

From the Pastor

By Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor

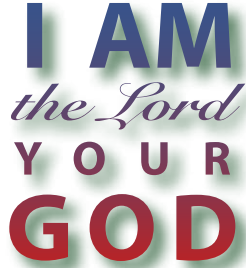
Fall is one of my favorite times of the year – especially here in the church. The halls are full and buzzing with excitement as all of the ministries kick back into high gear. The choirs are back, and the music is fabulous! And the pews are filling up again, which is wonderful!

The months ahead are chocked full of exciting plans. We'll be celebrating our church's 210th anniversary, we'll be getting a closer look at the plans for the new building, we'll be having some new and exciting things in worship, and we'll gather around tables for our always wonderful UMW breakfast and UMM spaghetti dinner.

The Spirit of the Lord is alive and lively here at Elkton UMC! I'm so blessed to be in ministry with you, and I look forward to growing closer to God and you through all of these opportunities in the months ahead.

Trip to Lancaster planned for Christmas Show

Join the Classic Christians as they travel to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, December 3rd, at 3:00 p.m. for the American Music Theatre's Christmas Show. Tickets are \$35 per person. You can sign up for the trip on the table across from Rev. Bunnell's office.



Growth Task Force update – mark your calendar!

By Joe Tanner

On Sunday, October 18th, at 10:00 a.m., the Growth Task Force and our project architect, Mark Clark of Clark Design Group, will make a presentation to the congregation on our church building plans. The Clark Design Group has completed the design phase of the architectural work, and McCrone has developed a preliminary site plan. All of those things are being presented first informally, and then formally to town officials for approval.

Mark your calendar now for this important meeting where you will see a fabulous computer rendering of the new building addition and hear about the plans as they are unfolding. The Growth Task Force is excited about the project and eager to share this information with you on the 18th!

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MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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

With Deepest Sympathy

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Laura McLewin
Virginia Davidson
Kennard Merrey

A note of thanks from the Melvin family

To all of my family and friends at EUMC: I am so blessed to be part of this wonderful family! Thank you for all of the prayers and support that everyone has shown. It has carried us through and continues to keep us strong. We love you all!

~ Joanna, Johnny and Jocelyn and Jim Melvin

Blood pressure screenings



Available on the second Sunday of each month in the parish nurse office!

GUESS WHO?



Wonder if this little guy rode a scooter to visit people?

(see page 5 for the answer)

Upcoming baptism dates

October 18th

November 8th

December 13th

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

Welcome New Members

We welcome these newest members into our church family!



Julie Burton



Kimberlie Kelly

"You are welcome at my house."

JUDGES 19:20

Line dancing

By Faye Camors

So many have asked me about additional line dance lessons and places to dance. I hope this information will be of some help to those who would like to get more involved.

Bob Jackson's

Dance lessons on Monday nights, 7:00-10:00 p.m. (Instructor: Shirley Mackie)

Moose Club (located at the Lanzi Circle on Highway 213)

Dance lessons on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-10:00 p.m. (Instructor: Shirley Mackie); dancing on the last Saturday of each month

Elks Club (off Faulk Road in Wilmington, Delaware)

Beginner lessons on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-11:00 p.m.; more advanced lessons on Friday evenings, 8:00-midnight (Instructor: Pepper Walling)

Another local dance instructor is Jo Ann Bradley. Visit her web site [www.joannebrady.com] for more information about where she is teaching and dancing.

Faye and Buddy Camors will be back at the Elks Club dancing in October. Let us know if you would like to join us on a Wednesday or Friday!

News about music ministries

By Sharon Williams, Coordinator of Music Ministries

"Praise him for his mighty acts, praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 150:2

Our music program is off to a great start! We still need singers in our choirs. Our Hymn Choir rehearses at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and sings at the 8:30 a.m. service. The Senior Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 and sings for the 11:00 service on Sunday mornings. The Men's Choir rehearses at 9:45 on Sunday mornings and will sing throughout the year for our Sunday services. The Children's Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 worship service (after the sermon) and sings on the fourth Sunday of every month.

We are beginning a new handbell program this year. In addition to the adult handbell choir, we are starting a bell choir for our young people in grades 4-5 and a youth handbell choir(s) for grades 6-12 (see article on right).

Let us know if you are interested in joining one of these groups. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me at (410) 392-3242 or [stwilliams10@comcast.net].

United Methodist Men seek a few (more!) good men

At the September meeting of the United Methodist Men (UMM), President Stanley Cebula announced that new officers will be elected at their December meeting when the existing officers will be stepping down after many years of service to our church. The UMM is looking forward to another year and trusts that other men in the church will step forward to help lead this very important group.

The UMM plays a vital role in supporting our church maintenance, as well as raising money for missions. Its largest (and most delicious!) fundraisers are the highly anticipated spaghetti dinners when Weldin Hall is transformed into an Italian restaurant with a salad bar, servers, and even a maître d'!

The UMM is actively seeking new members and would welcome all men (young and not-so-young!) to join their group. Please contact Stanley Cebula, Gifford Biles, or Joe Tanner if you are interested in joining and/or leading the Elkton United Methodist Men.

Blessing of the Animals

By Rev. Karen Bunnell

A brand new worship service will be held at 4:00 p.m on Sunday, October 4th, which is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi who had a special love for animals. The new service is called the "Blessing of the Animals" and it's a celebration of the pets in our lives. The brief service will take place on the lawn in front of Weldin Hall. It will include some singing, scriptures, and a blessing of each animal present. So you're invited to bring your favorite pet with you for this very special service. You're also invited to bring a lawn chair.

Young musicians needed to play handbells!

By Deborah Ingram

Are you in grade 4 through 12? Do you have a basic understanding of how to read music? Are you willing to attend weekly rehearsals on a regular basis? Do you want to have fun with friends learning to play a unique instrument? If you answered "yes" to all of these questions, then please read on.

We will be starting a children's handbell choir (grades 4-5) and a youth handbell choir (grades 6-12) this fall. Tentative rehearsal times are 8:45-9:30 a.m. on Sundays for the 4th-5th grade choir, and 12:15-1:00 p.m. on Sundays for the 6th-12th grade choir. An informational meeting for kids and parents will be held in October or early November (date to be determined).

If you are interested or have questions, please email Deb Ingram at [BriDebIngram@comcast.net] or call her at (505) 379-1422. We are still in the early stages of organizing the bell choirs, so please stay tuned for more information in upcoming church bulletins.



MISSIONS OUTREACH

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

Rotating Winter Homeless Shelter begins

By Terri Lokey

The Rotating Winter Homeless Shelter will run again this year beginning in November. The homeless shelter is available for those experiencing homelessness and needing a warm bed and meals. Each week a different church sponsors the shelter, either housing it at their own facility or at the First Assembly of God in Elkton. Our church has signed on again to sponsor two weeks at the First Assembly of God. Our first week is November 23-30 (site supervisors: Terri Lokey and Susan Starrett) and the second week is January 18-25 (site supervisors: Terri Lokey and Faye Camors).

We are interested in getting many people involved with the homeless shelter. We are looking for volunteers to help chair different committees, such as a kitchen manager and an evening program manager to help organize events like a possible Bible Study, entertainment, haircuts, etc. Of course, we will need many volunteers to help out throughout the week at the shelter as well as to prepare meals. Breakfast will only be served on Saturday and Sunday, as the clients will be eating breakfast at the Mary Randall Center (MRC) on the weekdays. Everyone is also encouraged to help out at the MRC.

It is fun to have different church groups (choir, circles, Sunday School or disciple classes) sign up together for a meal or to cover an evening. Someone will be available in the reception area to help you sign up at the beginning of October.

The following are donations that are needed for the shelter. There is a bin across from Karen's office where you can place these items: coffee, creamer, sugar packs, cereal, tea bags, powder drink mixes, snacks, large trash bags, plastic wrap, foil, laundry detergent, dish soap, tissues, cleaning supplies, toiletries, and razors.

Our first informational meeting was held on September 27th, and another meeting will be held on Sunday, November 1st, at 10:00 a.m. between services in the sanctuary. Please attend this next meeting for more information about the shelter if you haven't volunteered at the shelter before. If you have questions, please contact Terri Lokey at (443) 350-1986 or [tlokey@zoominternet.net] or Susan Starrett at (302) 530-7993 or [starrett623@yahoo.com].

The following events will help raise money to support the rotating shelter:

Christian Music Fest

The Christian Music Fest will be held at the Town Point United Methodist Church in Chesapeake City on Saturday, October 3rd, from noon to 6:00 p.m. and will feature bluegrass, gospel, contemporary Christian, Christian rock and more. Admission is free (a love offering will be collected), and food will be available for purchase. Bring chairs and blankets! For more information, call (410) 885-5641 or visit [www.chesapeakecityumc.org].

Meeting Ground's 6th Annual Autumn Gathering Luncheon & Silent Auction

This luncheon/auction will be held on Saturday, October 24th, at the Deerfield Golf and Tennis Club from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a fantastic day of great food and terrific auction items. Tickets are \$45 (\$20 is a tax-deduction). Tickets are available at [www.meetingground.org] or by calling Terri Lokey at (443) 350-1986.

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 on:

October 4th

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

On **October 11th**, we will offer ground coffee and beans from Dean's Beans. This coffee was aboard the ship of Captain Phillips when he was taken hostage and rescued by the heroes of the armed forces of the good ole USA.

Stop by after both worship services so you can enjoy a "cup of Joe" that has been a top story in the news!

COMMUNITY

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

MATTHEW 25:40

Next Community Kitchen:

October 2nd

(at EUMC)

If you are interested in donating food for the Community Kitchen, please contact Nancy Fetterolf at (410) 398-5838.

KITCHEN

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 "Back to School Rally" was well attended. There were about 10-12 different youth groups, lots of food and activity.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the scavenger hunt. A special thanks goes to Rev. Bunnell for the wonderful clues. We hope everyone had a great time. I'll let you know which team won in the next issue.

Youth: Don't forget about FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). It meets in your school around 7:00 a.m. until the first bell. This organization is for any Christian – athlete or not – who wishes to find a short Bible study and mission work within the school community. Many meetings are held on Thursdays and some include breakfast.

Don't forget the Crop Walk to help feed the homeless. We will eat and leave for the walk following the 11:00 a.m. service on October 4th. We should return in time for the Blessing of the Animals service.

We will be participating in the Relay for Life Craft Fair on October 10th. We need to be at the church by 7:45 a.m. to prepare to sell breakfast. Our table at this event will also help us with our mission projects.

Our junior youth group (grades 5-7 and 8th graders who would prefer this group) will meet on October 11th from 12:15-1:45 p.m.

The first youth retreat will meet at EUMC on October 16th for a gathering at church for both youth groups. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner. The high school youth group will serve communion to the junior youth. The junior group will stay with us until 9:00 p.m. (we have an overnight retreat planned at a different time for the junior youth). The high school youth will leave for our mystery location until Sunday morning (October 18th). You will need your sleeping bags, toiletries, Bible, and an open mind.

Contact Sandy Wherry at (443) 309-0160 or [slwherry@comcast.net] with any questions. Church members, don't forget to bring your empty aluminum cans to church to help with our mission work! Parent classes led by Heidi & Larry Gaultney will be offered during the evening youth meetings in October.

Homecoming boutique

By Sandy Wherry

We are very fortunate to offer the boutique to everyone attending Homecoming. We have many new dresses from a boutique in Middletown and a few dresses that have been donated to our boutique. The hours are Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. until the end of October or by appointment by calling (443) 309-0160. Come out and find just the right dress, shoes and accessories for *free*. We were so excited to give beautiful dresses with alterations to young ladies last spring, and we're doubly excited that we are able to do it again! Praise the Lord!

Invitation to SAMs, YAMs and college students

By Sandy Wherry

I'm inviting all single adults and college students (ages 18-35) to breakfast at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Bring a friend and your appetite. Call (443) 309-0160 for the location.

We will also be going to dinner at the Piece of Ireland on October 23rd. It is located on Route 4 in Newark. Bring a date if you like and meet us there at 6:30 p.m. with a hearty appetite.

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

(from back page)

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"Guess Who" Answer



In case you haven't seen him on his scooter, Rev. Don Hurst rides it when he's making visits!

Solution to Cryptogram

(from back page)

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." *Isaiah 40:8*

Financial Report

(as of the end of August 2009)

Income	\$298,637.04
Expenses	\$299,371.97
Balance	-\$734.93

CHRISTIAN 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



Photos courtesy of Rich Juergens

2009 Sunday School Picnic



Special studies opportunities this fall

By Melinda Grablis

We will be offering Beginnings I and III classes this fall. These classes will meet once a week at 6:00 p.m. and consist of 9 to 12 sessions. Participants share a meal, watch a short video, and finish with a time of discussion.

Beginnings I, an introduction to the Christian faith, explores the fundamentals of our faith. It asks the questions: What is sin? What is salvation? Can I be forgiven? What happens when I die?

Beginnings III, Longing to Belong, focuses on life in the body of Christ with the goal of teaching ecclesiology or study of the church. It addresses questions, such as, How do we find our place? What are we hungry for? What happens when we pray together?

Before you take Beginnings III, you need to have taken Beginnings I. Pre-registration is required for classes, so if you are interested, please contact Melinda Grablis at (410) 620-2345 or [melindagrabis@comcast.net].

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

Charge Conference

By Rev. Karen Bunnell

Our church's annual Charge Conference will take place on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in Weldin Hall. This annual meeting provides us an opportunity to celebrate all we have done this year and lay out our plans for next year. It is led by the Wilmington District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. William Fitzhugh.

All members of the Administrative Council are required to attend, but anyone else who is interested is most welcome to attend.

Family nights

By Sandy Wherry

The next family night will be held on October 24th at Cedar Farm off Calvert Road near Rising Sun. It will begin at 5:00 p.m. We will roast hot dogs, have hayrides, a bonfire and enjoy the evening together. Everyone should bring a dish to place on a buffet table and a chair. If it's chilly, please bring a blanket for the hayride. Hope to see everyone there.

Directions: Follow Route 40 to North East, take a right at the traffic light of Route 40 and Route 272. Follow Route 272 to the light at Cecil College and turn left onto Biggs Highway. Follow Biggs Highway to Calvert Road and take a right. Go across the one-lane bridge and turn left into Cedar Farm.

The next family night will be held on December 5th at EUMC. We will be making Christmas ornaments after dinner.

Classic Christians (50+) plan fall schedule

Potluck dinner (program to be determined)

Friday, October 16th, 6:30 p.m.

Potluck dinner and presentation on Elkton history

(by Mike Dixon of the Cecil County Historical Society)

Friday, November 20th, 6:30 p.m.

Dessert and planning meeting for 2010

Friday, December 4th, 6:30 p.m.

Travel with the Classic Christians to beautiful Vermont

The Classic Christians are planning their next road trip! From May 3-6, 2010, they'll be traveling by motor coach to Stowe, Vermont, to spend four days and three nights at the fabulous Trapp Family Lodge. The lodge is run by descendants of Maria and Georg Von Trapp of "The Sound of Music" fame.

It's a lovely Austrian lodge, surrounded by acres of walking trails, and filled with wonderful activities. The cost of the trip is approximately \$650 per person and includes transportation, lodging, breakfast and dinner each day, and admission to tours including Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream! For more information, or to sign up for the trip, see Rev. Bunnell in the church office.

World Communion Sunday

By Rev. Karen Bunnell

On Sunday, October 4th, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday with Christians around the world. It is one of the only days all year that all Christians receive the Lord's Supper on the same day. To remember that in a special way this year, we will be having the Gospel lesson read in several languages, and using breads from different parts of the world. Be sure to come on this very special Sunday!

Men's fellowship breakfast

By Rev. George Leathrum

Remember that the third Wednesday of each month is when the men of our church gather for breakfast. We look forward to seeing you at the Elkton Diner at 6:30 a.m. Come for fellowship, a time of devotions, and a good breakfast.

October 21st

November 18th

December 16th

January 20th

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming UMW Events!

Fall Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, October 25th

7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Weldin Hall

Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 12th

Cookie sales begin at 8:30 a.m.

Weldin Hall



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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 11:00 a.m. - Noon

SUNDAY SCHOOL (ALL AGES)

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m. - Noon
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - Noon

WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Room 1)

CHURCH STAFF

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 Professionals Mary Ann Schmidt
 Yolanda Gomez
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 Secretary Kay Mortimer
 Sexton Donald Ewing

Food in the Bible

(solution is on page 5)

- APPLES
- BARLEY
- BEANS
- BREAD
- CHEESE
- CURDS
- DATES
- FATTENED CALF
- FISH
- FLOUR
- GRAPES
- HERBS
- HONEY
- LENTILS
- OLIVES
- POMEGRANATES
- RAISINS
- VINEGAR
- WAFERS
- WHEAT

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Bible Verse Cryptogram

(solution is on page 5)

“HXA MUPYY EWHXAU Y PJJ HXA IRZEAU Y IPRR, OBH HXA EZUL
 ZI ZBU MZL YHPJLY IZUAQAU.”