

From the pastor

By Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor

At a clergy meeting the other day, I heard a presentation on dealing with stress. It was really informative, and it was clear from all the sharing among participants in that meeting that a lot of people are under stress these days. We all know this from reading the news and from living in these trying times. So many people are worried about paying their bills, being able to retire, giving their kids the things they need, or keeping their homes.

The person making the presentation at that meeting gave us several tips for dealing with stress, but do you know what he lifted up as one of the best things we can do? It's being with friends and those who care about us – fellowship with others. Being with other people is one of the best antidotes for stress!

I hope you'll take advantage of all the different ways you can do that here at Elkton UMC. There are so many different fellowship opportunities. There are small (and not-so-small) groups of all types in which you can take part: UMW circles, UMM and men's retreat groups, Sunday School, Beginnings groups, youth group, young adult group, Classic Christians, choirs and prayer groups, and the list goes on and on! The important thing is to be a part of one or more of them. It will be good for your soul, and good for your stress level!

My prayer is that you will take good care of yourself! If you need any help connecting with others in our church, please give me a call. I'll be glad to help in any way I can.

New Summer Office Hours

Starting on Memorial Day, our church office hours will change for the summer. The office will now be closed on Friday afternoons, so the office schedule is now as follows:

Monday-Thursday:

8:00 a.m. - Noon
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - Noon



June 2009

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MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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

Graduating Seniors 2009



We are proud to announce that the following high school and college students are graduating. Congratulations to each of them, and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors!

High School Graduates

Bohemia Manor High School

Landon Fetterolf

Caravel Academy

Stevie Davis

Elkton High School

Lauren Carbone
Brittany Copenhaver
Lauren Davenport
Katie Dawson
Alison DiFilippo
Amanda Fetterolf
Katie Gravatt
Erin Rogers
Nick Thomas
Wesley White

North East High School

Kaitlin Cloud
Joshua Hamilton

Padua Academy

Alyson Mortimer

Rising Sun High School

Tyler Bjerke
Courtney Chambers
Jennifer Cronauer
Sarah Healy
Michael Hook

Salesianum High School

Matthew Cooper

Tome School

Nick Grovola

College Graduates

Linsey Beeson – University of Delaware
James Boulden Jr. – University of Delaware
Stanley Cebula III – Virginia Wesleyan
Christina Dant* – University of Maryland
Ashley Fetterolf – St. John's College
Steven Gilmore – UMBC
Alison McKenica – West Chester University
Catherine Powell* – University of Maryland
Ryan Sawyer – University of Maryland
Jennifer Vogt – University of Delaware
**Masters degree*

New Member Orientation Class

If you are interested in becoming a member of Elkton UMC, you're invited to take part in the next New Member Orientation Class.

Sunday, June 7th
5:00 p.m.
(Room 1)

To register, call the church office or see one of the pastors.

Baptisms

We welcome our newest baptized friends into the Universal Body of Christ!

Wade Richard Gochnauer
son of
Barbara & Craig Gochnauer



Birth announcement

Congratulations to Leah and Frank Mackie on the birth of their daughter, Ada Marie!

Upcoming baptism dates

June 21st (Father's Day)
July 12th
August 9th

To schedule a baptism, call Rev. Bunnell at (410) 398-0933.



We celebrate the recent wedding of Paula Loomis and Jesse Blackburn!

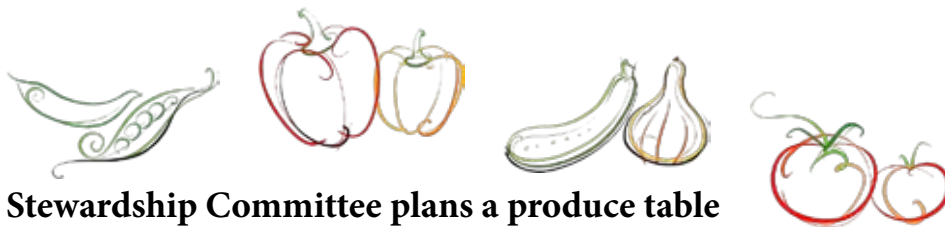
"A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." Ephesians 5:31

Growth Task Force

By Joe Tanner

This spring the Growth Task Force solicited and qualified proposals from four architectural and engineering firms for the site development and construction of the new multipurpose room addition. During the month of May, the task force reviewed the companies’ qualifications and interviewed the principals to make a final selection.

Two church committees have been working on design requirements to be included in the architectural plans for the new kitchen and for the multipurpose room. A third committee and the entire task force have been reviewing finances based on pledged amounts and money received compared to estimated costs. We are trying to determine the total amount of money required, financing options, and how we will manage our cash flow.



Stewardship Committee plans a produce table

By Bob MacDonald on behalf of the Stewardship Committee

If you are planting a garden and have an abundant yield, the Stewardship Committee will be sponsoring a produce table during the month of August to give everyone the chance to share their harvest. Stay tuned – more information will be available at a later date.

Annual Conference meets soon

This year’s session of the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference takes place June 11-13th in Princess Anne, Maryland, on the campus of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Representing Elkton UMC will be delegates Mary Lou Parker and Roger Robinson, reserve-delegate Carol Robinson and Revs. Bunnell and Hurst.

Please pray for Bishop Peggy Johnson as she presides over her very first annual conference.

Calling all pet owners!

By Faye Camors

Pets are needed to visit nursing homes, convalescent facilities and assisted living quarters. Service hours are available for middle and high school students. Contact Faye Camors if you are interested [flyaway723@comcast.net] or (410) 392-5548.

Stewardship Committee

By Bob MacDonald on behalf of the Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank everyone who so graciously donated clothes for our clothing giveaway held on May 2nd. The response was overwhelming, so we had a great selection to display. Although we would have wanted more customers, the committee considered the event a success.

A special thanks to Sandy Wherry and the youth group for their help with boxing and bagging the clothing and for putting Weldin Hall back to normal.

EUMC launches new Community Bulletin Board: Volunteer needed!

The Stewardship Committee would like to start a community bulletin board in our church (and on the web site) to connect people who need a service with someone who can provide it. The bulletin board will also advertise items available for sale (or to be given away for free).

We need someone to coordinate the project by posting items onto the bulletin board and submitting a copy of the items to the person who maintains the church web site. If you are interested in volunteering to help our church community with this service, please call the church office or contact Rev. Bunnell.

Financial Report

(as of April 2009)

Income	\$171,266.39
Expenses	\$158,617.71
Balance	+\$12,648.68

MISSIONS OUTREACH

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

Christmas in April

By Ted McDowell

EUMC's Missions Committee had a very successful Christmas in April project again this year. Thanks to the efforts of about a dozen people, we were able to construct a 6-foot by 6-foot porch and a 28-foot wheelchair ramp for a homeowner near Elkton. We were also able to make some other needed repairs to the residence. This was a great day of fun, fellowship and hard work.

The couple who own the home were very pleased and grateful that we were able to provide them with the much needed ramp.

Photos by Ted McDowell



Missions Yard Sale June 13th

The Missions Committee is having a yard sale at the church on Saturday, June 13th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will accept donations at the church beginning June 8th.

YOUTH GROUP YOUNG ADULTS

"Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." PSALM 25:5

Youth group news

By Sandy Wherry

Our summer youth group meetings will take place on Wednesday evenings this year from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. You will be given a schedule of our meeting locations at the first meeting on June 17th at 5:00 p.m. You will also be able to find them posted on our web site. Anyone going to Creation must attend the meeting or call me to tell me why you can't be there.

I wish to thank all those who helped with the baccalaureate service: Tom Duffy, guest speaker; Rick Ceresini; Ed Lynerd; Laurie Alphin; Anna Mauk; Evan Sluder; Claire Griffith; and Amy Wherry. Congratulations graduates!

Young adults and college students

By Sandy Wherry

We will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on June 6th at the Piece of Ireland Restaurant and Pub just off Route 4 in Delaware for dinner, Irish music, and plans for the summer months (including our weekly Bible study plans).

Congratulations, youth confirmation class!

Congratulations to the following youth who joined the Elkton UMC family on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st:

Wilson Forney, a 7th grader at Caravel Academy, son of Janet and Ray Forney, and older brother of Ross and Olivia

Gabe Funke, an 8th grader at Tome School, son of Andrea and Barton Funke, brother of Madelyn, and grandson of Sandra and Richard Funke

Jacob Gaz, a 7th grader at Fred S. Engle Middle School, son of Vivian and David Gaz, older brother to Ethan and Emma, and grandson of Joan and John Gaz

Jackson Hill, a 7th grader at Cherry Hill Middle School, son of Lydia and Scott Hill, and older brother to Seneca

Bailey Martin, a 7th grader at Tome School, son of Paige and Drew Martin, brother to Perry and Andrew

Madison Olewine, a 7th grader at Tome School, daughter of Sheila and Bob Olewine, younger sister to Chrissy and Ally, and granddaughter of Carrie Olewine

Royce Russell, a 7th grader at Elkton Middle School, grandson of Diane Mauk and brother of Anna, Bonnie, and Travis

Matthew Smith, a 7th grader at Elkton Middle School, son of Valerie and Jeffrey Smith and younger brother of Marisa

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

will be available for purchase after each worship service on the **second Sunday** of each month!

GUESS WHO?



This little girl warms us with her hospitality each Communion Sunday.

(see page 6 for the answer)

Help the

Help Center



On the first Sunday of each month, the Missions Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Help Center. Please bring donations to the hospitality area!



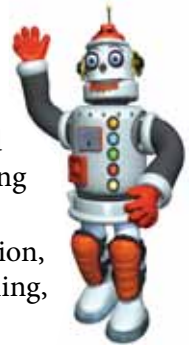
Vacation Bible School

By Melinda Grablis

Registration has begun for Vacation Bible School. Our program will be held during the week of July 20-24th, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. with a closing program on Friday night. We welcome all children ages 3 through 4th grade.

This year we will experience Gadget's Garage. We'll meet, Gadget, a teen genius, and his latest creation, Gizmo, a robot. Together we'll discover how Jesus makes all things new. There will be crafts, Bible learning, skits, music and lots of fun, so sign up today!

Registration cards are located just outside Rev. Bunnell's office. For more information, please contact Melinda Grablis [melindagrabis@comcast.net]. We are asking for a donation of \$5 per child (no more than \$10 per family) to help with the cost of supplies.



Promotion Sunday

By Melinda Grablis

It's hard to believe that the Sunday School year is already coming to an end! Our promotion ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 14th, during our regular Sunday School hour. It's a fun time for the children, as everyone will receive a certificate of promotion and a small gift from the church. Those with excellent attendance will also be recognized and presented with a pin. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

Camp Pecometh

By Melinda Grablis

Summer fun is on the way, and it's not too late to attend one of the fabulous camps at camp Pecometh. We are still offering 100-dollar "camperships" to anyone from our church who would like to attend, so please visit the Camp Pecometh web site [www.pecometh.org] and check out the variety of camps they offer. Then contact Melinda Grablis [melindagrabis@comcast.net] for your 100-dollar campership!

Teacher Recognition Sunday

By Melinda Grablis

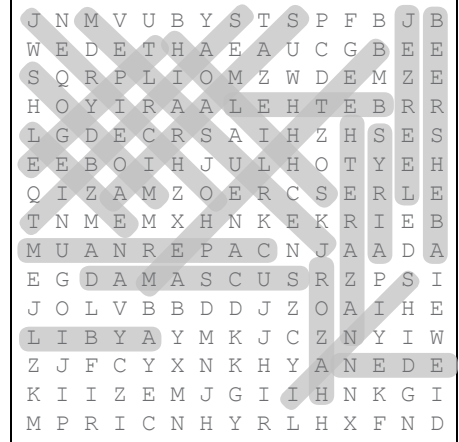
On May 17th we celebrated the service of all the teachers in our church. We recognized and thanked them for their dedication during both church services. We also prepared a breakfast in their honor and gave them a token gift to show our gratitude. A good time was had by all, and the Sunday School teachers were able to take the week off while their classes were led by others in our church family. We would like to thank Sandy Wherry, Gretchen O'Neal, Joanna Melvin, Ami-Jo Parker, and Andrea Funke for making it all possible!

We would also like to express our deepest appreciation to all of our nursery volunteers throughout the year!

God bless all of our teachers as they keep spreading God's love!

Word search solution

(from back page)



Solution to cryptogram

(from back page)

But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth. Deuteronomy 8:18

"Guess Who" Answer



The "hostess with the mostess" is Andee McKenica!

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble." 1 PETER 3:8

Classic Christians annual picnic

The Classic Christians will gather for their annual picnic on Friday, June 19th, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Faye and Buddy Camors. All Classic Christians (50+) are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair (meat, rolls and beverages will be provided). A sign-up sheet is on the table across from Rev. Bunnell's office.

Ocean Grove Choir Festival

Come and hear the glorious sound that nearly 1,500 singers can make on Sunday, July 12th. The Classic Christians are sponsoring this bus trip, and it is open to anyone.

The cost is \$25 per person. Each person should bring their own bag dinner. The bus will leave the EUMC parking lot at 1:30 p.m. and arrive in Ocean Grove between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. Participants will have several hours to explore the town or enjoy the beach before the evening worship service. The bus will depart for home immediately following the service, arriving back at Elkton UMC somewhere around 11:00 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is on the table across from Rev. Bunnell's office, but sign up soon – the bus is filling up fast!

Kentucky mission trip

By Ted McDowell

Once again this year, a mission team from EUMC will be traveling to Lower Beech Fork United Methodist Church in southeastern Kentucky. The team will leave on July 11th and return on July 19th. Previous projects have included roof repairs, painting, construction of porches, wheelchair ramps, and storage buildings as well as other types of projects, such as cleaning, sewing draperies and organizing donated children's clothing for distribution. We never know for sure what we will be asked to do until we arrive at the church on Sunday evening.

If you talk to anyone who has gone along on one of our trips, you will learn that there is much more to the trip than working on projects. Reverend Steve Springer tells each group that he hopes we will accomplish three things during our visit. He lists them in order of importance:

1. Grow closer to God.
2. Grow closer to each other.
3. Get some work done.

In the four years that I have gone on this trip, I have come home feeling that our group met and exceeded Steve's expectations. Not only did we grow closer to God and to each other, we made some lasting friendships with the people in the LBF Church. The love that has been shown to us by the people of this part of Kentucky made many of us feel that we had received more than we gave.

If this sounds like the kind of experience that you have been seeking, sign up to go along with us this year. The sign-up sheet is located on the Missions bulletin board, which is located next to the choir room. Sign-ups will continue until June 7th. If you need more information, contact Ted McDowell at (410) 398-7988 or at [mcdowell0149@msn.com].

Cub Scouts



The scouts will be having lots of fun during the month of June enjoying mostly outside activities, including camping, picnicking, hiking and much more. If you or your son is interested in finding out more about scouting, please contact Karen Kuhn at [kkuhn@pack443elkton.org] or (609) 575-7376.

Men's fellowship breakfast

By Rev. George Leathrum

Keep the third Wednesday morning open to come to our Men's Fellowship Breakfast. We meet at the Elkton Diner at 6:30 a.m. and are on our way by 7:30. Mark these dates on your calendar:

June 17th
July 15th
August 19th
September 16th

Thanks for a successful tea!

By Nancy Leathrum

Thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen who attended, cooked, cleaned up, or donated their time and supplies to our annual Mother's Day tea. It was a huge success made possible by your combined efforts. Our missions will be greatly helped by the over \$750 we profited.

We will be taking the summer off from major projects, but please remember to continue saving the Redner tapes – they have become a significant part of our funding.

Mark your calendars for October 17th when we will be entertaining the Wilmington District United Methodist Women.



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 Sandy Wherry

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 Mary Ann Schmidt

Secretary:
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Organist:
 Sharon Williams

Director of Music:
 Paul Deemer

Treasurer:
 William Vassalotti

Sexton:
 Donald Ewing

Summer Office Hours

Monday through Thursday:
 8:00AM - Noon *and* 12:30PM - 3:00PM
 Friday:
 8:00AM - Noon

Contact Information

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 Email: eumc@comcast.net
 Web site: www.elktonumc.org

Sunday Worship Services

8:30AM - 9:30AM
 11:00AM - Noon

Wednesday Prayer Service

5:30PM - 6:30PM (Room 1)

Sunday School (for all ages)

9:45AM - 10:45AM

Youth Fellowship

Sunday evenings: 6:00PM

- BEERSHEBA
- BETHEL
- BETHLEHEM
- CAPERNAUM
- DAMASCUS
- EDEN
- EGYPT
- EZEL
- HAZOR
- JERICHO
- JERUSALEM
- JEZREEL
- LIBYA
- NAZARETH
- SAMARIA
- SHILOH
- SINAI
- SODOM
- SYRIA
- TIBERIAS

Places of the Bible

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Bible Verse Cryptogram

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