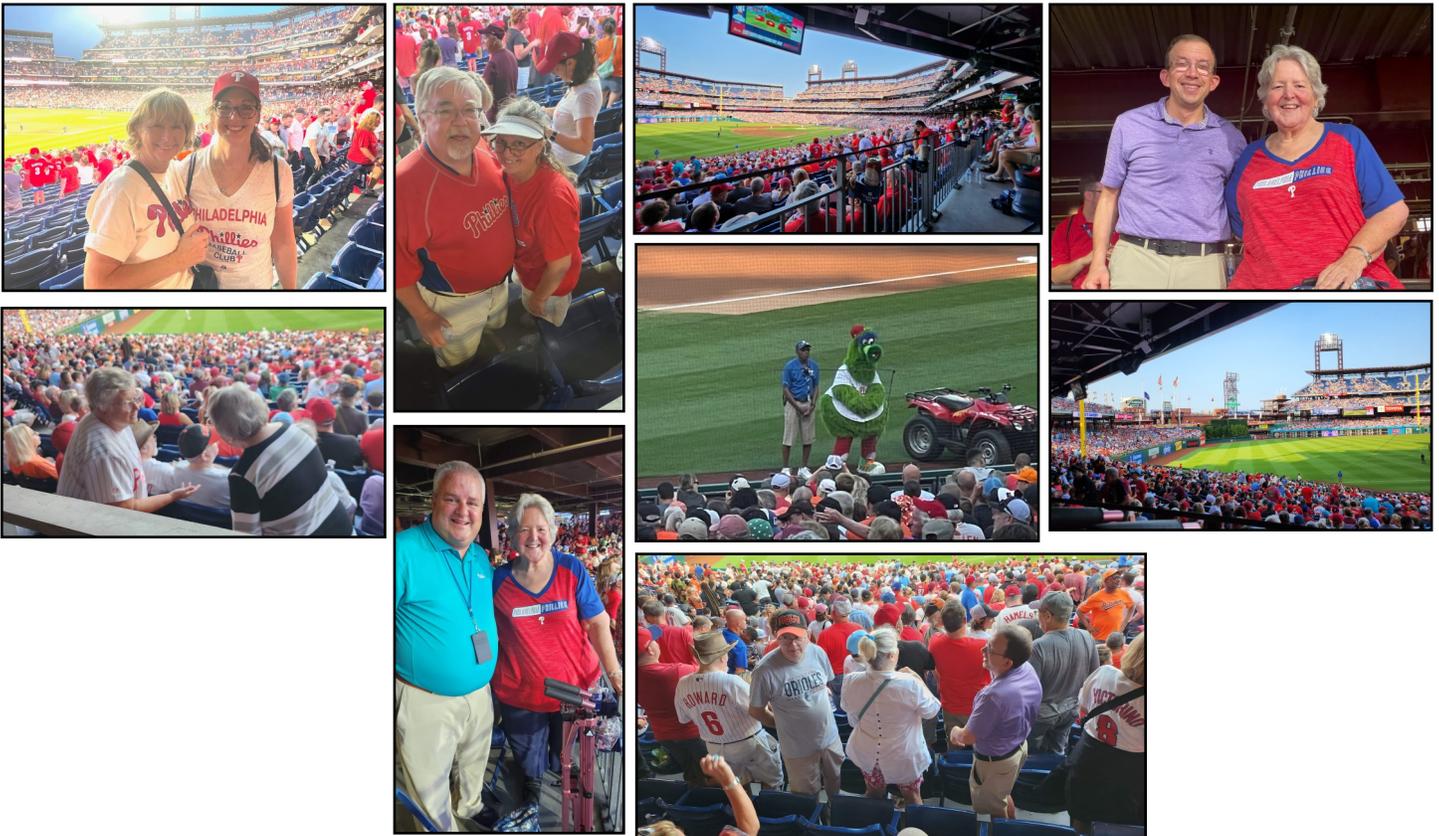
The collection and distribution of teacher classroom school supplies was held the week of August 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you everyone for your participation. Helping our teachers with classroom supplies is greatly appreciated.

We will be having a fall food drive for Immaculate Conception in October.

EUMC is a Missions loving church!!

MISSION FINANCES: The Mission Fund balance in the cash account as of August 23, 2023 was \$9,401.87 with an additional \$4,005.75 in a money market account and \$25,000.00 in a 6-month CD. Thank you everyone for your generous support of EUMC's Missions program that allows us to do important things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*JOY! (Just Older Youth) outing to Citizens Bank Park to see the Phillies play the Orioles on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed our great national pastime together. Unfortunately, one team had to lose the game, but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of our group.*

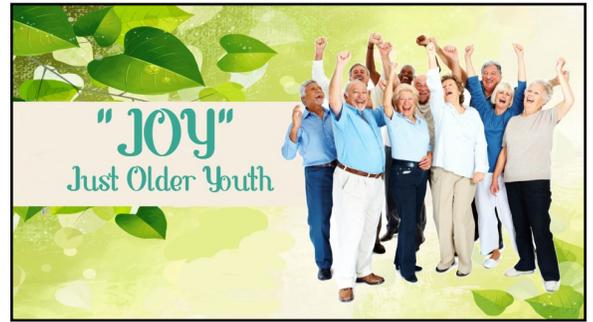


## FELLOWSHIP & STEWARDSHIP

*"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us" II Corinthians*

### JOY! (JUST OLDER YOUTH) NEWS

JOY! (our church's fellowship group for those who are 50 and older) has had a great year thus far, with fun gatherings and trips. Our summer picnic at the Meffley's home was wonderful! We thank them for opening up their beautiful home to us each year for the picnic! It was great to gather with friends, old and new.



Here's what's coming for JOY! in the months ahead:

On Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm, we'll gather in Weldin Hall and start the evening with a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share (appetizer, main course, vegetable, dessert, etc.). Drinks will be provided. Following our dinner together, we'll be blessed with a presentation by award-winning writer Cathy Gohlke. Cathy will talk to us about her writing process and more, and tell us about her latest book, Ladies of the Lake. Following her presentation, and after a time of questions and discussion, you will have the opportunity to buy her book if you wish (\$15), and have Cathy sign it. (Please note that this is the only time Cathy will be doing this. She won't be here on a Sunday morning as she has in the past.) To take part in this event, please sign up on the signup sheet which is posted on the bulletin board in the Hospitality Area. This will help us ensure we have enough seating for all who wish to attend.

October's JOY! event is a one-day bus trip. We'll travel by bus to the Dover, DE area. Our first stop will be the historic UMC Barratts' Chapel in Frederica, DE. Barratts' Chapel is one of the oldest buildings in Methodism in our country, and it is the site where communion was first celebrated in America in a Methodist church. We'll have a guided tour there and have some time to visit their museum. Following that, we'll get back on the bus and head back to Dover for lunch, with trip participants being able to go to either Mission BBQ, Olive Garden or Red Lobster on their own (they're all located in the same shopping center). After lunch, we'll head over to the Dover Air Force Base to visit the Air Museum located on their grounds. We'll have a guided tour there as well, and be able to walk onto a number of different historic airplanes. Cost for this trip is \$40/person (plus the cost of your lunch). To sign up, fill out the form you can find on the Welcome Center kiosk or the bulletin board in the Hospitality Area. Sign up as soon as you can – this trip is sure to be a sell-out!!

Looking Way Ahead – the JOY! committee has put together a proposed three-day bus trip to the Hudson Valley of New York, and we need to know soon if we should finally book it with the travel agency. Please see the article in this newsletter (page 11) about the trip, and let Millie Jones know as soon as possible if you're interested in the trip.

Finally, a reminder to everyone that although JOY! is a group for those 50 and older, we never check IDs! So if you're not in this age group yet, but something we're doing looks interesting to you, come and join us! We welcome everybody to join in the fun with us!

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*The JOY! summer picnic was hosted at the Meffley's beautiful home on the banks of the Bohemia River on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> - good food, good fun, and good fellowship!*



## MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 am at Cracker Barrel. All men of the church are invited and no sign-up is necessary. This month's Men's Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.



# EDUCATION

*"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not turn from it" Proverbs 22:6*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Submitted by Katie Sparks, Director of Children & Education Ministries*



### **Donut Forget About Sunday School!**

Sunday school will kick off on September 10, 2023 at 9:45 am in Weldin Hall with a donut-themed celebration for all. There will be sweet treats, a craft for kids, and a raffle for all those who register for Sunday school. At this time, you will also be able to register for the class of your choosing. At 10:00 am, children and adults will move into their classrooms for their first class of the Sunday school year.

***New This Year:*** Children's Sunday school will begin each week in Weldin Hall for songs, prayers, and announcements. Children in attendance for Sunday school will also be provided a light breakfast during their class time each week.

### ***2023-2024 Sunday School Classes:***

- *Preschool Class* - In this class for ages birth through age 4, students will hear traditional Bible stories, do crafts, sing songs, and participate in other hands-on activities to help the Bible stories come alive.
- *Lower Elementary* - In this class for pre-k through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, students will learn traditional Bible stories, do crafts, sing songs, and participate in other hands-on activities to help the Bible stories come alive.
- *Upper Elementary* - In this class for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, students will dig deeper into Bible stories, do crafts, and participate in both discussions and hands-on activities to create personal connections to the Bible stories they are learning.
- *Middle/High School Teaching Assistants* - Students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are presented the opportunity to be a teaching assistant for the younger grades.
- *Friendship Class* - This adult class follows multiple short studies throughout the year chosen by the class participants.
- *Women's Class* - This class for women follows multiple Biblical studies throughout the year that are geared toward women.
- *Tradition & Wisdom* - This is a more traditional Bible Study class for adults and goes throughout the year, restarting each fall.

If you are interested in assisting our education department through teaching, substitute teaching, or donating breakfast items for the children, please contact Katie Sparks ([katharine.gravatt@gmail.com](mailto:katharine.gravatt@gmail.com)).

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### **Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins Everywhere!**

Do you like pumpkins? Do you enjoy having fun? Do you like doing crafts? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then bring the kids and join the education department on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm for a pumpkin palooza! During this event, children will have a chance to hear a pumpkin-themed story, participate in some pumpkin-themed games, make some pumpkin crafts, and enjoy some tasty pumpkin treats. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Sunday school bulletin board in October, but be sure to mark your calendars now!

### **Children's Church**

If you have a child in grades kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, we would love to have them join us at 11:00 am in Room 1 every Sunday morning. Children's church is modeled after the regular service, but on an elementary level. We have prayers, songs, readings of Bible verses, and even a sermon! We also have a craft and activity to reinforce the sermon, as well as snacks when time allows.



### **Acolyte**

We are looking for children in kindergarten and older who would like to be part of the worship team by being an acolyte. An acolyte lights the candles at the beginning of the service and then puts them out at the end of the service. Being an acolyte is an important part of the service and we would love to see youth taking this role, as they did in the past. If your child is interested, please see Katie Sparks for more information.

### **Nursery News**

Our nursery upstairs is open during both services and the Sunday school hour every Sunday morning. Yolanda is always ready to play and do crafts, so if you have children aged 6 weeks to 5 years old please bring them along to play!!

The nursery is also looking for volunteers; both youth and adults may volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Katie Sparks for more information ([katharine.gravatt@gmail.com](mailto:katharine.gravatt@gmail.com)).



Submitted by Pastor Eric

I'm excited that after a summer break we are going to be starting up Youth Group again. Youth Group is for all young people grades 6-12. Friends are always welcome to attend. It is a place for young people to be nurtured in their faith and to have a great time doing so. If you're interested in more information, please email Pastor Eric at [pastoreric@elktonumc.org](mailto:pastoreric@elktonumc.org).

Here is the latest calendar of events for September and October.

September

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Youth Group - A message from Pastor Eric, games, and other fun activities. 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. We will meet in Weldin Hall.

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Amazing Race - Clues will direct teams of young people to complete various fun tasks around town. The team that finishes first wins. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. We start in Weldin Hall.

October

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Group - A message from Pastor Eric, games, and other fun activities. 7:00 - 8:30 pm. We will meet in Weldin Hall.

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> Fall Bonfire and Party - We will meet at Bob Gautsch's home for an evening of games, food, and other outdoor activities. 6:00 - 8:30 pm.



**COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED**

If you have a college student in your family this year, we need their mailing information, so we can send them our wonderful care packages throughout the year. Please fill out the form located at either of the Welcome Centers and return it to the church office.

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Friday, Sept. 15th | 5-8PM  
Saturday, Sept. 16th | 10AM-6PM

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# MUSIC & WORSHIP

*"May the LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life..." Psalm 128:5*

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

*Submitted by Suzette Burgess*

*Choir Director & Coordinator of Music Ministries*

Fall is upon us and everyone knows what that means - choir starts up again! Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the choir room. We NEED some more singers - especially sopranos. If you do not read music, that is fine - the sopranos sing the melody 99% of the time! Even if you are not a soprano, we need you!!! Please come out for a fun time!



## HANDBELL CHOIR NEWS

*Submitted by Rev. Karen Bunnell*

The EUMC handbell choir is looking forward to a new season of ringing using our newly refurbished bells! Many thanks to the good folks at Malmark Bells for taking good care of them for us! We'll begin rehearsals on the second Monday of September (11<sup>th</sup>) at 7:00 pm. If you're interested in joining us, email me (Pastor Karen) at [kbunnell@comcast.net](mailto:kbunnell@comcast.net). Our group loves making a joyful noise to the Lord with our ringing!

Can't make it to church on Sunday?

Join us via our  
LIVE stream @ 11 a.m.  
on any smart device

[www.youtube.com/elktonumcorg](http://www.youtube.com/elktonumcorg)

# FINANCE & GIVING

*“Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do. And whatever else you do, get good judgment.” Proverbs 4:7*

## FINANCE NEWS

*Submitted by Laurie Ruth, Treasurer*

At the end of July, the Ministries Fund deficit increased by \$543.78 to \$28,976.59. All expenses are being very carefully managed. There were two \$25,000.00 CDs with Edward Jones that matured the first week of August which had a total interest earned of \$1,646.13. This enabled the church to purchase \$51,000.00 in a CD that will mature with an interest rate of 5.30% for 12 months. With Edward Jones, CDs must be purchased in \$1,000.00 increments. The remaining \$646.13 was put into a Money Market account with Edward Jones with an interest rate of 5.1%. Your continued dedicated support is what is enabling EUMC to continue in these challenging financial times.

|                       | YTD<br>Thru July 2023 | YTD<br>Thru July 2022 | Difference |        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------|
| Income                | 198,525.77            | 218,760.93            | 20,235.16  | 10.2%  |
| General Expenses      | 33,997.00             | 34,952.50             | 955.50     | 2.8%   |
| Church Staff          | 133,984.51            | 126,914.28            | -7,070.23  | -5.3%  |
| Council on Ministries | 3,135.47              | 2,137.47              | -998.00    | -31.8% |
| Education             | 1,254.59              | 884.95                | -369.64    | -29.5% |
| Youth Programs        | 0.00                  | 0.00                  | 0.00       | 0.0%   |
| Church Utilities      | 16,311.72             | 16,690.26             | 378.54     | 2.3%   |
| Insurance             | 4,734.72              | 5,346.23              | 611.51     | 12.9%  |
| Church Maintenance    | 29,886.46             | 35,390.99             | 5,504.53   | 18.4%  |
| Parsonage Expenses    | 4,197.89              | 3,855.15              | -342.74    | -8.2%  |
| Miscellaneous         | 0.00                  | 0.00                  | 0.00       | 0.0%   |
| <b>Gain (Loss)</b>    | <b>-28,976.59</b>     | <b>-7,410.90</b>      |            |        |



## FALL FEST 2023

Elkton United Methodist Church will be hosting a table at Elkton’s annual Fall Fest on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Come out and see us! We will have promotional materials for our church and its ministries.

## NEWS & ITEMS OF INTEREST

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### **FEEDBACK REQUESTED – JOY! TRIP**

Our Church JOY! planning group has put together a spring trip to Hudson Valley, New York that we hope all will like and want to join us on. At this time, we are looking to see if we have enough interest in this trip to go ahead with the plans.

Hudson Valley, New York  
May 14-16, 2024

- 2 Nights Lodging
- 2 Breakfast, 1 Dinner, 1 Buffet Lunch (some meals will be on your own)
- Cruise on the Hudson River
- Visit to Home of Eleanor Roosevelt, Boyhood Home of FDR, and FDR's Presidential Library & Museum
- Walkway over the Hudson (if you want)
- Guided Tour of West Point Academy and Grounds
- Tour & Tasting at Brotherhood Winery

The cost of this trip will be \$650 p/p double occupancy and includes the bus and driver tip and all fees. This cost can be made in three payments.

At this time, we are asking you to think about this idea and get back to Millie Jones ([grandmajonesx3@comcast.net](mailto:grandmajonesx3@comcast.net) or 410-441-0130) with your thoughts and questions.

We must have at least 40 people in order to do this trip. Please feel free to ask your friends to join us for another fun time of fellowship. If we can get enough interest, we will go ahead and make this happen.

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### **EUMC MEDIA MINISTRY UPDATE**

*Submitted by Jeff Bunnell, Media/Tech Consultant*

In the wake of Covid restrictions and isolation, churches continue to use social media platforms, especially ‘live streaming,’ to reach their congregation in their homes. Even though restrictions are lifted, our social media outreach still plays an important part in our church ministries.

In case you are not aware, we have a very robust social media ministry that reaches far and wide throughout our community. We have an active YouTube channel that hosts our live stream of our 11:00 am worship service each week. We regularly post updates to our Facebook and Instagram pages. We are in the process of launching a new webpage at [elktonumc.org](http://elktonumc.org) in September, we publish a “Friday Update” newsletter each week, and our prayer chain of has over 300 subscribers.

Social media outreach is a vital ministry here at Elkton UMC. Our live streaming service of our 11:00 am worship service reaches our shut-ins and members who are out town each week, not to mention hosting a library of over five years of ‘on demand’ service library archive. This vital ministry provides an important link for those who cannot attend on any given Sunday. We have viewers from all over our county, not to mention those viewers from afar each week tuning in, including South Korea, California, and the UK just to name a few.

Our social media pages give us the opportunity to keep you informed on upcoming events, changes to our services schedule, even cancellations when necessary. Our Facebook page has over 615 followers, and our YouTube channel has over 238 subscribers. We also currently have over 200 subscribers to our Friday email newsletter with a stunning 95% read/open rate. We have a small but faithful Twitter following where we post regular updates.

While I manage and produce all our social media platform content, I could not do our weekly broadcast or recordings without the help of some very dedicated tech volunteers. These individuals volunteer their time and talents and help me produce a quality broadcast each week. They not only support our weekly service, but they also offer tech support for events as well as support for grieving families hosting funerals in our sanctuary.

You may be unaware of who these volunteers are since they are hidden behind our tech-booth wall on the balcony each week. So, I would like to recognize and thank them here:

Roger Robinson (Coordinator)  
Joe Buckley  
Wayne & Debbie Hughes

Bob Gautsch  
Sonny Tenney  
Laura Hamilton

We thank you for all you do for our church, selfishly giving of your time and talents, to this vital ministry.

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JOIN US THIS FALL AS A TECH VOLUNTEER  
NEW TECHS WELCOME!  
TRAINING PROVIDED.

Join our fantastic tech team and support our media ministries each week. No experience necessary.

Camera operators and sound board operators are needed each week to produce our live stream and video feed throughout our church.

If you are comfortable with a video camera, making cellphone videos or doing any personal recordings, we want you!

See any member of the tech team for more information or email [webmaster@elktonumc.org](mailto:webmaster@elktonumc.org).



**Tech Volunteers Needed**  
Join us in the tech booth and support our media outreach programs.  
- No Experience Necessary  
- We will provide hands on training

Interested? Contact Roger Robinson  
or email [webmaster@elktonumc.org](mailto:webmaster@elktonumc.org)

Broadcast Live Sunday Worship  
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## TRUSTEES TRIVIA

Do you know where this is located in the church?  
Text your answers to 443-907-3282 - be sure to tell us your name.  
(Answer in next month's newsletter)

Answer to Last Month's Trivia  
Picture



This window depicts John Wesley and is located next to the bookcase in the Hospitality Area.



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*Once Upon A Prom*

# Prom Boutique

Opens Sept. 9th  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Volunteers Needed

By Appt. @ [Facebook.com/onceuponapromElkton](https://www.facebook.com/onceuponapromElkton)



## SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

SEPT. 10, 2023 – 9:45 A.M.  
-Weldin Hall

- \*Sweet Treats
- \*Crafts for kids
- \*Raffles

Registration available for all Sunday School Classes from pre-school & elementary thru adult

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The poster features a purple and gold background. At the top, it says 'EHSAA' in white. Below that, 'Reunion Luncheon' is written in a yellow, cursive font. In the center, there is a white box containing the 'Elkton High School Alumni Association' logo, which includes a stag head and the text 'Elkton High School Alumni Association'. To the right of the logo is a photograph of a canal house with a boat docked. Below the photo, it says 'Save the Date' in yellow. At the bottom, it reads 'Schaefer's Canal House Oct 7, 2023 / 12 - 3 p.m.' in white. A circular logo for 'Elkton High School GoldenEaks' is in the top right corner.



## JOY! (Just Older Youth!)

A Fellowship Group for Those 50 & Over

## One-Day Bus Trip to Dover, DE

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Cost (per person) is \$40 plus the cost of your lunch

Bus Leaves Church Parking Lot at 8:30 am

Visit to Historic Barratts Chapel at 10:00 am

Lunch (on your own) at Red Lobster, Olive Garden or Mission BBQ

Visit to Dover AFB Air Museum at 1:30 pm

Return to Elkton UMC by 4:30 pm

Signup forms are located at the Welcome Centers & the Bulletin Board in the Hospitality Area

# September Birthdays

“One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and ask to seek him in his temple.” Psalm 27:4 (NIV)

9/1 Kelsie Andrews  
9/1 Jordan Gautsch  
9/2 Laura Hamilton  
9/2 Nancy McCardell  
9/2 Pat Stepler  
9/5 Catherine Benjamin  
9/5 Jane Kovicak  
9/6 Jocelyn Melvin  
9/6 Maurice (Sonny) Tenney  
9/8 Bret Eddinger  
9/8 Deb Forsythe  
9/8 Rod Perrine  
9/11 Mary Mackie  
9/11 Nancy Stark  
9/12 Paul Deemer  
9/13 Lorraine Dryden (Jones)



9/13 Benjamin Gautsch  
9/14 James Nickle

9/15 Elizabeth Fennemore  
9/15 Madeline Funke  
9/15 Kathryn Hansen  
9/15 Thomas White  
9/16 Richard VanSchaick  
9/18 Nancy Mitchell  
9/19 Catherine Moffitt  
9/21 Scott Simpson  
9/21 Carol Sise  
9/23 Halle O'Neal  
9/24 Ina Andrews  
9/25 Jamie Treese  
9/26 Andrew Noll  
9/26 Susan Starrett  
9/30 James Sawicki  
9/30 Diane Shortall

# September Anniversaries

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, all become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24 (NKJV)



9/4 Charles & Lorraine Campbell  
9/5 William & Fran Vassalotti  
9/7 James (Art) & Kim Artrip  
9/8 Wayne & Debra Hughes  
9/8 Tony & Tina Vassalotti  
9/10 Paul & Katie Montgomery  
9/12 Gregory & Christina Dant  
9/15 Robert & Krista Gilmore  
9/16 James & Lucille Russell  
9/17 Romie & Millie Jones  
9/24 JB & Paige Armour

If we missed your birthday or anniversary please accept our sincerest apologies and let the church office know so we can correct our information.

# September 2023

| <i>Sunday</i>  | <i>Monday</i>   | <i>Tuesday</i>  | <i>Wednesday</i>   | <i>Thursday</i>  | <i>Friday</i>  | <i>Saturday</i>  |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
|  |   |   |  |  | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b><br>7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg   |
| <b>3</b><br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>11:00 AM Worship Service<br>11:00 AM Children's Church  | <b>4</b><br><b>Church Office Closed for Labor Day</b>         | <b>5</b><br>7:00 PM CCCS<br>7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg  | <b>6</b><br>12:00 PM Book Study<br>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts   | <b>7</b><br>8:00 PM AA Meeting   | <b>8</b><br>12:00 PM Blood Drive   | <b>9</b><br>9:00 AM Prom Boutique<br>7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg                              |
| <b>10</b> <b>Sunday School Kickoff</b><br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>10:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship Service<br>11:00 AM Children's Church<br>7:00 PM Youth Group | <b>11</b><br>6:00 PM Cub Scouts<br>7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal | <b>12</b><br>12:00 PM Book Study<br>6:30 PM SPRC Mtg<br>6:30 PM Missions Comm Mtg<br>7:00 PM CCCS<br>7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg | <b>13</b><br>12:00 PM Ruth Sarah Circle<br>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts   | <b>14</b><br>12:00 PM Stewardship/Evangelism Comm Mtg<br>1:00 PM Dorcas Circle<br>8:00 PM AA Meeting | <b>15</b><br><b>October Newsletter Articles Due</b>                      | <b>16</b><br>9:00 AM Prom Boutique<br>10:00 AM Ekton Fall Fest<br>7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg |
| <b>17</b><br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>10:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship Service<br>11:00 AM Children's Church   | <b>18</b><br>7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal                       | <b>19</b><br>7:00 PM CCCS<br>7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg   | <b>20</b><br>7:30 AM Men's Breakfast<br>12:00 PM Book Study<br>5:00 PM Meeting Ground<br>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts | <b>21</b><br>6:30 PM Finance Comm Mtg<br>8:00 PM AA Meeting  | <b>22</b><br>6:00 PM JOY! Pot Luck Dinner & Presentation by Cathy Gohlke | <b>23</b><br>9:00 AM Prom Boutique<br>7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg                             |
| <b>24</b><br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>10:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship Service<br>11:00 AM Children's Church<br>7:00 PM Youth Group                              | <b>25</b><br>7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal                       | <b>26</b><br>7:00 PM CCCS<br>7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg   | <b>27</b><br>12:00 PM Book Study<br>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts  | <b>28</b><br>7:00 PM LULAC Mtg<br>8:00 PM AA Meeting   | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>9:00 AM Prom Boutique<br>7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg                             |



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September  
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Acorn  
Sunflower

Labor Day  
Fall  
Autumn  
Harvest

Morning Glory  
Equinox  
Patriot Day  
Constitution Day

Classroom  
Sapphire  
Aster

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Elkton United Methodist Church uses all the current social media outlets to get the word out about events, upcoming activities, as well as service changes and holiday schedules. So, select your favorite app below and follow EUMC to stay up to date with your church family. Here are the links you should keep nearby:

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TikTok – (coming soon)

Youtube – [www.youtube.com/Elktonumcorg](http://www.youtube.com/Elktonumcorg)

(weekly live stream of our 11 a.m. worship service,  
as well as 12 months of archived on-demand services)

Monthly Church Newsletter "[The Beacon](#)" available online

We redesigned our webpage over the summer months to include a 'new member' section that will help you navigate all our church activities, service schedules, and information on groups you can join.

We welcome you to your new church home and look forward to seeing you Sundays. If you need more specific information about any information listed here, simply email inquiries to [webmaster@elktonumc.org](mailto:webmaster@elktonumc.org)

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## Church Staff

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| Senior Pastor .....                                  | Rev. Eric Warner   |
| Children & Education Ministries Director .....       | Katie Sparks       |
| Organist .....                                       | Brian Willmore     |
| Choir Director/Coordinator of Music Ministries ..... | Suzette Burgess    |
| Handbell Choir Director .....                        | Rev. Karen Bunnell |
| Nursery Care Professional .....                      | Yolanda Gomez      |
| Treasurer .....                                      | Laurie Ruth        |
| Secretary .....                                      | Beth Gullion       |
| Sexton .....   | Joseph Gordon      |
| Media/Tech Consultant .....                          | Jeff Bunnell       |

### Sunday Worship Service

8:30 am & 11:00 am

### Sunday School

9:45 am

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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## Elkton UMC Welcome Statement

The Elkton United Methodist Church is a family of God dedicated to worshiping, learning, and serving our immediate community and beyond as we embrace Jesus Christ’s message of love and acceptance. As a United Methodist Church, we stand fully behind the statement, “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.” Building on our tradition and the welcoming of those who have come before, we celebrate our diversity and invite all persons regardless of age, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality or physical or mental ability into full participation as children of God in the life of this community of faith.