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To My New Church Family,

Greetings from your incoming pastor. I am humbled and amazed at the ministry of Elkton United Methodist Church. You are a generous and missional church who cares so much for vital ministries. I cannot wait to be missional with you as we seek to continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond.

I know this is a difficult time for a pastoral transition such as this, especially considering your many years with your beloved Pastor Karen Bunnell. I will do my best, with God's help, to be faithful to my calling as she has. I will be working closely with Karen over the next few months to ensure a smooth transition, learn about the church, and your heart for ministry. I hope we can work together to provide a fitting farewell for Karen to honor her 20 years of ministry with you. I do not want this pandemic to steal that opportunity from you to celebrate all that she has meant to you.

My heart for ministry is born out of a love for people. I know we are all broken human beings, but God considers us all to be beloved children. God restores us to wholeness, and no one is irredeemable. I know we all may struggle, but God's grace is greater still. The scriptures remind us that nothing can separate us from the love of God and so my heart is for every person to experience the sustaining love of God. I will love Elkton and Elkton United Methodist Church and all of you. In Elkton I will serve and love God with all my heart, soul, strength, and mind. I will need help from you and the Holy Spirit, but I believe we can be evermore faithful to our calling to make Jesus known to others.

-Pastor Eric

July & August 2020

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, January 9, 2000, I walked in the door of Elkton UMC and became the Senior Pastor, and now, on Sunday, June 28, 2020, I'll preach my last sermon here. It's hard to believe that twenty years have gone that quickly!

Serving as your pastor has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. When I think back on the hundreds and hundreds of people I've come to know here, and the tremendous things we've partnered with God to do, it fills me with joy! I've been blessed to work with wonderful staff members and so many dedicated lay persons. I've watched as so many people have grown in their faith. I've been touched by the ways you have put your faith into action.

Elkton UMC is a very special place filled with very, very special people. I'm so glad God brought the Bunnells here in the 1960's and that he sent me back here in 2000. It has been an absolute joy to be with you for these twenty years, and I will miss you more than you know.

Eric Warner is a lucky man to be coming to serve as your new pastor. I pray God's richest blessings upon him and upon all of you as you move forward as Christ's faithful disciples. May the peace of the Lord be always with you!

-Rev. Karen Bunnell

PLANS FOR REOPENING OUR CHURCH

While at this point we are not absolutely certain of the exact date for the reopening of the church building for in-person worship, we do have some guidelines in place for when it does happen:

- We will start by having one service at 10 am. Having one service eliminates the need to completely clean the worship space, bathrooms and hallways between services.
- We'll have space for people to worship in the sanctuary, the chapel, and Weldin Hall (if needed). Each area will be marked off accordingly (6-foot increments for social distancing). Families will be allowed to sit next to each other, but everyone else will be socially distant.
- Everyone will be asked to wear a mask while at church, and if someone arrives without one, we'll have masks on hand for them.
- All parts of the worship service will be projected on the screen, thus eliminating the necessity of using the hymnals and Bibles in the pews (and the necessity of sanitizing them after worship each week). For the time being, we also won't be passing the attendance registers, or offering plates. The plates will be stationed at both doors in which you can place your offerings.
- Also, for the time being, we will not be singing hymns, or having the choir sing. There is overwhelming scientific evidence that singing is much more dangerous (in terms of spreading germs) than talking, even while wearing masks.
- On communion Sundays, we'll be using the pre-made communion cups that we've been using since the pandemic began, and we'll receive communion in the pews, instead of coming forward.
- Greeters at the door will greet you with a smile and words of welcome, but not handshakes, and our time of passing the peace will be words of peace and love to each other, without physical contact.
- For the time being, we will not be having hospitality time after the service.
- At the end of the service, we'll ask everyone to remain in their seats, and then the rows will be dismissed one by one by the ushers, in order to ensure that there is no crowding in the aisles or in the hallways of the church.
- Those who cannot, or do not wish to, attend worship in person can watch the video of the service by evening that same night via our church website, elktonumc.org.

In these and so many other ways, we are doing our best to ensure that everyone can come to worship and stay healthy at the same time. We know that worship will feel different for a while, but at least we'll be together!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU PANDEMIC VIDEO TEAM!!

We thank so much the team who has been working diligently to provide our worship services since the pandemic began. Thank you Roger Robinson and Joe Buckley for being our videographers! Thank you Brian Willmore for sharing your wonderful music gift with us! Thank you Mike Schmook for serving as our main Worship Leader and comic relief! Thank you Joe Buckley for sitting in for Mike for two weeks as Worship Leader! Thank you to all of the musicians who have graced us with their music: Sue Johnson, Jerry McNabb, Jason Cornish, Suzette Burgess, Sid Bledsoe, Kelly Thompson, Olivia Long, Laurie Ruth, Paul Humphrey and Ed McKeown!

And a big thank you to our webmaster, technical guru and all around great guy, Jeff Bunnell, for putting it all together each week after we've recorded the various parts!

MISSIONS

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

MISSION TRIP CANCELLED

We're sorry to report that our mission trip to Spirit Lake, North Dakota had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic, but we're very happy to report that, using some of the funds we had set aside for the trip, but some other donations, we were able to send a contribution to Spirit Lake to help them with the coronavirus battle and other missions. We will continue our partnership with them and hope to return to be with them in person next year.

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 THANKS!

Even though our Sunday School year was cut short by the coronavirus pandemic, we want to thank all those who made our studies possible, especially our teachers.

Preschool

Yolanda Gomez and Katie Sparks

Kindergarten through Second Grade

Barb Pinder and Maddie Olewine

Third through Fifth Grade

Kim Edler and Larry Gaultney

Middle School

Marlene and Bob Gautsch

High School

John Sparks

Uppity Women's Class

Kim Artrip

Friendship Class

Dot Eltzroth

Tradition and Wisdom Class

Ivan Mehosky



All of them were tremendously committed to their students, but more importantly, to sharing the love of Christ. We thank them and look forward to starting our studies again when it is safe to do so.



College

Jamie Laning - Del Tech
Continuing Education at Wilmington University

Jacob Vassalotti - Washington College

Wesley White - Wesley College

High School

Alexis Calderon - Tome School
Will Attend Flagler College

Ed Dalrymple - Elkton High School
Will Attend Cecil College

Madelyn Eddinger - Rising Sun High School
Will Attend Cecil College

Bobby Heath - Caravel Academy
Will Attend Villanova University

Ryan Kosinski - North East High School
Will Attend Drexel University

Paige Laning - St. Elizabeth High School
Will Attend Old Dominion University

While sadly, most of our graduates didn't have the ceremony they had hoped to have, we were able to celebrate with them via a special video we showed during our worship service on Sunday, June 7th! To see it, go to our website (elktonumc.org) and click on the video for June 7th! Congratulates to our wonderful graduates! May God richly bless you all the days ahead!

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

Submitted by Laurie Ruth, Treasurer

As of May 31, 2020, the Ministries Fund was running in a deficit in the amount of \$13,457.79. Total income received through May was \$170,242.26 and the total expenses were \$183,700.05.

May 2020

	Annual Budget	Year to Date	% of Annual Budget
Income	430,975.00	170,242.26	40%
General Expenses	67,486.00	26,597.87	39%
Church Staff	269,279.60	102,089.23	38%
Council on Ministries	12,600.00	7,928.42	63%
Education	8,400.00	810.40	10%
Youth Programs	2,300.00	0.00	0%
Church Utilities	28,000.00	13,397.20	48%
Insurance	9,800.00	4,125.39	42%
Church Maintenance	43,500.00	25,599.61	59%
Parsonage	12,550.00	3,151.94	25%
Miscellaneous	925.00	-0.01	0%
Total Expenses	454,840.60	183,700.05	40%
Net Gain/Loss	-23,865.60	-13,457.79	

The church was able to receive funds from the Federal Government under the Payroll Protection Plan, which is not included in the income statement. The amount received was \$27,891.85 and this has certainly helped with cash flow, but this is a liability to the church (note payable with 1% interest) until such time the church is granted loan forgiveness.

The amount of donations the church had received in 2020 through the end of May compared to the same period in 2019 was \$47,152.08 less. Please remember, this is total amount received for all funds.

The Building Fund at the end of May had a balance of \$150,798.67, of which \$116,184.47 is in the Money Market account.

The Mission Fund at the end of May had a balance of \$17,594.14.

Thank you to all who continue to give to the church even as we cannot meet during this time. You keep the church strong. Blessings to all.

CHURCH NEWS

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STAFF NEWS

WE HAVE A NEW ORGANIST!

We're delighted to welcome Brian Willmore as our new church organist! As most of you know, Brian grew up in our church and has always been an accomplished pianist, but took on the challenge of learning the organ – and he's doing wonderfully! He's been playing on a week-by-week basis for our online services, but will begin full-time when the church reopens for in-person worship. Welcome Brian!

WE HAVE A COUPLE OF RETIREMENTS TO ANNOUNCE

After many years of serving as our Associate Pastor of Visitation, the Rev. Ray Graham has decided to retire as of June 30th. Ray has really enjoyed his years with us, and all of us have so benefitted from his loving and caring ministry. He has expressed a desire that we not have a celebration for him, but we'd like to encourage you to send him cards of thanks and appreciation. Here is his mailing address:

The Rev. Ray Graham
236 Pioneer Ridge Drive
Port Deposit, MD 21904

After over 20+ years of leading our Handbell Choir, Paul Deemer has also decided to retire as of June 30th. It has been an absolute joy to watch the Handbell Choir get better and better over the years of Paul's leadership, and to watch as Paul began to compose and arrange handbell and choral music. Paul, like Ray, also does not want any kind of celebration, so once again, we encourage you to send notes/cards of thanks and appreciation to him. Here is Paul's mailing address:

Mr. Paul Deemer
504 Hances Point Road
North East, MD 21901

ONE MORE STAFF NOTE

Even though Karen is officially retiring as of June 30th, she will be working on a part-time basis (two mornings a week for three months) to help with the transition to a new pastor and to returning to in-person worship in the church.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the United Methodist Church's General Conference had to be postponed until September of 2021. Our Peninsula-Delaware Conference's Annual Conference was also postponed. It will not be held in person as originally planned, but will be held via ZOOM in October. The service of ordination will be held on Saturday, November 14th and also will be broadcast via ZOOM. That's important for you to remember because our very own Carlos Reyes-Rodriguez is being ordained a full Deacon that day. When we get the details of when his ordination will take place, we'll get them to you, so you can tune in and celebrate with him!

July 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)

7/1 Tina Vassalotti
 7/2 Julianne (Julie) Gibson
 7/2 Evelyn (Claire) Griffith
 7/2 Jerry McNabb
 7/5 Elizabeth McCarthy
 7/5 Colin O'Neal
 7/6 Terri Allen
 7/7 Cathy Petterson
 7/7 Barbara Tenney
 7/8 Susan Johnson
 7/9 Dorothy Eltzroth
 7/9 Andrew Kosinski
 7/10 Wendy Eller
 7/10 Shirley Robinson
 7/11 Deborah Ingram
 7/12 Patricia Corder
 7/12 Frances Schneider



7/12 Mary Lou Shaw
 7/13 Lindsey White
 7/14 Terri Lokey
 7/15 Mike Noll
 7/17 Randall Cebula
 7/17 Barton Funke
 7/18 Kathie Gray
 7/19 Nancy Leathrum

7/19 Megan O'Neal
 7/19 Adam Slak
 7/19 Emmett Slayman
 7/20 Henry Fehlman
 7/20 Kyle Fennemore
 7/20 Edward Marsilii
 7/22 Lauren Neely
 7/24 Carole Seifred
 7/24 Susan Smith
 7/25 William Mackie
 7/27 Janet Bailey
 7/28 Brian Ingram
 7/28 Wanda Jackson
 7/28 Roger Robinson
 7/30 Joseph Tanner
 7/31 James Melvin
 7/31 Judith Tanner

July Anniversaries

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

7/3 Ray & Katie Whiteoak
 7/6 James & Susan Zimmer
 7/7 Robert & Linda Meffley
 7/9 William & Mary Mackie
 7/11 Richard & Lorraine Jones
 7/15 Michael & Kimberly Edler
 7/17 Lawrence & Heidi Gaultney
 7/19 Robert & Susan Johnson
 7/21 Robert & Louisa (Jane) MacDonald, Sr.
 7/30 Philip & Rita Norman
 7/31 Edward & Cheryl McKeown



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August Birthdays

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8/1 Ruthanna Lightcap	8/13 Michael Hook	
8/1 Mary Jane Rambo	8/15 Joyce Foster	
8/1 Katie Whiteoak	8/16 Karen Anderson	
8/2 Damien Hollyday	8/16 Robert Johnson	
8/3 Wayne Eller	8/17 Jenny Nickle	
8/3 Allene Rittenhouse	8/18 Judith Gibson	
8/4 Michael Edler	8/18 Alice Holland	
8/4 Evelyn Jones	8/20 Linda Kosinski	
8/4 Scott Nickle	8/21 August Amick	8/25 Phyllis Bixler
8/5 Sharon Slayman	8/21 Gail Garber	8/26 Jeremy Hamilton
8/5 George Veasey	8/21 Myrna Macturk	8/26 Joseph Ingram
8/8 Joe Buckley	8/21 Maria Sedlak	8/27 Richard Gochnauer
8/8 Virginia Selner	8/23 Tanner Cebula	8/27 Lucille Russell
8/8 Julianna Swyka	8/23 Elizabeth Mortimer	8/29 Audrey Sluder
8/9 Nancy Crawford	8/23 Patrick Mortimer	8/30 Kimberly Artrip
8/9 Collin Neely	8/23 Alexander Winkowski	8/30 Barbara Dean
8/10 Robert MacDonald	8/24 Sonia Dulin	8/30 Millie Jones
8/11 Corey Cebula	8/24 Murray Thompson	8/30 Robert Kovicak
8/11 Andrea McKenica	8/25 Emma Arroyo	8/30 Deborah McDowell



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8/1 Michael & Karen Gravatt	8/16 William & Catherine Moffitt, Jr.
8/2 Chris & Alison Sprague	8/16 James & Lucille Russell
8/4 James & Paulette Casen	8/16 Edward & Faith Seltzer
8/9 Kenneth & Phyllis McCoy	8/17 Michael & Mary Ann Schmook
8/10 Jack & Janet Bailey	8/18 Rod & Marsha Perrine
8/10 James & Kathie Gray	8/19 Paul & Anne Humphrey
8/12 Paul & Melody Deemer	8/20 James & Sheila Boulden
8/13 Joseph & Judith Tanner, Sr.	8/20 Henry & Cheryl Fehlman
8/14 George & Nancy Leathrum	8/24 Paul & Frances Schneider
8/15 William & Laurie Alphin	8/25 Sonny & Barbara Tenney
8/15 John & Shirley Clark, Jr.	8/27 George & Karen Veasey
8/16 Jerry & Linda McNabb	8/28 Theodore & Deborah McDowell

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**DRIVE-THRU RETIREMENT
PARADE FOR PASTOR KAREN**

JUNE 28TH Pastor Karen will be in the back of church so you can give her your best wishes for a happy retirement and say good-bye from the safety of your car.

1-2 P.M.

CAR DECORATIONS AND BALLOONS ENCOURAGED

Social Media

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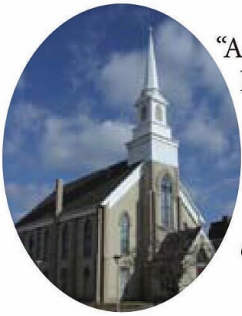
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**4th of JULY
WEEKEND**

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“A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others.”

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Church Staff

Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Eric Warner
Children & Education Ministries Director.....	Katie Sparks
Youth Ministries Director.....	Jason Cornish
Organist.....	Brian Willmore
Choir Director/Coordinator of Music Ministries.....	Suzette Burgess
Nursery Care Professional.....	Yolanda Gomez
Treasurer.....	Laurie Ruth
Secretary.....	Beth Gullion
Sexton.....	Joseph Gordon

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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.