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FROM THE PASTOR

Rev. Eric Warner, Senior Pastor

Society shifts and changes throughout history. Sometimes things are more peaceful, and it seems like there isn't much distance between political rivals. People are willing to work together to find solutions through compromise. Other times that changes and respect for our differences is thrown out the window. The other side becomes an enemy. But Jesus teaches that every person is, in fact, a neighbor – not to demonize and hate but to love.

Jesus’ steady teaching on love informs our living as Christians even when our culture is changing. This is how we most powerfully witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ – in the chaos, we remain strong in our faith and treat other human beings with dignity, love, forgiveness, and gentleness. Unfortunately, too many Christians lose sight of Jesus’ most important teachings on loving our neighbors, our enemies, and even our persecutors. That is when the Gospel becomes hypocrisy to so many non-Christians. They see Jesus say, “love your enemies”, and then political, church, and community leaders who claim to be Christians say, “No, I hate my enemies.” If they don’t say it outright, they say it with their actions and behaviors.

Friends, when the world is full of hate we have the greatest of opportunities to show the world the true nature of God; we serve of a God of love. We have the opportunity to witness to our faith which is such a stark contrast to what is going on in the world around us. We can distinguish ourselves with love amid the hate. So, my challenge to you is to not get in line behind political leaders who are throwing around vitriol, desires for vengeance, hate, demonizing others, and so many other ungodly words and behaviors. Do not mimic their ungodly behavior. Instead, follow Jesus, put on Jesus, make Jesus the Lord of your life. People who have never seen Jesus before, may then truly see Jesus in you and they will want to know God the Son too.



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30th

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7th

Holy Communion

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 14th

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 21st

4:00 pm - Blue Christmas Service

REPORT OF THE PASTOR – October 18, 2025

Dear Church Family,

I have been blessed with another year as your pastor. EUMC continues to shine the light and love of Christ even as the world around us seems so chaotic, hateful, and full of divisiveness. You uphold the dignity of all God's people through your loving and faithful service to God, one another, and the world. You carry one another's burdens and walk alongside those who are suffering. I see Christ in you. I would like to share some highlights of our faithful service in our primary ministry areas.

Worship - Worship continues to be vibrant and vital, enhanced by the beautiful music provided by our handbell choir, chancel choir, and many volunteer musicians. Our worship leaders skillfully and with great care lead us in prayer, liturgy, assist in serving the sacraments, and preach the Word of God. The tech team continues to provide quality virtual worship that reaches many people, especially those who are homebound. I can't tell you how many times I've visited someone in the hospital or in their home and they make a comment like, "Watching worship online is the best part of my week." We excel in traditional worship. It is our niche and we will continue to give glory as we celebrate this gift that God has given us. This year we said goodbye to Brian Willmore as our organist and celebrated his faithful years of service. With open arms, we welcomed Carol Nickle as our new organist as she utilizes her decades of experience to faithfully lead us.

Missions - I am thankful that our church remains missional at its core. We give tens of thousands of dollars to local causes. We are consistently one of the biggest providers of food assistance in the town. The Prom Boutique provides hundreds of dresses to young ladies who may not be able to normally afford a dress for homecoming and prom. We connect with our local schools as we provide teacher appreciation breakfasts, supply the food for three elementary school food pantries, and have a school supply drive for teachers annually. We support local families through the pregnancy center, Angel Tree ministry, and in so many other ways. We are a living example of God's love in our community and beyond.

Small Groups - Our many small groups continue to offer opportunities for discipleship and fellowship. Sunday school, Women's Circles, Men's ministry, JOY ministry, and our book/Bible studies are places where people can experience Christian community and grow in love for one another and God. We recognize that we are an older congregation. As people age, they may lose close friends or even a beloved spouse. At EUMC, we work hard to be a place where people can experience community and build lasting, nurturing friendships when loneliness is such a huge problem in our country. In the coming year, we will be focusing our efforts on growing our men's ministry and developing a telecare/visitation ministry.

Challenges - Society has been changing around us as people become less religious. Around the nation, churches are experiencing steep declines. These forces seem so much bigger than us that it can be disheartening and even debilitating. Yet, we continue to welcome new folks through our doors. I hear often from visitors that we are such a welcoming and inviting church. They feel at home at EUMC. There is amazement at our faithful service to our community and the love we share to our neighbors. I believe the true test of a church in such a time as this is faithfulness. It's not about having the right programs. It's about continuing to do what God calls us to do in Micah 6:8, "and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" If we do these things, our church will continue to be blessed and be a blessing.

In Christ,
Pastor Eric

MISSIONS

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

EUMC BLOOD DRIVES

Blood transfusions are critical for saving lives. Our Winter donation dates are November 7th, December 5th, and January 2nd from 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm in Weldin Hall. Time slots can be reserved at <https://www.delmarvablood.org> or walk-ins are readily accepted.



MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at 8:00 am at Cracker Barrel. All men of the church are invited and no signup is necessary. The Men's Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, November 19th, December 17th, and January 21st.

FELLOWSHIP & STEWARDSHIP

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

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Submitted by Ellen Gruebel, Committee Chairperson

Greetings from the Stewardship/Evangelism Committee! Hoping this finds all well and enjoying the cool autumn weather.

We're happy to report successful events we've overseen this Fall such as Joy of Faith, Elkton Fall Fest, and Laity Sunday. Thanks to all for any volunteering you've done to help us make these events successful and enjoyable for our congregation and our community!

May you all have a warm, safe, blessed holiday season in celebration of our Savior's birth!



JOY! NEWS

Submitted by Rev. Karen Bunnell

JOY! (our church's fellowship group for those 50 and over) has great things planned for the next few months. Signups for all of the events can be made on the bulletin board in the Hospitality area.



NOVEMBER – November's meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 11th in Weldin Hall. It will begin with a potluck luncheon (please bring a dish to share) and then continue on with a program by Dr. Matthew Cohen from the University of Delaware's BrainWise program. He will be talking with us about how to keep our brains strong and sharp as we age. It promises to be an interesting and engaging presentation.

DECEMBER – December will feature our Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 11th at noon. It will be a potluck luncheon, so please bring a dish to share. We'll sing some Christmas carols, do some fun activities, and be entertained by Jack Foreaker and his puppets. So put it on your calendar now – you won't want to miss it!

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026 – If you're interested in helping to plan the JOY! events for next year, Millie and I would love to have you join us for a planning session. Please let one of us know if you'd like to help.

Any questions about JOY!? Contact Pastor Karen at kbunnell@comcast.net.

And, as always, remember that even though we're a group for people over 50, we welcome anyone who wants to attend our events! We don't check ID's!

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WOMEN'S RETREAT 2026 – IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP!

Signup is currently underway for the 2026 Women's Retreat – "Sensing God: Growing Closer and Embracing God's Presence and Love Through Our Senses." The retreat will take place on MLK weekend, Friday, January 16th through Sunday, January 18th. We'll be meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2800 Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City, MD (the former Dunes Manor Hotel). There are a lot of great things planned for the weekend – times of Bible study, worship, exploration, fellowship, sharing, and lots of food, fun and fellowship!



Registration brochures are located throughout the church. The committee was able to lower the costs from last year's retreat and scholarships are available, if needed.

Now is the time to register! The first payment (50% of the cost) is due on October 31st and the second half is due on November 30th.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

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

LAITY SUNDAY THANKS

Many thanks to all our laity who make Elkton United Methodist Church what it is! A special thanks to Nancy Crawford and Mike Schmook who beautifully led our Laity Sunday service on October 19th. Go back and watch it if you have not seen it yet! Our laity continue to play their vital roles to do amazing ministry no matter the challenges we face.



MUSIC & WORSHIP

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MUSIC MINISTRIES

Submitted by Suzette Burgess

Choir Director & Coordinator of Music Ministries

The choir is thrilled to be singing again! In addition to the introit, anthem and benediction, we have added contemplative choral music to the communion service. The congregation will also participate by singing a communion hymn at their seats while others take communion. We hope this active participation will lend to a more meaningful experience.



Several special dates are coming up for us. First, the GEMA service at Five Rivers Church will be at 5:00 pm on Sunday, November 23rd. All are welcome to attend and support our choir as well as the other church groups from our area. Next, we will present the cantata at the 10:00 am service on December 14th. We have just started rehearsing this, so if you are interested in singing with us, please come to our Wednesday evening rehearsal at 7:00 pm! We rehearse the cantata from 7:00 - 7:30 pm, before the rest of our music, so if you just want to sing the cantata, you are able to leave at that time.

Please welcome our newest member, Kathy Stratton! She has joined our soprano section. We are ALWAYS looking for new singers, so if you are interested, talk to any of the choir members or email me, Suzette Burgess, at suzetteising@gmail.com. On another note, the handbell choir is still looking for at least two new ringers. Handbell rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Please contact Reverend Karen Bunnell or any of the handbell choir members if you are interested!



HANDBELL CHOIR NEWS

Submitted by Rev. Karen Bunnell



The Handbell Choir has some wonderful music planned to ring in November and December. We're still on the lookout for additional ringers, so if you've rung handbells before, or haven't but know how to read music, we'd love to have you join us. We rehearse on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 pm and we usually ring in worship on the 3rd Sunday of the month. For more information, contact Pastor Karen at kbunnell@comcast.net.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

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Special Services



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 2nd

On All Saints' Sunday, we will remember and give thanks for the lives of our fellow church members who died in the past year with a very special video presentation. They are:

Nadine Allen
October 30, 1946 – August 5, 2025

Charles "Harry" Brown
April 16, 1924 – November 16, 2024

Samuel (Lee) Clugston
November 3, 1940 – November 23, 2024

Betty Craley
March 22, 1930 – April 6, 2025

Irene Dunlap
November 28, 1931 – August 18, 2025

Richard Jones
May 9, 1946 – July 14, 2025

Norm Letiecq
January 28, 1946 – December 28, 2024

Charles (Gary) Storke
December 14, 1941 – May 22, 2025

We will also have the opportunity to remember others who have died. If you have lost someone you love, you're invited to bring a flower with you to worship that morning and during the service, you'll have the opportunity to bring it forward and place it in a vase in the front of the sanctuary as a way of honoring and remembering them. This is always a very special and very moving service in the life of our church, as we thank God for the life and new life he has given to those we love!



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - DECEMBER 21st

If you are sad this year during the Christmas season because of loss in your life – the loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job, or for any other reason – you're invited to come to the Blue Christmas service on Sunday, December 21st at 4:00 pm. This service is designed to help us acknowledge that while this is supposed to be the most wonderful time of the year, it's a tough time for those who are struggling in any way. The service is quiet and contemplative and offers an opportunity for those who have lost loved ones to remember them by lighting a candle in their memory.



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Sermon Series

Fall Sermon Series #3

"It's the End of the World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine)"

These are not passages you have cross-stitched on your wall, or emblazoned on your favorite coffee mug. The lectionary texts over the next few weeks, leading up to Reign of Christ Sunday, tackle some of the Bible's most challenging passages, and invite us all to ask where God is when things go wrong. In a world caught up in a negative news cycle, the texts that speak to hopelessness, fear, and even the end of history can teach us much about remaining faithful in difficult times. Can we look to the apocalyptic texts of the early church to learn how to remain hopeful, even when the headlines seem out of control?

November 2nd (All Saints') – The Work of Waiting, Habakuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

God is at work in the dark places, even when we cannot see it.

November 9th – Skipping Right to the End, 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

It may seem like the end is near, but we must keep going.

November 16th – Full Disclosure, Luke 21:5-19

Christ never promised an easy walk, but one of sacrifice.

November 23rd – Proving Who You Are, Luke 23:33-43

Always challenged to prove ourselves, we find our true identity in Jesus Christ.

An Advent & Christmas Sermon Series

Living "In Between"

Advent is an in-between time of year. It is not just between Thanksgiving and Christmas, though that is when it occurs. Advent is all about what was and what is to be. It is about what has already happened and what has yet to occur. It's a time of anticipation and expectancy. To live the Christian life with expectancy is to be a resident of two worlds. We live fully in the here and now, with all the joys and sorrows, victories and setbacks of a life of faith. We love, laugh, get tired, make mistakes, hurt, rejoice, and grieve as we journey through this wonderful but broken creation. And through the years God works on us and recreates us. So, we live with anticipation of this life God has gifted to us and we also live in anticipation of the life to come. We have entered into eternal life through the waters of baptism and belief, faith, and in our daily life with Christ. We are in between the coming of Christ and his coming again, living in the "now" with Jesus and hopeful expectancy that empowers us and sustains us until we are finally feasting at the heavenly banquet together.

December 1st – Looking for the Fig Tree, Luke 21:25-36

December 8th – Repent and Follow, Luke 3:1-6

December 15th – Advent/Christmas Cantata presented by the Chancel Choir

December 22nd – Can They Hear Us Singing?, Luke 1:39-55

December 24th – Salvation Is Here, Luke 2:1-20

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

At the end of September, EUMC was in a deficit of \$23,483.95, this amount is larger than in 2024 at the same time. Also, below please find a Budget/Actual comparison for 2025 Year to Date. The budget for 2025 projected the possibility of a deficit of \$19,070.00 at the end of the year. With your continued generous support EUMC will come very close to the budgeted amount.

THANK YOU!! With your continued consistent and generous support, EUMC remains strong.

	YTD Thru Sept 2024	YTD Thru Sept 2025	Difference	
Income	257,665.70	271,912.89	14,247.19	5%
General Expenses	36,261.00	48,603.36	12,342.36	25%
Church Staff	167,207.64	162,671.03	-4,536.61	-3%
Council on Ministries	4,591.82	8,116.57	3,524.75	43%
Education	756.47	0.00	-756.47	0%
Youth Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Church Utilities	19,018.94	20,546.66	1,527.72	7%
Insurance	4,968.87	6,827.10	1,858.23	27%
Church Maintenance	24,235.50	42,314.89	18,079.39	43%
Parsonage Expenses	5,270.83	6,317.23	1,046.40	17%
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Gain (Loss)	(4,645.37)	(23,483.95)	(18,838.58)	

	YDT Budget 2025	YTD Actual 2025	Difference
Income	279,008.72	271,912.89	(7,095.83)
General Expenses	45,301.50	48,603.36	3,301.86
Church Staff	162,407.43	162,671.03	263.60
Council on Minustries	8,249.94	8,116.47	(133.47)
Education	2,662.47	-	(2,662.47)
Youth Program	318.75	-	(318.75)
Church Utilitites	25,950.06	20,546.66	(5,403.40)
Insurance	5,812.56	6,827.10	1,014.54
Church Maintenance	40,968.72	42,314.89	1,346.17
Parsonage Expenses	6,164.91	6,317.23	152.32
Miscellaneous	225.00	-	(225.00)
Net Gain(Loss)	(19,052.62)	(23,483.85)	(4,431.23)

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SPECIAL OFFERING

It has been an important tradition of our church that every year during the holiday season we take a special one-time offering to provide gift cards to those who sacrificially serve our communities. First responders and public servants are oftentimes not able to be home for the holidays, and we hope to provide encouragement to them. The offering this year will be collected on Sunday, November 23rd. Please give as generously as you can. Those who are worshipping virtually, please send your offering by mail to the church office and put in the memo of your check "Special Offering".



First Responders *Special Offering*



IT'S TIME TO MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL PLEDGE FOR 2026!

On Sunday, November 16th, you'll have the opportunity to make your financial pledge to Christ through our church for 2026. Early in November, you'll be receiving a letter and with that letter will come your pledge card and envelope. We invite you to pray about what you'll give, then fill out the card, and bring it with you to worship on November 16th, where you'll be invited to lay it at the altar during the service. You'll be reminded in that letter that our church budget has three parts – ministries, missions and building fund. The ministries budget goes toward all the costs of the church's ongoing ministries, such as curriculum for our education programs, payment of our utility and building expenses, staff salaries and expenses, and so on. The missions budget goes toward our outreach ministries and mission trips. And the building fund goes toward projects to maintain our buildings. While all three portions of the budget are important, please remember that the ministries budget includes things that are vital to the day-to-day operation of our church.



ATTENTION ONLINE GIVERS

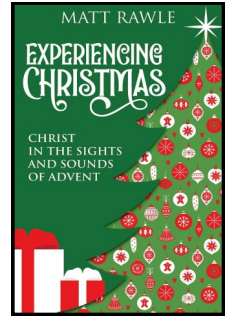
Don't forget to go online at the end of December to our church website – elktonumc.org – and update your figures for your online offering for 2026! Be sure to also delete the figures for 2025, or both amounts will be taken from your account.

NEWS & ITEMS OF INTEREST

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Advent Book Study

Experiencing Christmas - Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent



Everything seems different at the end of the year. We put lights on our houses to dispel the growing darkness, Christmas music floods local radio stations, apple cider and cranberry sauce are again on the menu, and wrapping paper and tape are always ready. Things just look, smell, and taste differently during the Advent and Christmas season, and these differences are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. Christmas is when God surrounded the divine with senses of his own. That first noel was when God had eyes to see suffering, ears to hear our cries, and hands to hold those in need, and all of these senses were bundled in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. "This will be a sign to you," the angel told the shepherds, and they traveled to Bethlehem and found a child. What signs do you see during the Advent and Christmas season that point you to the divine?

This study will be offered two days per week – a lunchtime group and an evening group. The schedule for this four-week Advent study will be:

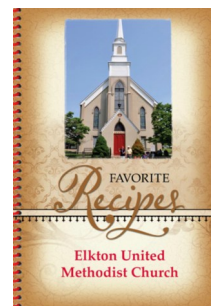
Chapter 1: <i>Do You See What I See?</i>	Tuesday, November 18 th at 12:00 pm & Thursday, November 20 th at 6:30 pm
Chapter 2: <i>Do You Hear What I Hear?</i>	Tuesday, December 2 nd at 12:00 pm & Thursday, December 4 th at 6:30 pm
Chapter 3: <i>Do You Taste What I Taste?</i>	Tuesday, December 9 th at 12:00 pm & Thursday, December 11 th at 6:30 pm
Chapter 4: <i>Do You Feel What I Feel?</i>	Tuesday, December 16 th at 12:00 pm & Thursday, December 18 th at 6:30 pm



2025 EUMC COOKBOOK SALES

Submitted by Nancy Crawford

With the holidays coming up soon, we wanted to let you know we will be selling our beautiful EUMC Cookbooks at the Cookie Walk on Saturday, November 22nd (so you can bring one to your Thanksgiving dinner host/hostess, or pick up a couple to give as Christmas gifts).



So if you didn't already get your copy, or if you have gifts to buy for the holidays, make sure you pick one up. They are \$12 each and contain 300 delicious recipes. And if you can't make it to the Cookie Walk, just catch up with me at church or email me at yellowstone54@hotmail.com to place an order.

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Elkton United Methodist Church

***Cookie Walk
Fundraiser***

Proceeds Benefit the 2026 EUMC Women's Retreat

Saturday, November 22nd
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Weldin Hall

Large Box	Small Box
\$10.00	\$7.00

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Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec 24th @ 10 a.m.

Soloist

Sid Bledsoe

Darrin Peters

Kelly Thompson

Erika Woodward

Narrators

Dick Gochmayer &

Nancy Cratford

Suzette Burgess, Director

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Sub Sale Fundraiser

Proceeds to Benefit the 2026 Women's Retreat

\$10.00 Each

Choose From Italian or Turkey

Subs Provided by Northside Deli

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO ORDER

FIRST ORDER

Deadline November 30th

Pickup on December 7th

SECOND ORDER

Deadline December 28th

Pickup on January 4th

**Order Forms Available in the Sunday Bulletin
and at the Welcome Centers**

Enjoy Fresh Subs While Watching the Ravens & Steelers Faceoff!



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ANGEL TREE 2025

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!



Angels will be available for pickup in the Hospitality Area on Sunday, November 23rd.

We need your help to make this Christmas special for these children.



Please Help Us Decorate Our *Mitten Tree*

***Your donations will go to the children at
Cecil Manor Elementary School***

We need NEW hats, gloves, underwear & socks for children, sizes 4 through 14 (elementary school age 5-10)

Deposit your items into the box located in the Hospitality Area Sunday, November 2nd through Sunday, November 23rd.

The items donated will be delivered to the school during the week of November 23rd.

We thank you for your support.



Sponsored by the Ruth Sarah Circle

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POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Purchase a poinsettia to adorn our sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services in honor of or in memory of someone you love – or, if you don't want or need the poinsettia, make a donation to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). All names (for both poinsettias and UMCOR) will be listed in a bulletin insert on Christmas Eve. Order forms will be available at the Welcome Center and in the Sunday bulletin in mid-November and must be received in the church office no later than Monday, December 8th.



TRUSTEES TRIVIA

Do you know where this is located in the church?
Text your answers to 443-907-3282 and be sure to tell us your name.
(Answer in the next edition of The Beacon)



Answer to Last Issue's Trivia Picture

This is one of the new boilers installed in the Weldin Hall basement over the summer



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)

November

11/1 Roman Graham	11/11 Ada Winkowski	11/20 Frank Deibert
11/1 Kelley Marsilii	11/12 Julianne Czarnecki	11/22 Sharlene Lyle
11/2 Gifford Biles	11/16 Charlotte Loughheed	11/22 David Pugh
11/4 Dorothy White	11/16 Edward Sise	11/23 Andrea Funke
11/7 Frank Gray	11/17 Cheryl Fehlman	11/26 Betty Sprague
11/7 Kimberly Shortall	11/17 Elizabeth Hook	11/26 Kelly Thompson
11/8 LeeAnn Pugh	11/17 Laurie Ruth	11/29 Kimberly Edler
11/11 Ronald Fetterolf	11/19 Karen Veasey	

December

12/2 Terrence Conner	12/14 Phyllis McCoy	12/26 Robert Gilmore
12/3 Joseph Arroyo	12/16 Charlotte Hoffmann	12/26 Kathleen Keithley
12/3 Cheryl McKeown	12/20 Linda Carey	12/28 Robert Olewine, Jr.
12/4 Laurie Alphin	12/20 Mary Schmid	12/28 Fran Vassalotti
12/4 Sidney Bledsoe	12/22 John (Jack) Edler	12/29 Chace Crawford
12/4 Eli Mackie	12/22 Enrique (Marc) Gonzalez	12/31 Debra Hughes
12/8 Jessica Keithley	12/23 Edward Marsilii	12/31 Linda Renshaw
12/10 Kyle Slayman	12/24 George Veasey	
12/13 Beverly Collins	12/26 Lauren Carbone	

January

1/2 Rita Norman	1/9 Lea Gochnauer	1/19 Betty Deibert
1/2 Pamela Stepler	1/9 Herbert Perry	1/19 Wayne Hughes
1/3 Lynn Dech	1/11 Robert Heath, III	1/19 Eric Loveless
1/3 Michael Foster	1/12 Al Bacon	1/21 Joanna Timchula
1/4 Wm. (Chuck) Keithley	1/12 William Carroll, Sr.	1/21 Scott Williams
1/4 Neta Runyon	1/12 Anne Humphrey	1/23 MaryAnn Schmidt
1/5 Kaitlyn Czarnecki	1/13 Sheila Hendricks	1/24 Nancy Fetterolf
1/7 Betty Budrow	1/15 Jennifer Slayman	1/28 Gretchen Vitak
1/7 Alison VanDenHeuvel	1/18 Peggy Ann Marking	1/29 Mary Werner
1/8 Terry VanDenHeuvel	1/18 Noah Noll	1/31 David Miller

Anniversaries

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

November

11/4	Richard & Grace Achuff	11/22	Alexander & Ada Winkowski, Jr.
11/5	Hank & Ella Jane Coleman	11/26	George & Allyson Veasey, Jr.
11/7	Dave & Joyce Browne	11/29	Alan & Kay Hansen
11/15	Mike & Terry VanDenHeuvel	11/29	Scott & Jenny Nickle
11/20	Fred & Amanda Herron	11/30	Richard & Ellen Gruebel

December

12/2	Cossie & Judith Gibson	12/20	Rick & Alice Loveless
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January

1/30	David & Sandy Wherry
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If we missed your anniversary please accept our sincerest apologies and let the church office know so we can correct our information.



Saturday, November 29th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
101 E. Main Street

Shop small on Small Business Saturday at the Elkton Alliance, Inc.! Shop artisan vendors for unique gifts while supporting local small business!



Friday, December 5th
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
101 E. Main Street

Celebrate the start of the season with our annual tree lighting ceremony. Bring the kids to visit with Santa, grab a bag with treats and enjoy our carolers

November 2025

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						1 7:00 PM NA Mtg
2 All Saints' Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday School	3 6:00 PM Pack/Troop 22 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal	4 7:00 PM CCCS 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	5 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	6 1:00 PM Dorcas Circle 6:30 PM Board of Trustees Mtg 8:00 PM AA Meeting	7 12:00 PM Blood Drive	8 7:00 PM NA Mtg
9 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday School	10 6:00 PM Pack/Troop 22 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal	11 12:00 PM JOY! Pot Luck Lunch & Presentation 7:00 PM CCCS 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	12 12:00 PM Ruth Sarah Circle 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	13 6:30 PM Admin Council Mtg 8:00 PM AA Meeting	14	15 7:00 PM NA Mtg
16 Stewardship Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday School	17 6:00 PM Pack/Troop 22 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal	18 12:00 PM Advent Book Study 6:30 PM SPRC Mtg 7:00 PM CCCS 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	19 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	20 6:30 PM Advent Book Study 8:00 PM AA Meeting	21	22 9:00 AM EUMC Cookie Walk 7:00 PM NA Mtg
23 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday School	24 6:00 PM Pack/Troop 22 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal	25 7:00 PM CCCS 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	26 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	27 8:00 PM AA Meeting	28 <div>Church Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving!</div>	29
30 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday School						

December 2025

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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7 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday School	8 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal	9 7:00 PM CCCS Concert 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Meeting	10 12:00 PM Ruth Sarah Circle Mtg 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 12:00 PM JOY! 8:00 PM AA Meeting	12	13 7:00 PM NA Meeting
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21 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday School	22 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal	23 7:00 PM CCCS 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Meeting	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 PM Worship Service 9:00 PM Worship Service	25 8:00 PM AA Meeting	26	27 7:00 PM NA Meeting
			Church Office Closed - Merry Christmas!			
28 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday School	29 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal	30 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Meeting	31			
		Church Office Closed				



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

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Elkton, MD 21921

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Church Staff

Senior Pastor Rev. Eric Warner
Organist Carol Nickle
Choir Director/Coordinator of Music Ministries Suzette Burgess
Handbell Choir Director Rev. Karen Bunnell
Nursery Care Professional Yolanda Gomez
Treasurer Laurie Ruth
Secretary Beth Gullion
Sexton Joseph Gordon
Media/Tech Consultant Jeff Bunnell

Sunday Worship Service

10:00 am

Adult Sunday School

11:00 am

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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.