

## Elhton United Methodist Church The Beacon





## **APRIL 2019**

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From the Pastor

Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor

#### Dear Friends.

I'll never forget when I learned for the first time that some churches don't observe Lent. It was during a conversation I had with my friend Linda, who grew up in a Southern Baptist Church in Texas. Linda's husband, Hugh, was in the Air Force, and over the course of their many moves around the country, they ended up worshiping in churches of many different denominations, and when I first met her, they were worshiping in the United Methodist Church where I was serving as the Student Pastor. She had no idea what Lent was all about (or for that matter, Advent, too. They didn't observe that either.)

Because I've spent my whole life in the United Methodist Church, and have observed those two seasons in the church my whole life, I actually felt sorry for her. And now that we're in the season of Lent, moving toward Easter, I remember how important these seasons are in helping us remember who Jesus is and what he has done for us. Though Lent can be "heavy" and sometimes incredibly sad, yet it serves to help us remember the price he paid for us and our salvation. We hear of the opposition he faced, the threats that were hurled his way, the horrible death he died – and we remember that he did it for us. We walk with him the way of the cross, knowing that he would give his all for us. It is an emotional, tremendously hard journey . . .

But . . . it ends with the victory of Easter! And Easter is all the more sweet each year after we've made this journey through Lent. We celebrate the fact that evil didn't win, that Jesus rose victorious, that he lives!

I'm so glad to be on this journey with you – to struggle together through the painful parts of our story, but even more, to celebrate the greatest news ever on Easter morning! Can't wait!

## **HOLY WEEK AT ELKTON UMC**

### Sunday, April 14 – PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Choir Cantata at both services Easter Egg Hunt at noon in Weldin Hall

#### Thursday, April 18 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

5:30 pm – Soup and Bread Dinner in Weldin Hall 7:00 pm – Worship Service in the Sanctuary

### Friday, April 19 – GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 noon – Ecumenical "Seven Last Words" Service in our Sanctuary Sponsored by the Greater Elkton Ministerial Association Featuring preachers from seven different churches, each giving a brief homily on one of the words of Jesus from the cross.

### Sunday, April 21 – EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 am – Identical Festival Worship Services Featuring choral, brass, organ and handbell music! 7:30 – 10:30 am – Easter Breakfast in Weldin Hall



## **MISSIONS**

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

#### **Mission Team Update**

Submitted by Mike Foster

Below is important MISSION TRIP information for those interested.

- 1. As you read this, we will have completed our Sunday blood drive, which was held on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who participated and who volunteered at the canteen.
- 2. In line with the Cecil County Pregnancy Center's Tea fundraising event at the end of April, we will be conducting a "baby shower" for donations to be given to the center. The plan is to collect donations by Mother's Day this year, May 12<sup>th</sup>. More details and a wish list will be forthcoming.
- 3. Our first Sunday meal to be served at the Paris Foundation will take place on April 7<sup>th</sup> and we are in the process of rounding up volunteers.
- 4. Do not forget Compassion Sunday is coming in early May.
- 5. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we have two mission trips scheduled for the summer months. It is important that all of us have a "basic" understanding of what it takes when on such a mission. We now have that opportunity to take this needed training. Karin Tunnell, Pastor of Grace UMC located in Millsboro DE, has kindly agreed to conduct such training at our church. The event is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am 1:00 pm. To all those who plan to participate in these trips AND for those who contemplate attending a future mission trip AND for those parents who have young adults and their friends participating, you are ENCOURAGED to mark this on your calendar and attend. Bring a bag lunch. The formal name for such training is VIM (Volunteers in Mission) training. VIM is a grassroots movement within the United Methodist Church designed to assist those interested in mission service. We will have attendees from other churches as well, so it would be wonderful to have a good showing from EUMC. Please see Joe Tanner or Mike Foster to place your name on the list of attendees.

Thanks, A Wonderful Easter to All and God Bless

#### **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 Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.



## FELLOWSHIP & STEWARDSHIP

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

### Men's Retreat - March 16, 2019

## Where Do We Come From? Where Are We Going?







## Classic Christian's Bingo Night - March 15, 2019







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#### **Stewardship Committee**

Submitted by Ellen and Rich Gruebel, Co-chairpersons

Proverbs 3:9 "Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest."

Greetings from the Stewardship Committee! We are looking forward to a few wonderful events this year and planning for Earth Day Sunday in April and Laity Sunday in October with a Stewardship Fair. We are also planning a 5K Run to raise funds and awareness in support of research to combat ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis). This is planned for September 28<sup>th</sup> and we're working on finding a venue for this event. For Earth Day in April, we are working on an amusing, yet very informative skit / video about recycling. This video will be shown at our service on Earth Day Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We'll share more details as our committee works together to arrange these events for our church and community! May God bless everyone!



## Monthly Men's Breakfast at Cracker Barrel

Just a reminder that all men of the church are invited to take part in the monthly Men's Breakfast, on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 am. It takes place at Cracker Barrel and each month the men discuss various topics in an informal setting. All men are welcome! The breakfast is over by 7:45 or so.

## **Please Recycle**

Plastics: Numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 plastic food and beverage containers including bottles, jars, jugs

Cans: Aluminum and metal cans, loose metal jar lids, foil, baking tins, EMPTY aerosol cans, food containers

Cardboard: Corrugated cardboard, cereal and dry food boxes, shoe, tissue and detergent boxes, paper towel/toilet tissue rolls

Paper: Newspapers, magazines, brochures, paper bags, greeting cards, regular/junk mail, notebook and computer paper

Glass: Bottles, jars, and food/beverage containers

\*Please check your local recycling rules as instructions regarding preparation of items for recycling vary



## **EVANGELISM**

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#### **Evangelism / Membership News**

Submitted by Linda Meffley

Joy of Faith weekend this year was warmly received. Ryan and Friends entertained us Saturday night and again Sunday during worship with two very different shows - he is so talented. Gerry and Jamie Treese prepared and served a delicious dinner. The prayer breakfasts were so popular, with over 70 people attending. A great big thank you to all our committee members, breakfast hosts, IT Team, church staff, Rev. Karen, and our church family for your efforts to make this an unforgettable weekend at EUMC. We are already planning for next year. Let us know what you like!

Our new member class on February 17<sup>th</sup> was attended by 5 people. Look for these new faces in worship and give them a big welcome.

Our calendar is filling up with fun events. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, join us to walk in the Elkton Memorial Day parade and thank our veterans for their service. Come early, 8:30 am, to help decorate our float in the church parking lot or come later to walk. You'll find us near the ball diamonds by 10 am. We always have so much fun. Wear red, white and blue! P.S. We have a big surprise this year too.

We are talking to praise and worship groups to bring in a fresh sound soon. If you know of any talented groups in our area please pass along their contact information.

Finally, we are in the beginning stages of a new project here at EUMC - Financial Literacy. We'll let you know more about that at a later date.

The Evangelism Committee is hard at work, but we could use your help. Invite someone to church this spring! With our beautiful Easter season around the corner we offer a message our community needs to hear, "God loves us all!"

#### **GREETING VIDEOS**

We're getting ready to videotape another set of greeting videos for our worship services. If you would be willing to "star" in one, please let Gail Juergens know at <a href="mailto:gailann224@gmail.com">gailann224@gmail.com</a>. Eventually, we'd like to have everyone in the church do one, so we can get to know each other better and invite others to be a part of our great church!



## **EDUCATION**

"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



#### Sunday School News:

Our spring mission project was a success. We were able to stuff 20 bags full of hygiene items, granola bars, and a note about God's love. Thank you to all who donated supplies for the "homeless bags" and to those who took one to give to a person in need.

The education department is looking to host a few summer studies. If you are interested in leading a short-term study this summer please contact Katie Sparks.

Easter is quickly approaching and so is the Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt. This means we need your help in order to fill all the eggs the children love to collect. We are looking for individually wrapped candy donations. Candy donations will be accepted in the box at the welcome center until April 7, 2019. Thank you for helping to make the Easter egg hunts a success each year!



Please join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pot Luck Luncheon on April 14, 2019 following the 11 o'clock service in Weldin Hall. All are invited to join us for lunch and all children 6th grade and under will be invited to hunt for eggs after a short Easter presentation.

#### Vacation Bible School:

With the cold weather we have been having it is hard to think about summer, but it will be here soon and that means it is time for VBS! Vacation Bible School will take place June 23<sup>rd</sup> - June 27<sup>th</sup> and the education department is looking for volunteers. We will need volunteers for each station and to lead the different groups through the stations. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Katie Sparks for more information.

#### 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 please see either Barb Pinder or Katie Sparks for more information.



#### Nursery:

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! Volunteering in the nursery is also a great way for middle or high school students to earn service hours for school. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Katie Sparks in the education office for more information.



## **EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP**

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# Common Ground ~ 2nd Wednesday at 2 p.m., Room 1 Rev. Ray Graham "Sharing our Ups and Downs & Everything In Between"

We come together and share our experiences as we encourage each other through our presence, our prayers and the scriptures. We learn from each other as we grow in our faith. It is through the Lord that we are transformed and changed for His glory and our good and the good of others. Come and join us. Everyone is welcome.

#### Does It Matter?

Life is too short to spend time and energy worrying about what others think of us. Or should we care about what others think precisely because that really matters in this short life? Jesus warned us: "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you" (Luke 6:26). And His own enemies saw in Him an indifference to what others thought: "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God" (Mark 12:14). On the other hand, Proverbs 22:1 says, "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold." Question: How is the tension between these two groups of passages to be resolved? Answer: By realizing that our aim in life is that "Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death" (Philippians 1:20). In other words, we do care about what others think of Christ. And our lives are to display His truth and beauty. So we must care what others think of us as representative of Christ. Love demands it. Come and let's discuss it.



## **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

Many of us are very happy to see spring this year. The trees are budding and the flowers are popping up all over the place. Yeah!

There are many things happening at EUMC this month so let me tell you so you can mark your calendars! On Palm Sunday, our chancel choir will be presenting our Lenten Cantata "Portraits in Grace" by Lloyd Larson. This is a very moving cantata and has some familiar melodies you will enjoy hearing. Easter Sunday we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior with special music by the bell choir, men's choir, chancel choir, organ and trumpet. Let's celebrate this special day together!

The Cecil County Choral Society will be performing a spring concert in our sanctuary on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm. Several of our chancel choir members sing with the choral society so please show your support by bringing a neighbor and or friend to this wonderful concert.





Holy Communion is offered every Wednesday night in the Chapel at 6:15 pm.
All are invited and welcome to take part.

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> is Administrative Professionals Day!

Happy Administrative Professionals Day

to Our Wonderful Church Secretary –

Beth Gullion!!!

## **FINANCE & GIVING**

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

#### Finance News - February 2019

Submitted by Laurie Ruth, Treasurer

	Actual	Actual
T	February Month	February YTD
Income:		
General Ministry & Trustees	Ф22 <b>Б</b> 40 02	ФОО <b>467</b> ОО
Operational	\$33,748.03	\$90,467.03
Expenses:		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	-37,394.67	-80,336.42
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Net Income (Loss)		
General Ministry & Trustees Operational	-3,646.64	10,130.61
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As you can see, the expenses in February exceeded the amount of income by \$3,647. In the month of February 2018, there was also a deficit and the amount then was \$1,600.



## **CHURCH NEWS**

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#### **Administrative Council: Meeting Reminder**

Submitted by Dot Eltzroth

Our next Administrative Council meeting is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>. Committee Chairs will share highlights of committee discussions thus far, and we will figure out how to help usher in program changes that we identified during our February Planning Retreat. Leaders, please reserve this date on your busy calendars – we need everybody's ideas and we need to have open exchange about what we think is important to our mission. Let's do this!

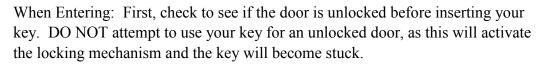


#### **EUMC's Social Media**

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.

### If You Have A Key To The Church Door - Please Read

It has been brought to our attention that there have been difficulties with locking and unlocking the main door at the rear of the church. Please see below for instructions/hints for locking and unlocking this door.





When Leaving the Building: If the door is unlocked, after pressing the lock/unlock button, wait until the locking mechanism releases the locking bar/panic bar (approx. 15 seconds). If you do not wait for the bar to release and hit the button again, you will override the locking sequence and the door will revert to unlock. If the panic bar does not activate after 15 seconds, push the panic bar forcefully to make sure the locking mechanism is activated and then push the unlock button again and wait. DO NOT attempt to lock the door from the outside with your key.

Jammed Door: Should the door become jammed, push the panic bar forcefully to release it.



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#### **Altar Flowers**

We have several dates available if you would like to provide the flowers for the altar for Sunday morning services. Those dates are:

May 19 <sup>th</sup>	August 11 <sup>th</sup>
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	September 15 <sup>th</sup>
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	October 6 <sup>th</sup>
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	November 17 <sup>th</sup>

Please contact Judy Tanner at <u>tannerjudy31@gmail.com</u> or the church office at 410-398-0933 if you would like to celebrate someone special or a special date with flowers for the altar.



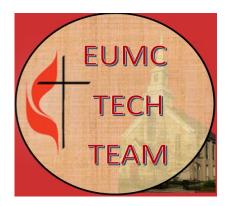


## You're Invited to Remember and Give Thanks For Someone Special This Easter

You're invited to remember someone special in your life this Easter by purchasing a lily for our altar area for Easter Sunday, or by giving a monetary gift toward the purchase of a mosquito net for the United Methodist Church's anti-malaria campaign. Whichever gift you choose, the cost is \$10.00, and all gifts will be listed in a special bulletin insert for our Easter Sunday services. Please look for the insert in your Sunday bulletin.

#### Join Our Tech Team!

Are you comfortable around a video camera? Are you the one family member everyone goes to for tech questions? Then you're the kind of person we're looking for! Here is an opportunity to serve your church community by volunteering with our great tech team. Join Rich Juergens and the gang in our weekly worship service recording and service production.



If you have questions or would like to volunteer, see Rich Juergens or email webmaster@elktonumc.org.



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## 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	4/14	Lawrence Gaultney	~	
4/2	Gerald Treese	4/14	Tiffany Graham	*	
4/4	Alexandria Gautsch	4/14	Caleb Neely	٠ د کر	
4/5	Elizabeth Miller	4/14	Wendy Schweiker		
4/7	Louisa (Jane) MacDonald	4/14	Veronica (Ronnie) Smith		J
4/7	Edward McKeown	4/14	Connie Wilkinson	4/24	Libby Treese
4/8	Caitlin Healy	4/15	Joyce Browne	4/24	Jacob Vassalotti
4/10	Erin Miller	4/15	James Zimmer	4/27	Cameron Blackiston
4/10	Marsha Perrine	4/21	Michael Gravatt	4/27	Bailey Racine
4/10	Katherine Zimmer	4/22	Stanley Cebula	4/28	Ellen Gruebel
4/11	Edward Hendricks	4/22	Kyle Gravatt	4/28	George Leathrum
4/11	Charles Werner	4/22	Jen Laning	4/30	Vanita Carroll
4/12	Patti Ann Patterson	4/23	Ada Mackie	4/30	Rick Schweiker
4/14	Phillip Czarnecki	4/24	Casey Andrews	4/30	Dianne Thompson
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## April Anniversaries

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

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4/12 Gary & Carolann Lewis

4/15 Jack & Cathy Williams

4/16 William & Barbara Pinder, Jr.

4/17 Samuel (Lee) & Barbara Clugston

4/17 Kyle & Elizabeth Fennemore



4/18 Larry & Sandra Holland

4/21 Wendy & Wayne Eller

4/22 Charles & Mary Werner

4/26 Stanley & Victoria Cebula, Sr.

4/27 Mike & Jennifer Noll

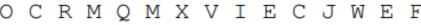
If we missed your birthday or anniversary please accept our sincerest apologies and let the church office know so we can correct our information.

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9:00 AM AARP Tax Svc 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	2:30 PM Nursing Home Visiation (Betty Budrow's Team) 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg. 7:30 CCCS Concert	3 12:00 PM Lenten Lunch & Leam 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Board of Laity 8:00 PM AA Meeting	ις.	9
7 Communion 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Youth Choir 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	9:00 AM AARP Tax Svc 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	9:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg.	Classic Christians' Bus Trip Classic Christians' Bus Trip 10:30 AM Tele-Care Mtg. 12:00 PM Lenten Lunch & Leam 1:00 PM Ruth-Sarah Circle Mtg 2:00 PM Common Ground 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	8:00 AM DCOM 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Doras Circle Mtg 7:00 PM Administrative Council Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	12	13
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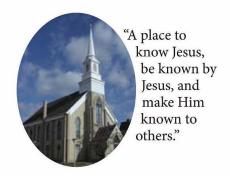
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REDEMPTION

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## **Sunday Worship Services**

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## Sunday School (all ages)

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

## **Youth Fellowship**

Sunday Evenings 6:00 p.m.

## **Church Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

