



From the Pastor

Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

Happy December! What a special time of year this is! The month just beginning will be filled with so much stuff – list making, shopping, card writing, gift wrapping, parties, extra church activities – it’s enough to make your head spin! It’s sure to fly by!

But lest we get caught up in the whirlwind of activity, I want to invite all of us to remember, each and every day, the reason for the season. All of it is about Jesus – all of it! We give gifts to others as a reflection of the great gift God has given us in Jesus! We share our love with others through cards, reminding them of how important they are to us, just as God showed that to us in Christ. We spend time with people we love in this season, because time is one of the most precious things we have to offer – remembering that Jesus did the same with those he loved. And most of all, we come to church and take part in all the things of Advent and Christmas to worship God, the giver of all good gifts, and to praise Jesus, the greatest gift, the only gift we ever need.

Friends, slow down this month, and if ever you feel yourself stressed by all of the “stuff” on your “to do” list, look at that list in a new way – not as just things to be done, but rather as ways to make real the love of God in Christ Jesus. I pray that this Advent and Christmas season will be a time of joy for you, and that, each and every day, you will draw closer to Christ.



Christmas Eve at Elkton UMC

5 p.m. Family Service
 7:00 & 9:00 p.m. Identical Candlelight Services
 10:00 p.m. Silent Communion Service



DECEMBER 2018

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Advent at Elkton UMC !

December 2nd - 1st Sunday of Advent
 Lighting of the Advent Wreath,
 Holy Communion

December 9th - 2nd Sunday of Advent
 Lighting of the Advent Wreath
 Cecil County Choral Society Concert - 4pm

December 16th - 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Lighting of the Advent Wreath
 Choir Cantata at both services
 Children's Christmas Program in Weldin Hall
 at 9:45

Blue Christmas Service - 4 p.m.

December 23rd - 4th Sunday of Advent
 Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Christmas Eve Services - Dec 24th
 5 p.m. Family Service
 Christmas Candlelight Services 7:00 & 9:00
 p.m.
 Silent Communion Service at 10:00 p.m.

December 30th
 One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

"He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy." Proverbs 14:21

Missions Update

Submitted by Mike Foster, Chair

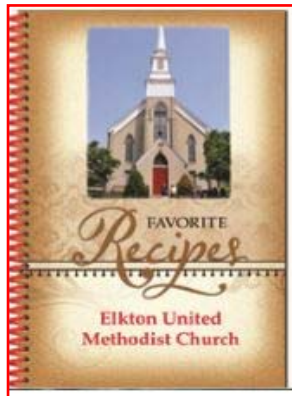
Well I suppose I could make a listing of all the good that has been done recently but at this time of year I simply wish, on behalf of the Mission Committee, to thank you for all the support you provide to this church, this community, and beyond. You not only provide support through your financial pledge but, when called upon, in your individual giving (the phone cards we can provide to our troops, community kitchen, shoe box program, mosquito netting, local schools, the ICC food bank just to name a few). As I have said in the past, you are a giving and selfless congregation. When called upon, you freely and without hesitation answer that call. Trust me that call will come again and I know you will answer.

So at this time of year when God gave us something special, the members of this committee wish to give you and your families all the best. Thanks and God Bless

2018 EUMC Cookbook Sales

Submitted by
Nancy Crawford

Your Communications Committee still has cookbooks on hand for sale. With the holidays coming up soon, we wanted to let you know we will be selling them between services on Sunday, December 9th and 16th. So if you didn't already get your copy, or if you have gifts to buy for the holiday, make sure you pick one up. They are \$12 each and contain 300 delicious recipes



18th Annual Cookie Walk - Saturday, December 8, 2018

The UMW will host our 18th annual Cookie Walk. Cookie and sales begin at 9 am in Weldin Hall. Please consider being a volunteer baker and make this 18th anniversary a record in cookies baked and sold! The Cookie Walk provides funds that support our local mission projects.

So put out the word, tell your friends and neighbors to mark their calendars for **December 8!**

Buy a box for:

- ✓ Family
- ✓ Friends
- ✓ Neighbors
- ✓ Office parties
- ✓ Holiday celebrations
- ✓ School snacks



Cookie Walk December 8 Weldin Hall

9 AM – 11 AM

Thousands of cookies!



FELLOWSHIP

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

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 14th 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, so be sure to come and give your input!

Women's Retreat 2019 is just around the corner! This year's Women's Retreat, "This Little Light of Mine" is just around the corner – January 18-20 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 Welcome Center. Just a reminder to those already registered: your final installment payment is due now!

Men's Retreat 2019 - There's still space available for more men to take part in this year's Men's Retreat, which will be held the weekend of January 25-27 at the new Hyatt Place Hotel in Ocean City MD. Full details about the retreat can be found in the Men's Retreat brochure on the Welcome Center. Scholarship money is available, if needed.

Monthly Men's Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to take part in the Monthly Men's Breakfast. It takes place the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 am at Cracker Barrel. No need to sign up ahead of time – there's plenty of room for everyone. Just show up and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship!



THANK YOU KAY!



- Join Us in Celebration -
Advent begins December 2nd

We wish all the best to Kay Mortimer, as she finishes her eleven-year run as our Church Secretary, and moves on to a full-time position in Newark. Kay has been a wonderful asset to our church, being the first point of contact many people have with us, and she has kept the church office running like a well-oiled machine. While we'll miss her in the office, we're so glad she's still a member of our congregation, so we'll see her all the time. We wish her all the best in her new job!



EVANGELISM

“He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.” Proverbs 14:21

EVANGELISM / MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Submitted by Lorraine Dryden Jones, Chair

1 Chronicles 16:11-12 *Look to the Lord and His strength: seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced. (NIV)*

Wow, December is here, the years are going by me at a rapid rate. My Mom always used to say, “the older you get the faster the years go by”. I think she was absolutely right or maybe we’re all doing so much, time just gets away from us. This is the time we should slow down and enjoy the moment, take a breath before we get into the hustle and bustle of Christmas time. I want to take the time to thank everyone on my committee for all you’ve done throughout the year with every event we’ve done, you all are fantastic and I appreciate each and every one of you. I especially want to say a big THANK YOU, to all of you, our congregation and friends and relatives who gave so generously of your time and money for every event we did this past year.

Our committee is actively working on our biggest event of the year, the Joy of Faith weekend, February 2nd and 3rd. Our entertainer will be “Ryan and Friends”. Ryan is a full time ventriloquist and comedian. He performs over 140 shows a year. Ryan’s performances range from corporate events and resorts to churches, theatres, cruises, and TV appearances. He is a comedy columnist and hosts a regional TV show. Get ready for a wonderful time. Ryan and Friends will be back Sunday morning for each service. Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives Saturday and Sunday. We want to pack the Sanctuary. You won’t want to miss this event. We will start Saturday with our prayer breakfasts, there will be an insert in the Bulletin for you to sign up for whichever breakfast you want to attend. Make sure you contact the person leading the breakfast so they get a head count and let you know what food item to bring. We will have our dinner at 5pm in Weldin Hall, the Treese Family and crew will be back with a delicious buffet. The show will start at 7pm in the Sanctuary. We will begin selling tickets in January. It should be a really great weekend, watch for announcements and ticket times. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

We ask that at this very busy time of year you take time to think about the reason for the season – “Jesus”.

Thank you to some outstanding 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 Buckley, Administrative Council Chairperson; Nancy Crawford, Communications Chairperson; Lorraine Jones, Evangelism Chairperson; and Ray Whiteoak, Trustees Chairperson. Thank you for serving so well, and blessings on all of you as you go on to serve the Lord in new ways!



EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not turn from it" Proverbs 22:6

Sunday School

Submitted by Katie Sparks, Director of Children & Education Ministries

Come and enjoy the Children's Christmas Program on December 16th!

The children of our Sunday School will be presenting their annual Christmas program on Sunday, December 16th in Weldin Hall at 10 am. Come and hear again the wonderful Christmas story and sing some traditional Christmas hymns! Let's fill Weldin Hall with support for our great children and youth!

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.

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!



Congratulations!

To Katie and John Sparks
On the birth of
Matthew Cornelius Sparks



Spaghetti Dinner 2018

YOUTH

"Guide me on your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and my hope is in you all day long" Psalm 25:5

Youth News

Submitted by Sandy Wherry, Director of Youth

Thanks to our Surprise Destination Hosts and their parents for a job well done!

Halle O'Neal, thanks for the lesson you chose on "Being a Leader". Halle used scripture references from Isaiah 11: 1-4, Isaiah 32: 1-8, I Timothy 2: 1-7, I Timothy 2: 14-26 and Titus 1: 5-9.

Thanks, Bobby Heath for your chosen lesson on "Faith". Bobby used scripture reference from Genesis 7: 13-22, I Samuel 17:45, and Matthew 14: 28-33

Upcoming Events

It's that time of year again... Youth Rally. This is a retreat designed for those in 6th grade and up (all are invited as members of our youth group). If you forgot to sign up for the rally, it's not too late. The cost remains at \$175 (scholarships are available). We will leave at 1:00 pm on Friday, January 4, 2019. This event is filled with guest speakers, break-out groups, and great music!

Jan. 13th 6 – 8:00 p.m. Youth Group – come help us make the decisions for our meetings for the new year!

Jan. 20th 6-8:00 p.m. Youth Group

Jan. 27th 6-8:00 p.m. Youth Group



Youth News – December 2018

2nd- Youth Trip - "The Event" at Christiana cost \$20.00

9th - Surprise Destination ? ? ?

16th-Christmas Party – Service Work for those in need

22nd -Progressive Dinner 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. (meet at church)

29th -CHRISTMAS VACATION – NO MEETING

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) 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!



SUPPORT

“He who despise his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy” Proverbs 14:6

Common Ground

2nd Wed. at 2pm, Rm. 1

“Sharing our Ups and Downs & Everything Between”

Words of Hope from E. Stanley Jones

“The widespread breakdown in individual and collective life is due to a loss of confidence. We are not sure that what is happening has cosmic backing and support. Something has snapped and left life dangling at loose ends. The Christian life, which has been the cement that has held civilization together, has broken down in many minds; hence, life is left without guidance, because it is without goal. When God goes, goal goes. Life turns dead on our hands. The story is told that Schopenhauer, the philosopher and apostle of pessimism, sat slumped on a park bench, deep in thought. A policeman, mistaking him for a tramp, said to him, “Who are you? And what are you here for?” Schopenhauer slowly replied, “I wish I knew.” He held no key in his hand to unlock the meaning of life, and the uncertainty made him a pessimist. Amid all this gloom and uncertainty, there is one bright spot—the Christian way. Here life lights up. It regains a sparkle, takes on meaning, goal. Here there seems to be promise of a way out. Our faith in Jesus Christ must be everything or nothing. It must control the whole of life or none of it. It must not merely be a way; it must be the Way. And it must be the Way for everything and everybody, everywhere and in every circumstance. Life must become a single piece, a whole. It must have total meaning. Unless it has total meaning, it becomes a total mess.” (Selected Text) Jones, E. Stanley, “The Way” Abingdon Press.

Acts 9:2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way*, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

19:9 But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

Acts 19:23 And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way.

Acts 22:4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women,

Acts 24:14 But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets.

Acts 22:24 But when Felix heard these things, he wanted to have more knowledge of the Way.

*This is the first time in Acts that Christians are described as belonging to the Way (Gk. hodos, “road, highway, way of life”), meaning either the way of salvation (16:17; cf. Jesus’ teachings in Matt. 7:14; John 14:6) or the true way of life in relation to God. The expression also occurs at Acts 9:2, 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22. Crossway Bibles. (2008). The ESV Study Bible (p. 2098). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

With Deepest Sympathy

William Ferringer

Lillian Armstrong

Bettie Murray



MUSIC & WORSHIP

"May the LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life..." Psalm 128:5

Music Ministries

Submitted by Sharon Williams, Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries

It's December and we have a lot going on in the music area of our church this month.

The Cecil County Choral Society will perform a concert in our church sanctuary on Sunday, December 9th, at 4:00 p.m. There are children and adults singers from our church participating in this concert. You must come early if you want a seat in the sanctuary.

December 16th, at both our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services, our chancel choir will be presenting a cantata **"The Tapestry Of Light"** by Joseph Martin. This cantata has many familiar melodies you will enjoy hearing.

Christmas Eve will be packed full of church services. At the 5:00 service our Children's Choir will sing. The 7:00 and 9:00 services will be identical with our Bell Choir, Men's Choir, Chancel Choir, Trumpet, and Organ.

Wishing all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Cecil County Choral Society Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 9th, 4 p.m., in our Sanctuary
Come and bring your family and friends for a late
afternoon of wonderful music!

Poinsettias/Nets for Christmas Eve

Purchase a poinsettia to adorn our sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services in honor of or in memory of someone you love – or, if you don't want or need the poinsettia, make a donation toward the United Methodist Church's "Imagine No Malaria" campaign. All names (for both poinsettias and the anti-malaria campaign) will be listed in a bulletin insert at Christmas. The first day to place orders will be on Sunday, December 2nd via a bulletin insert. Checks can be made payable to Elkton UMC, with "poinsettia" or "net" on the memo line. Unfortunately, if you are giving to both, you'll need to write two checks because of tax reasons. Make sure to put either "poinsettia" or "net" on your check.



FINANCE

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

Finance News

Submitted by Laurie Ruth, Finance

It is with a very heavy heart that I am writing for the News Letter in place of Bill Ferringer.

The financial position of EUMC through October is negative (\$59,884.00), this amount is the actual verses the budget.

The 2018 Budget includes \$35,000 for new air conditioning for the sanctuary, which thankfully we did not need, so the adjusted negative amount is (\$24,884.)

The total Income through October is \$365,122. The Expenses through October \$384,953. which is a \$19,831. Negative.

The Building Fund was able to pay off the loans for Wesley Wing three years early – this is something to celebrate.

Expense Components through October:

- Apportionments and District Office - \$45,968.
- Pastor and Associate Pastor Expenses - \$100,633.
- Staff Expenses - \$127,351.
- Council on Ministry expenses - \$16,211.
- Utilities - \$17,810.
- Insurance -\$8,959.
- Copier Expenses - \$9,466.
- Property Taxes (Rental Property) \$2,518.
- Other Building Expenses - \$29,728.
(This includes Parking Lot Seal/Stripe and Church Security Update.)
- Parsonage Expenses - \$11,474.

An Invitation to Persons 70 and Over from the Finance Committee

The end of the year is coming and you (if you are 70 ½) have a unique opportunity to make a gift to the church. If you are 70 ½ or older, have an IRA, and are subject to required minimum distribution (RMD), gifting some or all of your RMD using the qualified charitable distribution strategy may be a great way to both benefit the church and reduce the taxes you pay.

A qualified charitable distribution is not included in your adjusted gross income, therefore it is not taxable.

You cannot take active receipt of the money. You can give it directly to the church with the necessary documentation. You request the payee to make the check out to the church, send it to you, and then you can forward it to the church.

Talk to your financial advisor and your tax advisor to learn more about qualified charitable distributions. Pray about and consider making that year-end gift to Elkton UMC!

Qualified Charitable Distribution

(QCD)



Like us on Facebook

Don't forget that our church has a Facebook page, so check it out and like us! That helps spread the word to others of all the good things going on in our church, and hopefully entice them to come and check us out!

GIVING

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Financial Pledges for 2019

If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2019, 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 2019 envelopes starting on December 2nd 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!

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 – click on "On Line Donations" and you'll be walked through the process. Questions? Call the church office.

Attention On-Line Givers

Don't forget to go on-line at the end of December to our church website – elktonumc.org – and update your figures for your on-line offering for 2019!



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 16th 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.



CHURCH NEWS

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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). 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.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2019

- January 18-20 – Women's Retreat at the Dunes Manor in Ocean City
- January 25-27 – Men's Retreat at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Ocean City
- February 2-3 – JOY OF FAITH WEEK-END featuring "Ryan and Friends"
- February 9 – Administrative Council Planning Retreat

Christmas Office Hours

The church office will be closed on
Monday, December 24th
Tuesday December 25 and Wednesday, December 26th



Receive Pastor Bunnell's Friday Update email via her blog @ <http://eumcfridays.blogspot.com>



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December 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)

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

December Anniversaries

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

12/2 Cossie & Judith Gibson




12/6 Ina & Don Andrews



If we missed your birthday or anniversary please accept our sincerest apologies and let the church office know so we can correct our information.

2018

December

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 First Sunday of Advent Communion 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 General Conference Info Session (Sanctuary) 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group | 3 11:00 AM Line Dancing 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir | 4 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Nancy McCandall's Team) 7:00 PM Nar-Anson Mtg. 7:00 PM CCCS Rehearsal | 5 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 6 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Men's Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Board of Laity (Parlor) 8:00 PM AA Meeting | 7 | 8 9:00 AM Cookie Walk  |
| 9 Second Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM Cecil County Choral Society Winter Concert 6:00 PM Youth Group | 10 6:00 PM Cub Scout Mtg. 7:00 PM Handbell Choir | 11 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Cecil County Choral Society Board Meeting 7:00 PM Nar-Anson Mtg. | 12 10:30 AM Tele-Care Committee Meeting 12:00 PM Ruth-Sarah Circle Luncheon 2:00 PM Communion Ground 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 13 January Newsletter Deadline 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM Dorcas Circle Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting | 14 12:00 PM Community Blood Drive (WBI) 6:30 PM Classic Christians' Potluck Dinner/Program | 15 9:30 AM Charge Conference (WH) |
| 16 Third Sunday of Advent Choir Carols 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School Christmas Program 11:00 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM Blue Christmas Service 6:00 PM Youth Group | 17 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir | 18 6:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Nar-Anson Mtg. | 19 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Cracker Barrel) 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 20 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting | 21 First Day of Winter  | 22 5:00 PM Youth Progressive Dinner |
| 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent Children's Time 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service | 24 Christmas Eve Office Closed 5:00 PM Family Service 7:00 PM @ 9:00 PM Candlelight Services 10:00 PM Communion | 25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed  | 26 Office Closed | 27 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 8:00 PM AA Meeting | 28 | 29 |
| 30 10:00 AM Worship Service | 31 | | | | | |

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Bible Word Search

Answer in Jan. edition

New Testament Books

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