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Deadline for Article Submission is the 15th of Each Month

FROM THE PASTOR

Rev. Eric Warner, Senior Pastor

In our everyday routines it is easy to become complacent in how we see the world. We oftentimes travel the same roads. We encounter the same people. We enjoy the same restaurants and prepare the same meals. We have the same hours, the same doctor appointments, or watch the same TV shows. However, as a child it seemed like I was discovering something new and exciting every minute. Little things surprised me like a little bug or a sparkly rock. I collected rocks that I still possess. Now they just look like normal old rocks, but I must have seen something special in them when I was little. I long to see the world through those eyes of wonder again – to see the acts of our wondrous God and be surprised even by the little things. Have you lost your wonder?

The scriptures remind us to be amazed, to wonder, to always be in awe of our awesome God. The psalmist in Psalm 77 says, "You are the God who works wonders!" In Psalm 66 he says, "Come and see the works of God!" God is near to us. God is working among us, even within us. God's glory is on display in his beloved people and in God's creative work in the natural world. God's creativity is expressed through our creativity: art, music, science, discovery, and technology. Sometimes we need to slow down enough to see it.

How do I rediscover wonder? I strive to succeed at this by examining the little details of the world: a leaf, a flower, a bug, a rock, a bird. I strive to be present in conversation with people because I know they are created in the image of God. I intentionally introduce myself to people I've never met because they are God's masterpieces. I take time to contemplate, pray, worship, or journal about the amazing things I see. I try new foods, travel, and hike. I sometimes must force myself out of my routines to experience the wonders of God. How might you discover God's wonderful gifts in the world so that you might be amazed? Let's look for and see the wonderful works of God!

MISSIONS

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

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."



EUMC COMPASSION SUNDAY SUNDAY MAY 1, 2022 in the Hospitality Area

Children all over the world need our help to sustain their lives and to help with food, clothing, shelter, and education and to help them experience God's love and lessons. We can help by sponsoring and getting to know these wonderful children and watching them grow. On May 1st we will be set up in the Hospitality area with information and pictures of individual children who need your sponsorship. PLEASE STOP BY AND LOOK AT THE CHILDREN, GET THEIR STORIES, AND BECOME A SPONSOR.

SPIRIT LAKE MISSION TRIP – JULY 17-22, 2002 - We are still looking for mission team members for the Mission Trip to Spirit Lake ND this summer. Our cut off for putting our team together is May 15th. If you would like more information or to sign up, contact Joe Tanner. This is a very worthwhile and satisfying trip both for the people we are helping and for ourselves in serving people in need.

MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER – MAY 8th - We will again this year have a "Baby Shower" for the Cecil Pregnancy & Family Resource Center. On Mother's Day in the Hospitality Area we will be collecting BABY supplies for parents and babies needing assistance. Please review the list of needed supplies on the Mission's Bulletin Board in the Hospitality Area to see what is needed and that you can donate and bring in on Mother's Day. Children and Parents need our help!!!

MONTHLY BLOOD BANK OF DELMARVA BLOOD DRIVE - The next donation date is May 6th, noon until 5:00 p.m. If you wish to donate you can sign up at <u>delmarvablood.org</u> or walk-ins are welcome. We had 30 donors in April. *Donating Blood Saves Lives!*

TEACHER'S BREAKFAST - Missions will be holding a Teacher's Breakfast during the week of "Teacher's Appreciation Week" this month for teachers at Gilpin Manor, Thompson Estates, and Cecil Manor.

MISSION FINANCES - The Mission Fund balance in the cash account as of April 17, 2022 was \$6,973.26 with an additional \$28,846.83 in a money market account. Thank you everyone for your generous support of EUMC's Missions program that allows us to do important things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EUMC is a Missions loving church!!

FELLOWSHIP & STEWARDSHIP

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

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Submitted by Ellen Gruebel, Committee Chairperson

Mark 16:15: He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Greetings from the Stewardship/Evangelism Committee! We hope this finds our congregation well! Our combined Committee has some updates.

We're pleased to announce the scheduling of another class of Financial Peace University for the entire congregation for late spring. The class will be held on Wednesday nights beginning May 25th through July 20th (9 weeks) at 6:30 p.m. Each class will last approximately 1-1/2 hours. The location of the class in the church will be announced once we see how many people have registered for the class.

FPU offers online assistance for various lengths of duration for anyone who registers for the class. Depending on how much you pay, the support is as follows: \$59 for 3 months; \$99 for 6 months; or \$129 for 12 months.

The link to register for the class is <u>fpu.com/1149786</u>. The recommendation is that you register fairly close to the class start date because the FPU support period begins at the time you register. Payment will be required online at the time of registration. <u>NOTE:</u> There will be 2 weeks between the time you register and the time your payment information is charged so that you can familiarize yourself with the website.

Additionally, very soon we'll begin working on a Joy of Faith celebration for 2023! It will be wonderful to resume this enjoyable event in our church!

May God bless all with good health and peace!



Never worry about money again with Financial Peace University! It's the proven plan to help you master budgeting, beat debt, and live the life of your dreams. Through nine lessons rooted in biblical wisdom, you'll learn from Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts.

And now, you can try Financial Peace free for 14 days! Visit <u>fpu.com/1149786</u> to sign up and learn more. Class starts May 25th.

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EUMC WOMEN'S RETREAT

APRIL 8-9, 2022

















CALLING ALL MEN

Don't forget that on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 am the Men's Breakfast takes place at Cracker Barrel. All men of the church are invited to take part in this time of food, fellowship and discussion of a new topic every month. No sign-up is necessary, just show up at 7:30 ready to eat breakfast and have fun! The breakfast is usually over in an hour.



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

<u>Sunday School News:</u> The Sunday school year is almost over, but that doesn't mean the fun has to stop! A few of our adult classes will meet throughout the summer; check with your teacher to see if your class will be meeting. For children, we will be offering a summer children's church so be on the lookout for more information regarding times and location as we approach the summer!



<u>Vacation Bible School:</u> Send your children and grandchildren on a "Monumental" adventure this summer at VBS! This year VBS will be held at North East United Methodist Church from June 20-24th. Children in PreK will meet each morning from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and children in grades K-5th will meet each evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. To sign up please visit <u>northeastumc.org/kids-zone</u>. We hope you will join us for a "Howling Good Time!" If you are interested in volunteering for VBS please reach out to Katie Sparks (<u>katharine.gravatt@gmail.com</u>).

Family Game Night: Come out Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a family game night! There will be multiple games provided by the education department, but if you have a favorite, please bring it along! We will have snacks and drinks available for all to enjoy. Please sign up on the Sunday School bulletin board.



Easter Egg Hunt: On Saturday, April 16, 2022, many families came out for our Easter egg hunt and silent auction. Adults participated in a silent auction while the children listened to a fun Easter story. Everyone then enjoyed dinner before the Easter Bunny arrived. The children collected over 500 eggs filled with candy and the adults raised over \$700 through the silent auction to be donated to the mission's committee! Thank you to all who helped with this event through set-up, break-down, serving food, or through donations!







<u>Nursery News:</u> Our nursery upstairs is open during both services and the Sunday school hour every Sunday morning. Yolanda is eager to see all the children again, so if you have children aged 6 weeks to 5 years old, please bring them along to play!!

The nursery is also looking for volunteers, both youth and adults may volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Katie Sparks for more information (<u>katharine.gravatt@gmail.com</u>).



Submitted by Pastor Eric

Our Youth Group continues to be active and exciting with more than a dozen young people participating in this important ministry. With current events, this past month we talked about some serious issues such as our Christian response to war, and we also discussed racism as it relates to our community. This coming month I am excited that we will be looking at updating the Youth Room.

I encourage any and all young people grades 6-12 to join us for fun activities, service projects, games, and engaging messages. Below you will find our May calendar of events.

Sunday, May 1st - No youth events, Pastor Eric is on vacation Sunday, May 8th - Youth Group 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Weldin Hall Sunday, May 15th - Youth Group 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Weldin Hall Sunday, May 22nd - Confirmation Class, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sunday, May 29th - No youth events due to Memorial Day

We look forward to continuing to nurture the young people of our church and offer opportunities for growth so that they might come to know their God-given purpose. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. If you have any questions or concerns please email Pastor Eric at pastoreric@elktonumc.org.

BYE, BYE "CLASSIC CHRISTIANS!" SAY HELLO TO "JOY!" (JUST OLDER YOUTH)

On Wednesday, May 4th, a new day of fellowship for those 50 and over begins as JOY (Just Older Youth) starts! JOY is a monthly gathering which will feature presentations by speakers, day trips to places of interest, picnics,



activities and so much more. (By the way, we never check IDs, so if you're under 50 and one of JOY's activities looks good, come on and join us!)

The kick-off event is a luncheon on Wednesday, May 4th from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. in Weldin Hall. Because we're still being careful about Covid, we're having a catered lunch from Your Personal Chef. We'll enjoy baked ziti, meatballs, salad, rolls, beverages and desserts – and it will cost you only \$10!

Following the meal, we'll have a presentation by local historian Mike Dixon who has been with us many times before and is always great. This time he'll speak to us about "Hidden Gems in Cecil County!"

You'll find sign-up sheets at the kiosks around the church. Sign up by May 1st in order for us to have the right amount of food. Put your completed sign-up sheet and check in the basket next to the offering plate.

Questions? Email kbunnell@comcast.net.

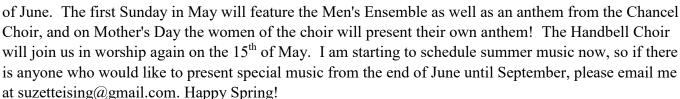
MUSIC & WORSHIP

"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

May flowers are blooming, the weather is warming up (finally!), and choir music continues here at EUMC through the Spring season until the middle





HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday Night Communion in the Chapel will be held on May 11^{th} & 25^{th} at 6:15 p.m.



ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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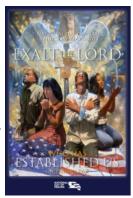
August 7th September 25th October 16th October 23rd October 30th

Please put your name on the list located on the bulletin board across from the church office or contact the church office at 410-398-0933 if you would like to celebrate someone special or a special date with flowers for the altar.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - MAY 5, 2022

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 5, 2022. Elkton Presbyterian Church will be hosting a service that day from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. You are invited to attend and join in prayer for our country.

The theme this year is "Exalt the Lord, Who Has Established Us". From Colossians 2:6-7, which says, "Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude."



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 March 31, 2022, EUMC is still in a positive financial position, even better than 2021, as you can see below. This is largely due to your very generous continued support, but also because of staff changes and careful spending.

The church received very good news from State Farm, the cost of insurance on the building will drop to almost half. We can be very thankful for Paul Humphrey for taking the time to contact State Farm and having someone come out and look at the building. THANK YOU, PAUL!! This very good news comes at a time when so many expenses are going up. As has been said before, the staff tries very hard to keep expenses down, but some things are beyond our control.

With your continued generous support of EUMC, we are able to remain "A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others."

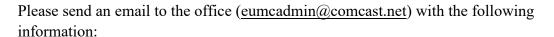
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General Expenses	16,260.43	14,217.58	2,042.85
Church Staff	50,819.23	53,288.61	-2,469.38
Council on Ministries	1,408.41	201.73	1,206.68
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Utilities	8,573.00	7,213.80	1,359.20
Insurance	2,263.23	4,482.90	-2,219.67
Church Maintenance	13,020.36	8,769.32	4,251.04
Parsonage Expenses	2,178.89	2,362.77	-183.88
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gain(Loss)	12,526.36	9,318.18	



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GRADUATES AND/OR FAMILIES OF GRADUATES

If you or someone in your family is graduating this year from high school, college, or graduate school, please let us know. We will be recognizing graduates during the worship services on June 12th.





Graduate's Name

High School & College Attending after High School or College & Degree Earned

Name of Family Member at EUMC

Three (3) (max) pictures of the graduate to be included in a special video.

Pictures must be in JPEG or PNG format

Information and pictures must be received no later than Sunday, May 29th.



CATHY GOHLKE BOOK SIGNING

Our wonderful friend Cathy Gohlke will be with us on Sunday, May 1st to do a book signing of her newest creation, *A Hundred Crickets Singing*. You can purchase a copy for \$15.00 and get Cathy to sign it after both worship services in the Hospitality Area.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

This year's session of the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference will be held virtually from Thursday, June 16th to Saturday, June 18th. Clergy and lay delegates from all of the churches in our conference (which is comprised of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and the state of Delaware) will attend to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, pass resolutions, and set goals and budgets for the years ahead. Mike Schmook will represent Elkton UMC as the Lay Delegate, and Pastor Eric will be attending as the Clergy Delegate. All sessions of the conference are open to the public, so if you're interested, you will be able to watch it live on Facebook or YouTube. Links will be provided for you by email when the event is near. Following the conference, the delegates will update our church with a summary of events and other important information.

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CHRISTIAN VOICES FROM THE PAST

Submitted by Ivan Mehosky

There are great people and events that impacted Christianity in America in the 19th Century. Here is one that is considered one of "The 100 Most Important Events in Christian History" ...1811: The Campbells begin the Disciples of Christ.

Thomas Campbell had been a pastor at a church in northern Ireland before coming to America for health reasons. He settled in western Pennsylvania, where he pastored a congregation belonging to the Seceder Presbyterian Church, a splinter denomination with Scottish roots. Upset with the petty divisions over man-made doctrines, Campbell would allow any Presbyterian to come to his church and take communion, whether they were Seceder or not.

But the presbytery didn't like it one bit, said it went against their by-laws, investigated the matter and condemned Campbell! In response, Campbell wrote the synod, explained his position and they ruled in favor of Campbell and overturned the presbytery's condemnation. But there remained a feeling of bitterness and hostility among Campbell's fellow pastors, so he decided to branch out on his own and start a new church.

To get a better picture, America was still the New World. Its frontier started at the Appalachians and stretched westward. Religiously, it was on the downslope of the Great Awakening revival started by George Whitefield and Jonathan Edwards in the colonies on the East Coast sixty years before and it had spread westward to the 'camp meetings' revivals started in Kentucky around 1800 and still flickered throughout the frontier.

Like any revival, there will be differences and divisions. The revival in the east was more Presbyterian in theology whereas the west more Methodist. The west had a band of frontier preachers with minimal seminary training, the "circuit riders," who would stand on the back of a wagon to persuade sinners to get right with God.

Campbell held meetings wherever possible - in barns, homes, and fields - and he attracted many followers. Not willing to break away from the established church yet compelled him to move in the direction he was led - biblical and simple. His motto became: "Where the Scriptures speak, we speak; where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent."

When Thomas's son, Alexander, arrived from Ireland, in 1809, they teamed up and formed the Brush Run Church in 1811 since being denied entry by the Presbyterians. Alexander was a gifted speaker and a good debater, which greatly complimented his father. Due to their position on baptism (full immersion versus sprinkling), they were more Baptist at this point and affiliated with the Redstone Baptist Association in 1812.

Alexander Campbell became a leading figure in the Baptist Church, speaking widely and publishing a periodical, The Christian Baptist, and also established a seminary at Bethany, in western Virginia.

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There were differences between the Campbells and Baptists over baptism and tensions grew, so much so, that the Campbellites erased out of the Baptist association and merged with the Christian Church of Barton Stone. This merger then became known as the Disciples of Christ, with over 25,000 members at that point.

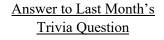
As Alexander Campbell's prominence grew, James Madison said of him, "I regard him as the ablest and most original expounder of the Scriptures I ever heard." And so it was that this new denomination attracted over one million members by the 20th Century by their espousal of a simple, biblical faith.



TRUSTEES TRIVIA

Do you know where this is located in the church? Text your answers to 443-907-3282 - be sure to tell us your name.

(Answer in next month's newsletter)



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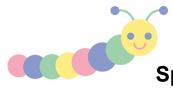
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A Baby Shower Sponsored by the Mission Committee

The Mission Committee is collecting the following items to benefit the Cecil County Pregnancy Center. Bring your donations to the welcome center area by Sunday, May 8th and help support this worthy cause.

New Spring & Summer Clothing (newborn to 5T- there are often shortages of larger sizes)

Diapers (Size 3-6) & Pull-ups

Wipes

Bottles & Sippy Cups

Bath Lotion & Shampoo

Baby Towels & Washcloths

*They can always use baby furniture and equipment (no used car seats or breast pumps)







May 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)

- 5/1 Richard Achuff
- 5/1 Lauren Zimmer
- 5/2 Linda White
- 5/4 Fred Herron
- 5/9 Richard Jones
- 5/11 Nathan Hanel
- 5/12 Audrey Leathrum
- 5/12 Denise Lee
- 5/12 Sarah Schmook
- 5/13 John Clark
- 5/13 Ashlee Crawford
- 5/13 Barbara Pinder
- 5/15 Philip Norman
- 5/17 Robert Cornett
- 5/18 Virginia Corona
- 5/18 Larry Garber
- 5/18 Alison Sprague



- 5/19 Amanda Cornett
- 5/19 Romie Jones
- 5/20 Kelly Eddinger
- 5/21 Paul Humphrey
- 5/22 James Gravatt
- 5/23 Grace Starrett
- 5/25 Connery Eddinger
- 5/25 Robert Meffley
- 5/27 Carolyn McCardell
- 5/27 Gerald Slayman
- 5/28 Robert Perkins
- 5/28 John (Mikey) Sparks
- 5/28 Rebecca Winkowski
- 5/29 Virginia Biles
- 5/30 Charlotte McCool
- 5/31 Amanda Herron

May Anniversaries

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



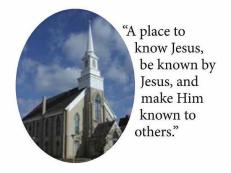
- 5/3 James & Lynn Dech
- 5/3 Donald & Pamela Stepler
- 5/4 John & Kelly Thompson
- 5/10 Edward & Kelley Marsilii
- 5/17 Brian & Deborah Ingram
- 5/17 Roger & Carol Robinson
- 5/20 Keith & Andrea McKenica
- 5/23 Kevin & Linda White
- 5/24 Dick & Lea Gochnauer
- 5/26 Buddy & Faye Camors

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

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service	6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	6:30 PM Missions Comm Mtg 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	12:00 PM JOY! Luncheon 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	6:30 PM Admin Council Mtg 8:00 PM AA Meeting	12:00 PM Blood Drive	
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Church Staff

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

Sunday Worship Service

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Sunday School

9:45 am

Church Office Hours

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

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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.