



*Elkton United Methodist Church*

# The Beacon



## From the Pastor

*Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor*

Dear Friends,

I have been blessed this fall to be a part of two different Bible study groups, one of which is Disciple Fast Track (which I highly recommend, by the way). We started back in September, so we've only gotten to the period of the first kings of Israel, but already, it is abundantly clear that the Biblical story is one of God's love and humanity's struggle (and sometimes failure) to be faithful. Time and again, God gave humanity new chances, and time and again, humanity turned away. The Good News of the Gospel is that God sent a Savior to rescue us.

Now, more than ever, we need to lean on that Good News, don't we? At times, these days, life is a struggle – what with endless violence, political fighting, mean-spiritedness and vitriolic language and behavior running rampant. Now, more than ever, we need to remember that we have a Savior who loves us and can lead us on the path of love, if we'll only turn to him. So I pray that, this Christmas, the love of God in Christ Jesus will overwhelm you, and cause you to have hope in spite of everything. In God, there is always a way – and it comes through Christ – the Savior of the World – born in Bethlehem so long ago. May this Christmas be a special one for you and yours! I so look forward to celebrating with you!

## December 2017

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## Advent at Elkton UMC!

- December 3rd – 1st Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion
- December 10th – 2nd Sunday of Advent – Children's Time
- December 17th – 3rd Sunday of Advent –
  - Choir Cantata at both services,
  - Children's Christmas Program at 10 am in Weldin Hall
  - Blue Christmas Service at 4 pm in the Sanctuary
- December 24th – **4th Sunday of Advent – ONE A.M. SERVICE ONLY AT 10 AM**  
 (Please note: The morning service on December 24th will be a 4th Sunday of Advent service, not a Christmas Eve service!)
- December 24th – PM – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES!  
 5, 7, 9 and 10 (silent communion)
- December 31st – **New Year's Eve – ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10 AM**

## Christmas Eve at Elkton UMC

- 5:00 pm – Family Service – Scriptures, Stories and Songs (no sermon)
- 7:00 and 9:00 pm – Identical Candlelight Services
- 10 – 10:30 pm – Silent Communion in the Sanctuary



## 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"*

This article will review EUMC Missions in 2017. The Missions Committee provided financial support to 32 different mission groups both in the local community, nationally, and internationally. The total dollars provided to these groups was \$56,350 and this does not include the two UMCOR fund drives conducted this year. There are a total of 30 church mission projects where church members contribute their time and are actively involved with the missions serving the needs of adults and children in the local community. Ten of these are administered through the Missions Committee and the other 20 through other church organizations. EUMC volunteers again supported the Cecil County Homeless Shelter providing evening and overnight support for homeless individuals for two weeks during the winter. The devastating fire at Baldwin UMC destroyed all of their Bibles. Elkton Missions purchased 40 Bibles to replace those that were lost and they were used in the Easter service that reopened the church. Although we were unable to conduct a Spring Blood Drive due to scheduling difficulties with the Blood Bank, in October we were able to conduct a successful blood drive with over 30 donors providing over 30 units of life saving blood to help save the lives of many injured and ill individuals. In the four blood drives conducted so far since 2015, new donors have stepped up to donate for their first time. In April, EUMC put together a team of walkers to walk in the Delaware Brain Tumor Walk. Our team of 17 walkers raised over \$1700 and placed in the top 25% of fundraisers in this event. A team of five volunteers performed major cleaning and repair work on the EUMC cabin at Camp Pecometh and provided some repairs to another cabin. Terri Lokey went on a scouting mission to Costa Rica in March. Following this trip, we sent a team of eight volunteers including two youth to Rio Cuarto, Costa Rica, where they worked on construction projects at the new church in this town and worked with kids in Vacation Bible School. This was a very successful trip for both the team and the people of Rio Cuarto. We are planning on putting together another team in 2018. Our annual Kentucky mission trip was successful with volunteers from EUMC helping with repair and construction projects for the people in this area. A record 61 school backpacks were donated and assembled by EUMC volunteers and donated to five different local organizations to support kids starting school in September. All the organizations were deeply grateful. This year we provided financial support to purchase food products in June for the Immaculate Conception Church food bank and our "Fall Food Fest" food drive provided 160 bags of groceries to help fill the food shelves at the Food Bank to provide food for those in need in our community.

EUMC is a missions loving church!!

## Missions Finances:

Year to date at the end of October, Missions income was \$54,755 which was \$14,203 more than last year (includes added contributions to Costa Rica mission).

Mission expenses year to date at the end of October were \$59,315 which were \$24,785 more than last year (includes Costa Rica mission expenses).

## Spaghetti Dinner



## Sunday School and Education Events

Submitted by Katie Sparks, Director of Children and Education Ministries

### Sunday School

Sunday school is still going strong. If you would like to join a class it is not too late, just pop into one on a Sunday morning and join the discussion. If a few different classes seem interesting, go to a different one every Sunday until you find the right fit for you!

### Kid's Night In

On Saturday November 18, 2017, the education department hosted a kid's night in from 5pm-8pm for children age 6 weeks- 5th grade. We had pizza, played some games, made a Thanksgiving craft, and watched Moana. Thank you to all who joined us; it was a lot of fun!



### “Twas the night before Christmas...”

Come see how this phrase continues at the annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday December 17, 2017 at 10am in Weldin Hall. The children have been busy rehearsing and cannot wait to show you how they have put a twist on this classic poem.

We are in need of volunteers to supply baked goods for after the pageant. If you are interested in supplying something please see Katie Sparks for more information.

### 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 email Katie Sparks for more information. [Katharine.gravatt@gmail.com](mailto: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 News

Submitted by Sandy Wherry, Director of Youth Ministries

It's that time of year again... Youth Rally signups. This is a retreat designed for those in 6th grade and up. If you want to sign up for the rally, it's not too late. However, you do need to do it soon. There is a discount for families with more than one youth member. The cost remains at \$175 and can be paid in installments. We will leave at **1:30 pm on Friday, January 5, 2018.**

\*\*This might be a great Christmas gift/partial gift from family.

### Upcoming events for December:

- 3rd - 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. - Youth Group hosting Youth Groups United Christmas Party (everyone bring a wrapped gift for \$10 to exchange)
- 9th - 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Youth Group Service project (you will need rakes and gloves)
- 10th - 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. - Youth Group
- 16th - 4:00 – 10 p.m. - Progressive Dinner
- 17th - No Youth Group
- 24th - No Youth Group – Celebrate Christmas by attending one of the Christmas Eve services with our church family. Hope to see you!
- 31st - No Youth Group - Celebrate New Year's Eve with family and friends. Don't forget to pray for our families, friends, church family, the Youth Rally, country and the world. Thank God for all your blessings.



Our meeting topics last month were chosen and some prepared by the youth members. Some topics discussed were: “How Do I Talk to My Friends About God”, “You Are What You Eat” referring to the fact that everything we see, hear, and do helps to form the people we become or what goes in is often what comes out. The last one was on prayer, using Ananias from Acts 9: 1- 18 where he was asked by God to go and lay hands on Saul who had been persecuting and killing Christians and Ananias shares his heart with God in the way that we are to pray, sharing our hearts with our Father about everything.

Our next regular meeting topic is “Music” chosen by the youth.

## Confirmation Notes

The confirmation class has been busy studying “Our Journey” which is exactly what our life with Christ is all about, a Journey with Christ for the rest of our lives.

We have just begun studying the section on “Our History and Heritage”, beginning with ‘the Faith of Jesus’ and ‘the Early Church’.

We will be calling on some of you very soon to work with our students as their ‘Friends in Faith’. This is a very important service for both our youth and you as we all walk together on this Journey.



## Finance News

Bill Ferringer, Chairman

The financial position of EUMC through October is negative (\$8,150).

Income is down from last year by \$13,666 which is due primarily to Offering Income which is down from last year by \$14,991.

Expenses are down from last year by \$1,434.

Income through October was \$340,222. Offering income was \$317,607. Rental Income was \$15,640. Youth income was \$1,579. Other Income totaled \$5,396.

Total expenses through October were \$348,372. The major components of the expenses are:

1. Apportionments and District Office - \$44,070
2. Pastor and Associate Pastor Expenses - \$94,590
3. Staff Expenses - \$117,725
4. Council on Ministry expenses - \$20,104
5. Utilities - \$17,809
6. Insurance - \$8,959
7. Copier Expenses - \$9,635
8. New Air Conditioner for office - \$2,300
9. Property Taxes (Rental Property) - \$2,518
10. Other Building Expenses - \$13,302
11. Parsonage Expenses - \$6,131
12. General and office expenses - \$11,229

The Building Fund received \$62,908. Total balance on hand is \$186,799. We need a total of \$235,000 plus \$9,400 per year for interest 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

	OCTOBER MONTH	OCTOBER YTD
<b>Income</b>		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	35,674	340,222
<b>Expenses</b>		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	30,623	348,372
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	(5,051)	(8,150)

## Join Us Online!



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## Thank you to Some Outstanding Outgoing Leaders!

Many thanks go to the following persons who have served in leadership positions in our church this year and are finishing their terms of office. Joe Tanner, Missions Chairperson; Dot Eltzroth, Stewardship Chairperson; Judy Tanner, Worship Chairperson; and Keith McKenica, Lay Leader. Thank you for serving so well, and blessings on all of you as you go on to serve the Lord in new ways!

## Financial Pledges for 2018

If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2018, it's not too late – but please turn it in as soon as possible. If you didn't receive a pledge card, please see one of the ushers on Sunday morning, or call the church office, and we'll make sure you get one.

## Offering Envelopes

If you use offering envelopes to make your offering, you can pick up the 2018 envelopes starting on December 3rd in the Welcome Center area. Please do remember to pick them up in person, because that saves the church the expense of mailing them. Thanks!

## Christmas Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Friday, December 22nd, Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th. The office will reopen on Wednesday, December 27th at 8:00 a.m.

## On-Line Giving

Did you know that you can give your offering on-line? This method of giving has all sorts of benefits for you and the church. It's probably safe to say that you already do a lot of your bill-paying that way, and that you probably rarely write a check anymore. So giving online to the church would come naturally for you. The benefits for the church are incredible! On-line givers provide a steady stream of income throughout the year because when givers are on vacation or absent for other reasons, or on the rare occasion when services are cancelled because of severe weather, the money still comes in. And that is a great benefit to the on-going ministry of the church. So think about changing to on-line giving, and if you decide to do so, all you have to do is go to the church website – [elktonumc.org](http://elktonumc.org) – click on "On Line Donations" and you'll be walked through the process. We already have 85 families giving on-line – it would be great to move that up to 100 in 2018!

## Attention On-Line Givers

Don't forget to go on-line at the end of December to our church website – [elktonumc.org](http://elktonumc.org) – and update your figures for your on-line offering for 2018!

## Snow Days

While this may seem premature, it never hurts to remind everyone that, in the event that we experience bad weather to such an extent that worship needs to be cancelled, the announcement of cancellation will be posted on our church's website ([elktonumc.org](http://elktonumc.org)) and the church's Facebook page. If you do not have computer access, you can call 410-398-4440 for that information as well. Or, if you have a computer but know of friends in the church without computer access, be a good friend, and give that person a call to let them know of the services being cancelled. Let's hope we don't have to worry about any of this this year!

## Thank you Lee Collins!

Many thanks go to Lee Collins, who has served as our Interim Church Treasurer this year. He has been a wonderful addition to our staff and done incredible work for us! As he steps down from the position, Laurie Ruth will now step up, and becomes our new Church Treasurer beginning January 1st. So, welcome Laurie, and many, many thanks Lee!

## 2017 EUMC Cookbook Update

*Submitted by Nancy Crawford*

Your Communications Committee has been busy selling our new "Favorite Recipes" Cookbook for the past three weeks following each service...and they're selling like hotcakes!!! Many of you are buying them to give as Christmas presents...a brilliant idea! At \$12.00 each, you've found a thoughtful, practical and very useful gift that will last a lifetime! Stock up while supplies last...keep them on hand for wedding gifts too. What new bride wouldn't want to impress her new husband with the tasty fare immortalized in our cookbook?

We will continue to sell the cookbooks following each worship service through December 17th; but not Thanksgiving weekend (Sunday, Nov. 26th). And spread the word to everyone you know who plans to attend our annual Cookie Walk (Dec. 9th) the cookbooks will be on sale there also. What better way to enjoy some of those cookies purchased at the Cookie Walk? A lot of those same recipes are contained in our cookbook so you can satisfy your cravings all year 'round!

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We'd also like to remind folks that our Tech Team is in the market for helping hands to assist with Sunday morning services. You can start out by just operating the video camera very simple. Then you can "graduate" on to handling the other equipment. Rich Juergens heads the team, and along with a few other seasoned veterans, they will teach you and guide you along the way. Please talk to Rich if you're interested in joining this fabulous team.

## Looking Ahead to 2018

- Sunday, January 31st – New Year's Day – One Service at 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, Jan. 5th – Sunday, January 7th – Youth Rally in Ocean City MD
- Friday, Jan. 12th – Sunday, January 14th – Women's Retreat in Ocean City MD
- Friday, Jan. 19th – Sunday, January 21st – Men's Retreat at Camp Pecometh
- Saturday, Feb. 3rd' – Sunday, Feb. 4th – JOY OF FAITH Weekend

## Music Ministries

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

Our choirs continue to rehearse and rehearse some more for our upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons.

The chancel choir will be presenting a cantata, *Night of the Father's Love*, by Peter Choplin at both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Hope to see you there. Christmas Eve promises to be filled with beautiful music. Our 5:00 p.m. family service will include our children's choir and our 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. services will include our chancel choir, men's choir, bell choir, brass, guitar and our NEW ORGAN!

The Cecil County Choral Society will be performing a concert in our church sanctuary on December 10th at 4:00 in the afternoon. This concert will be one you don't want to miss. In addition to the choir, we are excited to have a children's choir of twenty-five children (some from our church), our bell choir, a brass quintet and other instruments. Refreshments will be in Weldin Hall following the concert.

I feel so blessed to be sharing this holiday season with all of you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Cecil County Choral Society Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 10th, 4 p.m., in our Sanctuary

Come and bring your family and friends for a late afternoon of wonderful music!

## Poinsettias and Nets for Christmas Eve

It's that time of year to purchase a poinsettia or net in honor of/in memory of a loved one for our Christmas Eve services.

Poinsettias and nets will be \$11.00 this year. You can order through Sunday, December 10th. Fill out the church bulletin insert or call the church office at 410-398-0933.

## Advent Devotional

This year, again, members of our congregation have written devotions for each day of the season of Advent. They are really thoughtful and provide a wonderful tool for wrapping your days in Advent with contemplation and prayer. Copies of the devotional (while available) are near the Welcome Center, but you can always access it on-line via our church website ([elktonumc.org](http://elktonumc.org)). Many thanks to all of the writers and to Sandy Lavelle for putting it all together!

## Going to be Away During the Holiday Season?

Don't forget that our worship services every Sunday morning are videotaped and by late Sunday night, they are available to be seen via our church website ([elktonumc.org](http://elktonumc.org)). It's a great way for you to stay connected with your church family, even while you're away or have to stay home for some other reason. This video service has become a precious gift especially to those of our church family who are homebound and cannot be with us in worship in person anymore. Many thanks for making it happen goes to our wonderful tech team who faithfully man the tech booth each week and to Jeff Bunnell, our Communications Consultant, who, after the tech team has recorded the service, puts it all together for the broadcast.



## Are you Sad this Christmas?

If you are sad this year during the Christmas season because of loss in your life – the loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job, or for any other reason – you're invited to come to the Blue Christmas service on Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m. This 45 minute service is designed to help us acknowledge that while this is supposed to be the most wonderful time of the year, it's a tough time for those who are struggling in any way. The service is quiet and contemplative and offers an opportunity for those who have lost loved ones to remember them by lighting a candle in their memory.

## Wired Word Discussion Group

*Submitted by Rev. Ray Graham*

Wired Word – Have Gun Will Travel – We've all heard the sad news about a small Baptist church in Texas where a killer intruded on its worship service one Sunday, spraying the congregation with gunfire, killing 26 people and wounding 20 more. Mass murders of innocent people have become so commonplace that while we are saddened, we're not that surprised anymore. Please join us on Thursday, December 14, at 7 pm in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome.



## Evangelism/Membership News

*Submitted by Lorraine Dryden Jones, Chair*

*Luke 2:10 & 11- The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all people. Today in the town of Bethlehem a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."*

We asked and you gave. Thanks to your generosity we were able to get enough gift cards to not only give to the 911 operators but also give to the EMTs on Thanksgiving Day. They are there for us no matter what day it is, so to be able to do this small thing for them is great. This is a wonderfully giving church and I thank you so much for all you do.

We are in the planning stages of the Joy of Faith weekend, February 3rd and 4th. The most important thing is we have our entertainment. Saturday night we have Kevin Reilly, a motivational speaker. Kevin is a Delaware native and former Eagles linebacker and special teams player who lost his left arm and shoulder to cancer. He will be selling his new book. Sunday at both services we have Dickie Noles, another motivational speaker who is a former Phillies pitcher who is a recovering alcoholic who let his drinking problem ruin his career. Now he is a member of the Phillies community relations department. Both speakers have wonderful, uplifting stories to tell so mark your calendar for a great time. We will have the dinner in Weldin Hall again at 5pm and the show in the Sanctuary at 7pm. We will begin selling tickets in January.

Our committee asks that at this very busy time of year of buying gifts, making cookies, decorating and numerous other things going on, take time to think about the reason for the season - "Jesus".

## Women's Retreat 2018 is just Around the Corner!

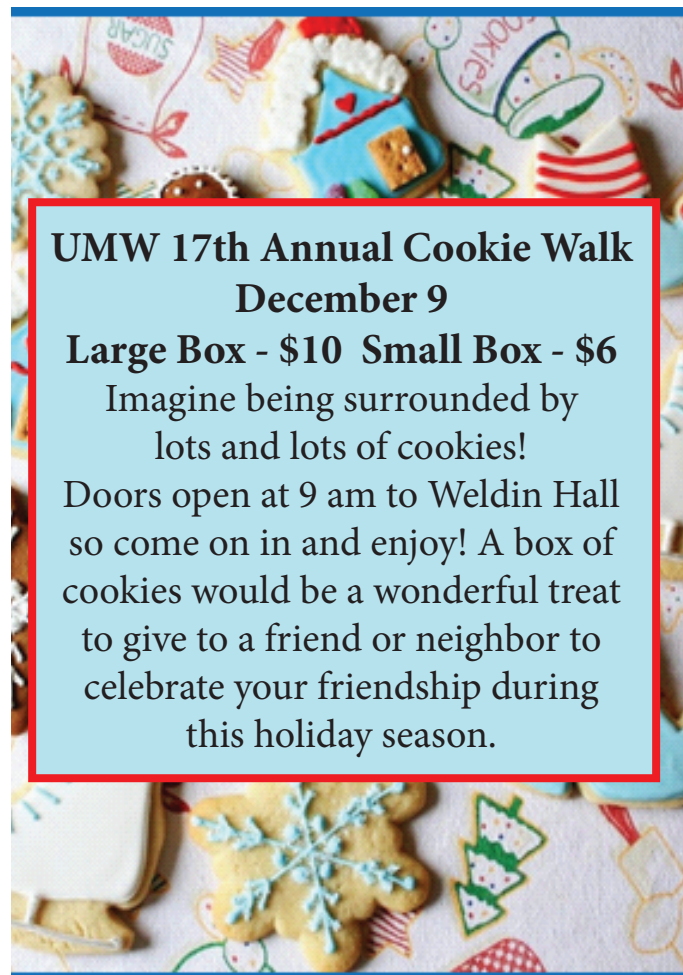
This year's Women's Retreat, "Ordinary Women/Extraordinary Deeds" is just around the corner - January 12-14 at the fabulous Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City MD. All women of the church (and their friends) are invited to take part, and it's not too late, we still have some space left! A brochure containing all the details about the retreat is on the counter across from the Welcome Center. Just a reminder to those already registered: your final installment payment is due now!

## Classic Christians' December Meeting

All Classic Christians in the church (age 50 and over) are invited to join in the fun of our December "Christmas" meeting. We'll meet on Friday, December 15th at 6:30 pm in Weldin Hall. The night will begin with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and then continue on with Christmas fun and fellowship! To take part, please sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center. (We'll also be brainstorming ideas for next year's meetings, and will share information about our two bus trips in 2018!)

## On the Road Again! Two Bus Trips Planned for Classic Christians in 2018!

Classic Christians (age 50 and over) - Mark your calendars now for our two bus trips coming up in 2018. The first will be to the Norfolk VA area for "The Parade of Nations and Virginia International Tattoo" (which is not what it sounds like, rather it's a ceremonial performance of military music by massed bands!). Also included on this trip will be a dinner cruise, a tour of the Norfolk Naval Base, and the MacArthur memorial, among other things. Cost will be \$550 person/double occupancy. Flyers about this trip will be available at the December Classic Christians meeting. The second trip will be later in the year - September 17-21 and will go to the Lake George area of New York for the Adirondack Hot Air Balloon Festival (among other things). It should be a great time to see some leaves changing as well. Further details will be available later, but mark your calendars now for both of these great travel opportunities!



## UMW 17th Annual Cookie Walk December 9

**Large Box - \$10 Small Box - \$6**

Imagine being surrounded by  
lots and lots of cookies!

Doors open at 9 am to Weldin Hall  
so come on in and enjoy! A box of  
cookies would be a wonderful treat  
to give to a friend or neighbor to  
celebrate your friendship during  
this holiday season.



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Word Search puzzle solution on page 12!

# December Birthdays

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“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)

12/1 Robert Mitchell	12/10 Kyle Slayman	12/22 Marc Gonzalez
12/2 Kenneth Gilliard	12/11 Lorraine Campbell	12/23 Nancy Draper
12/3 Cheryl McKeown	12/12 Richard Ceresini	12/23 Timothy McCardell
12/4 Laurie Alphin	12/14 Phyllis McCoy	12/24 George Veasey
12/4 Paige Armour	12/15 Deborah Dalrymple	12/25 Jack Bailey
12/4 Sidney Bledsoe	12/15 Cathy Gohlke	12/26 Lauren Carbone
12/4 Margaret Haines	12/16 Christopher Eva	12/26 Robert Gilmore
12/4 Eli Mackie	12/16 Nancy S. Stubbs	12/26 Kathleen Keithley
12/5 Carla Testa	12/17 Marge Jacobs	12/28 Robert Olewine
12/6 Barbara Bacon	12/17 Colette Webster	12/28 Fran Vassalotti
12/7 Irving Webber	12/20 Linda Carey	12/29 Chace Crawford
12/8 Jessica Keithley	12/21 Alexandria Sparks	12/29 Wade Gochnauer
12/9 Vickie Cebula	12/21 Victoria Stauffer	12/30 Diane Sizemore
12/10 Jane Cebula	12/22 Jack Edler	12/31 Linda Renshaw





# December Anniversaries

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“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)

12/2 Cossie & Judith Gibson  
12/6 Donald & Ina Andrews

# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> <b>Communion</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 5:30 PM Youth Group	<b>4</b> 1:30 PM Zumba Class 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>5</b> 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Nancy McCardell's Team) 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Meeting	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Disciple Class 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM Women's Retreat Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM UMW Cookie Walk 
<b>10</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> <b>Blood Pressure Screenings</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM Cecil County Choral Society Winter Concert 5:30 PM Youth Group	<b>11</b> 1:30 PM Zumba Class 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Disciple Class 10:30 AM Tele-Care Committee Meeting 12:00 PM Ruth-Sarah Luncheon (Baker's) 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> <b>January Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:30 PM Dorcas Circle 7:00 PM Wired Word Discussion Group 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM Classic Christians' Potluck Dinner & Christmas Fun! 	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> <b>Choir Cantata</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School Christmas Program 11:00 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM Blue Christmas Service 5:30 PM Youth Group Christmas Party	<b>18</b> 1:30 PM Zumba Class 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Meeting	<b>20</b> 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Disciple Class 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<b>21</b>  <b>First Day of Winter</b> 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 5:00 PM – Youth Group Progressive Dinner	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM Family Service 7:00 PM Candlelight Service 9:00 PM Candlelight Service 10:00 PM Silent Communion	<b>25</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Meeting	<b>27</b> 6:15 PM Communion	<b>28</b> 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i> 10:00 AM Worship Service						<b>2017</b>





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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 afternoon

12:30-3:00 p.m.

