



Elkton United Methodist Church

The **Beacon**



From the Pastor

Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

I'm not sure how often it happens, but this year Easter Sunday falls on April 1st, which, of course, is April Fools' Day. Sadly, I heard an unbeliever make a sarcastic remark about how appropriate that was, but I chose to turn it around, and reflect upon what the Apostle Paul asked us to be – and that is “fools for Christ!”

What did he mean by that? Well, that even though it's hard to prove scientifically, we are willing to believe and share the news of a Savior who died and rose from the grave, and who dwells with us even today. And that, even in the midst of the evil in the world, we stand up and say that good always win. And that, in a world that tells people to always look out for number one, and always get more and more for yourself, we choose to look out for each other, and give that others might have what they need.

Foolish? Perhaps in the eyes of the world. But oh my, how the world needs fools like us. So on this April Fools Day and all the days of April, let us embrace it fully and be fools for Christ that the world might know his saving grace and love!

April 2018

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A Quick Glance At Dates

April 15

Blood Drive

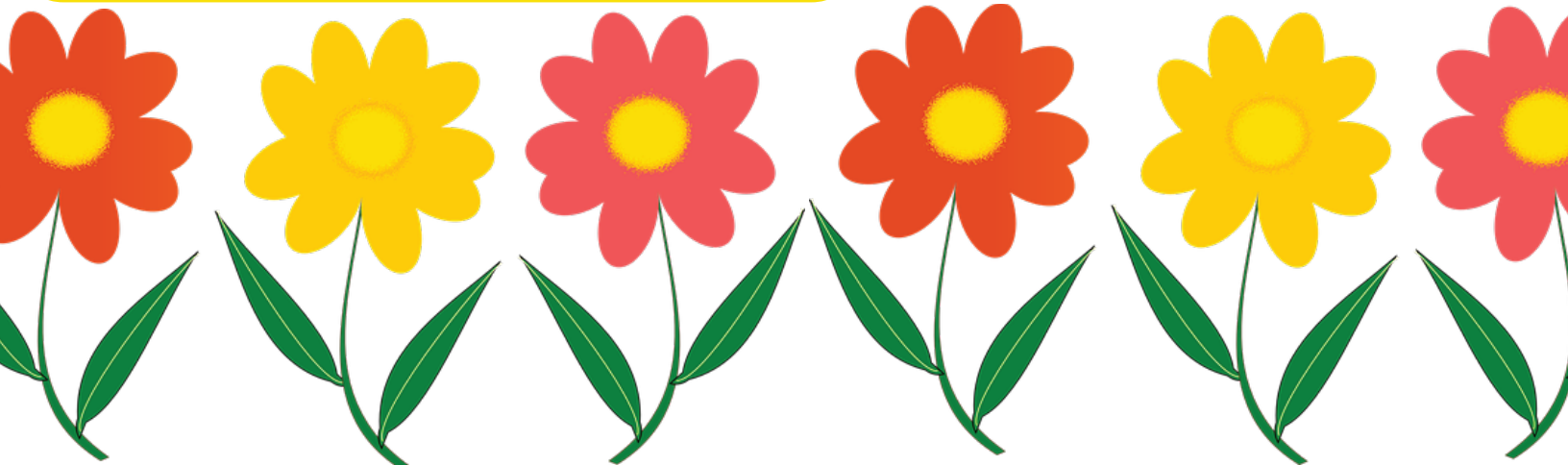
New Member Orientation

April 21

Delaware Brain Tumor 5k walk/run

April 28

A Way Forward - Forum Event



Missions News

Submitted by Mike Foster, Chair

The Mission Committee met for the first time in 2018 on February 1st. Be on the lookout for further information to come on the following.....

1. 2018 Blood Drive - We are scheduled to conduct a blood drive on April 15th and will be back in Weldin Hall again. There is always great need for blood donations. For those about to donate, perhaps you can hold off till April. You can sign up to donate on Sundays, April 1st and 8th during the coffee hour in the Hospital ity Area.
2. 2018 Delaware Brain Tumor 5k walk/run - This year it will be held on April 21st at the Wilmington River Front. This will be our 3rd year of participation and we are looking to top our last years' fund raising. Infor mation will be forthcoming for those wishing to participate or simply donate to this wonderful cause.

College Care Packages

The final college care package of the year will be sent to our students just in time for final exams and papers, so please help us fill them with goodies. We're looking for donations of things like granola bars, candy, cookies, microwavable mac 'n cheese, hot chocolate packets, etc. Please put your donations in the bin across from the Welcome Center by April 22nd.

Looking for a way to relieve stress and improve your flexibility and balance?

If you are, you might want to sign up to take part in one of our yoga classes. Chair Yoga takes place on Wednesday evenings from 5-6, and the class starts a new six-week session on April 4th. Chair yoga does all of the traditional yoga moves but lets participants sit in a chair or use the chair for balance. A Gentle Yoga class is held on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30 and their current six-week session has already started, but you can still join in. Cost for either group is \$50/6 week session. If you're interested in being a part of either group, send an email to Ali at a.mckenica@gmail.com.

**Wednesday, April 25th is
Administrative
Professionals Day!**

**Happy Administrative
Professionals Day to the Best Church Secretary Ever -
Kay Mortimer!!!**



Sunday School and Education News

Submitted by Katie Sparks, Director of Children and Education Ministries

Sunday School Update

If you walk the halls of the Wesley Wing or the upstairs hallway during the Sunday school hour you will find classrooms filled with students of all ages learning about God's love. Each Sunday we continue to have a great turn out for Sunday school, averaging 76 people a week. If you are not a part of one of our great classes, why not join one? Each class would love to welcome you in and I bet you may even make a new friend or two!

Easter Eggs and Candy

Thank you to all who donated eggs and candy for our Easter Egg Hunt! Thanks to your generosity we collected three times the amount of eggs we needed to replace the broken ones, so the children will now be able to collect even more eggs every year!

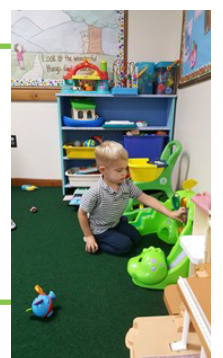
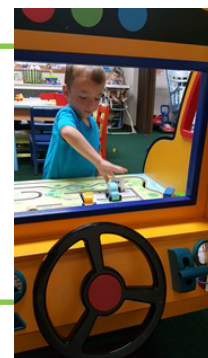


Vacation Bible School Volunteers

The education department is beginning the search for volunteers for VBS. Vacation Bible School will run June 24, 2018 through June 28, 2018. We need volunteers to lead groups, stations, and in the kitchen. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Katie Sparks for more information.

Nursery

We have a fully staffed nursery each Sunday for your children to enjoy. If you have a child who is in kindergarten (or younger than that) we would love to have them join us during the service. The nursery is also available during the Sunday school hour for those who are not old enough to join a Sunday school class.



Youth News for April 2018

The work in the basement ladies room has been completed and looks wonderful. We wish to thank everyone involved.

We also wish to thank Stacey and Courtney Foreman, Debbie Kain and Kaitlin Czarknecki, Kristi and Amanda Fetterolf and Tammy Cox and her daughter for volunteering in the Prom Boutique. Once again it is a huge success! It improves year after year. We also thank all of the others who worked in the Boutique and those who donated to it, especially Tiffany Cox who made beautiful jewelry! Donations of dresses, shoes, purses and jewelry are still being accepted. Our hours are Wednesday night from 6:30 – 8 p.m., Saturday 10 – noon and by special appointment (text or call 443-309-0160). Remember to send any young lady you know who will be attending prom to visit the boutique for FREE dresses (more than half are brand new), shoes, jewelry and other accessories.

The youth have been discussing how to pray (thinking of others, thanking God and praying unselfishly), the events of Easter and how Jesus has changed our lives as believers. We will continue to discuss DACA, compassion children and other subjects they have chosen.

Our Upcoming Events:

Graduation recognition during the church services on June 3, 2018.

Please fill in the form for any high school or college graduates (it will be in the bulletin this month). We need 5 pictures of students as they were growing up and a graduation picture to be turned into Sandy by May 1st.

The Mission Trip to Kentucky: June 23rd (meeting at 8 a.m.) – July 1st (home by noon).



CHURCH NEWS

"Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do. And whatever else you do, get good judgment." PROVERBS 4:7

EUMC's Social Media

Stay up to date with everything that's going on at our church by going to our church website – elktonumc.org, or checking out our Facebook page. Don't forget that our Sunday services are taped, and you can watch them usually by the night of the morning they were taped.

UMCOR Offering

Thank you so much for your generous giving to the United Methodist Committee on Relief on UMCOR Sunday. So far, you have given \$12,300! By giving so generously, you help UMCOR cover their administrative costs throughout the year, so that when disasters strike, and we receive a special offering, those monies go 100% to help the victims of that particular disaster. If you have not been able to make your donation yet, it's not too late! Simply make out a check to Elkton UMC, put UMCOR on the memo line, and put it in the offering plate.

Are you Interested in Joining the Church?

Then you're invited to come to the next New Member Orientation Class which will take place on Sunday, April 15th at 12:30 pm in Weldin Hall. At the class, you'll learn about United Methodism, about Elkton UMC in particular, and about what it means to be a member of the church and a disciple of Christ. Lunch is included, and a nursery will be provided, if needed. To sign up, please send an email to eumc@comcast.net or call the church office at 410-398-0933.

Finance News

Submitted by Bill Ferringer, Chair

	FEBRUARY MONTH	FEBRUARY YTD
Income		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	32,407	77,047
Expenses		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	34,007	73,442
Net Income/(Loss)		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	(1,600)	3,605

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A Way Forward - Forum Event

When Saturday, April 28, 2018

What? Join us for a forum on the future of The United Methodist Church.

You may know that the Bishops created a Commission on a Way Forward at the last General Conference, in 2016, to present options for United Methodists to live together faithfully with differing beliefs around the issues of human sexuality. The two primary aspects of these concerns involve language in the Book of Discipline around conducting same-gender weddings and ordaining "self-avowed practicing homosexual" people. The Commission has asked for our feedback.

When? On Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, with the support of the Bishop and Cabinet, will host a forum for conversation.

Where? We will meet at Aldersgate UMC, 2313 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Delaware.

Why? We are God's temple and God's Spirit lives in us! (1 Corinthians 3:16.) To discern the movement of the Holy Spirit, we need to listen to one another as the Spirit speaks through us.

How? Go to the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Homepage pen-del.org

Look for "Find A Way Forward - Forum Event" and register there: A Way Forward Registration

This is a FREE event.

Music Ministries

Submitted by Sharon Williams, Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries

Spring has finally arrived and I am certainly ready for some warm weather and lots of sunshine.

Thank you to our chancel choir, and others who joined us, for a job well done with our cantata on Palm Sunday. A special thank you to Steve.

When most of you receive this newsletter it will be Easter! I hope many of you are able to join us on this very special day to celebrate our risen Lord with music by our bell choir, men's choir, chancel choir, brass and the first Easter with our new organ.

It's never too late in the year to join our chancel choir, men's choir or children's choir. Check the bulletin for rehearsal times. See me, email me or call me if you have any questions.

HAPPY SPRING!

Wired Word Discussion Group

Submitted by Rev. Ray Graham

Evangelist Billy Graham "changed his address" February 21st, leaving his earthly home in Montreat, North Carolina, for his new home in glory. He was 99. He is survived by five children and an estimated 2.2 million spiritual children who made decisions to follow Christ through his ministry. Come and share the rich legacy of his life and learn "Five Things Anyone Can Do to Introduce Others to Jesus". We will meet on Thursday, April 5th at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome!

With Deepest Sympathy

Margaret Boulden



Classic Christians' News

Some of the Classic Christians (age 50 & over) and friends are hitting the road this month to go to Norfolk VA for some exciting activities, including a massed gathering of military bands, a NATO Peace Parade, and a tour of the Norfolk Navy Base (among other things). Millie Jones, Ken McCoy and Bob Perkins will be watching over and leading the group. Pray for all who are taking part that they will have safe journeys and a wonderful trip. They'll be gone from April 26 – 29.

The MAY MEETING of Classic Christians will be one of their favorite of the year – it's BINGO NIGHT! The date is Friday, May 18th and the time is 6:30 pm. The night starts with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and continues on in rousing games of Bingo, with great prizes! All Classic Christians in the church (those 50 and over) are invited to take part. To do so, sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center, so we can have an accurate count for dinner.

Evangelism/Membership News

Submitted by Lorraine Jones, Chair

2 Timothy 1:9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life-not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

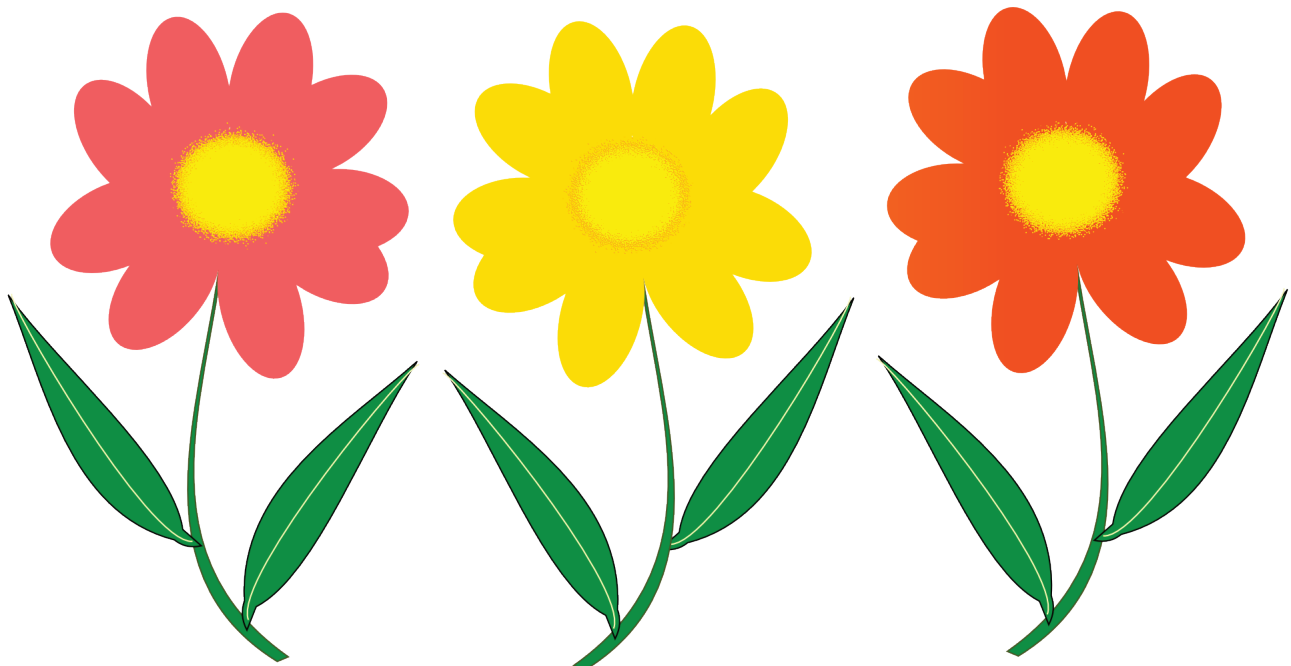
Thank you again for a wonderful Joy of Faith weekend, we appreciate your support in all our events.

Speaking of events, just a reminder to everyone about the Memorial Day Parade which will be held on May 28th in Elkton. Mark your calendars so you can join us this year. We had a fantastic turnout last year and we are hoping for the same and more this year. We'll have further information by the May newsletter so watch for the details on that as well as other upcoming events.

Stewardship Committee News

Submitted by Ellen and Rich Gruebel, Chairs

We are happy to report that our Sunday school students are working on submitting bulletin covers, one of which will be the one to be used for our Earth Day Sunday of April 22nd. Our students will also have an opportunity to plant seeds in honor of the day. We're still looking into the possibility of starting a support group for the many caregivers in our congregation. Additionally, we've obtained much information about starting a GriefShare session at our church, so there will be more to come on that as the year moves forward. We're looking forward to other events in the coming months such as a Health Fair this year. Updates to come in subsequent newsletters!



FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

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

Classic Christians'



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Word Search puzzle solution on page 12!

April 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)



4/1	Emma Veasey	4/12	Frank Cebula	4/22	Jen Laning
4/2	Thomas Jackson	4/12	Patti Ann Patterson	4/23	Ada Mackie
4/2	James Rea	4/14	Phillip Czarnecki	4/24	Casey Andrews
4/2	Gerald Treese	4/14	Lawrence Gaultney	4/24	Carson Cebula
4/3	Lydia Hill	4/14	Tiffany Graham	4/24	Connor Cebula
4/4	Alexandria Gautsch	4/14	Caleb Neely	4/24	Libby Treese
4/7	Courtney Chambers	4/14	Wendy Schweiker	4/24	Jacob Vassalotti
4/7	Jane MacDonald	4/14	Ronnie Smith	4/27	Cameron Blackiston
4/7	Edward McKeown	4/14	Connie Wilkinson	4/27	Bailey Racine
4/8	Andrew Borkowski	4/15	Joyce Browne	4/28	Ellen Gruebel
4/8	Jacob Cain	4/15	Roger Cebula	4/28	George Leathrum
4/8	Caitlin Healy	4/15	James Zimmer	4/29	Celeste DiSciullo
4/10	Marsha Perrine	4/19	Scott Hill	4/30	Vanita Carroll
4/10	Katherine Zimmer	4/21	Michael Gravatt	4/30	Dianne Thompson
4/11	Edward Hendricks	4/22	Stanley Cebula, Jr.		
4/11	Charles Werner	4/22	Kyle Gravatt		

April 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)

4/1	Norman & Cathy Petterson	4/17	Lee & Barbara Clugston	4/26	Stanley & Victoria Cebula, Sr.
4/8	Gifford & Virginia Biles	4/17	Ronald & Nancy Fetterolf	4/27	Mike & Jennifer Noll
4/12	Gary & Carolann Lewis	4/18	Larry & Sandra Holland	4/30	Thomas & Crystal Campbell
4/15	Jack & Cathy Williams	4/21	Wayne & Weny Eller		
4/16	William & Barbara Pinder	4/22	Charles & Mary Werner		

April

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 7:30-10:30 AM Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship Service	2 Office Closed 9:00 AM AARP Tax Service	3 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Betty Budrow's Team) 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg.	4 6:15 PM Communion	5 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Wired Word Discussion Group 8:00 PM AA Meeting	6	7 8:00 AM-2:00 PM District Leadership Training (EUMC)
8 <i>Blood Pressure Screenings</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	9 9:00 AM AARP Tax Service 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	10 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg.	11 10:30 AM Tele-Care Mtg. 12:00 PM Ruth-Sarah Circle Meeting 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	12 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Dorcas Circle Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	13	14
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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.

