From the Pastor

Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

There's an old song that starts with these words: "Slow down, you're moving too fast, got to make the morning last . . ." Well, I want to change the words a little to – "Slow down, you've moving too fast, got to make the summer last!" All of us seem to move a million miles an hour during the school year, running from place to place, handling all sorts of things on our schedules. Sometimes it seems we're on a treadmill. So summer is our time to slow down!

I hope you'll do that this summer. Try to clear up your schedule for a while and just leave it open. Sit down and enjoy a summer breeze with a glass of iced tea. Read a book. Watch your kids or grandkids play. Have that lunch with a friend that you can never seem to schedule during the school year. Go to the movies.

In other words, take time for you this summer. Slow down and simply be. I don't think God created us to be whirling dervishes, I'm pretty sure God wants us to be still sometimes and smell the roses he has planted all around us. So my prayer, for all of us, is that, this summer, we'll slow down a bit and savor God's goodness in our lives. That is my prayer for all of you, and for me! Enjoy the summer!

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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

EUMC members will be serving lunch at the Community Kitchen in July and October of this year. The lunch is served at the Elkton Presbyterian Church and we are looking for a few volunteers to assist in preparing for this event. Look for further information in the coming weeks. If you would like more information, please see Stephanie Darron and Dot Eltzroth.

EUMC Mission Committee members will be preparing and serving dinner for the Vacation Bible School on Tuesday, June 26. We look forward to meeting all the kids and leaders at this wonderful time.

The Blood Bank of Delaware is seeking a new venue to hold their monthly blood drive in this area. EUMC will be assisting this effort for the months of July and August and perhaps more. The blood drive dates are Friday, July 13th and Friday, August 10th. Anyone interested can make an appointment on their website (www.delmarvablood.org) or call 302-737-8400.

The mission committee has approved funding to the Glendenin UMC located in Glendenin, West Virginia. As you recall, this area was heavily damaged during severe flooding and they are still recovering. The church was in need of 200 ceiling tiles in their repair efforts. Each tile cost \$5 and our church is paying for them.

The Cecil County Pregnancy Center is reaching out to the community for support, and the mission committee has proposed to hold a "baby shower" sometime before Mother's Day of next year. However, you do not have to wait until then. The center is a wonderful love and life oriented service and provides much needed support to those in need. There will be a few brochures at the mission bulletin board for those interested. You can also get information at their website (www.ccpregnancycenter.org). Did you know they do not receive ANY local or state government support? They survive on your help.

Thank you TEES Mentors

Many thanks to all who served as mentors at Thomson Estates Elementary School this year. You touched young lives in a very special way that they will not soon forget! Thanks also to Gretchen Ginder and Nancy Mitchell who are our liaisons with the TEES administration, setting up the many activities we do with them – teacher luncheons, thank you events, mentoring, etc. We received a letter from the school staff who said they can't thank us enough for our partnership with them, and they look forward to continuing it come September. What a wonderful way this is for us to care for the children who live in the neighborhoods that surround our church!

Are you a History Buff?

Then you'll be excited to know that Chautauqua 2018 is right around the corner, and this year's theme is "Seeking Justice." Chautauqua is a traveling program of actors portraying historical characters, which has been in progress for a number of years now. The actors are always outstanding and the presentations incredibly informative. After the actor does his/her dramatic monologue, he/she takes questions from the audience as the character, and then as himself/herself. This year's performances in Elkton are: Saturday, July 7 at 6 pm at the Elkton Central Library – the character will be Frederick Douglas, and on Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. at the Elkton Station of Cecil College; the character will be Thurgood Marshall.

During Police Appreciation Week George Leathrum and Joyce Browne delivered copies of the devotional STRENGTH FOR SERVICE to the Elkton Police Department. They had a chance to express to Chief Matthew Donnelly and Capt. Joe Zurolo their appreciation on behalf of EUMC for their service to the Elkton community.



EDUCATION AND EVENTS

"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 and Education News

Submitted by Katie Sparks, Director of Children & Educational Ministries

Promotion Sunday

Sunday school promotion took place on Sunday, June 10, 2018. We promoted over 60 children to the next grade level, many of which received pins for having great attendance.

Thank you to all who came out to support the children during this event!





Rolling River Rampage

Vacation Bible School took place June 24th - June 28th. The children had a fantastic time learning about how God is always with them even through rough waters. Thank you to all who volunteered and helped the children have fun learning about the Lord's love and guidance! Be sure to check out pictures and videos from VBS on the church's Facebook page!



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. During their time in the nursery, they will have a chance to play, do a craft, and have a snack.

School Supply Drive

We'll begin our annual School Supply Drive on Sunday, July 29th, and it will run for four weeks, through Sunday, August 19th. This year, the drive is a little different. Since all of the students in the elementary schools in Elkton (which are Title I schools) get their supplies from the school, we're going to collect supplies for the teachers instead! As you probably know, teachers usually spend a good deal of their own money buying supplies for their classrooms. So we are going to help them out!

Here are the supplies you can donate:

Post-it notes; Sharpies; Ink Pens in various colors; Highlighters; Elmer's glue sticks; magnetic tape; self-stick Velcro dots; masking tape; packing tape; command hooks; Ziploc bags (sandwich and gallon); Clorox wipes; baby wipes; lamination pouches (Walmart carries these); blank sticky labels (Scotch); file folders; and indoor recess games. (This list will be included on a flyer in the July/August bulletins.) Please bring your donations to the bin in the hospitality area, and we will distribute them to the teachers at Thomson Estates, Holly Hall, Gilpin Manor and Leeds Elementary Schools in time for their first week back in school which starts on August 27th.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

"Guide me in 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 for Summer 2018

Submitted by Sandy Wherry, Director of Youth News

The youth members and I would like to thank the parents who faithfully brought them out to youth group. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who have helped us throughout the year.

The summer calendar (locations are being confirmed and will be announced on the bulletin board, through texts and in the Sunday bulletin) is below:

July 1st No Youth Group Returning from the Mission Trip

July 7th – July 8th Pillow Fight Lock-in Beginning at 6 pm

(bring sleeping bag & pillows) – ending after the 8:30 service

July 9th – July 21st Sandy will be on Vacation

July 29th Pool Party Location: TBA

August 4th Beach trip Leaving at 9 am & returning at 7 pm (wear swimsuits)

August 12th Youth Group Location: TBA August 19th Youth Group Location: TBA

August 26th Youth Group See you at church 6 – 8 pm

Sept. 2nd No Youth Group Holiday with Family

Sept. 9th Youth Group See you at 5:30 pm for the Youth Group Kick-off

We extend an invitation to anyone entering the 6th grade (2018-19 school year) and welcome all those through the 12th grade to join us this summer and in the fall. Any questions regarding youth activities, please contact Sandy Wherry at 443-309-0160.







CHURCH NEWS

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

Finance News

Bill Ferringer, Chairman

The financial position of EUMC for the period through May 2018 is positive \$8,352.

Income is down from the budget by \$2,249. Expenses are down from the budget by \$11,476.

Income for the period was down from the budget by \$2,249 as shown below:

- 1. Offering Income (\$2,256)
- 2. Rental Income (\$934)
- 3. Youth Income \$315
- 4. Miscellaneous Income \$626

Expenses were down from the budget by \$11,476 as shown below:

- 1. General Expenses \$1,219
- 2. Pastor and Associate Pastor Expenses \$2,852
- 3. Staff Expenses \$5,208
- 4. Ministry Program (\$483)
- 5. Education Program \$2,742
- 6. Youth Programs \$1,109
- 7. Utilities (\$2,088)
- 8. Insurance (\$676)
- 9. Building Maintenance \$1,881
- 10. Rental Property Expense (\$524)
- 11. Parsonage Expenses \$236

The Building Fund received \$26,179 in contributions. Total balance on hand at the end of May is \$218,501. The loan balance is \$235,000. The Finance committee expects to pay off the member loan by the end of the year.

Thank you so much for your support.

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		
	MAY MONTH	MAY YTD
Income General Ministry & Trustees Operational	28,776	187,178
Expenses General Ministry & Trustees Operational	33,476	178,826
Net Income/(Loss) General Ministry & Trustees Operational	(4,700)	8,352





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!

MUSIC AND 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

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 1st at 10:00 a.m. when we will have the Providence Brass with us in worship to celebrate Independence Day. The Providence Brass members enjoy sharing their musical talents with us and we love having them.

Some very special musicians will be sharing their talents with us during worship this summer. Please take a moment to say thank you to them.

Our music directors and I will be busy this summer making plans and selecting music for the year ahead. If you are interested in joining a choir please let me know...my email address is stwilliams 10@comcast.net.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our music program.

Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Looking Ahead to July!

On Sunday, July 1st, we'll have our annual "Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving for Our Nation" – one combined service at 10 am. The Providence Brass will bless us with their outstanding music once again as well!

Wednesday Night Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday evening in the Chapel from 6:15-6:30 pm.

Going Away?

If you are, don't forget that you can watch our worship services via You Tube. Videos of Sunday morning services are generally put online no later than about 9 pm that same evening. It's a great way to stay connected when you're away! To watch a service, simply go to our church website, elktonumc.org, click on sermons in the left-hand column, then click on "You Tube" videos, click on the service you want to see, and you're all set!



FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

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

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. This summer's breakfasts will take place on Wednesday, July 18th and Wednesday, August 15th. 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!

Do you love Choral Music? Then we've got a trip for you!

The Classic Christians are sponsoring a bus trip for the whole church again this summer to Ocean Grove, New Jersey to attend the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Choir Festival. This annual event features a thousand singers in a mass choir, and it is always phenomenal. The performance takes place in the Great Auditorium which seats 7000 people and is always packed to the gills for the choir festival. The date is Sunday, July 8th, and the bus will be leaving our parking lot at 2:00 p.m. We'll arrive around 4 or so, which leaves about 3 hours to walk around the lovely Victorian town, have some dinner, and then get in line to go into the performance. Return time is not exact, but it will be about two hours after the performance ends, so it could be close to midnight – but it's worth it! Cost will be \$40/person, plus the cost of your dinner. To take part in this great experience, sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

Classic Christians' Annual Picnic

The Classic Christians will have their annual summer picnic on Friday, August 10th. The location has not been finalized yet, but it will be announced via the Sunday bulletins, announcements and in Karen's Friday emails. All Classic Christians (age 50 and over) are invited to attend. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls and drinks will be provided. To take part in this great event, please sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

Stewardship Committee Update

Submitted by Ellen and Rich Gruebel, Chairs

Our committee is now working on a wonderful Health Fair for Laity Sunday in October.

More details to follow in upcoming newsletters. There will be lots of useful information at the fair, and we also hope to open it up to the public. God bless all.

Evangelism/Membership News

Submitted by Lorraine Jones, Chair

Psalm 121:1-2 I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. (NIV).

Thank you again for a great Memorial Day Parade. We had about 25 people walking and riding. We all thought our float was the best, of course, but we didn't win. However, we tip our hats with a big "congratulations" to our Cub Pack 443 that did place in the top three! It was a fun time.

Up next is the July 4th Fireworks in Meadow Park. We will be giving small red, white and blue fans away. We'll have information in the Sunday bulletin with information on locations of handout and time to meet. Hope to see you there!

As mentioned in the June Newsletter, John Sparks will drive a vehicle in the demolition derby at the Cecil County Fair. We'll let everyone know when the vehicle will be in our parking lot for painting.

September will bring the "Fall Fest" and we will have a table set up to meet and greet the people in our community. More information to come in the September newsletter.

If you have any questions about any of our events, please contact me at 302-690-6772 or lorraine0913@yahoo.com. Don't forget if you have any suggestions for an entertainer for our 2019 Joy of Faith weekend, please don't hesitate to contact me.





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July & August 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)

July & August 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)

7/3	Ray & Katie Whiteoak	7/31	Edward & Cheryl McKeown	8/15	John & Shirley Clark, Jr.
7/6	James & Susan Zimmer	8/1	Michael & Karen Gravatt	8/16	Jerry & Linda McNabb
7/7	Robert & Linda Meffley	8/2	Chris & Alison Sprague	8/16	William & Catherine Moffitt, Jr.
7/9	Bill & Mary Mackie	8/4	James & Paulette Casen	8/17	Michael & Mary Ann Schmook
7/10	Alan & Vanessa Foskey	8/9	Samuel & Stephanie Darron	8/18	Rod & Marsha Perrine
7/11	CJ & Angie Cain	8/9	Kenneth & Phyllis McCoy	8/19	Paul & Anne Humphrey
7/11	Richard & Lorraine Jones	8/10	Jack & Janet Bailey	8/20	James & Shelia Boulden
7/12	Bill & Robyn Graham	8/10	Bill & Cheryl Ferringer	8/20	Henry & Cheryl Fehlman
7/15	Michael & Kimberly Edler	8/10	Jim & Kathie Gray	8/24	Paul & Frances Schneider
7/17	Lawrence & Heidi Gaultney	8/12	Paul & Melody Deemer	8/25	Sonny & Barbara Tenney
7/19	Robert & Susan Johnson	8/13	Joseph & Judith Tanner, Sr.	8/27	George & Karen Veasey
7/21	Robert & Jane MacDonald, Sr.	8/14	George & Nancy Leathrum	8/28	Theodore & Deboah McDowell
7/23	Michael & Cheryl Fetterolf	8/14	Joe & Carla Testa	0,20	111000010 0
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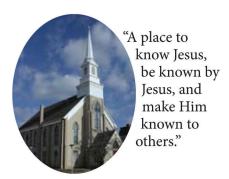
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Sunday Worship Services

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.

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