From the Pastor

Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

What a month we've just been through! Actually, while I'm writing this letter it's still September, and when I watched the news this morning I saw the report that Hurricane Maria was upgraded to Category 5 and was predicted to strike some of the same lands that Irma hit. It's unbelievable to think about first Harvey, then Irma, and on and on! The destruction of lives and property has been overwhelming – but so has the response – which has been equally, if not, more overwhelming. It has been heartwarming to see people rise up to help their neighbors and even strangers, and to see millions around the country give so much to help as well. In our country that has seemed so divided of late, it's been wonderful to see our American spirit rise and shine. My prayer is that the love and care will continue, and the mean-spiritedness and vitriol will slip away.

As we move into the month of October, there are a lot of great things that will be happening in and through the church, so I hope you'll take time to read over all the pages of this

newsletter. You won't want to miss an opportunity to grow in your faith or to reach out in mission to our community and the world!

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MISSIONS OUTREACH

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

Missions News

Submitted by Joe Tanner, Chair

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"

Coming up in October is our annual Fall Food Fest to collect donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank at Immaculate Conception Church. We partner with several other churches in Elkton to support the Immaculate Conception Food Bank making it easier as a one stop for both providers and clients. Please collect your bag on Sunday, October 8th, and bring your food donations to the church on Sunday, October 15th. We will deliver the collected food items after the 11:00 service on the 15th.

Also on October 15th, we will hold our annual Fall Blood Drive in Weldin Hall. We will be holding signups in the Hospitality Area on Sunday, October 1st and Sunday, October 8th. We can also accept walk-ins if you forget to sign up. We need both donors and volunteers for the canteen providing refreshment to donors following their donation. Our church blood drives have been quite successful in the past with increasing numbers of donors and many donors donating for their first time. Donated blood is necessary to SAVE LIVES!! Hundreds of units of blood are needed daily in our area alone. Please consider giving to help save the lives of others.

EUMC is a missions loving church!!

Special One Day Offering Coming on October 29th

On October 29th, we'll take a one day special offering to purchase gift cards that we'll give out on Thanksgiving Day to deserving servants of the community. We've done this for many years, and you've been more than generous, as we've been able to bless people who have to work on Thanksgiving (hospital employees, police and fire personnel, paramedics, toll booth workers, etc.) This year, we're going to buy gift cards for all of the county paramedics at Thanksgiving – so help us provide these by putting some money in the basket on the 29th.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes – 2017

Submitted by Nancy Stubbs, Ruth-Sarah Circle Secretary

Mark your calendar and join us again in filling and delivering these shoeboxes to the millions of poor, sick and suffering children around the world as tangible expressions of God's love and constant presence with them.

Sunday, October 15: Pick up your boxes to fill from the table in the Welcome Center.Sunday, Nov. 5 or 12 at the latest: Bring back your filled boxes to the Welcome Center.

Join us again for our 11th year and help us top last year's number of 63 filled boxes! Our highest years were 2012 & 2013 when we delivered 79 boxes each year!!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

For your tremendous response to the Hurricane Relief offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). By the third week in September, you have collectively given over \$15,000!!! As you know, 100% of that money goes to the relief effort. All administrative costs for UMCOR are covered through the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Thank you so much for your loving, caring generosity!

Ruth-Sarah Circle News

The Ruth-Sarah Circle sells flavorings, Vanilla, Lemon & Almond, at \$3.50 a bottle and assorted Rada Knives year round to raise money for our circle missions. If you would like to order either item, please call Irene Dunlap at 410-392-9355.

Elkton Fall Fest ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EDUCATION AND EVENTS

"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 and Education News

Submitted by Katie Sparks, Director of Children and Education Ministries

Wild about Sunday School:

On Sunday September 10, 2017 we kicked off the Sunday school year with a safari theme registration in Weldin Hall before heading into the classrooms to get to know one another. While in Weldin Hall, registrants explored the many Sunday School options and voted for the best decorated table. It was a very close competition this year, but the 2's and 3's class, led by Joe and Tiffany Graham, won the table decorating contest by one vote! If you were not there to see the tables, they were amazing; some advertised safaris, some had animals and others had food. However, these teachers knew what they were doing in order to draw people in, thanks to them we had over 100 people sign up and attend Sunday school on the first day!

As we embark on our exploration of the Bible and God's world this year, we would love for you to join us in a class or short study. We offer 12 Sunday school classes so there is a lot of variety in topics and teaching styles. Throughout the year we will also hold short-term studies that will be advertised in the bulletin and newsletter.



Christmas Pageant:

I cannot believe that it is already time to start planning for Christmas, but since we only have 2 more months we must begin. If you would like to help with the Christmas pageant in any way (directing, costumes, music, scenery, donating baked goods, etc.) please see Katie Sparks.

Acolyte Sign-Ups:

If your child is in kindergarten or a higher grade, we would love to have them join the acolyte team! If your child is interested in becoming an important part of the service, please email Katie Sparks for more information. Katharine.gravatt@gmail.com

Nursery Volunteers:

Our nursery is in need of volunteers for both services. Volunteering in the nursery is very rewarding and a huge help to parents with small children! If you are interested in volunteering, please see Katie Sparks in the education office for more information.

Family Events:

The education department is looking for help planning future family events. If your family has an idea for a fun event that they would like to plan, please see Katie Sparks so that we can make it happen!

YOUTH MINISTRIES

"Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." PSALM 25:5

Youth Ministries

Submitted by Sandy Wherry, Director of Youth Ministries

Rev. Bunnell prepared the clues for this years' Scavenger Hunt as usual. New this year, the youth were to follow the clues given, (which were to visit several adult church member homes to have pictures taken with the church member, the driver and the youth in the car), then they were to get back in the car and do the same thing again finding the next church member. Everyone, including the adults were laughing and having a good time! We wish to thank everyone who helped by graciously participating even though it was a surprise to have up to three groups of youth descend upon you on a Sunday evening. The youth excitedly re-entered Weldin Hall with fun stories and their pictures. We also thank Stacie Forman for putting them all together for us. The groups finished the evening with ice cream sundaes and much exuberance.

The youth wish to thank Mr. Jerry (McNabb) for his music Sunday evening. It was a wonderful touch to our first meeting following the Scavenger Hunt. The discussion centered on "the fruits of the spirit". The topic chosen by the youth for the following week was "bullying".

Youth Calendar with meeting dates and specials (including service)

October 1st - regular meeting

October 8th - regular meeting

October 15th- regular meeting

October 21st - 5K for "Walking to Remember" (Rev. Jim Jones, Jane's United Methodist Church)

October 22nd- regular meeting

October 27th - "Truth or Terror"

October 29th - Crop Walk (youth service)

We also wish to thank all the parents who signed up as volunteers. We are looking forward to having a great year. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Bill (Graham) for all the time he donates to the youth.



CHURCH NEWS

"Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do. And whatever else you do, get good judgment." PROVERBS 4:7

Finance News

Bill Ferringer, Chairman

The financial position of EUMC through August is negative (\$6,287).

Income is down from last year by \$8,468 which is due primarily to Offering Income which is down from last year by \$8,975.

Expenses are down slightly from last year by \$3,084.

Income through August was \$273,810. Offering income was \$255,709. Rental Income was \$12,663. Youth income was \$1,579. Other Income totaled \$3,859.

Total expenses through August were \$280,097. The major components of the expenses are:

- 1. Apportionments and District Office \$35,256
- 2. Pastor and Associate Pastor Expenses \$76,240
- 3. Staff Expenses \$94,602
- 4. Council on Ministry expenses \$16,525
- 5. Utilities \$14,884
- 6. Insurance \$6,783
- 7. Copier Expenses \$7,660
- 8. New Air Conditioner for office \$2,300
- 9. Other Building Expenses \$10,880
- 10. Parsonage Expenses \$4,903
- 11. General and office expenses \$10,064

The Building Fund received \$50,518. Total balance on hand is \$174,409. We need a total of \$235,000 to repay the loans.

As I always say, Elkton United Methodist Church continues to be an exciting place to be and is "A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others." And everyone is important.

Finance News Submitted by Bill Ferringer, Chair		
	AUGUST MONTH	AUGUST YTD
Income		
General Ministry & Trustees Operational	28,725	273,810
Non-Operational Total Income	28,725	273,810
Expenses		
General Ministry & Trustees Operational	31,905	280,097
Non-Operational Total Expenses	31,905	280,097
Net Income/(Loss)		
General Ministry & Trustees Operational	(3,180)	(6,287)
Non-Operational Net Income/(Loss)	(3,180)	(6,287)



Message from the Counting Team

We'd like to update you on how best to use your envelope each week.

On the front of each envelope are 3 categories: Church Budget, Building Fund, and Mission Program. If you put cash or a check into your envelope without filling in an amount for one or more of these categories, our team is required to put the entire amount on the Church Budget line. So if you would like to donate something to all 3 or 2 of the 3 categories, please write the amount on the front of your envelope.

If you then put your envelope face down in the collection plate, no one else will see what you've written until it arrives in the Counting Room.

Also, it is not necessary to seal your envelope. Actually, we work a little faster with envelopes that are not sealed.

For those who write a check for your donation, please write your envelope number on the bottom of your check. It helps us tie your check back to your envelope when needed.

Thank you so much for your support.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP

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

Music Ministries

Submitted by Sharon Williams, Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries

May the month of October be as exciting for us as September was. We have so much to look forward to in October...the Men's Choir will be singing for us, the Bell Choir will be playing for us, the Children's Choir will be singing and the Chancel Choir will continue to sing for the 11:00 service every week. Our Chancel Choir continues to process for our opening hymn and recently started to recess during the last hymn. The congregation will enjoy hearing them sing "Bind Us Together" from the back of the church.

Thank you, Ron Fetterolf, for making sure the Chancel Choir robes were cleaned over the summer. Also, thank you to Murray Thompson for making name tags for the robes anytime we have a new choir member join us.

Another thank you, for showing your love, support and love of music by attending our fabulous organ concert on September 17th. It was truly a great afternoon of beautiful music!

If you are interested in joining one of our choirs, please contact me at stwilliams10@comcast.net.







Submitted by Rev. Ray Graham

Immigration is a political hot topic these days. We are called to "welcome the stranger," but too often we fail to set aside our politics and engage the very real peopleandneeds that are right in front of us. Come and find out what we can do. The group will meet on Thursday, October 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Rev. Graham through the church office.

With Deepest Sympathy

Mildred "Mickie" McCormick

FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

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

Classic Christians' October Meeting

The Classic Christians (age 50 and over) will have their October meeting on Friday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m. in Weldin Hall. The night will start with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and then continue on in a rousing game of trivia. This always turns out to be a lively and competitive event, so plan on taking part! To participate, sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

Calling all Women

It's time to sign up for this year's Women's Retreat. "Ordinary Women/Extraordinary Deeds" is the theme, and the dates are January 12-14, 2018 at the wonderful Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City MD. We'll spend time with some ordinary women of the Bible who did extraordinary things, and consider how we too might be called to do something extraordinary for God. Brochures containing all the details about the weekend are on the table across from the Welcome Center. Sign up early – you don't want to miss out if the retreat sells out!

It's Not Too Late to Register



Join in the fun and fellowship of our 5K Walk/Run/Stroll on Saturday, October 21 at Fair Hill. EUMC and JUMC partner to celebrate the life and memory of Reverend Jim Jones by raising donations for dementia/Alzheimer's. Registration entry fee is \$25.

Registration at 8 AM, Run begins at 9 AM

Join in the fellowship of our church community at the Carl Stafford Pavilion in Fair Hill park and enjoy autumn colors, cooler weather, friends, and a little bit of exercise.

It's Like a Walk in the Park!





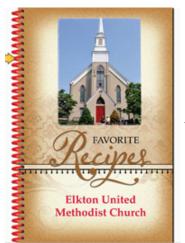
Mark Your Calendars!

The Spaghetti Dinner is right around the corner and, before you know it, you will be smelling our delicious homemade spaghetti sauce! Mark your calendars for **Saturday**,

November 11th and join us for our annual Spaghetti Dinner and bake sale from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets will once again be \$10/adults and \$5/children under 10. So bring your friends, neighbors and relatives for a great dinner and even better fellowship all while supporting great projects happening around our church! This year's profits will be helping to spruce up the upstairs Sunday School classrooms as well as the bathrooms. Questions? Or would you like to volunteer for the dinner? Contact Faye Camors at 410-392-5548 or Bethany Buckley at buckley91@comcast.net. We hope to see you there!

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What's Cookin' with our 2017 EUMC Cookbook

Submitted by Nancy Crawford

Your Communications Committee is happy to announce that we have finally wrapped up our end of preparing the new EUMC cookbook titled, "Favorite Recipes," after gathering up 300 recipes from EUMC members. (See Betty Budrow's "Pepperoni Rolls" recipe here for just a "taste" of what you'll find in it.)

The recipes were then inputted onto the website of the cookbook publisher - doing it ourselves saves us 25¢ per book - and when that was done, it was proofread by several committee members to hopefully catch any and all typos or other errors. While the proofreaders were scouring over the recipes, four "special pages" were created for the front of the cookbook; And after all that was done, the final designing of the cover and selection of the divider pages and other "helpful hints" pages were

selected and added to our book. The picture accompanying this article shows our actual cookbook.

If all goes according to schedule per the publisher, we should have the finished cookbooks delivered to us the second or third week of October. So start planning now...our first sale date will be Sunday, October 29th after both services. We will be in the Hospitality Center eager to sell our beautiful cookbook to help raise funds for the Communications Committee so we can continue with our ongoing efforts to "get the word out" to all of you through a variety of ways. The cookbooks will be selling for \$12.00 each. And if you wish to put in an advanced order, please email me at nancy.crawford64@comcast.net or tell me when you see me to reserve your copy or copies.

We are very proud of our efforts on this project and hope you will all be happy to own and gift it to your family and friends. We will keep you posted of future sale dates, but you will definitely see us at the Spaghetti Dinner on November 11th and at the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 9th. Other sale dates will be announced, but keep an eye out for us in the Hospitality Center after worship starting October 29th so you won't miss out! Thanks to all of you who contributed recipes and have been so supportive of this project!

Small Pepperoni Rolls

Submitted by Betty Budrow

1 tube Crescent Rolls 1 block sharp cheese Sliced Pepperoni

Open one tube of Crescent rolls on lightly floured counter. Cut into 16 sections. Cut the block of cheese into 1" x 1/8" squares. Flatten each Crescent with palm of your hand. Place two slices of pepperoni in center topped with a square of cheese. Pull dough together to cover. Bake on a cookie sheet in 350° oven for 10-15 minutes.

We need your help!

We are looking for volunteers to help serve a family style dinner on Friday, November 3rd at 5:30. The Providence Church will be celebrating their 165th Anniversary and we are honored to be providing our help as they commemorate their rich history! No experience is necessary. Please contact Faye Camors at 410-392-5548 if you are able to help!

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October 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)

10/1 Olivia Forney 10/4 Carla Cebula 10/5 David Parrack 10/6 Melody Deemer 10/6 Judith Pugh 10/7 Karen Bunnell 10/9 Teresa Grunert 10/9 Travis Russell 10/10 Susan Ivey 10/10 Sheila Olewine 10/10 Gerald Slayman 10/10 Joan Wright 10/11 Eleanor Marsilii 10/11 Nicholas Schweiker 10/11 Ed Sprague 10/11 Judith Swyka 10/12 Wesley White

10/13 Nancy Herczeg 10/13 Renee McCormick 10/14 Brooke Cebula 10/14 Betty Green 10/14 June Long 10/14 Amy Whitney 10/15 Emma Gaz 10/15 Joe Gilmore 10/15 Wyatt Montgomery 10/16 Larry Holland 10/17 Stacie Forman 10/19 Bill Ferringer 10/20 Faye Camors 10/20 Charles Gibson 10/20 Seneca Hill 10/22 Donald Andrews, Sr. 10/22 Michael Schmook

10/23 Sheila Boulden 10/23 Lisa Cornett 10/23 Nancy Sawicki 10/24 Jim Dech 10/25 Richard Juergens 10/25 Eric Laramore 10/25 Butch Lokey 10/26 Alice Mackie 10/27 Zachary Schmook 10/29 Ella Jane Coleman 10/29 Richard Gruebel 10/29 Daniel McCool 10/30 Nadine Allen 10/30 Gail Juergens 10/30 Robert Selner 10/31 Sarah Alphin

October Anniversaries

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Genisis 2:24 (NKJV)

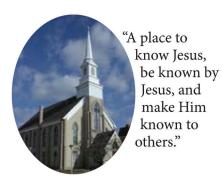
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10/11 Bob & Deb Dalrymple10/14 Joseph & Tiffany Graham10/16 Thomas & Sharon Williams10/20 Randall & Carrie Tenney

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Sunday Worship Services

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Sunday School (All Ages)

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Youth Fellowship

Sunday afternoon 12:30-3:00 p.m.

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