



FROM THE PASTOR
Rev. Eric Warner

Dear friends,

The fall season has arrived! This season of change is marked by crisp air, mums, pumpkins, apples, farmers harvesting their crops, and changing leaves. I hope that your hearts are set on the hope that change can bring. Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that there is a time for everything. “There is a time to heal, a time to build, a time to dance, a time to laugh, a time to mend, and a time for peace.” My prayer is that it is time for those things.

I see this hope as the ministry of our church continues to blossom, as we worship together despite the many barriers, and as I meet you and learn of your godly love. In this season, choose to be the change as you take hold of your calling to be a light on the hill, a humble servant, a loving missionary, a healing presence, and a godly witness.

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MISSIONS

“He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.” Proverbs

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Joe Tanner

Jesus said: “Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples”

Because of the coronavirus, we have had to cancel a number of our mission activities in 2020 and we cancelled all committee meetings until the September 8th meeting. But now we are scheduling a number of activities.

- EUMC Church monthly blood drives for the Blood Bank of Delmarva:
 - October 23rd
 - November 13th
 - December 11th
- Compassion Sunday will be different. The Compassion presentation was held during the online service on September 27th and the Children packets will be available, weather permitting, during the communion elements pickup outside the church on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and following the service on October 4th.
- Harvest Food Festival for Immaculate Conception will be held. The bags for food collection will be available at the church on November 1st and collection of the food will be on November 8th.
- UMCOR Sunday will be on October 4th. EUMC has generously supported UMCOR in the past and with the pandemic and the hurricanes, fires, and flooding, support is needed more than ever.
- Our support of Community Kitchen is Friday, October 2nd and we will be serving dinner at the Paris Foundation on October 4th.
- All of our mission trips were cancelled for 2020, but hopefully we will be able to resume in 2021.
- The Emergency Rotating Shelter will not be as it has been in the past. Meeting Ground is hoping that churches will supply to-go meals during the months of the shelter. More on this will follow.

EUMC is a missions loving church!!

MISSIONS FINANCES: Year to date at the end of August: Missions income was \$27,962, which is \$12,675 less than last year. Mission expenses year to date at the end of August were \$37,831, which is \$14,873 less than last year.



FELLOWSHIP & STEWARDSHIP

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

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Submitted by Ellen Gruebel, Committee Chairperson

1 Peter 4:10: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.."

Greetings from the Stewardship Committee! We hope this finds our congregation well! Our Committee is already busy discussing things we'd like to do next year that we had hoped to do this year. For Earth Day Sunday on April 25, 2021, we've been working with the education director to select several projects for the Sunday School classes that are related to Earth Day. We've chosen three craft projects which we think the students will enjoy. We're also discussing having another 5K walk/run next Spring since it is such a great way to bring people together to raise funds for brain cancer research. This will be in honor of Nadine Allen's great-grandson, Kameron. And, since our committee is also responsible for something special for Laity Sunday in October of next year, we may invite a speaker to our church to speak between services in Weldin Hall to discuss a topic of importance. At this time we're leaning towards the topic of personal security since it is so important to all of us, regardless of age.

May God bless all!



MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfasts are back! The next one is planned for October 21st at 7:30 am at Cracker Barrel. Cracker Barrel has assured us that they will be able to provide a space with safe social distancing. All men are welcome so come and experience some food, fellowship, and prayer together!

CHURCH ZOOM ACCOUNT AVAILABLE

There is a ZOOM account available to groups in the church. Please call the church office to set up meetings for your Sunday school classes, church circles, committee meetings, or other church related activities.

A REQUEST FROM YOUR PASTOR

Please, if you or someone you love is in the hospital or in need of pastoral care, call the church office and let us know. In addition, if you know of anyone who is unable to access our online worship and does not feel comfortable returning to worship, we want to be able to reach out to them and ensure their spiritual needs are met.

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 Update: Happy Fall! I hope the beginning of your fall is going splendid and that you have a chance to go out and enjoy the beautiful weather.

While we may not be holding our traditional Sunday School program this year, we have begun Sunday school and so far it is going very well! Each week a video is posted to our church Facebook page for our elementary students that includes songs, science experiments, and a lesson. So far they have been great and I know the Sparks kids have enjoyed them; I hope your family is enjoying them too! Our middle and high school students have been meeting on Wednesday nights at 7 pm via Zoom for a discussion based class. If you have a child in this age range who we may have accidentally missed inviting, please let me know right away!!

In addition to our children’s Sunday school, our adult classes have also been meeting regularly via Zoom. If you would like to join a class that you were not previously a part of, please email me or one of the teachers directly so we can get you the information for the Zoom meeting.

Nursery: Do you have a child or grandchild in kindergarten or younger who you would like to bring with you to church for our in-person services but don’t think they will stay still or quiet during the service? Well, let us worry about that instead of you!

Yolanda and I are available in room one for all the little ones during our in-person services. We have toys, crafts, music, and games for your little one to enjoy. We regularly sanitize the toys and all touched surfaces throughout the service. We also sanitize our own hands and wear masks in order to keep your little one safe from germs. We would love to see all the little ones, as we miss having a full nursery each week, so please bring them by to play and see us!



MUSIC & WORSHIP

“May the LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life...” Psalm 128:5

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Submitted by Suzette Burgess

Choir Director & Coordinator of Music Ministries

A little news from the music team here at EUMC! First, I would like to thank all of the musicians who have given freely of their talents for Saturday morning tapings throughout the summer and the month of September. Many thank you's go to Sue Johnson, Sid Bledsoe, Paul Humphrey, Kelly Thompson, Darrin Peters, Jerry McNabb, Ed and Cheryl McKeown, Laurie Ruth, Jason Cornish, and Linda Carey! The month of October will bring a few new faces as well as some of the individuals I have mentioned above. If anyone is interested in sharing his or her musical talents, please contact me at suzetteing@gmail.com. Instrumentalists and children are welcome to perform, too!



A HUGE standing ovation goes out to Brian Willmore who has wowed us all with his organ talents! Do you know that he has never played the organ? Coming from someone who took lessons in college (me), let me tell you it is not an easy task coordinating your two feet with your two hands (I would not even attempt it now - this skill is not acquired easily, and it is NOT like riding a bicycle!). Brian has also accompanied the many soloists and small groups with music that has been given to him with very little time to practice. Please let him know how much he is appreciated!!

On another note, Chancel Choir, Men's Ensemble, and the Handbell Choir will not be rehearsing and performing as a group as long as there is a danger of transmitting the virus. Soloists and small groups will be taping (socially distanced) until all of the dangers have passed. We will take it one month at a time, and I will continue to schedule musicians as I am now. Handbell Choir may or may not return when the danger has passed because a new director needs to be found. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please let me know.

Stay safe and healthy!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be held on Wednesday, October 7th in Weldin Hall at 6:15 pm and will be held every other Wednesday after that.

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

The financial position of the Ministries Fund of EUMC for the year through August 31, 2020 is negative \$3,768.68. Expenses are down compared to 2019 by \$39,140.64. Items that make up the difference in expenses are a decrease in Staff Salary through the end of August of \$15,906.90 and a decrease in Church Maintenance of \$14,452.00. There has not been a decrease in the Utilities and, in fact, that those have increased by \$1,430.76. You may be wondering why the utilities are up from 2019. The reason for this is the air conditioner in the sanctuary is being turned up instead of off after the service. As with your home, it is better to keep things at a more steady temperature and not expose the area to excess heat during the summer.

The overall income (all funds) through August 31, 2020 compared to 2019 is down \$54,571.17

August 31, 2020

	Annual Budget	Year to Date	% of Annual Budget
Income	430,975.00	262,639.42	61%
General Expenses	67,486.00	41,279.20	61%
Church			
Staff	269,279.60	156,004.24	58%
Council on Ministries	12,600.00	8,087.24	64%
Education	8,400.00	810.40	10%
Youth Program	2,300.00	0.00	0%
Rental Property	0.00	0.00	
Church Utilities	28,000.00	18,765.41	67%
Insurance	9,800.00	6,340.83	65%
Church Maintenance	43,500.00	30,258.17	70%
Parsonage Expenses	12,550.00	4,880.62	39%
Miscellaneous	925.00	-0.01	0%
Gain/Loss	-23,865.60	-3,786.68	

The Mission Fund balance at the end of July was \$4,582.14.

The Building Fund balance was \$123,843.27, of which \$116,607.28 is in the Money Market Fund. The Parsonage renovation expenses are being distributed from the Building Fund.

Your continued generosity through these difficult times is continuing to keep Elkton United Methodist Church strong. Thank you!

CHURCH NEWS

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UMCOR SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 4th, you will have the opportunity to make an offering to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). This annual giving opportunity serves to fund the work of UMCOR throughout the year so that when disasters strike anywhere around the world, they are ready to provide relief. As many of you know, UMCOR Sunday was postponed in our church this past year due to the pandemic. The good news is that we will be celebrating UMCOR Sunday on Sunday, October 4th. This worship service will be held in-person at 10:00 am, but do not worry if you do not feel comfortable returning to in-person worship yet. The service will also be available online and you will be able to give by sending your donations to the church office. You will also have the opportunity to pick up your UMCOR envelopes when we hand out communion elements at the church on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd from 10:00 am to noontime. Our church has been particularly faithful in donating to this important ministry so let's continue that trend! Last year, the church donated just over \$12,000! Please pray about your giving, then make your check out to Elkton UMC, write "UMCOR" on the memo line, and bring it with you to worship on October 4th or send it in to the church office. Thank you so much for your faithful giving to this important ministry.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES – 2020

Submitted by Nancy Stubbs, Ruth-Sarah Circle

Mark your calendar and join us again in filling and delivering these shoeboxes to the millions of poor, sick and suffering children around the world as tangible expressions of God's love and constant presence with them.



EUMC members have delivered just over 700 Shoeboxes over the past 13 years:
2007 - 18; 2008 - 35; 2009 - 44; 2010 - 53; 2011 - 49; 2012 - 79; 2013 - 79; 2014 - 53; 2015 - 64;
2016 - 63; 2017 - 49; 2018 - 65; 2019 - 51 = 702

Please help us to continue to share God's love with these children in 2020.

Mark your Calendars:

Sunday, October 11th: Pick up your boxes to fill from the table in the Hospitality Area. Or you may use a shoebox that you have at home and pick up just a Brochure from the Hospitality Area. The brochure helps you remember the kinds of gifts to include in your shoebox.

Sunday, November 8th or 15th at the latest: Bring back your filled boxes to the Hospitality Area.

Join us again for our 14th year and help us continue to share God's love!!

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ANGEL TREE 2020

Once again our church will be joining in the Angel Tree Ministry. Angel Tree Ministry, is part of a national program that provides gifts to children of imprisoned parents. The gifts are given directly by our church members and serve all of Cecil County. Please help us make Christmas special again this year for a child with a gift in the name of Jesus!

All new this year, you will have two choices as to how to get your Angel tag:

Look for the **Angel Tree Board** on Sunday November 22nd **OR**

You can be a part of this great program by calling Millie Jones at 410-398-9439 or 410-441-0130 to receive your Angel tree gift tag.

I need your help to make this Christmas special for these children. This year has been a very different year for all.

Thank you,
Millie Jones & Committee



PASTOR KAREN'S NEW ADDRESS

I know many of you are looking for ways to encourage Pastor Karen in this difficult time for her. The best way is to send your encouragements to her new home address at:

307 Pebble Beach Drive
Elkton, MD 21921



COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED

If you have a college student in your family this year, we need their mailing information, so we can send them some wonderful care packages throughout the year. This year the need is especially great for this kind of generosity and encouragement. Please email the church office (eumcadmin@comcast.net) with their name and mailing address.

CHARGE CONFERENCE DATE

Charge Conference is going to be a little different this year. It will be entirely online via ZOOM on Sunday, November 22nd at 2:00 pm. Please mark your calendars.

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2020 EUMC COOKBOOK SALES

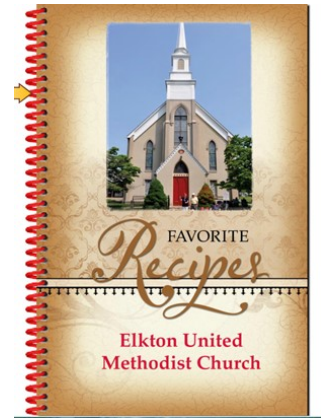
Submitted by Nancy Crawford

Please keep in mind that our EUMC Cookbooks are always for sale and this year with the holidays approaching, you can be assured there will be specified days when you can come and purchase one for yourself or for a gift. Check the next newsletter in November for days we will be selling them in Weldin Hall so you can have them in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

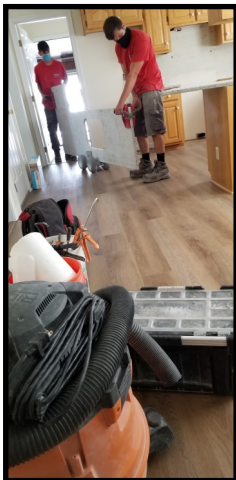
Hopefully you'll add them to your gift list. Our great cookbook contains 300 delicious recipes, lots of terrific helpful hints, and are only \$12.00 each.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions; yellowstone54@hotmail.com (Nancy Crawford). Make sure to put "Cookbooks" in the subject line so I know you're not a robot!

PS: For those of you who have been thinking about getting your affairs in order, I will also have Info Keepers on hand. The discounted price for church family is \$30.00 for the single version and \$40.00 for the "built for two" version.



PARSONAGE RENOVATIONS ARE NOW COMPLETE!



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In-Person Worship

Please remember as we return to regular in-person worship services:

- Wearing masks will be required.
- There will be no congregational singing or responsive readings.
- Non-contact temperatures will be taken at the door.
- One person at a time may use the restrooms. Each person who uses the restroom will use the provided cleaning supplies to wipe down any touched surfaces.
- Ushers will seat family groups or individuals at least 6 feet away from one another.
- Ushers will dismiss families and individuals by row at the end of the service.
- Sanitization stations will be available at church entrances with gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer. Please sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church.

One of John Wesley's general rules was to do no harm. These guidelines will be put in place for that purpose. We know there are no perfectly safe solutions so we need your continued prayers for God's protection, wisdom, and discernment.

Please note that when we do in-person worship services, our online worship services will continue. However, instead of being uploaded on Sunday mornings, they will be uploaded on Sunday evenings.



October 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)



10/4 Carla Cebula
10/6 Judith Pugh
10/7 Karen Bunnell
10/9 Teresa Grunert
10/9 Thomas O'Neal
10/10 Susan Ivey
10/10 Sheila Olewine
10/10 Gerald Slayman
10/10 Joan Wright
10/11 Eleanor Marsilii
10/11 Nicholas Schweiker
10/11 Debbie Stork
10/13 Nancy Herczeg
10/14 Mary (Betty) Green

10/15 Joseph Gilmore
10/15 Wyatt Montgomery
10/15 Faith Seltzer
10/17 Stacie Forman
10/20 Faye Camors

10/20 Charles Gibson
10/21 Holly Stoker
10/22 Donald Andrews
10/22 Michael Schmook
10/23 Sheila Boulden
10/23 Lisa Cornett
10/23 Nancy Sawicki
10/24 Jim Dech
10/25 Richard Juergens
10/26 Kristina Cooper
10/29 Ella Jane Coleman
10/29 Richard Gruebel
10/30 Nadine Allen
10/30 Gail Juergens

October Anniversaries

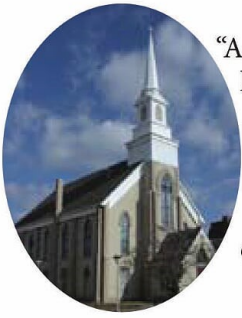
“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, all become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24 (NKJV)

10/4 Henry & Marge Jacobs
10/10 Jack & Patricia Corder
10/10 Grant & Lauren Neely
10/11 Robert & Deborah Dalrymple
10/12 Aaron & Holly Stoker
10/16 Paul & Nancy Stark
10/16 Thomas & Sharon Williams
10/23 Randall & Carla Cebula
10/27 Joseph & Nancy Draper
10/27 Mark & Teresa Grunert



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



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

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Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Eric Warner
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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

Church Office Hours

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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.