



From the Pastor

Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

“In the good ole summertime! In the good ole summertime!” Oh, how nice it is to be in the good ole summertime! The pace of life, which, during the school year, seems so frenetic, slows down and most of us usually get some time off for vacation. It’s a great time of the year!

I hope you’ll take advantage of the slow down! I hope you’ll make a list of things that would bring you joy this summer – and then do them! Things like sitting on your porch and enjoying the warmth and sunshine; going on day trips with your kids or grandkids; taking in a movie on a rainy day; reading one of those books you haven’t been able to get to yet; making some yummy meals with all of the wonderful fresh fruits and vegetables of the season. Well, you get the idea – summer is a time to enjoy life at a slower pace, and treat yourself to rest and relaxation.

If you have a hard time doing that – even in the summer – I would invite you to remember something: that Jesus found time regularly to treat himself – in walks in the hills by himself, fishing, going for boat rides with his friends, meals with friends and family. So if Jesus did it, shouldn’t we follow his lead?

Have a wonderful summer. Make some good memories. And all along the way, make church one of your stops – ours or another wherever you happen to be on Sunday mornings. While you’re there, give God thanks for all of his many gifts, among them, the “good ole summertime!” Have a blessed summer!

July & August 2016

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**SERVICE OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING FOR OUR NATION
SUNDAY, JULY 3RD**

9:45 A.M. (ONE SERVICE ONLY!)

Music by the Providence Brass Quintet

Missions News

Submitted by Joe Tanner, Chair

Serious flooding has continued this late spring and early summer in a number of areas of our country. Our “Flood Bucket” drive has proven to be important in helping to provide cleaning supplies to families affected by this flooding. Generous support from the members of our church resulted in equipping 20 five gallon buckets with the necessary supplies for those affected by this devastating flooding. The buckets were packed and delivered to UMCOR for distribution to the flooded areas.

EUMC will again send a mission group comprised of youth and adults to Kentucky to support the residents of the community we have supported in the past. Our mission group will leave on July 16th and return on July 24th. Our prayers are with them in their work to support others and to keep them safe during their travel and their service.

There will be a special baseball outing at a Wilmington Blue Rocks game on August 10th. It is a fundraiser for brain tumor research with tickets at \$10 (normal \$12) with a portion of the proceeds to go to brain tumor research. The event is called **Dragon Fly Strong** and we will have more information in the Hospitality Area.

Thank you Mentors!!

Many, many thanks to all who served as mentors to students at Thomson Estates Elementary School this year. We’ve been in partnership with TEES for many years now, and the heart of our partnership is the mentoring. Some of our mentors have been serving for years and years, but no matter how long they’ve served, all of them are touching young lives in wonderful, affirming ways. Thanks to all of them for sharing their time, talents, and most of all, their love! Keep watch, because in the September newsletter, we’ll let you know how you can be a mentor too!

Chautauqua 2016

Once again this year, the Chautauqua Institute is sending performers around our area to portray famous people. This has been taking place for a number of years now and the performances are always incredible. This year, the actors will portray Duke Ellington and Ernest Hemingway. Duke Ellington will be portrayed on July 9th from 6 – 7:30 at the Elkton Library, and Ernest Hemingway on July 12th from 7 -8:30 at Cecil College’s Elkton Station on Railroad Avenue. It’s free admission, you’ll learn a lot about these famous characters, and you’ll really enjoy it!

Memorial Day Prize Winners!

Our church made two appearances in Elkton’s Memorial Day Parade this year – we had a float for the first time, and our Cub Pack 443 made a return appearance. When the prizes were handed out – guess which one took first place in the “group” category – the Cub Scouts! Yay! We’re so proud of that group, and if we had to lose to anyone, our Cub Scouts are the perfect ones! Congratulations Cub Scouts, and many thanks to all of the people who assembled our float, and walked with it in the parade. It was a wonderful witness to our gratitude for all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to keep us safe and free.



Sunday School News and Events

Submitted by Katie Sparks, Director of Children and Education Ministries

Summer is here which means lots of laughter and outside fun. During this time, remember to still come to Sunday services and the adult Sunday school classes that run year-round.

Promotion Sunday:

This year for Promotion Sunday we had about 100 people in attendance to help the children celebrate the end of the Sunday school year. Thank you to all who came out to celebrate! The pre-k and kindergarten class did a fantastic job reciting the Lord's Prayer. If you see one of the youngsters ask them to say it for you; they worked really hard this year to memorize it.



Vacation Bible School

Get ready for some farmyard fun! This year's theme is Barnyard Round-Up and the children will be learning the 23rd Psalm. Vacation Bible School will be taking place July 10th-July 14th 5:30pm-8pm, and if you would like to volunteer to lead a station or group please see Katie Sparks. Sign-ups for children are now available online or by contacting Katie Sparks for a paper form. The cost is \$5 per child with a maximum of \$10 per family. Dinner will be provided each night for the children and volunteers.



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 see Katie Sparks or Barb Pinder for more information.

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 for more information.

Sunday School Teachers Needed:

Unfortunately, some of our fantastic Sunday school teachers have decided to step down from their position due to the busy schedules of their lives. If you are interested in becoming a teacher for the 2016-2017 school year, please see Katie Sparks for more information.

Youth News - Summer 2016

Submitted by Sandy Wherry, Director of Youth Ministries

WOW! Summer is into full swing and I can't believe how busy everyone is already! The calendar appears to be full for most families! Many of our youth have summer jobs, are attending more than one camp or have already started vacation with friends and family!

We will meet on 2 Wednesday evenings for the month of July and return to our normal Sunday evening schedule for the remainder of summer:

- July 6th – Meet at the Wherry's (532 Hances Point Road, N.E.) for a picnic and water games.
- July 10 – 14th – Vacation Bible School, It's not too late to volunteer to help, see Katie Sparks or myself.
- July 16 – 24th – Mission Trip to Kentucky (leaving at 8:30 a.m., returning before noon on Sunday the 24th)
- July 27th – Youth Group held at Madison Jennings home (264 Red Point Road, N.E.) We will meet at the Wherry residence and head to Madison's for a swim party in the new pool.
- Aug. 7th, Aug. 14th, Aug. 21st and Aug. 28th – We will meet at church to head to our destinations.

Don't forget about painting the vehicle for the derby which runs from July 28th to July 30th at the Cecil County Fair. John will give us a date for an evening to paint and the date of the derby running of "Our Vehicle" after we return home from the Kentucky Mission Trip.

We pray that you have a safe, relaxing and joyful summer! Please, don't forget to leave time for Jesus in your busy schedules and remember your own personal prayer space that you created following our discussions on prayer; continue as always to pray for family, friends and each other.



Sarah Alphin Graduation



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 operational net income through May is positive \$4,923.

Income is down from last year by \$4,348. The main components are offering income is down from last year by \$7,487, other income is down \$554, while Youth program income is up \$2,040 and rental income is up \$1,653.

General expenses are down from last year by \$2,033. Office supplies and postage are down \$2,671 but apportionment and district office expenses are up \$1,655. Other expenses are down \$1,017.

Pastor and staff expenses are down \$2,576.

Council on Ministry is down from last year \$1,716. Ministries Program and Evangelism are up \$1,743. Youth and Education are down \$3,224. All other expenses are down \$235.

Building expenses are down from last year by \$1,875. Church repairs and maintenance are up \$2,299 mainly due to roof repairs. Church utilities are down \$3,236 (mainly heat), Copier expenses are down \$992 due to the lease of new copiers at a lower price and the first month rental being paid by the vendor. All other expenses are up \$54.

Parsonage expenses are up from last year by \$808. This is primarily due to repairs and maintenance.

Non-Operation is a net deficit of \$15,241. This is primarily due to the second payment for the Weldin Hall air conditioner replacement of \$14,000.

The Building Fund received \$30,536 this year as we work to secure funds to repay the loans of \$245,000 in 2021. Total balance on hand is \$88,833.

After five months, I am glad that we are positive for the year to date. With that in mind, I believe we are on pace to achieve our budget for the year. However, there are some potentially large expenses on the horizon. The Finance committee just asks everyone to be good stewards and keep your pledges up to date.

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

	MAY MONTH	MAY YTD
Income		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	34,360	182,200
Non-Operational	<u>1,035</u>	<u>2,625</u>
Total Income	35,395	184,825
Expenses		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	35,104	177,277
Non-Operational	<u>785</u>	<u>17,866</u>
Total Expenses	35,889	195,143
Net Income/(Loss)		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	(744)	4,923
Non-Operational	<u>250</u>	<u>(15,241)</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	(494)	(10,318)



EUMC needs volunteers who can give their time and talents to our Tech Team. Each week our team runs the media panel which serves the weekly services. They provide live video feeds throughout the church, provide in service production support, and produce a weekly video recording for our You Tube Channel production.

If you are tech savvy and have experience in multi-media operations, or are comfortable around technology, consider volunteering your time. Training is provided as time permits. If you think you might be a good fit, contact the Tech Team Coordinator Rich Juergens at richjuergens@outlook.com

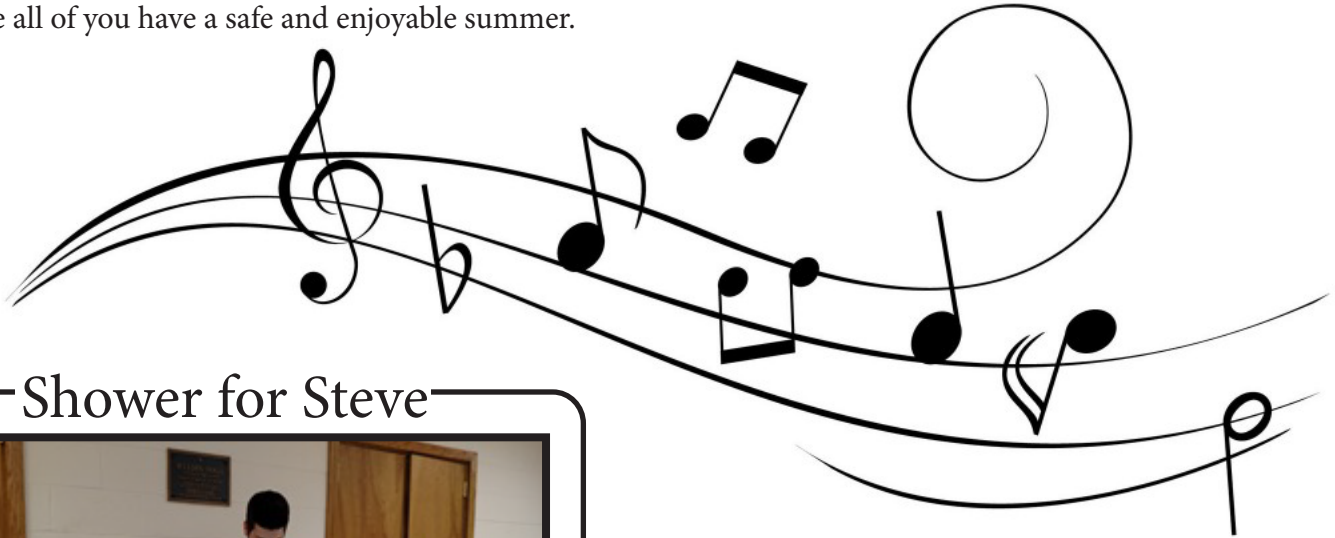
Music Ministries

Submitted by Sharon Williams, Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries

Mark your calendars for our special service on July 3rd at 9:45 a.m. Once again, we will have the Providence Brass play for our worship service.

Since I have been busy planning music for our summer Sunday's and planning some vacation time for myself, I have to stop for a few minutes and say a huge thank you to God for all the blessings He has given me and especially for the wonderful people who share their talents with all of us at EUMC.

Hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable summer.



Shower for Steve



With Deepest Sympathy

Robert Dunn
Lorraine Price
Dorothy Sinclair

Baptisms

If you would like to schedule a baptism, please email Rev. Bunnell at eumc@comcast.net or call the church office at 410-398-0933

Friends and Fireworks!

Evangelism/Membership Committee

What could be better than standing up for Jesus, being with friends, meeting your neighbors, making children (and adults) very happy, handing out refreshing cool pops on a warm evening, AND seeing fireworks for FREE? If the very thought of all of these good things rolled up into a single evening is appealing, you are invited to join the EUMC Evangelism Committee Cool Pop Giveaway on the 4th of July in Elkton. We need lots of happy folks to hand out the Cool Pops. Details for times and location assignments will be made later. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the area near the Welcome Center and indicate how many family members will join you.



Classic Christians' Summer Events

On Wednesday, July 13th, the Classic Christians (age 50 and over) will travel to Lancaster to attend the Rainbow Comedy Theatre's production of "Catch Me If you Can." Tickets are \$44/person which includes lunch and the show. We'll be carpooling from the church parking lot. To take part in this outing, please sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center. There are a limited number of tickets, so if you're interested, sign up soon! Checks can be made out to Elkton UMC (put comedy theatre on the memo line) and drop them by the church office.

On Friday, August 5th, the Classic Christians will have their annual summer picnic. This year, again, it will take place at the home of Ed and Betty Sprague. Hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, condiments and beverages will be provided. Attendees should be a side dish or dessert to share, a lawn chair, and a bathing suit if you want to swim in the Sprague's beautiful pool! The sign-up sheet for the picnic is on the table across from the Welcome Center.

Christmas in April 2016

Every year on the last Saturday in April, something amazing happens: Christmas in April volunteers tackle home improvement projects for some of our community's most vulnerable older residents. It is a labor of love and the results of the workday often mean older adults can continue to live independently and with dignity.

EUMC has supported Christmas in April for many years.

On April 30th, the EUMC Christmas in April Team gathered at a home in Elkton and in one day they accomplished the following:

- Replaced 24" powder room door with a painted 30" door
- Replaced a metal exterior door
- Replaced two kitchen windows with energy efficient units
- Built and installed new wood steps and railing for the front porch
- Installed a raised toilet seat
- Replaced the front storm door latch and lock hardware
- Installed new magnetic catches and pull knobs on cabinet for easier access



Thank you to the willing workers for the day: Phil Czarnecki, Keith Edwards, Bob Hoffman, Jim Logullo, Henry Jacobs, Joe Tanner and Bill Whigham; many thanks to Jim Deck for the treated wood donation; and special thanks to the leadership of Co-House Captains Ted McDowell and Wayne Scholz. Your time, talents and faith are wonderful examples of how God works through us to meet the needs of others.

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CAT	GOATS	PASTURE	TROUGH
CHEESE	GRAIN	PIG	TURKEYS
CORN	HARROW	PLOW	WEATHERVANE
COW	HARVEST	PRODUCE	WEEDS
CREAM	HAY	ROOSTER	WELL
DAIRY	HEN	SEEDS	WHEAT
DOG	HORSE	SOIL	

July

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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3 <i>July 4th Service</i> 9:45 AM Worship Service	4 Office Closed - Holiday 	5 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM Elkton Rehab, Deibert/Budrow Team	6 6:00 PM Youth Group 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting	7 8:00 PM AA Meeting	8	9
10 <i>Communion</i> <i>Blood Pressure Screenings</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship Service 5:30-8:00 PM Vacation Bible School	11 5:30-8:00 PM Vacation Bible School	12 5:30-8:00 PM Vacation Bible School	13 Classic Christians' Day Trip to Lancaster 10:30 AM Tele-Care Meeting 5:30-8:00 PM Vacation Bible School 6:15 PM Communion	14 5:30-8:00 PM Vacation Bible School 8:00 PM AA Meeting	15	16 Mission Trip to Kentucky
17 8:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship Service	18 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	19 6:30 PM Communications Committee Meeting	20 6:15 PM Communion	21 5:00 PM Relay for Life Committee Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	22	23
24 <i>Mission Team Returns</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship Service	25 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Evangelism/ Membership Committee Meeting (Graham Home)	26	27 6:00 PM Youth Group 6:15 PM Communion	28 8:00 PM AA Meeting	29	30
31 8:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship Service						

August

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting	2 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM Elkton Rehab, Carol Robinson's Team	3 6:00 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:15 PM Communion	4 8:00 AA Meeting	5 4:00 PM Classic Christians' Summer Picnic	6
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Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. - Noon
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m. - Noon

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 evenings at 6:00 p.m.

