



From the Pastor

Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

As I sit here writing articles for the May newsletter, I've just sent my RSVP back to Wesley Seminary telling them I will be attending their graduation exercises at the Washington Cathedral on May 9th, during which our very own Carlos will be graduating! Later that same week, our other dear seminarian Sarah Alphin, will be walking across the stage during Boston University School of Theology's graduation! What a great week of celebration for them and for our church! On another page in the newsletter you'll see their addresses – I hope you'll send them your love, best wishes and congratulations. It was no small thing for either of them to undertake this great journey into ministry, and they have both done so well! I can't wait to see how God will use them to build up the kingdom! I know he has great things in store for them, and for all whose lives they will touch.

As I approach later this month the 30th anniversary of my ordination and look back on the paths God has had me travel, I'm so excited for both of them. The future is bright and they'll go great places and do great things for God! Please join me in celebrating with them and praying for them. With young people like Sarah, Carlos and Brett in ministry, the future is indeed bright for the United Methodist Church!

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Weekly Communion Service
Wednesdays from 6:15 – 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Missions

Submitted by Joe Tanner, Chair

The last two weeks of April ended with a Missions BANG! On April 16, a team of volunteers went to Camp Pecometh to help with clean-up and maintenance to prepare the Camp for summer campers. On April 23, an EUMC walking team joined hundreds of other walkers on the Wilmington Waterfront for the Brain Tumor Walk. The walkers raised awareness, raised funds through donations, and most important of all, remembered and honored loved ones who have suffered and those who have died from this terrible affliction. Then on April 24, we held our second EUMC Blood Drive in Weldin Hall to provide life saving blood. There are so many illnesses and injuries that require replacement blood not only for recovery but to save lives. Blood Donation really is a life saving gift that we can give to others. Finally, on April 30, a group of hard working volunteers joined together for a construction project for one of our neighbors in need of a home modification to improve and make their life easier.

Coming in May, Carlos Reyes will provide information on the Colombia mission trip of young people that he led last year. We will get information and pictures from the “Bibles for Congo Kids” that we supported the end of last year for Congo kids and clergy who have never seen a Bible in their own language. We will collect “Flood Buckets” for UMCOR. All the storms and heavy rains and flooding this spring in the south and southwest have created a need for basic cleaning supplies for the people in the affected areas. UMCOR has put out a request for “Flood Buckets” providing basic cleaning supplies contained in a five gallon bucket and EUMC is answering the call.

Community Kitchen Help Needed

Submitted by Mary Mackie, Coordinator

On Friday May 20th, Elkton United Methodist Church will be in charge of preparing and serving lunch for the Elkton Community Kitchen. This takes place at the Elkton Presbyterian Church at 12:00 noon. The menu will be soup, assorted sandwiches, fresh fruit and pudding.

Anyone wishing to help make soup or sandwiches can sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center. Please drop off the soup and sandwiches to EPC between 11:00-11:15 a.m. We will also need help serving the lunch and cleaning up. If you have questions, please contact Mary Mackie at 410-398-3356 or 443-945-6439.

Relay for Life

Submitted by Millie Jones

On Sunday, May 8th, before and after both services, you will be once again have the opportunity to support The American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life which takes place on May 20th at 6:00 pm at Elkton High School. Please come to the table in the Hospitality Area and help by purchasing a luminaria in memory of a loved one who battled cancer or in honor of someone who is battling cancer or has survived cancer. Each luminaria bag is only \$5.00. You can also help by making a commitment to walk during the relay. Millie Jones and other team members will be at the table to talk with you about this important event in the life of our church.



Sunday School and Education News

Submitted by Katie Sparks, Director of Children and Education Ministries

Evenings In the Prophetic Word of God

Join Ivan Mehosky in this exciting and exploratory study beginning Monday evening, April 25th and finishing June 6th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We will study the Biblical prophecy of the 'last days'...the 'End Times' as foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament, and in the Gospels, Epistles, Jude, and the Revelation of the New Testament. If interested it is not too late to join! Please see Katie Sparks or Ivan Mehosky for more information.

Game Night

Come out and join in on the laughs and cheers! On Saturday May 21st there will be a game night for the families of the church from 6-8 pm. The last game night was a lot of fun and the children even requested another one; hopefully this time we will even be able to have some outside fun! Please sign-up on the Sunday school bulletin board or by emailing Katie Sparks (Katharine.gravatt@gmail.com).



Promotion Sunday

On Sunday June 5, 2016, during the Sunday school hour we will celebrate all 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 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. and, if you would like to volunteer to lead a station or group, please see Katie Sparks. Signups for children will be available soon.



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 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.

Youth News

Submitted by Sandy Wherry, Director of Youth

Christ HAS Risen!

We hope that all of us can continue to live the truth that Jesus is ALIVE! Tell everyone about your experiences in Christ. It helps us to spread the word and strengthen our faith.

The powerful message: **Trust** in Jesus' teachings (Matt. 9:24-27) and in times of trouble to remember that God works for the good of all who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28) we are only on this planet to find God and spread His word, our real destination is heaven, being reborn in Christ, **celebrate** Jesus' resurrection. Finally, in Hebrews 1:2, we are reminded to **Celebrate**, we have been made clean through the blood of Christ! As one of the youth put it: "because Jesus chose to save us and to conquer death, all of our stains have been bleached out and erased like a spaghetti stain on a white t-shirt". Thanks to Jesus, our souls are now the clean, brilliant white of goodness, love and peace. The days ahead are truly meant to **rejoice! Live like you believe with all your hearts, souls and minds that Jesus is alive and preparing a place for us!**

The Kentucky mission trip is July 16th - July 24th and we need to know if you are planning to go. We will be working to help Ruth Ann, Rick and Ricky Paul.

If anyone in the church would like to host the youth this summer for a meeting, please get in touch with me @ 443-309-0160.

EUMC will hold a Baccalaureate Service for all graduating high school and college students on **May 7th at 6:30 p.m.** Please encourage all the graduates to attend.

The summer schedule will soon be posted. We will have a day at the beach for all youth members. Watch for the date in the next newsletter and on the church website.

Graduation

Graduation is just around the corner! Would you please send us your graduates' information so we can begin to compile our list? We need their names, school name, parents' and grandparents' names and their intentions for the future. Our Baccalaureate service will be held on May 7th for all high school and college graduates. We hope that you will lend us 5 photos to display during our service reception. You can begin sending them in to the church office as soon as possible.



Trustees Report

Submitted by Rich Gruebel, Chair

It's been an interesting winter with a bit of snow and winter damage to the church buildings and parking lot. Most have been repaired by now with the remainder scheduled for the next couple of weeks. Discussions are underway about upgrading the A/C unit in the sanctuary with a newer more efficient unit. We hope to do this before the current unit breaks (it is over 35 years old).

The town of Elkton will continue its beautification project. Starting on or about May 1st (their terms) they will be replacing the curbs on the north side of East Main Street from the Presbyterian church down to Locust Lane. This will involve digging out the existing curb, putting in the new curb and then repaving the street up to new curb. This should take about a week. Following all of the curb work they will replace the sidewalk. The new sidewalk will look like the walk on the south side of the street (cement sidewalk with brickwork in between the curb and the cement). What this means for EUMC is that for those who normally park in the front of the church may not be able to for most of May. Be prepared to use the rear lot.

Finance News

Submitted by Bill Ferringer, Chair

	MARCH MONTH	MARCH YTD
Income		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	38,253	117,860
Non-Operational	-	1,590
Total Income	38,253	119,450
Expenses		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	31,152	107,445
Non-Operational	49	17,081
Total Expenses	31,201	124,526
Net Income/(Loss)		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	7,101	10,415
Non-Operational	(49)	(15,491)
Net Income/(Loss)	7,052	(5,076)

Final One Great Hour of Sharing Report

We're delighted to report that, when all the gifts were in, our church gave a total of just under \$10,700 to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) this year through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering! Thank you so much for your generosity! Now, whenever you hear reports of disaster striking around the world, you'll know that the relief that will come through UMCOR to those in need is there in part because of what you gave! Thank you so much!

Interested in Joining Elkton UMC?

If you are, then you're invited to attend the next New Member Orientation Class which will take place on Sunday, May 22nd at 12:15 p.m. in Room 1. During the class, you'll learn about United Methodism, about Elkton UMC in particular, and about how you can grow and use your gifts here. A light lunch is included, and childcare is available, when needed. To register for the class, email eumc@comcast.net. Questions? Contact Pastor Bunnell in the church office at 410-398-0933.



Like us on Facebook!

Don't forget that our church has a Facebook page, where you can keep up with the latest comings and goings of our church family. Like us and our page will help spread the word of Elkton UMC and our mission to a wider audience!

Music Ministries

Submitted by Sharon Williams, Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries

If you have not marked your calendar for a concert in our sanctuary on May 15th at 7:00p.m., you need to do that ASAP. The Providence Brass Quintet, our Chancel Choir, Paul Humphrey on saxophone and Kris Lewman playing violin, will be performing a concert for us. The public is invited to attend so bring your neighbors and friends. Free Will Offering.

It is hard to believe that another year of beautiful music is beginning to come to a close. Our children's choir will sing on Mother's Day at the 11:00 service for the final time this year, our bell choir will ring their final time on Confirmation Sunday, May 15th. The men's choir will sing their last time on June 12th and the chancel choir will sing through Father's Day, June 19th.

I want to say a huge thank you to Steve, Paul, and Susan for a job well done as directors of our choirs. I always feel so blessed to be working with you. A very special thank you to all who participate in the music program at EUMC. Your time and talent are appreciated more then you will ever know. God Bless You.



Please Pray for General Conference

The United Methodist's General Conference is the top policy-making body of the denomination which meets every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs. General Conference will meet this year, from May 10-20 in Portland, Oregon. Every conference from around the globe sends delegates – lay and clergy – who meet along with Bishops and other leaders. Please pray for all who are taking part in General Conference that they will seek and do the will of God for our denomination.

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

Congratulations

To Rob Kovicak for being named Wrestling Coach of the Year for Cecil County!
To Kelly Eddinger, for being one of the great teachers nominated for Cecil County Teacher of the Year!

Monthly Men's Breakfast

Just a reminder that all men are invited to take part in the monthly Men's Breakfast held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 a.m. at the Elkton Diner. No need to sign up, just show up and enjoy good food, fun and fellowship with other men from the church!

Classic Christians' May Meeting

The Classic Christians (age 50 & over) will have their May meeting on Friday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. in Weldin Hall. The night will begin with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share). Then the program will be "Everything Has a Story." Each Classic Christian is invited to bring to the meeting an object that means something to them, and during the meeting we'll share the stories behind these meaningful objects. The object can be anything – a medal from a race or time in the service, a baptismal certificate, a piece of jewelry, a diploma, your first driver's license or keys to your first car, a souvenir from a trip – anything that has a story that you'd like to share. To sign up for the May meeting, see the sign-up sheet on the table across from the Welcome Center.

Book Swap Coming to EUMC!

Submitted by Mary Ann Schmidt, Co-Chair Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will be having a BOOK SWAP on Sunday, May 22nd from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm in Weldin Hall.

Please stop in and enjoy picking up some FREE BOOKS!

We also need book donations for the swap. Any used books for children or adults (no textbooks please) can be dropped off to the church on Sunday, May 15th. Please limit to 10 books per family.

"The more that you READ, the more things you will KNOW. The more that you Learn, the more places you'll GO." Dr. Seuss



Evangelism/Membership Committee News

Submitted by Robyn Graham, Co-Chair

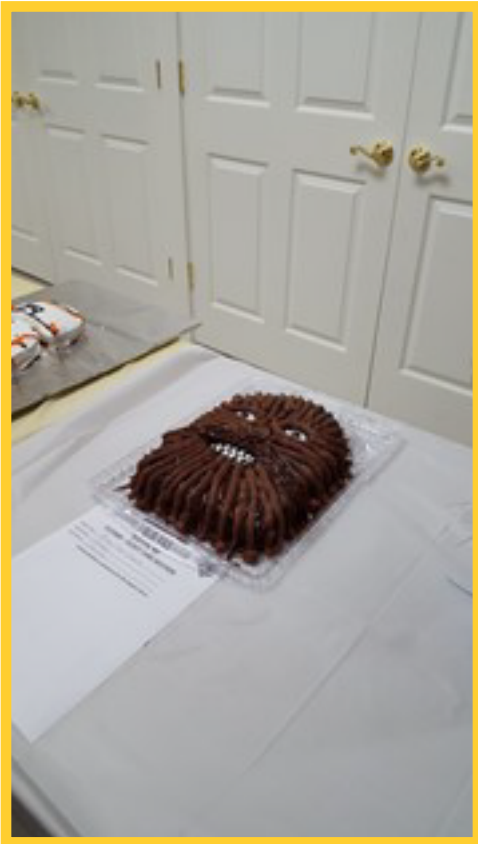
1 Corinthians 1: 4-6

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.

As the weather is finally getting warmer, the Evangelism committee is beginning to work on our next big event—the 4th of July fireworks in Elkton. We are going to be giving away freeze pops again this year at the fireworks. We will be collecting donations of freeze pops on June 19th and June 26th. We will also need volunteers to help give out the freeze pops at the fireworks. More information will be coming as we get closer to the event.

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Crossword puzzle solution on page 12!



May 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)

5/1	Richard Achuff, Sr.	5/13	Barbara Pinder	5/22	James Gravatt
5/1	Lauren Zimmer	5/13	Joanne Sentman	5/22	Dave Pugh
5/2	Linda White	5/14	Robert Murray	5/23	Beverly Ann Kennedy
5/4	Amee McCarthy	5/14	John Stahl	5/23	Grace Starrett
5/7	Phyllis Crabtree	5/14	Mitchell Woods	5/24	Caroline Costa
5/7	Brandon Tenney	5/15	Rebecca Cebula	5/24	Elijah DiSciullo
5/8	Amanda Fetterolf	5/15	Chloe Hitchens	5/25	Connery Eddinger
5/9	Bill Graham	5/15	Philip Norman	5/25	Marlene Gautsch
5/9	Elissa Graham	5/16	Phillip Lokey	5/26	Stephanie Darron
5/9	Richard Jones	5/17	Sarah Buckley	5/27	Harry Barnes
5/10	Thomas Zaleski	5/17	Robert Cornett	5/27	Carolyn McCardell
5/11	Julian DiSciullo	5/18	Hilda Frantsi	5/27	Carlos Reyes-Rodriguez
5/11	Nathan Hanel	5/18	Robyn Graham	5/27	Gerald Slayman
5/12	Denise Cimorosi	5/18	Alison Sprague	5/28	Robert Perkins
5/12	Pauline Eaton	5/18	David Trout	5/28	John Sparks
5/12	Matthew Lokey	5/19	Amanda Cornett	5/28	Rebecca Winkowski
5/12	Sarah Schmook	5/19	Romie Jones	5/29	Virginia Biles
5/12	Dawn Stahl	5/20	Christopher Deemer	5/30	Charlotte McCool
5/13	John Clark	5/20	Kelly Eddinger	5/31	Wilson Forney
5/13	Ashlee Crawford	5/21	Paul Humphrey		
5/13	Cecilia Gaultney	5/21	Scott Shortall		

May Anniversaries

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

5/3	Jim & Lynn Dech	5/22	Joseph & Caroline Costa
5/8	John & Cindy Fetterolf	5/23	Kevin & Linda White
5/10	Edward & Kelley Marsilli	5/24	Richard & Lea Gochnauer
5/17	Brian & Deborah Ingram	5/25	Robert & Eileen Smith
5/17	Roger & Carol Robinson	5/26	Buddy & Faye Camors
5/20	Keith & Andrea McKenica		

May

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 <i>Communion</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	2 6:30 PM Evangelism/ Membership Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:45 PM Handbell Choir	3 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM Elkton Rehab, Carol Robinson's Team 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	4 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5 7:00 PM Lay Academy Training 8:00 PM AA Meeting	6	7 6:30 PM Baccalaureate Service
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Blood Pressure Screenings</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service	9 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:45 PM Handbell Choir	10 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Communications Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	11 10:30 AM Tele-Care Meeting 12:00 PM Ruth-Sarah Circle Meeting 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12 6:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	13	14
15 <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Brass Quintet Concert	16 <i>June Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:45 PM Handbell Choir	17 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	18 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	19 7:00 PM Administrative Council Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	20 6:30 PM Classic Christians' Potluck Dinner and Program	21 6:00 PM Sunday School Game Night
22 <i>Graduate Recognition</i> <i>Book Swap</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM New Member Class 6:00 PM Youth Group	23 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	24 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	25 6:15 PM Communion 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26 8:00 PM AA Meeting	27	28
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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.

