



*Elkton United Methodist Church*

# The Beacon



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## **From the Pastor**

*Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor*

Dear Friends,

Every spring, I have the wonderful pleasure of working with the confirmation class on a session about worship. I teach them about the seasons and the colors of the Christian year, the wonders of our hymnal (really! It's filled with hidden treasures!), the various parts of our worship space, how to plan a service and write a sermon, etc. Then I have them write a hymn! Every year, they look at me like I'm crazy, but then they come up with wonderful hymns! And this year was no exception! It was wonderful to watch them working in teams, rhyming together, laughing together, creating together!

When I look at these youth, and their commitment to their confirmation studies, the fun they have together, and the joy they share with others, I don't worry about the future of the church. There's a lot going on in our denomination right now, as we're trying to sort out what the decisions of the special General Conference will mean. There's still a lot of tension and uncertainty, and it would be easy to get down about it. Which is why my time with the confirmands was just what I needed – to remind me that God is in control, and he is still touching young lives like theirs, which will make an impact on our church for years to come.

I invite you to help celebrate these young people as they are confirmed at the 11:00 service on the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be a great day, not just in their lives, but in the life of our church! I so look forward to being a part of it with them, and I hope you do too!

# 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*

Thanks to all of those who donated to our “baby shower” to benefit the Cecil County Pregnancy Center. They were most appreciative and thankful. It is hoped that we continue this into the future. Thanks again.

Thanks to all who expressed an interest in providing support to a young boy or girl through the Compassion organization.

Thanks to those who took the time to participate in the VIM (Volunteers in Mission) training held Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder - We have a long-standing participation with the Elkton Community Kitchen lunch meal that is served on a Friday once a month at the Elkton Presbyterian Church. EUMC has committed to providing two of those lunches for 2019. Our first date in June is fast approaching and we are in need of a volunteer to be “Provider Liaison” to decide the menu and gather other volunteers (about 8-10) to prepare the meal and serve the meal. As mentioned, we are committed to two of these lunches. It is a worthwhile community mission to be involved with the ECK and I know we will not let them down. Anyone interested please see Mike Foster.

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, is the next monthly scheduled blood donor drive given by the Blood Bank of Delmarva. The time is 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm. To schedule an appointment either call the Blood Bank at 1-888-8BL-OOD8 (1-888-825-6638) or sign up online at [https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/4294](https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/4294)

Please be sure to eat, be hydrated and bring identification with photo or signature ID.



Thanks and God Bless



## **GOING AWAY?**

If you are, don't forget that you can watch our worship services via YouTube. 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](http://elktonumc.org), click on sermons in the left-hand column, then click on “YouTube” videos, click on the service you want to see, and you're all set!

I would like to express my appreciation to Reverend Bunnell and all my friends at EUMC who sent well wishes on my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thank you! – Virginia Biles



# FELLOWSHIP & STEWARDSHIP

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## Classic Christians

The Classic Christians (age 50 and over) will meet on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in Weldin Hall. The night will begin with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and continue on with a great program about the C & D Canal.

Looking ahead to the our next outing...

On Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Classic Christians will be taking a two-hour ride on the C & D Canal aboard the "M/V Bay Breeze" for a Relaxation Sunset Cruise. The cost will be \$12.50 per person. We will be leaving from the dock at Schaeffer's Canal House Restaurant, North Chesapeake City. There will be a signup sheet at our June meeting. Please sign up early as there are only 26 seats available. For more details contact Millie Jones.

The annual Classic Christians' Summer Picnic will be held on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Connie Wilkinson and Wendy and Wayne Eller. Mark your calendars now, but details will also be forthcoming about this great event.



## Classic Christians Trip to Holland Tulip Festival – May 2019



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## Interested in Joining Cub Scouts?

Although Cub Scout Pack 443 doesn't meet weekly in the summer months, we are still active and have several events planned in June, July, and August. If any of the following sounds fun, and you have boys or girls who will be in Kindergarten through 5th grade in the fall, feel free to reach out to us for more information on any of these events!



If you have any questions, please contact our Committee Chair Erin Strid: [cubs.443@gmail.com](mailto:cubs.443@gmail.com)

### June 17-21 - Cecil District Day Camp

Theme: Jurassic Camp

Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (Drop off at 7:45 am and pick up no later than 4:15 pm)

Location: Historic Elk Landing

### June 23 - Stream Scramble at Fair Hill

Time: TBD

Cost: \$2 per person plus parking fee

### June 30 - Stream Hike at Elk Neck State Park

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Location: Wapiti Pond Trail near the ENSP office

Program: Studying stream and pond health by catching and identifying different macro invertebrates that live in the water. Participants will get wet.

Cost: \$3 per person

### July 20 - Native American Tour at Iron Hill Museum

Time: 1:00 pm

Cost: \$4.50 per child

### July TBD - Model Rocket Event at Meadow Park

### August 23 - Blue Rocks Game Sleepover

Cost: \$16 for a sleepover ticket or \$10 for a game only ticket.



**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!

# EVANGELISM

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## **Evangelism / Membership News**

*Submitted by Linda Meffley*

The Evangelism Committee has been busy. We are continuing our search for a praise band to join us one Sunday during worship or perhaps a Saturday night event. The bands we have contacted are busy on Sundays. Please keep us in mind and if you hear a good band, send us their contact information.

Our committee has a summer picnic coming up on July 15<sup>th</sup>, where we plan to brainstorm for Joy of Faith 2020 and also have some fun together relaxing.

Mark your calendars for Elkton's Fall Fest on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Stop by our table and say "Hi".

A big "Thank you" to Betty McCarthy for attending the new member class May 5<sup>th</sup> and greeting three new members.

We have more plans coming up, stay tuned.

Your Friend in Christ,  
Linda Meffley

P.S. - As you drive by the Elkton Little League, look into the outfield at the girls softball field and admire our EUMC sign. Stop and watch a game while you're there.



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## Memorial Day Parade



## HELP CELEBRATE OUR 220<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY & RESTORE OUR BEAUTIFUL STEEPLE!



The beautiful white steeple atop our church is a beacon for our community and most of you have noticed that over the years, its beautiful white color has been darkened by dirt and grime. For several years, the Board of Trustees looked for companies interested in cleaning it and came up empty. They finally found a wonderful company in Philadelphia specializing in steeple work and engaged them to work on our church. Not only will they be clearing off years of dirt and grime, but they'll be sealing some weak spots, doing other supporting work, and finally painting it bright white again. Of course, that does not come without a cost – a pretty big cost - \$28,000!

Though the cost is significant, we are confident our church can handle it, like we've handled so many things in the past (a new organ, gifts to UMCOR, the Wesley Wing). As a matter of fact, we did a little figuring, using the 220 years of our existence in the formula. If 220 members of our church gave \$125 to the project, it would be paid for. Or, if 125 members gave \$220, it would be paid for. Well, you get the idea – if everybody jumps on board with something, we can pay for this project in no time! What a great way to say "Happy 220<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!" to ourselves and our community.

You'll be hearing more about this in worship on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and there will be an offering envelope in that Sunday's bulletin. You're invited to pray about making a contribution and then bring that with you to worship on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

# 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*

### Promotion Sunday:

Sunday School Promotion will be Sunday, June 9, 2019. We invite all to attend to help celebrate with the children all they have learned this past year in Sunday School!



### To Mars and Beyond:

Come join us for Vacation Bible School this June! VBS will run June 23, 2019 through June 27, 2019. VBS will start each night at 5:30 pm with dinner for all participants and volunteers and then end at 8:00 pm. From 6:00 – 8:00 pm participants will rotate through stations where they will have fun learning about how “God is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).” We invite all children ages 2- entering sixth grade to join us as we “Explore Where God’s Power Can Take You!” Register by visiting [elktonumc.org](http://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 23, 2019 through June 27, 2019. We need volunteers to lead groups, stations, and in the kitchen. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Katie Sparks for more information.

### Nursery:

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.

# 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*

## Confirmation Class



## Meet the Confirmands

**Leeann Pugh:** LeeAnn is an upbeat young lady who is involved in many activities. She has been an acolyte and volunteers in the nursery at church. At school, she is on the morning news crew, all county chorus, and NJHS. LeeAnn loves sports, softball being her favorite but also plays soccer, basketball and runs track. LeeAnn Pugh is the daughter of Kara Pugh and Huff Pugh, sister of David, and the granddaughter of Judy and Dave Pugh and Sandra Ferguson.

**Kaitlin Czarnecki:** Kaitlyn is currently in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade at Towle Institute. Kaitlyn has achieved high honor roll all school year. She placed second in the school science fair for her project on egg substitutes. Kaitlyn participated in her school production of Robin Hood this spring and writes for the school newsletter. She is an active member of her Girl Scout troop and the YMCA Swim team. Kaitlyn volunteered at Leeds Elementary school and helped teach 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders to crochet. Kaitlyn enjoys singing with the youth choir in church, in addition to serving as an acolyte and gospel reader. Kaitlyn Czarnecki is the daughter of Kristen and Phil Czarnecki, sister of Julianne, and granddaughter of Deb and Tim Kain.

**Gregory Kosinski:** Gregory is a very good student, earning distinguished honor roll throughout his school career. He recently had the honor of being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. He enjoys many sports and particularly excels in soccer, as he plays for Cecil Soccer and North East Middle School. He enjoys volunteering his time in the community. Over the years, he has helped at a variety of church functions, including the book swap, health fair and serving dinner at the rotating homeless shelter. He also spends time volunteering at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Gregory Kosinski is the son of Linda and Fran Kosinski, and brother of Ryan and Andrew.

**Courtney Forman:** Courtney attends Perryville Middle School and is active in girl scouts, youth group, volunteering, and theater (she just finished two performances this past month, one with Perryville Middle School and one with Perryville High School). Courtney also started a campaign to collect and deliver books to needy children, along with her other volunteer work. Courtney Forman is the daughter of Stacie and Kevin Forman, and sister of Kyle.



## Monthly Men's Breakfast at Cracker Barrel

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 month's breakfast will take place on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.



# 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*

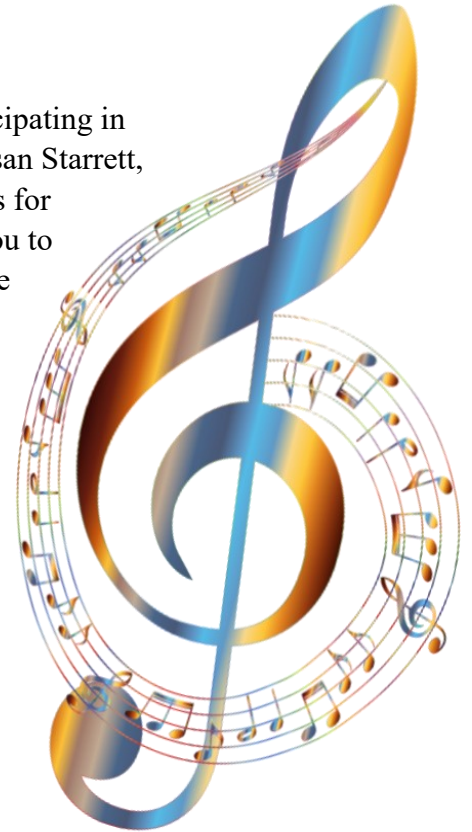
Thank you to all our choir members who have been so committed in participating in our worship services throughout the year. A very special thank you to Susan Starrett, Paul Deemer and Steve Gilmore for their leadership in directing our choirs for rehearsals and for Sunday morning worship. Now it is time for most of you to take a break from weekly rehearsals and enjoy sitting in the pew. We hope to see you all back in the fall, well rested and eager to begin another year.

I am still working on a summer music schedule for Sunday morning worship and still have a few openings. If you are interested in singing or playing a musical instrument, please contact me by email at [stwilliams10@comcast.net](mailto:stwilliams10@comcast.net) or see me on Sunday morning.

A Farewell to Steve...

A special thank you to Steve Gilmore for his leadership in directing the men's choir and chancel choir for the last ten years. Steve has helped us form a close bond within these two choirs and we are really going to miss him. Steve, we wish you the best and may God Bless You.

Hope you all have a safe and relaxing summer.



## Change in Schedule for Wednesday Night Communion

Wednesday night communion will not be held during the summer months and will return the first Wednesday after Labor Day (September 4<sup>th</sup>).

## Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving for Our Nation

On Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> (the Sunday preceding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July), we will have our annual "Service of Thanksgiving and Prayer for Our Nation," and we will have only **one combined service that day at 10 a.m.** We've done this for several years now and it is wonderful to have our two congregations worship together! The service will be filled with patriotic music and a focus on entrusting our country to God's leadership, guidance, care and keeping. You won't want to miss it! Make a note to invite your family, friends and neighbors to come along too.

# FINANCE & GIVING

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## Finance News

*Submitted by Laurie Ruth, Treasurer*

As of the end of April 2019, the total Income for Ministries (operating) was \$158,274.01, the total expenses \$152,121.01, leaving a net of \$7,153.00. The income and expenses for the same period in 2018 were \$158,402.71 and \$145,350.87, respectively, leaving a net of \$13,051.84. The differences in the expenses are those that were listed in the May 2019 newsletter and are Joy of Faith weekend, repairs to the back door, rental property expense, copier tax, upstairs bathroom spruce ups, heating issues, sump pump replacement, and heat pump repair at the parsonage.

The cash balances in the funds as of 4/30/19 are:

01 – Ministries (Operating) - \$75,716.04

02 – Missions - \$23,332.51

04 – Restricted (for activities associated with the church) - \$36,022.70

06 – Memorial - \$17,415.70

07 – Building - \$58,623.20

08 – Flower - \$149.24

The church currently has two CD's, one at the Harford Bank earning 2.6% interest in the amount of 58,000.00 for the period of 21 months, maturing in January of 2021, which is for the Ministries fund. The second CD is at Columbia Bank, purchased from funds received from the sale of the house, which is for the Building Fund, in the amount of \$50,000.00, earning 2.35% for the period of 12 months and maturing in January of 2020. With Raymond James, the church has three stocks that totaled, as of the end of April 2019, \$52,813.46. This gives a reserve of approximately \$160,000.00 for a building of this size and age.

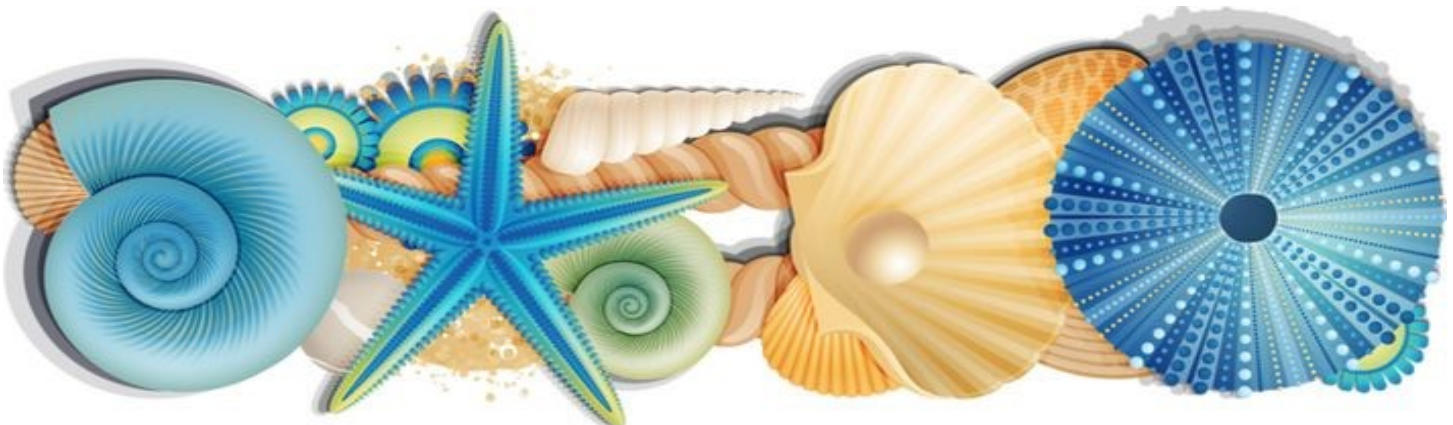
Thank you for your continued support to this amazing House of Worship where all are welcome.



For church news and information, join us on online and stay up to date:

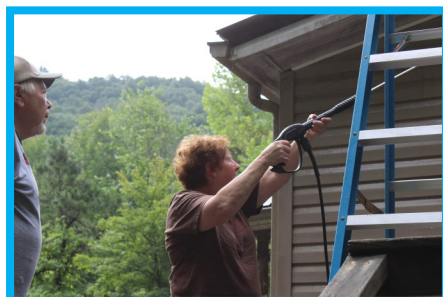
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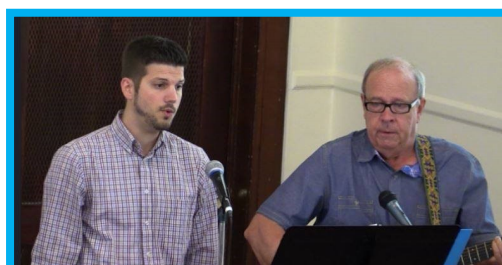
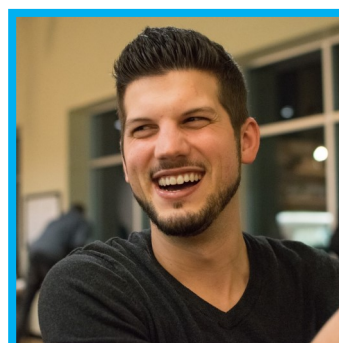
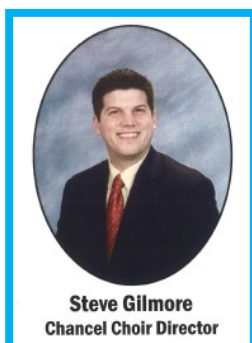
# CHURCH NEWS

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## Thank You Sandy and Steve!

The end of this month will mark a season of change for our Elkton UMC staff. Sandy Wherry, long-time Coordinator of Youth Ministries, will be retiring following the mission trip to Kentucky, and Steve Gilmore, who has been director of our Chancel and Men's Choir, will be leaving that position after ten years. Both of them have made a tremendous impact on us and our faith journeys and their contributions will never be forgotten. We wish them all the best as they go on now to discover how God will use them next! On Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day) there will be a reception for Sandy and Steve in Weldin Hall between services (9:30 – 11:00 am). Please come and greet them and wish them well! There will be lots of goodies to eat, and baskets in which you can place cards for Sandy and Steve.

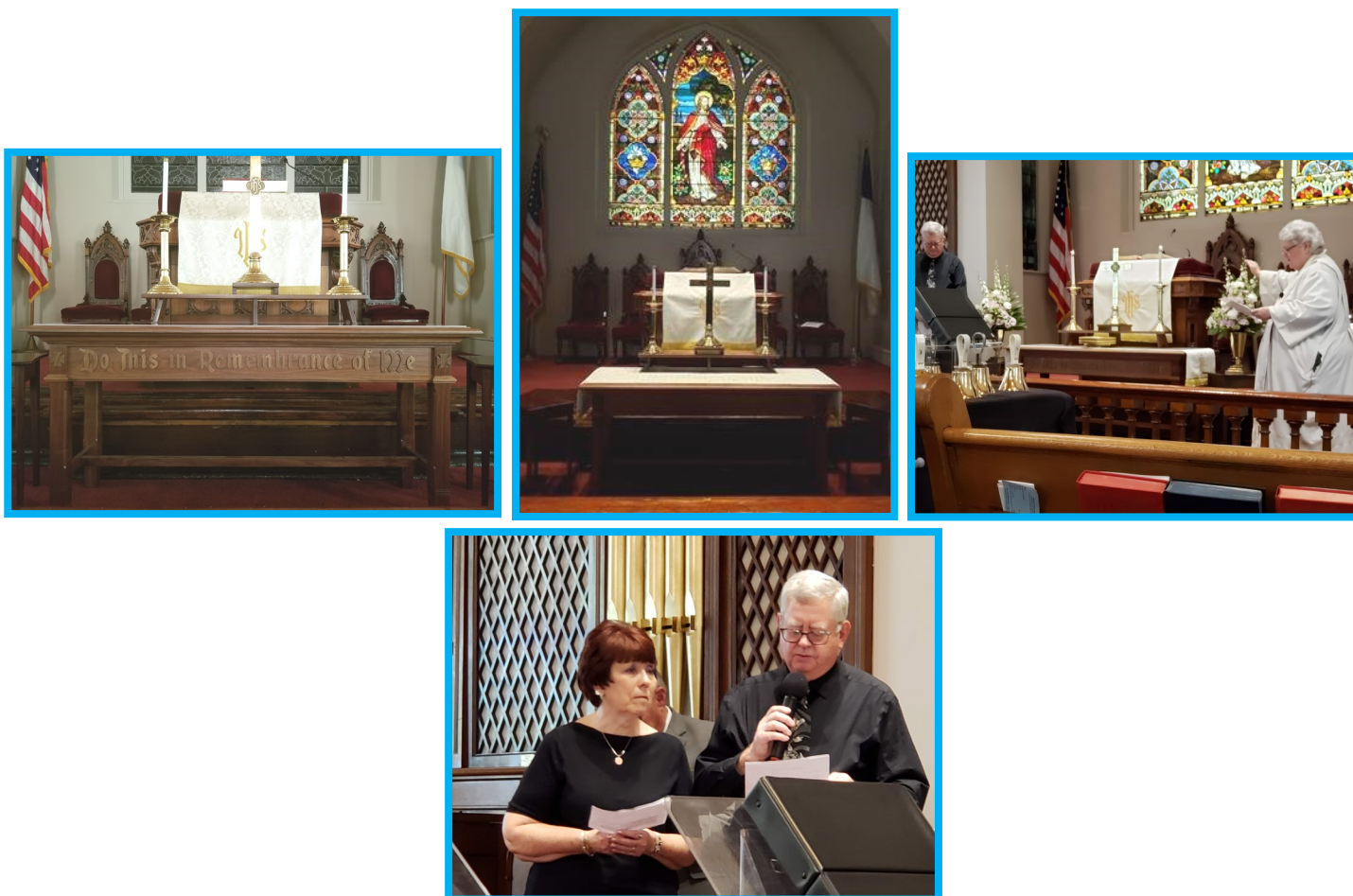


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## New Communion Table

Our church has been blessed to receive a magnificent gift in memory of Bettie Murray – a new communion table for our sanctuary. Hand made by a woodworker in Pennsylvania, the table now sits in the front of our sanctuary and will for years to come. We thank Bettie's husband, Robert, and her sons, Matthew and Michael. It will always remind us of Bettie's beautiful spirit, her wonderful smile, and the countless ways she served the Lord through our church.



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## Altar Flowers

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

June 30<sup>th</sup>      July 28<sup>th</sup>      August 4<sup>th</sup>      October 6<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Judy Tanner at [tannerjudy31@gmail.com](mailto:tannerjudy31@gmail.com) 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.



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## News From The Communications Committee

*Submitted by Nancy Crawford*

Several weeks ago, the Communications Committee inserted a survey form into the bulletins and asked that the form be filled in during both worship services. While the questions were primarily focused on our newsletter, our goal was to find out if you valued and relied on the newsletter as a good source of church news, and what, if any, other offered options you were using.



Of the 129 responses turned in, here's what you said:

Most of you read The Beacon newsletter and believe it does a good job communicating the news. Of the 24 people who said they don't read the newsletter, 100% of them said it does a good job communicating church news.

Most of you regularly check Karen's Friday email, our newsletter, and the bulletin for church news.

Most of you prefer to get news via Karen's Friday emails, however, following very close behind as your preferred source of information is the newsletter and bulletin inserts—it was almost a three-way tie. Our Facebook page, website and TV banners – not so much.

Two-thirds of you would like to have brief announcements made during worship regarding upcoming events by those leading the event.

Some of the items you would like to see more of in the newsletter included:

- More pictures
- College Student news
- Church Outreach
- Financial Information
- Church & Society news
- Future Events
- Trustees' Monthly Report
- Youth Activities
- How UMCOR helps in disasters

Suggestions to enhance/improve ways to communicate to the congregation included:

- Updating front sign
- Videos
- Emails
- Telephone messages
- Website Re-design
- Repetitive announcements
- Social Media
- Text Messages

Your suggestions to better reach our community included:

- Be more active in the community
- Facebook page
- Front & back signs
- Provide fliers to YMCA to post
- Newspaper articles/ads
- Booth at community events
- Better word-of-mouth
- Radio announcements
- Social Media
- Better website

Thank you to everyone who responded. Your input was most valuable and you can expect to see it implemented in the near future. We hope to begin work on a new, more user-friendly website very soon. Keep in mind, you are welcome to turn in articles for the newsletter if you have viable news that our congregation would like to know. Just email them to Beth in the church office (eumcadmin@comcast.net).

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## From The Trustees

*Submitted by Paul Humphrey*

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our “EUMC Clean-out Saturday”... to the scouts and their parents, trustees, and other members of the church family. We filled the dumpster and disposed of 1.29 tons of STUFF.

Our steeple has been a beacon of the Elkton community for decades. It has been more than twenty years since our current steeple was added atop our church and since then it has been a focal point of the structure. The Atkinson Steeplejack Company from Philadelphia is busy cleaning and preserving our spire to heaven. Cracks and holes will be sealed, sealer applied, and a fresh coat of paint will give an updated, clean, and preserved look to this landmark of the community. The addition of LED lighting fixtures will ensure that our beacon will shine bright long into the future.



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## *Congratulations 2019 Graduates!*

### **High School Graduates**

- Kailee Dobrowolski** - Elkton High School, Will be attending Cecil College, Granddaughter of Barb & Bill Pinder  
**Ethan Henry** - Tri-State Christian Academy, Grandson of Linda Renshaw  
**Kristina Keithley** - Elkton High School, Will be attending Kings College, Daughter of Chuck & Cindy Keithley, Granddaughter of Kathleen Keithley  
**Lexy McKeown** - Bohemia Manor High School, Great-niece of Cheryl & Ed McKeown  
**Trinity McKeown** - North East High School, Great-niece of Cheryl & Ed McKeown  
**Lydia Mock** - Chestnut Ridge HS (Bedford, PA), Will be attending Penn State, Granddaughter of Larry Williams  
**Hannah Elizabeth Moore** - Elkton High School, Will be attending UMBC, Granddaughter of Marge & Henry Jacobs  
**Bailey Racine** - Rising Sun High School, Will be attending Cecil College, Granddaughter of Sandy & Dave Wherry  
**Gabi Sasse** - Positive Outcomes Charter School (Dover), Granddaughter of Betty McCarthy  
**Joseph Michael Tanner** - Appoquinimink High School, Will be attending Salisbury University, Grandson of Judy & Joe Tanner

### **College Graduates**

- Andrea Brzoska** - Old Dominion University, Bachelor of Arts and Letters, Granddaughter of Linda Carey  
**Madeline Funke** - Shenandoah University, Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance, Daughter of Andrea & Bart Funke, Sister of Gabe Funke, Granddaughter of Sandra Funke  
**Cecilia Grace Gaultney** - UMBC, Masters in Industrial Organizational Psychology, Daughter of Heidi & Larry Gaultney  
**Wendy Maria Gaultney** - UMBC, PhD in Clinical Psychology, Daughter of Heidi & Larry Gaultney  
**Oskana Gomez** - Cecil College, Daughter of Yolanda Gomez  
**Evelyn Claire Griffith** - West Virginia University, BS in Environmental Geoscience, Daughter of Linda & Bob Meffley, Granddaughter of Mable Griffith and Allene Rittenhouse  
**Erich Gruebel** - University of Rhode Island, Masters in Oceanic Engineering and certificate in Electrical Engineering, Son of Rich Gruebel  
**Sandra Herr** - Loch Haven University, BS, Niece of Lea & Dick Gochner  
**Jackson Hill** - Penn State, Bachelors and Masters Degrees, Son of Lydia & Scott Hill  
**Matthew David Juergens** - Robert Morris University, Master of Science in Data Analytics & Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Pre-hired by Waterhouse, Son of Bill & Mara Juergens, Grandson of Rich & Gail Juergens  
**Audrey Leathrum** - Dawn Career Institute, Clinical Medical Assistant, Granddaughter of Nancy & George Leathrum  
**Kelly Purnell** - University of Delaware, BS in Human Services, Granddaughter of Cheryl & Ed McKeown  
**Evan Sluder** - University of MD, Masters in Fire Protection Engineering, Will be working for Holmes Engineering in New Zealand, Son of Tracey and Tim Sluder, Brother of Audrey Sluder, Grandson of Phyllis & Ken McCoy  
**Anna Smith** - University of DE, Bachelors in Elementary Education & Middle School English, Daughter of Susie & Mark Smith  
**Brandon Tenney** - Frostburg University, BS in Political Science and Criminal Justice, Son of Randy & Carrie Tenney, Donna Tenney McIlvaine, Grandson of Barb & Sonny Tenney  
**Nicholas Ward** - Appalachian State University, BS in Building Sciences and Management, Son of Michele & Larry Ward, Grandson of Barb & Sonny Tenney  
**Zachary Eugene Zervas** - Shepherd Theological Seminary, Masters in Christian Ministry, Grandson of Carol Zervas

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## Recognition of Sunday School Teachers and Leaders Sunday, May 19, 2019



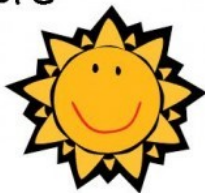
### Why God Made Teachers

by Kevin William Huff

When God created teachers,  
He gave us special friends  
To help us understand His world  
And truly comprehend  
The beauty and the wonder  
Of everything we see,  
And become a better person  
With each discovery.

When God created teachers,  
He gave us special guides  
To show us ways in which to grow  
So we can all decide  
How to live and how to do  
What's right instead of wrong,  
To lead us so that we can lead  
And learn how to be strong.

Why God created teachers,  
In His wisdom and His grace,  
Was to help us learn to make our world  
A better, wiser place.



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### Sunday School Teachers

#### **Two's and Three's:**

Joe and Tiffany Graham

#### **Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten:**

Barb Pinder

#### **First and Second Grades:**

Linda Renshaw and Lauren Neely

#### **Third and Fourth Grades:**

Kim Edler and Donna Horgan

#### **Fifth and Sixth Grades:**

Mike Noll, Bob and Marlene Gautsch

#### **Confirmation:**

Sandy Wherry

#### **Eighth Grade and High School:**

John Sparks

#### **Adult Classes:**

Kim Artrip, Ivan Mehosky, and Dot Elzroth

#### **Children's Choir:**

Susan Starett

#### **Nursery:**

Yolanda Gomez



# 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  
 6/2 Joan Perry  
 6/2 Mary Ann Schmook  
 6/3 Susan Zimmer  
 6/4 John Gaz  
 6/4 Christine Grant  
 6/4 Keith McKenica  
 6/4 Joanna Zimmerman  
 6/5 Kim Heath  
 6/5 Carol Robinson  
 6/5 David Wherry  
 6/6 Robert Gautsch  
 6/6 Ruth Loomis  
 6/7 Loretta Brockell  
 6/7 Paige Laning  
 6/7 Norman Petterson  
 6/8 Krista Gilmore  
 6/9 Linda Meffley



6/11 Samantha Perkins  
 6/11 Leah Mackie  
 6/12 Ryan Zimmer  
 6/15 Michael Fetterolf  
 6/16 Marina Bollinger  
 6/16 Francis Kosinski  
 6/16 William Pinder  
 6/17 Gretchen Ginder

6/17 Karen Gravatt  
 6/18 Helen (Tink) Crossan  
 6/18 Richard Hanel  
 6/18 Lauren Nickle  
 6/19 Erin Lea Mortimer  
 6/20 Kristina Keithley  
 6/21 Ryan Kosinski  
 6/21 Stephen Meader  
 6/22 Ruth Deibert  
 6/23 Vanessa Foskey  
 6/27 Paulette Casen  
 6/27 Sandra Funke  
 6/27 Jennifer Noll  
 6/28 Taylor Borkowski  
 6/28 Madelyn Eddinger  
 6/29 Sandra Holland  
 6/30 William Alphin  
 6/30 Gregory Kosinski

# June Anniversaries

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

6/2 Gerald (Rex) & Diane Sizemore  
 6/8 Ivan & Charlotte Mehosky  
 6/9 Steven & Vicki Collins  
 6/10 Robert & Donna Perkins  
 6/11 Herbert & Joan Perry  
 6/13 Vince & Maureen Mercante  
 6/14 Bret & Kelly Eddinger  
 6/14 Robert & Marlene Gautsch  
 6/14 Robert & Nancy Mitchell  
 6/17 Kevin & Stacie Forman  
 6/17 F. Davis (Dave) & Judith Pugh  
 6/20 Todd & Sarah Bjerke  
 6/20 Bradley & Christine Grant



6/20 Richard & Gail Juergens  
 6/21 Robert & Sheila Olewine, Jr.  
 6/22 Murray & Dianne Thompson  
 6/23 Barton & Andrea Funke  
 6/23 Thomas & Donna Horgan  
 6/23 Gerald & Jamie Treese  
 6/24 Francis & Linda Kosinski  
 6/27 Carlos & Kaylee Reyes  
 6/28 Jonathan & Nicole Stauffer  
 6/29 Robert & Bethany Buckley  
 6/29 Phillip & Kristen Czarnecki  
 6/30 Art & Tonia McMillan

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

# June 2019

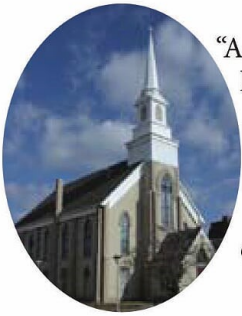
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						<b>1</b> Annual Conference - Wilmington
<b>2 Communion</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>3</b> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	<b>4</b> 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Nancy McCardell's Team) 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg.	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>6</b> 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Missions Comm Mtg. 7:00 PM Board of Laity 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Pentecost Confirmation &amp; Promotion Sunday</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Promotion Ceremony 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>10</b> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Dorcas Circle 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg.	<b>12</b> 10:30 AM Tele-Care Mtg 12:00 PM Ruth-Sarah 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>13</b> 8:00 AM DCOM 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Admin Council Mtg 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>14</b> <i>July/August Newsletter Deadline</i> 12:00 PM Community Blood Drive	<b>15</b>
<b>16 Father's Day</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>17</b> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM Cub Scout Comm Mtg 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg.	<b>19</b> 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>20</b> 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Boy Scout Comm Mtg 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM Classic Christians Dinner and Meeting	<b>22</b> Mission Trip Departure
<b>23</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship Service 5:30 PM VBS 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>24</b> 5:30 PM VBS 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	<b>25</b> 5:30 PM VBS 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg. 7:00 PM LULLAC Mtg.	<b>26</b> 5:30 PM VBS 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>27</b> 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 5:30 PM VBS 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group Mission Trip Returns						

## BIBLE BOOKS

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J	K	B	P	Q	H	O	I	N	O	E	T	X	H	O	B	P	G
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| 1 JOHN          | EZRA      | JUDGES        |
| 1 THESSALONIANS | GALATIANS | LUKE          |
| 1 TIMOTHY       | HABAKKUK  | MARK          |
| 2 KINGS         | HAGGAI    | MATTHEW       |
| ACTS            | HOSEA     | NEHEMIAH      |
| AMOS            | ISAIAH    | NUMBERS       |
| COLOSSIANS      | JEREMIAH  | PHILEMON      |
| DANIEL          | JOB       | PHILIPPIANS   |
| DEUTERONOMY     | JOEL      | PSALMS        |
| ESTHER          | JOHN      | SONG OF SONGS |





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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

### **Church Staff**

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Karen F. Bunnell  
Associate Pastor of Visitation.....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  
Youth Choir Director.....Susan Starrett  
Nursery Care Professional.....Yolanda Gomez  
Treasurer.....Laurie Ruth  
Secretary.....Beth Gullion  
Sextons.....Sylvia Honesty & Donna Horgan

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### **Church Office Hours**

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

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



**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.

### **Elkton UMC Welcome Statement**

The Elkton United Methodist Church is a family of God dedicated to worshiping, learning, and serving our immediate community and beyond as we embrace Jesus Christ’s message of love and acceptance. As a United Methodist Church, we stand fully behind the statement, “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.” Building on our tradition and the welcoming of those who have come before, we celebrate our diversity and invite all persons regardless of age, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality or physical or mental ability into full participation as children of God in the life of this community of faith.