



**From the Pastor**

*Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor*

Dear Friends,

Just a few days ago, we wrapped up our annual Women’s Retreat in Ocean City, just a week after our youth were there for the Conference Youth Rally. And now, in a matter of hours, our men head off to Camp Pecometh for their yearly retreat. Between these three outings, over 125 or so members of our church have set aside a weekend of their year to focus on their relationship with the Lord. That is absolutely incredible, isn’t it?

All of us are always busy, it seems, and it’s so easy to let important things slip away from us – like time with the Lord. After seeing the effect that this time away has had on those who participated, I invite you to be intentional about carving out time each day to be with the Lord. It will change your life, I promise you! It will strengthen you, direct your ways, and give you a sense of peace that the world cannot give.

If you have a hard time doing that, try using a devotional like “The Upper Room,” or commit to reading one book of the Bible this month, or begin to keep a gratitude journal or a prayer journal. There are all sorts of ways to help you get focused and take some time each day to be with the Lord. Since February is known as the month of love, let this February be the month you grow more in love with Jesus!

**February 2017**

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## 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"*

Love one another by helping those who are in need and by this everyone will know that we are disciples of Jesus. We are very fortunate at EUMC to have many opportunities to help others and there are so many of us who are showing our love by our gifts and our actions. Our giving to Missions allows us to financially support 29 mission groups in our local community, nationally, and internationally. In addition, our members also give of their precious time and talents to help those in need. There are a total of 29 active EUMC missions supported by dozens and dozens of church members to help those in need in our community. And just as important, we are always looking for other ways to serve our Lord by showing our love for others through our gifts and our time and our talents.

Coming up March 6 through March 12 is our second week to serve at the Homeless Shelter. The sign up for the various needs will be on-line and on the Missions bulletin board in the hospitality area. Please sign up as you are able.

## Missions Finances

Year to date at the end of Dec. Missions income was \$51,889 which was \$669 less than last year.

Mission expenses year to date at the end of Dec. were \$44,165 which were \$7989 less than last year.

## Now Forming Costa Rica Mission Team for the Summer of 2017

*Submitted by Terri Lokey*

The Mission Team is in the planning stage for a mission trip of young adults, ages 16 and up and other interested men and women to join us on a trip to Costa Rica in the summer of 2017. The trip is 10 days and is tentatively set for August 2 - 11. We are focusing on involving youth in this life-changing project, but other adults are welcome also. We will be working on construction projects in northern Costa Rica through Volunteers in Mission (VIM). We will be doing whatever God calls us to do through the direction of Mary Woods, resident Missionary. We plan to also teach some skills, crafts and Bible School. The team will also be involved in our own spiritual development through group devotions and worship experiences with the local congregations.

Is the Lord calling you to serve? Do you feel His nudge to "Go" as He has commanded us? If so, please join us for an introductory meeting on Sunday, February 5th in Weldin Hall at 12:15pm. More information about the trip will be shared, along with expenses and plans for fundraising. A light meal will be served. Please sign up on the clipboard across from the church office so we can plan for the meal, or email Terri Lokey at [tlokey16@gmail.com](mailto:tlokey16@gmail.com) or call her at 443-350-1986.

Can't go? Afflicted by affluence but not time? Then send! This is not a vacation in the tropics. Perhaps your contribution could send someone else's hands and feet into God's world. If so, there will be opportunities for you to support this team in the upcoming months.



## Sunday School and Education News

Submitted by Katie Sparks, Director of Children and Education Ministries



### Ice Skating

Come out and join your friends for an ice skating event! On Sunday February 19, 2017 we will be going ice skating at the Fred Rust Ice Arena from 1-3pm. Cost is \$8 for those ages 7 and up, \$5 for those ages 6 and under. Skate rental is available. We hope to see you at the rink!

## Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped out the Education Department while I was out on maternity leave. A special thank you goes to Celeste DiSciullo, Stacie Forman, and Karen Gravatt for running the Sunday School program and nursery.

## Additional Announcements

If your child forgot to return their red stocking for the Board of Child Care, it is not too late. Have them bring it in as soon as possible and give it to their Sunday School teacher.

The Education Department is looking for help planning future family events. If your family has an idea for a fun monthly event that they would like to plan, please see Katie Sparks so that we can make it happen!

## Help fill our Next Round of College Care Packages

Several times a year we send a package of goodies to our College Students to remind them that we're thinking of them and wishing them the best. The next package goes out on February 19th, and we need your help to fill it! Please bring your donation of goodies (granola bars, hot chocolate mix, microwavable mac 'n cheese, etc.) to the donation box in the Welcome Center area. It will mean so much to our college students!

## Christmas Thank you!

### Mitten Tree

Betty Budrow and Pauline Eaton, Co-Chairs & Women of the Ruth-Sarah Circle

We thank each of you for your mitten tree donations of warm clothing to the needy children of Cecil County. We delivered your 325 hats, gloves, scarves, socks and underwear to the Help Center for distribution during the first week in December.

### Shoebboxes

Nancy Stubbs, Ruth-Sarah Circle Secretary

Thank you for your continued strong support of our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!

Pastor Karen approved us opening this Christmas program to the entire church in 2007. EUMC's collection has grown most years over these past ten years. We deliver the shoeboxes to the North East Baptist Church collection center each year and are happy to report to you how you've helped it grow: 2007=18 Shoeboxes; 2008=25; 2009=44; 2010=53; 2011=49; 2012=79; 2013=79; 2014=53; 2015=64; 2016=63!!

In 2016, 12 million shoebox gifts were shipped to children in over 100 countries in the name of Jesus and they are thrilled that someone far away would love them and give them a shoebox with special items just for them. They now have a chance to learn about Jesus Christ, which gives them hope for the future.

On behalf of children around the world, thank you again for joining together in this ministry, and God Bless each of you.





## Youth News

*Submitted by Sandy Wherry, Director of Youth Ministries*

\*\*\*New Meeting time for the winter: Lunch @ 12:15 p.m., program directly after until 3 p.m.

Note: All remaining NFL games begin after 3 p.m.

\*\*\*Joy of Faith Weekend held @ the church Feb. 4th and 5th. This will be our program this week.

\*\*\*February 12th, Lunch @ 12:15 p.m., Youth Group following lunch.

\*\*\*February 19th, Lunch @ 12:15 p.m., special activity (weather permitting/chaperones needed)

\*\*\*February 26th, Lunch @ 12:15 p.m., Youth Group following lunch.



## Finance News

*Submitted by Bill Ferringer, Chairman*

EUMC finished the year 2016 for ongoing operations of the church on the plus side in the amount of \$7,944.

Income for the year was \$429,407. Offering income was \$402,257. Rental income was \$18,649. Youth income was \$3,685. Other income totaled \$4,816.

Total expenses for the year were \$421,463. The major components of the expenses are:

1. Apportionments and District Office - \$49,068
2. Pastor and Associate Pastor Expenses - \$113,655
3. Staff Expenses - \$145,792
4. Council on Ministry expenses - \$27,474
5. Utilities - \$22,315
6. Insurance - \$8,883
7. Building Expenses - \$32,548
8. Parsonage Expenses - \$10,124
9. General and office expenses - \$11,604

Non-Operation activity had a net deficit of \$12,823. This is primarily due to the second payment for the Weldin Hall air conditioner replacement of \$14,000.

The Building Fund received \$73,392 this year as we work to secure funds to repay the loans of \$235,000 by 2021. Total balance on hand is \$133,691.

The Finance committee would like to thank everyone who made this another successful year here at EUMC.

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.

## On the Path to our New Organ

We're getting there! We've made incredible progress in raising the funds needed to pay for our new organ, which is currently in the process of being built by the Allen Organ Company. Here's the latest information:

- Total cost of the new organ: \$104,500
- Funds Raised Thus Far: \$79,440.65
- Pledges Received: \$5,375
- Amount Still Needed: \$19,684.35

If you have not had a chance yet to make your contribution, you still have time to do so! There are "Organ Offering" envelopes in each of the pew racks in the sanctuary. Simply make your check out to Elkton UMC and write "organ" on the memo line.

## Finance News

*Submitted by Bill Ferringer, Chair*

	DECEMBER MONTH	DECEMBER YTD
<b>Income</b>		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	40,463	429,407
Non-Operational	205	6,200
Total Income	45,668	435,607
<b>Expenses</b>		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	32,308	421,463
Non-Operational	(100)	19,023
Total Expenses	39,250	440,486
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	6,113	7,944
Non-Operational	305	(12,823)
Net Income/(Loss)	6,418	(4,879)

**UMW's Annual Thiokol Dinner fundraiser will be happening March 15th. We need cooks and servers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Faye Camors at 410-441-0994 or flyaway723@comcast.net.**

## Music Ministries

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

Here's what is happening in the music world at EUMC!

The children's choir will be singing at the 11:00 a.m. worship service beginning this month thru May on the fourth Sunday of the month; the men's choir will sing at both services on February 12th; the bell choir will continue to play on the third Sunday of the month thru May.

The chancel choir will begin rehearsing a lenten cantata, "Hope in the Shadows" by Lloyd Larson and Joel Raney, on Wednesday, February 1st, at 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. High school thru adults are welcome to join the chancel choir in singing this beautiful cantata. We will sing the cantata at both worship services on Palm Sunday, April 9th. If you have any questions...see Steve Gilmore or Sharon Williams.

Thank you to all who have contributed to our organ fund. We are getting very close to our goal.

### Mark your calendar!!!

The Wilmington Handbell Ensemble will be performing a concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, May 21st at 4:00 p.m. This concert is open to the public.

## Holy Communion Date Change

Because the Joy of Faith weekend takes place the first weekend of February (when we usually have holy communion together), we will now be celebrating communion the next Sunday, February 12th instead.

## Boy Scout Sunday

We'll be welcoming members and friends of our Cub Pack 443 and Boy Scout Troop 443 to our worship services on Sunday, February 26th – Boy Scout Sunday! They'll be assisting as Gospel readers, ushers and greeters – and they'll also be offering their always wonderful Pancake Breakfast all morning long! So plan to help support their activities by coming to the Pancake Breakfast on February 26th! We look forward to celebrate Scouting with them that day! We're proud to be their chartered organization!



### 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

## Classic Christians' February Meeting

The February meeting of the Classic Christians (age 50 & over) will take place on Friday, February 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 on with a "50's/60's Sock Hop featuring DJ Don Frye". To participate, sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

## Evangelism/Membership

*Submitted by Lorraine Jones, Chair*

### **Come One, Come All to our Joy of Faith Weekend**

#### **Mark your calendars for February 4th and 5th**

This year's Joy of Faith weekend will be held on February 4th and 5th and will feature a great comedian, Aaron Wilburn. Some of you may recognize his name because he was featured on the Gaither Homecoming Tour and videos. He has endeared himself to thousands of laughter-loving fans with his own down home brand of humor. He talks about his southern roots, his family, children and his faith. It's common to see him talking with adults, teenagers and children, as Aaron says, "There is no generation gap with laughter".

A big change this year – the dinner and show will be held at Elkton UMC. The dinner will be held in Weldin Hall at 5:00 p.m. and the show will be in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10/adult; \$5/children (10 and under); \$30/family (max. of 6). Tickets can be purchased through the church office or at the door.



**Book Swap Coming  
in May 2017**



# 2017 Women's Retreat





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Crossword puzzle solution on page 12!

# February 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)

2/3	Hannah Lightcap	2/16	Grace Achuff	2/24	Lillian Armstrong
2/3	Taylor Racine	2/16	Jackson Hill	2/24	Brian Gilmore
2/4	Michael Murray	2/16	Donna Horgan	2/24	Rachel Miller
2/4	Dawn Spencer	2/16	William Moffitt	2/25	Carolann Lewis
2/5	Gerald (Rex) Sizemore	2/16	Eric Pressler	2/25	Gary Lewis
2/6	Savannah Henry	2/19	Edith Conrad	2/25	Aimee McLewin
2/7	Samuel Darron	2/19	Chris DiSciullo	2/25	Donald McLewin
2/7	William Kimble	2/19	Jacob Spencer	2/26	Denita Catron
2/8	Robert Dalrymple	2/19	Joe Testa	2/26	Brett Pinder
2/8	Cindy Healy	2/20	Heather Blackiston	2/27	Helen Hanel-Gray
2/8	Charlotte Mehosky	2/21	Janet Forney	2/27	Donna Perkins
2/10	Stanley Cebula, Sr.	2/21	Grant Neely	2/28	Linda Truitt
2/10	Steven Gilmore	2/22	Cossie Gibson	2/28	Allyson Veasey
2/11	Jack Starrett	2/22	Robert Smith	2/29	Ben Dalrymple
2/15	Jacqueline McGuirk	2/23	Ewa Naylor		
2/15	Kevin White	2/23	Bailey Pressler		


# February 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)

2/2	Hobert & Carol Halsey	2/11	Bill & Shirley Fountain
2/2	Edward & Sheila Hendricks	2/14	Gerald & Sharon Slayman
2/5	Paul & Sandy Smith	2/28	David & Vivian Gaz
2/6	Frank & Jane Cebula	2/28	Edward & Carol Sise
2/6	Frank & Betty Deibert		

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5</b> <i>Joy of Faith Weekend</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Costa Rica Meeting/Lunch 12:30 PM Youth Group	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM-5:00 PM AARP Tax Service 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM Elkton Rehab (Carol Robinson's Team) 6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting 7:00 PM CCCS Rehearsal	<b>1</b> 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<b>2</b> 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Joy of Faith Weekend</b> 9:00 AM Prayer Breakfasts 5:00 PM Dinner (Weldin Hall) 7:00 PM Program (Sanctuary)
<b>12</b> <i>Communion</i> <i>Blood Pressure Screenings</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:30 PM Youth Group	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM-5:00 PM AARP Tax Service 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM CCCS Rehearsal 	<b>15</b> <b>March Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast 5:00 PM Relay for Life Committee Meeting 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<b>16</b> 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>17</b> 6:30 PM Classic Christians' Potluck Dinner & Program	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM College Outreach 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:30 PM Youth Group 1:00-3:00 PM Sunday School Ice Skating @ UD	<b>20</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>President's Day Holiday</b> 9:00 AM-5:00 PM AARP Tax Service 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>21</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM CCCS Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<b>23</b> 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Prom Event @ EUMC
<b>26</b> <i>Boy Scout Sunday</i> 7:30 AM-11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>27</b> <b>EUMC - Homeless Shelter Week</b> 9:00 AM-5:00 PM AARP Tax Service 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>28</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM CCCS Rehearsal	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">2017</h2> </div>			





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### Church Staff

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Youth Ministries Director....Sandy Wherry  
Organist/Coordinator  
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Adult Choir Director.....Steven Gilmore  
Adult Handbell Director.....Paul Deemer  
Children’s Choir Director....Susan Starrett  
Nursery Care  
Professional.....Yolanda Gomez  
Treasurer.....Lee Collins  
Secretary.....Kay Mortimer  
Sextons.....Donald Ewing  
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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.

