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## Organizers pleased with turnout for first-ever Drive Thru Prayer

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Carol Lewis and Sandy Wherry pray for a driver who came to Elkton United Methodist Church Monday morning for their first Prayer event.

ELKTON — For a first-time event, the Rev. Karen Bunnell was pleased with the turnout for Drive Thru Prayer.

“You never know what it’s going to be,” said Bunnell, pastor of Elkton United Methodist Church, on Monday. “I think it went pretty well.”

The date was chosen to coincide with the start of the new school year for Cecil County Public Schools. Bunnell figured with the church’s proximity to the Cecil County Board of Education headquarters that perhaps administrators would also stop in before heading to the office.

Kristen Czarnecki liked that she could pull into the parking lot of the church on East Main Street on the way to taking daughters Kaitlyn, 10, and Julie, 7, to the first day of school.

“It’s a good way to start the school year,” Czarnecki said.

Will Davis, local attorney and soon-to-be Cecil County Circuit Court judge also drove in for prayer, but chose to get out of his vehicle and pray face-to-face with Linda Carey and Terry White.

As he headed back to his vehicle, Bunnell offered him a plate of homemade cookies. Each person who came through the parking lot was sent away with a sweet treat.

William and Wanda Green were surprised to be met by Carol Lewis and Sandy Wherry. The Elkton couple expected to get out of their van to receive prayer.

At the entrance to the parking lot off High Street, Bob MacDonald and Bob Heath held signs and waved to traffic to encourage participation. Some just honked, but others pulled in for the prayer.

“This is a great idea,” Czarnecki said. “We all need a little prayer.”



Bunnell said the committee who organized the drive-through prayer will meet soon to discuss the next opportunity. The pastor hinted that may be the Nov. 8 general election.

As he left the parking lot, Davis prayed for the prayer warriors.

“And I hope you get lots of pray-ers,” he said.

“There was certainly a good spirit here,” Bunnell said. “The people that did it were happy and the people who got prayer were happy.”

Citing Matthew 18:20, Bunnell added, “You know, wherever two or three are gathered, I am here.”

## Matthew 18:20 New King James Version (NKJV)

20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”