From the Pastor

Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

On Monday, May 7th, I found myself standing in the front of the glorious National Cathedral in Washington DC watching the procession of graduates come up the aisle to the glorious music of the grand organ. It was a moment and a day I shall never forget. I was so honored to receive the Society of John Wesley Award of Merit from my alma mater, Wesley Theological Seminary. I never in a million years thought something like that would happen to me. As I told the President of the seminary when he called to tell me that I'd been chosen for this award in recognition of outstanding service to God, the Church and Wesley Seminary, I've just always tried to do my job the best I could, and trust God through it all.

At the ceremony, when he was reading off a list of my "accomplishments" I kept thinking about how all of those things became possible because of my partnership with wonderful laypeople like all of you. We have done some amazing things for the Lord together, and hopefully, will continue to do so in the days to come. I am so blessed to be in ministry to share God's love in Christ with the world, and I'm doubly blessed, because I am in ministry with all of you.

Thank you so much for the love and best wishes you've shared with me as a I received this amazing honor. It has meant the world to me!

Grace and Peace, Karen

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Karen and President of Wesley Theological Seminary, Rev. David McAllister-Wilson

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

The 2018 Delaware Brain Tumor 5k Walk/Run was held on a beautiful April 21st. EUMC participated with 17 walkers and 1 runner raising \$1,572 for the cause. Of the 87 teams participating, EUMC came in at 29th in donations raised. Not too shabby, heh?

Our next committee meeting will be held in early June and more information on our next activities will be forthcoming. For example, further updates on our Kentucky and Costa Rica mission trips; information regarding my recent visit to the Cecil County Pregnancy center and how we may be able to support this worthwhile and local organization; our efforts in expanding the mentoring program (currently involved with Thomason Estates) to Holly Hall which has expressed interest in our support; and our support for the Community Kitchen which is held at Elkton Presbyterian Church where we will have a new church member joining their Board of Directors as well as a luncheon coordinator.

The President of Wesley Seminary requested \$1,000 scholarship money for Eric Hernandez from Puerto Rico and the committee approved this request in our last meeting. Eric is incredibly gifted and is being a much-needed leader guiding the church and the people through the aftermath of last year's devastating hurricanes.

Lastly, on behalf of the committee, we congratulate Pastor Karen on receiving the prestigious John Wesley Award of Merit. A most deserving award to a most deserving servant of God.

Congratulations to Carlos and Brett!

Our very own Carlos Reyes-Rodriguez and Brett Pinder are both celebrating milestones in their ministerial careers at Annual Conference. On Friday, June 1st, Carlos will be commissioned and become a provisional Deacon, and Brett will be fully ordained as an Elder. That means that Carlos will now be serving two years as a provisional member, before he is fully ordained as well. He will continue in his position with our conference specializing in Hispanic ministries. Brett will also continue in his current position as director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Maryland College Park. Both of them have worked very hard to get to this point, and we'll have the opportunity to celebrate with them on Sunday, June 3rd. They'll be helping to lead our worship services that morning, and then we'll have a reception for them and this year's high school and college graduates from 9:30 – 11 am in Weldin Hall. If you'd like to bring them a card or gift, there will be baskets for both of them at the reception.

Newsletter Editor Needed

Submitted by Nancy Crawford, Communications Committee Chair

By the end of this year, our current newsletter editor, Jessie Snuffer, will be retiring from her position as the editor of our monthly newsletter, The Beacon. Jessie has done a terrific job throughout her tenure and she will be missed. So the search is on to fill this crucial position by November.

We are seeking someone with strong skills in publishing this type of document which is currently being produced using Adobe Illustrator software. However, if you have proficient knowledge using Microsoft Word or Publisher, the newsletter can be produced using either of those programs as well. Good formatting and graphic skills are also a plus.

The editor will receive submitted items from the church office on the newsletter deadline. All editing and proofing for grammar, spelling, punctuation and continuity will be completed before submitted to the editor. The editor will proceed with inputting and layout.

Are you interested in taking over this vital position? Please contact Kay or Karen in our church office if you have any questions or if you wish to apply.

Blood Pressure Checks

The Stewardship Committee regrets to announce that, due to a lack of available medical personnel to do them, blood pressure checks will no longer be offered on the second Sunday of the month.

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 and Education News

Promotion Sunday

Sunday School promotion will be Sunday, June 10, 2018. We invite all to attend to help celebrate with the children all they have learned this past year in Sunday School!

Rolling River Rampage

Come join us for Vacation Bible School this June! VBS will run June 24, 2018 through June 28, 2018. VBS will start each night at 5:30 with dinner for all participants and volunteers and then end at 8pm. From 6-8pm participants will rotate through stations where they will have fun learning about how God being with through rough waters. We invite all children ages 2- entering sixth grade to join us as we "Experience the ride of a lifetime with God!"

Register by visiting elktonumc.org or pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center. Cost is \$5 per child, max of \$10 per family.



Vacation Bible School Volunteers

The education department is still searching 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 contact Katie Sparks at katharine.gravatt@gmail.com 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 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

Submitted by Sandy Wherry, Director of Youth Ministries

Summer dates for meetings: June 10th & 17th; July TBA; August 5th & 12th from 6-8:00 p.m. *We are looking to meet in homes (those with pools would be nice). If you would like to host a meeting at your home, please contact Sandy at slwherry@comcast.net or 443-309-0160.

Mission Trip to Kentucky: June 23 – July 1, 2018

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the Trustees for repairing the air hockey table.

We wish to thank Kristi, Amanda and Cindy Fetterolf for helping with our very successful Prom Boutique. They received help from Tammy and Tiffany Cox as well as

Lorraine Jones, Debbie Kain and a few youth members. The program supplied 257+ free dresses this year. We also thank everyone who donated jewelry, shoes, accessories and dresses including the brand new dresses from PromGirl.com.

Thanks to all the parents who were faithful in bringing their children to youth group and to those who helped in other ways during the year!

Confirmation

We congratulate our confirmation class on a job well done. We welcome them as the newest members of our church family. Our confirmands and their "Friends in Faith":

Jack Kovicak and Roger Robinson, Eli Mackie and Sid Bledsoe, Colin O'Neal and Mike Schmook and Julianna Swyka and Carol Robinson.



Calling All Gardeners!

Paige Laning is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award which consists of rehabilitating several of the islands in our church parking lot to clean up old growth and plant new bee- and butterfly-friendly plants. She'll also be doing work in the area by the sign on High Street and placing pavers near the trash area. You can see more information about the project on the bulletin board just inside the hospitality area. Her upcoming workdays are Saturday, June 2 (9am – 2 pm), Saturday, June 9th (9 am – 2 pm) and Sunday, June 10th (after church). She needs lots of help, so sign up if you can! If you're interested in helping out with the work, or providing snacks and drinks for the workers, please email Paige at pflaning@comcast.net.

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

Submitted by Bill Ferringer, Chairman

The financial position of EUMC for the period through April 2018 is positive \$13,052.

Income is up from the budget by \$5,856. Expenses are down from the budget by \$7,774.

Income for the period was up from the budget by \$5,856 as shown below:

- 1. Offering Income \$6,039
- 2. Rental Income (\$951)
- 3. Youth Income \$315
- 4. Miscellaneous Income \$453

Expenses were down from the budget by \$7,774 as shown below:

- 1. General Expenses \$333
- 2. Pastor and Associate Pastor Expenses \$2,599
- 3. Staff Expenses \$4,139
- 4. Ministry Program \$760
- 5. Education Program \$1,981
- 6. Utilities (\$2,716)
- 7. Insurance (\$1,459)
- 8. Building Maintenance \$1,563
- 9. All other Building Expenses \$426
- 10. Parsonage Expenses \$148

Finance News Submitted by Bill Ferringer, Chair		
	APRIL MONTH	APRIL YTD
Income General Ministry & Trustees Operational	46,162	158,403
Expenses General Ministry & Trustees Operational	38,899	145,351
Net Income/(Loss) General Ministry & Trustees Operational	7,263	13,052



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 entices them to come and check us out!

The Building Fund received \$22,293 in contributions. Total balance on hand at the end of April is \$214,615. 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." Everyone is important.

Trustees Report

Submitted by Ray Whiteoak, Chair

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, the Administrative Council voted to approve the sale of our rental property located at 109 Locust Lane. We are in the process of obtaining an appraisal and then either doing minor repairs, or selling the property "as is." We will keep you informed as to the progress of this project.

The closet located in Weldin Hall next to the table/chair storage area has been cleaned out and is being modified so we can relocate the kitchen equipment storage area from the basement to this space. That will make it much, much easier for all of the meal events that take place in Weldin Hall.

Repairs to our sanctuary roof are scheduled to be done this month, weather permitting.

Paige Laning will be rehabilitating some of the parking lot islands for her "Gold Award Project" during the month of June. (Please see the article about this elsewhere in this newsletter).

As I write this, the fire alarm and safety systems are scheduled for testing. This includes fire alarms, pull stations, exit lights, emergency lights and sprinkler systems.

Tom White and Henry Fehlman are searching for and organizing church building construction drawings and documents. We are missing all documents for the rebuilding of the sanctuary, etc. If anyone knows where they are located, please let them know.

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

Our chancel choir will be singing for the last time this season on Father's Day, June 17th. Thank you, chancel choir, for your time and dedication throughout the year. You always enhance our worship services. Thanks to Steve for helping to make our choir sing glorious praises to God.

The last time the men's choir will sing this year is June 10th. Thanks for the wonderful men's choir this year.

I am working on a summer Musical Offering schedule. If you would like to sing or play a musical instrument this summer, please let me know so I can get you on the schedule.

Hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer!

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!



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



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!

Baptisms

If you would like to schedule a baptism, please email Rev. Bunnell at eumc@comcast.net or call the church office at 410-398-0933

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.



FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

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

Stewardship News

Submitted by Ellen and Rich Gruebel, Chairs

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

We had a wonderful celebration of Earth Day Sunday on 4/22. All of the Sunday school students planted herbs to take home to their families. Also, the Stewardship committee would like to thank the parishioners who contributed beautiful pictures to our wonderful PowerPoint presentation that was shown during both services. A very special thanks to Jeff Bunnell who put it all together with some wonderful added footage of videos of our beautiful God-given nature scenes! Over the summer and into the fall, our committee will work on a Health Fair for Laity Sunday in October. There's still research being done on both GriefShare and caregiver sessions as these are so important for so many of our parishioners. More to come in subsequent newsletters!

Join the Classic Christians for a Unique Event in Lancaster, PA!

On Wednesday, June 20th, the Classic Christians will carpool up to "The Amish Experience" in Lancaster PA for a unique visual presentation of Bible stories. The show is at 11 am, and is presented in a building adjacent to the Good and Plenty Restaurant where you can go to lunch, or you can choose to go elsewhere if you like. Cost for the Bible show is \$16 per person, and lunch is on your own. There are only forty tickets available, so if you're interested, sign up soon. To sign up, see the registration sheet on the counter across from the Welcome Center. Checks should be made out to Elkton UMC, with "Amish Experience" on the memo line, and turned in to the church office.



Evangelism/Membership News

Submitted by Lorraine Dryden Jones, Chair

Isaiah 40:31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Well, we're in June already so that means the Memorial Day parade is a thing of the past. I want to thank everyone that joined us to help in decorating the truck/float and walking in the parade. I really love how our members support our events.

So now we move on to our July 4th event. Our committee has been working real hard to find something new for this event. We have several irons in the fire but no answer at this point. I guess it will be a surprise for all of us! As soon as we figure it out, the information will be in the Sunday bulletin.

Moving on to mid-July and the Cecil County Fair. John Sparks, once again, will have a vehicle that he will provide for us to decorate. John will then drive the car in the demolition derby. We will let everyone know when the car will be in our parking lot for its "face lift".

Finally, our committee is searching for an entertainer for the 2019 Joy of Faith weekend. Please contact me if you have any thoughts or suggestions. Contact me at 302-690-6772 or lorraine0913@yahoo.com.

Monthly's 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 in the Elkton Diner. This month's breakfast will take place on Wednesday, June 7th.

The Classic Christians are on the Road Again!

We are going to see "Jesus"
Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA
Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 11:00 am (will
need to be at the theater by 10:30 am)
There are only 30 tickets available: \$ 56.05 p/p
This will be a car pool trip, so make your plans
with your friends now

For more details call Mary Mackie - 410.398.3356 or Millie Jones - 410.398.9439





EUMC 2018 GRADUATES

High School Graduates

Bohemia Manor High School Jocelyn Janine Melvin

Thomas Eugene Walmsley

Brandywine High School

Branden Patrick Hendricks

Elkton High School

Benjamin Richard Dalrymple

Samantha Keithley

Paul Layton II

Megan O'Neal

Groves School

Audrey Leathrum

Hodgson Vo-Tech High School

Damien Hollyday

North East High School

Ben Graham

Rising Sun High School

Taylor Cimorosi

Connery Eddinger

Victoria Hazel Stauffer

Brittny Lynn Wright

Salesianum High School

Ryan C. Sentman

St. Elizabeth High School

Jamie C. Laning

Worcester Preparatory School

Connor Austin Cebula

College Graduates

Lauren Carbone – University Maryland, University College (Masters)

Hannah Crismon – University of Delaware

Sylvia Honesty – Cecil College

Colby Kortas – Frostburg University

Judy Lan – Cecil College

Andrew Moore – Associated Training Services

Emily Moore – Messiah College

Jonathan Moore – University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Austin Christopher Pugh – University of South Carolina

Andrew L. Robinson - Ohio State University

Amber Scholz – Cecil College

Nicholas Schweiker – University of Maryland

Amanda Artrip Wiles - Towson University (Masters)

Thomas Jack Williams - Hood College

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June 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)

6/1	Katelyn Boulden	6/7	Norman Petterson	6/18	Lauren Nickle
6/2	Joan Perry	6/8	Charles Campbell, II	6/20	Kristina Keithley
6/2	Mary Ann Schmook	6/8	Gwendolyn Eva	6/21	Ryan Kosinski
6/3	Susan Zimmer	6/8	Krista Gilmore	6/22	Ruth Deibert
6/4	John Gaz	6/8	Jean Rush	6/23	Vanessa Foskey
6/4	Christine Grant	6/9	Linda Meffley	6/23	Bill Fountain
6/4	Keith McKenica	6/11	Leah Mackie	6/27	Paulette Casen
6/4	Joanna Seiberling	6/12	Ryan Zimmer	6/27	Sandra Funke
6/5	Kim Heath	6/15	Michael Fetterolf	6/27	Jennifer Noll
6/5	Carol Robinson	6/16		6/28	Madelyn Eddinger
-		6/16	William Pinder	6/29	Sandra Holland
6/5	David Wherry	6/16		6/30	William Alphin
6/6	Robert Gautsch		•	6/30	Gregory Kosinski
6/6	Ruth Loomis	6/17	Gretchen Ginder	0/30	Gregory Rosinski
6/7	Loretta Brockell	6/17	Karen Gravatt		
6/7	Paige Laning	6/18	Tink Crossan		

June Anniversaries

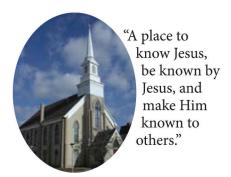
"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Genisis 2:24 (NKJV)

6/2	Rex & Diane Sizemore	6/17	Kevin & Stacie Forman	6/23	Brian & Susan Starrett
6/5	Chris & Celeste DiSciullo	6/17	Dave & Judith Pugh		Gerald & Jamie Treese
6/6	Gerald & Jennifer Slayman, Jr.	6/17	Edwin & Betty Sprague		Francis & Linda Kosinski
6/8	Ivan & Charlotte Mehosky	6/20	Richard & Gail Juergens		Brock & Amy Sumner
6/10	Robert & Donna Perkins	6/21	D 1 . 0 01 11 01 1		Carlos & Kaylee Reyes
6/11	Herbert & Joan Perry	6/22	Andrew & Kristi Fetterolf		Jonathan & Nicole Stauffer
6/14	Bret & Kelly Eddinger	6/22	Murray & Dianne Thompson	6/29	Joe & Bethany Buckley
6/14	Robert & Marlene Gautsch		Barton & Andrea Funke		Phillip & Kristen Czarnecki
6/14	Robert & Nancy Mitchell	6/23	Tom & Donna Horgan	-,	1

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Annual Conference	2 Annual Conference
Communion Graduation Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service	4 1:30 PM Zumba Class	5 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg.	6:15 PM Communion	7 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	8	6
Promotion Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	1:30 PM Zumba Class	12 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg.	13 12:00 PM Ruth-Sarah Circle Luncheon 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting	12.30 PM Weight Watchers 12.30 PM Cub Pack Meeting 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	15 July/August Newsletter Deadline	16
Father B Day 8:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Worship Service 6:30 PM Youth Group HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	1.30 PM Zumba Class	6:00 PM CCCS Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg.	Classic Christians to Lancaster 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast 6:15 PM Communion	2.1 12:30 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Administrative Council Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	22	23 Kentucky Mission Trip
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Elkton United Methodist Church

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Church Staff

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Karen F. Bunnell Associate Pastor of Visitation Ministries.....Rev. Ray Graham Children & Education Ministries Director.....Katie Sparks Youth Ministries Director.....Sandy Wherry Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries.....Sharon Williams Adult Choir Director.....Steven Gilmore Adult Handbell Director......Paul Deemer Children's Choir Director......Susan Starrett Nursery Care Professional......Yolanda Gomez Treasurer.....Laurie Ruth Secretary.....Kay Mortimer Sextons.....Sylvia Honesty & Donna Horgan

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.

Contact Information

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Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. <u>Friday</u> 8:00 a.m. - Noon

