



**From the Pastor**

*Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor*

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I sit at my desk this morning writing this letter to you just a few days after being a part of two very special events. One was a ceremony in northern NJ where my Uncle John Bunnell was honored for his years as a music teacher by having the HS auditorium named for him. The other was the next day, when Carlos Reyes Rodriguez was with us as we celebrated his graduation from seminary and heard him preach. Both of these events were so moving and powerful, and showed the impact each of us can have on others.

At my uncle’s celebration, hundreds of people showed up to let him know how much he touched their lives when he included them in the circle of his teaching and care. During our worship service, Carlos told us how much we meant to him because we welcomed him into our church circle, even when he had trouble understanding our language.

He went on to challenge us to continue to be “circle-breakers” – to always be opening ourselves up and welcoming others in. So may we always do that, friends, because so many people in our world still feel left out. We are children of God, and disciples of Christ, and we have good news and love to share. So let’s keep doing what we did for Carlos – opening our hearts, our doors, our circle – that all may know the saving love of Jesus Christ!

**June 2016**

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## Missions News

*Submitted by Joe Tanner, Chair*

Flooding started in the South and Southwest in late winter and continued into late spring devastating homes and affecting thousands of families. UMCOR put out a call for local churches to put together five gallon "Flood Buckets" filled with cleaning supplies to be sent to the affected areas. EUMC joined this mission with church groups filling buckets with the required supplies and with our thoughts and prayers to help those affected by the flooding.

A planned mission trip this July to Costa Rica by three members of EUMC has been put on hold. Marion Wood, the missionary who has manned the mission in Costa Rica for many years, passed away unexpectedly in April. His passing has delayed the support missions to this location, but the plan is for us to send our mission delegation once things have been restored to the appropriate levels.

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.

# Scout Troop 443 and Cub Pack 443 Mulch Project





## Sunday School News and Events

Submitted by Katie Sparks, Director of Children and Education Ministries

### Promotion Sunday

On Sunday June 5, 2016, during the Sunday School hour, we will celebrate all that the children have learned throughout the Sunday school year and promote them to the next grade. We hope that you can join us in celebrating with the children!

### 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 in this way, 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.

A big thank you to all of our Sunday School teachers for taking time out of their busy schedules to plan for their classes and for teaching each and every Sunday! The Sunday School program could not run without you, and your hard work is noticed and greatly appreciated. Please join us in thanking all the teachers (names listed below) for their hard work on June 5th during both services.

### Children's Classes

Jen Noll  
Susan Zimmer  
Barb Pinder  
Mary Ann Schimdt  
Diane Mauk  
Linda Renshaw  
Kim Edler  
Karen Gravatt  
Larry Gaultney  
Marlene Gautsch  
Bob Gautsch  
Sandy Wherry  
Kelly Eddinger  
Rob Kovicak

### Adult Classes

Heidi Gaultney  
Kim Artrip  
Rick Ceresini  
Loretta Brockell  
Ivan Mehoskey

### Camp Pecometh

Camp Pecometh still has open spots in many programs this summer. Camp Pecometh is a great experience for students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Your child will have fun in a safe environment that is filled with God's love. If you are interested in signing up your child, but have questions please see Katie Sparks. Remember EUMC will provide partial "camperships" for students from our church!



## Youth News

*Submitted by Sandy Wherry, Director of Youth*

We wish to thank everyone who has helped us throughout the year. It is only through your help that we have a successful program.

Congratulations to our Confirmands: Jacob Graham and Kyle Slayman. Welcome!

We also congratulate all of our graduates and pray that they will find time to relax before they begin the next step of their journeys.

### Looking Ahead –

- Mission Trip to Kentucky: Saturday, July 16th through Sunday, July 24th [If you want to go, make sure to get in touch with me. It's a very fun and rewarding trip.]
- Creation Trip: canceled due to weather conditions
- All new 6th – 12th graders are invited to join the Youth Group this summer, it's a great time to meet and make new friends. Look for the meeting dates and family homes in the bulletin and online on the church website, [elktonumc.org](http://elktonumc.org).
- Beach Trip: to be announced.

Any questions, call or text Sandy at 443-309-0160.

We pray that everyone has a wonderful, relaxing and rewarding summer.

## Graduation Day with Carlos



## Finance News

Bill Ferring, Chairman

The operational net income through April is positive \$5,667.

Income is down from last year by \$1,245. The main components are offering income is down from last year by \$3,511, miscellaneous income is down \$987, while Youth program income is up \$1,890 and rental income is up \$1,363.

General expenses are down from last year by \$1,245. Office supplies and postage are down \$2,802 but apportionment and district office expenses are up \$1,324. Other expenses are down \$295.

Pastor and staff expenses are down \$3,139.

Council on Ministries is down from last year \$995. This is due mainly to youth related and education expenses.

Building expenses are down from last year by \$4,881. Church utilities are down \$2,963 (mainly heat), copier expenses are down \$911 due to the lease of new copiers at a lower price and the first month rental being paid by the vendor. General maintenance and snow removal account for additional savings of \$1,007.

Parsonage expenses are up from last year by \$807. This is primarily due to repairs and maintenance.

Non-Operation net deficit is \$15,491. This is primarily due to the second payment for the Weldin Hall air conditioner replacement of \$14,000.

The Building Fund received \$23,908.50 this year as we work to secure funds to repay the loans in 2021. Total balance on hand is \$82,207.32.

We are off to a good start but 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.

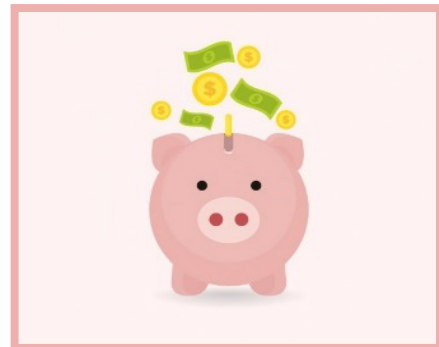
## District Superintendent Celebration

Our current District Superintendent, the Rev. Derrick Porter, will complete his six-year term at the end of June. To celebrate his ministry as DS, the district is having a celebration on Sunday, June 25th at 3 p.m. at Cornerstone Church in Glasgow. It's a picnic, to which all Wilmington District clergy and laity are invited. If you'd like to be a part of the celebration, please email [eumc@comcast.net](mailto:eumc@comcast.net) so we can plan carpooling.

## Finance News

Submitted by Bill Ferring, Chair

	APRIL MONTH	APRIL YTD
<b>Income</b>		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	29,980	147,840
Non-Operational	<u>0</u>	<u>1,590</u>
Total Income	29,980	149,430
<b>Expenses</b>		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	34,712	142,173
Non-Operational	<u>0</u>	<u>17,081</u>
Total Expenses	34,712	159,254
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	(4,732)	5,667
Non-Operational	<u>0</u>	<u>(15,491)</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	(4,732)	(9,824)



## Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference

The annual meeting of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference takes place June 9-11 in Princess Anne, MD on the campus of The University of Maryland Eastern Shore. During the sessions, delegates vote on issues concerning the local church and stances on social and justice issues, among many other things. Clergy retirements, clergy ordination anniversaries, and commissioning and ordination of clergy are celebrated. Please be in prayer for Bishop Johnson, who will preside over the conference, and all of the clergy and lay delegates who will be in attendance.

## 2016 EUMC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

*Submitted by Nancy Crawford, Communications Committee Chair*

As I write this, the last two (additional) days of picture-taking are in full swing. As many of you know, the first four days of picture shoots filled up very fast, and we had to add two more days so we could accommodate everyone. I hope we did.

This is my second time overseeing this event; overall, it was much better this time. The members of the Communications Committee stepped up and really went all out to help with every aspect of organizing, staffing, and producing this eagerly-awaited photo directory of EUMC members. It's a helpful and handy tool to have in reach so you can look through the directory to glimpse a face and to put a name with it.

Dave Smith patiently handled the assembly and layout of the first few pages of pictures filling our "Activity Pages," along with the front and back covers. He did a tremendous job capturing a vast portrayal of our various groups, missions and other assorted events that happen throughout the year at our church. Gail Garber was intrepid in her successful efforts to line up volunteers to be hosts and hostesses during the photo shoots; all of whom are greatly appreciated for their assistance in making the sign-in process go smoothly. We thank all the volunteers who helped with scheduling appointment times the first three Sundays preceding the photo shoots so all those who wanted a picture taken could be given an appointment. The entire Communications Committee was among both those groups of helpers, and were all extremely helpful during the entire "behind the scenes" process. Couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks also to the trustees who showed up to let photographers and volunteers into the church and to Don Ewing, our Sexton, who also let people in and assisted with setting up. And to Pastor Karen for lending her voice to the "robo" calls directed to many of our members announcing the event and reminding us of appointments.

We also have to thank Kay in the church office for all the "loose ends" she tied up for us; for taking additional sign-up phone calls during the week, making sure hosts, hostesses and photographers were let in the building and keys were provided as needed, and for helping with setting up.

Finally, we have to thank all of you who participated. Thank you for keeping your appointments, for showing up on time, for your patience, understanding and cooperation.

The subject we've heard feedback about most often is the Lifetouch photographers themselves. All three were very personable, fastidious, accommodating and thorough in performing their job. They took the time to establish a rapport with each person or group being photographed and patiently explained the options for extra pictures. We heard over and over again that many of you had no intention of buying any extra pictures, but when you saw how good the pictures turned out, you ended up doing just that...with surprising pleasure. That speaks to the talent of the Lifetouch photographers and to the quality of the finished product.

All in all, the 2016 EUMC Pictorial Directory promises to be a good one. With the photo shoots wrapping up this weekend, we should get the finished product by early September just as it's time to head back to school! Thanks again to everyone who helped, you might not have been mentioned by name, but your efforts are greatly appreciated! Stay tuned for our next exciting project...it's a doozie!



## Music Ministries

*Submitted by Sharon Williams, Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries*

Thanks to all who participated in our concert on May 15th...Providence Brass, Paul Humphrey, Kris Lewman, and our Chancel Choir, directed by Steve Gilmore. Also, thanks to Emily Waddington, Bettie Murray, Sandy Wherry and some of our youth who passed out programs and helped with refreshments after the concert. Thanks to everyone who attended the concert.

Father's Day will be the last time the chancel choir will sing in worship until September. I cannot praise the choir enough for their outstanding music throughout the year. They work hard every single week and are so willing to lend a helping hand whenever or wherever needed. Our church offers so many wonderful ministries, and our chancel choir is one of those ministries. THANKS and PRAISE to Steve for his leadership.

As I work on the summer music schedule, let me know if you are interested in singing or playing a musical instrument in worship. Contact me by email [stwilliams10@comcast.net](mailto:stwilliams10@comcast.net) or see me on Sunday morning.

Have a wonderful summer!



### THANK YOU!

Thank you to the congregation of Elkton United Methodist Church. In the past year, I have been presented with challenges from life that I alone would not have been able to handle had God not been in my days each and every moment. Thank you to the people of the church family for being so very accepting and including me in my church family groups. I thank you and my family thanks you. God is at work at Elkton UMC. ~ Sandra Funke

### Baptisms

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

## FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

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

### Classic Christians' June Meeting

All Classic Christians (those age 50 and over) are invited to June's meeting, which will take place on Friday, June 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Weldin Hall. The night will begin with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and then continue with a fun night called "Name That Place." It will be a version of the Video Scavenger Hunt that the youth do every year, but the Classic Christians won't be driving all over town – it will all be done in Weldin Hall! So come and take part in the fun! To participate, please sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center. Also that night, we'll be going over plans for our summer trip to the Rainbow Comedy Theatre, and our October bus trip to Baltimore for a lunch cruise and visit to Fort McHenry.

### Classic Christians' Trip to the Rainbow's Comedy Playhouse

**"CATCH ME IF YOU CAN"**

**"No Wedding is perfect. But this is the funniest wedding you'll ever attend!"**

**Date: Wednesday July 13, 2016**

**Cost: \$44.00 p/p** – this price includes dinner and show

All checks are made payable to "EUMC"

There will be a sign up sheet across from the Welcome Center

All reservations and payments must be in by June 26th

**We will be carpooling to the playhouse again this year**

Located on Route 30 in Paradise, PA, behind the Best Western Revere Motor Inn

**Questions: Contact Millie Jones at [grandmajonesx3@comcast.net](mailto:grandmajonesx3@comcast.net) 410.398.9439 or 410.441.0130**

### Evangelism/Membership Committee

*Submitted by Robyn Graham, Co-Chair*

*1 Corinthians 1: 4-6*

*I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way--in all your speaking and in all your knowledge--because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you.*

Greetings from the Evangelism/Membership Committee! We will once again be giving away freeze pops at the 4th of July fireworks in Elkton. Donations of freeze pops can be brought in on June 19th and June 26th. We will also need

volunteers to assist with giving out the freeze pops, as well as volunteers with pickup trucks to transport the coolers. Sign-up sheets will be coming soon. Our congregation is going to have the opportunity to decorate a car for the demolition derby at the Cecil County fair this year. The car is going to be provided and driven by John Sparks. We will be decorating the car sometime in July before the fair. Stay tuned for more information in the near future! The Evangelism committee is on the search for our next entertainer for next year's Joy of Faith weekend. Please let us know if you have any suggestions of entertainer you have heard of or seen before.

### Classic Christians' Nashville Trip





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# June

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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>
			<b>1</b> 6:15 PM Communion	<b>2</b> 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <i>Promotion Sunday Communion</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School Promotion 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Bible Class 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	<b>7</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM Elkton Rehab – Nancy McCardell's Team	<b>8</b> 10:30 AM Tele-Care Meeting 12:00 PM Ruth-Sarah Circle Luncheon 6:15 PM Communion	<b>9</b> Annual Conference 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>10</b> Annual Conference	<b>11</b> Annual Conference
<b>12</b> <i>Blood Pressure</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>July/August Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast 6:15 PM Communion	<b>16</b> 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>17</b> 6:30 PM Classic Christians' Potluck Dinner & Game Night	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <i>Father's Day</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting	<b>21</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	<b>22</b> 6:15 PM Communion	<b>23</b> 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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**Elkton United Methodist Church**

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

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Youth Ministries Director....Sandy Wherry  
Organist/Coordinator  
of Music Ministries.....Sharon Williams  
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Adult Handbell Director.....Paul Deemer  
Children’s Choir Director...Susan Starrett  
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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.

