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## From the Pastor

By Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

I love September! I love the sense of excitement and enthusiasm that September brings. Everyone returns to church after a summer filled with vacations and time off. The hallways fill with people, sounds of childrens' voices fill the air, the choirs come back, classes start up - it's all wonderful. We need the quiet and restoration time of summer, but oh, how I love September!

This September kicks off with a wonderful celebration on the 4th - the consecration of the beautiful new Wesley Wing! Making that extra special will be the presence of Gary Moore, the pastor who immediately preceded me here at Elkton UMC. It will be his first time back in the church since he left! He's so excited about our building project, and asked if he could come and celebrate with us, and of course, I enthusiastically said "Yes!" It will be great to have him here with us, along with our District Superintendent.

Then, the next Sunday, everything kicks off - Sunday School, choirs, etc. Come and find your place in one of the ministries of our church! There are a number of new classes being offered, and the choir would love to have you join them if you have the gift of music. If you need help finding your way into a class or group or ministry, please give me a call. I'd be glad to help. See you in September!



## CONSECRATION OF THE NEW WESLEY WING

Sunday, September 4, 2011

10:00 a.m. in Weldin Hall

Wilmington District Superintendent Derrick Porter  
and Easton District Superintendent Gary Moore  
will both be present for this special celebration!

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## Mission Team Kentucky Trip

By: *Theodore McDowell*

On Saturday, July 9, the Mission Team from Elkton UMC departed for our annual trek to Mozelle, Kentucky. The team was made up of thirteen members – eight young people and five adults. We arrived at Lower Beech Fork UMC on Sunday afternoon and were welcomed and made to feel at home by Reverend Steve Springer, his wife Diane, and several members of the LBF congregation.

Our team worked at two homes this year. One group worked on patching, sanding, and painting drywall at Roseanne's house. The second crew applied wood siding and installed windows at Harvey Dean and Mary Jane's house. We also cut a hole in one wall and installed a new air conditioner.

For many of the Mission Team, the trip to Kentucky has become an event that we look forward to each year. While the work we do is important, the fellowship among the team and with the Lower Beech Fork community is of equal value. The people at LBF look forward to our annual visits and always ask that we come back. As for the team members, many of us feel like we are visiting and helping our extended family when we go on the trip.

## UNIQUE COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

*Submitted by Linda White/Evangelism/Membership Committee*

The Evangelism & Member Care Committee would like to present a unique opportunity to all of you. Now that the renovations to our church are complete and beautiful, we would like to invite the community to join us in worship. We are a friendly, welcoming congregation and we need to let people know it and know that our renovations were done, in part, for them. We made room for our community and now we need to reach out.

To celebrate our Fall kick-off weekend, on Saturday, September 10th we will be going out into local neighborhoods and will be inviting people to join us for worship and Sunday School on Sunday, September 11th. A perfect day for community outreach! Our plan is walk in two's and knock on doors with a sincere invitation and we need as many of you as possible. Now I realize that many of you are thinking this is way out of your comfort zone, and you couldn't possibly knock on strangers' doors. Well, all we're asking is that you knock on a few doors with a smile, tell people you're from Elkton United Methodist Church and you would like to invite them to worship services and Sunday School. This is simply an invitation to join us in worship.

For those of you who are still skeptical or would like more information, on Saturday morning, September 10th at 8:30 a.m. we will be meeting for coffee in Weldin Hall. At 9 a.m., there will be a brief training session where different scenerios will be discussed. All of your questions and concerns will be answered at that time. Then at approximately 10 a.m. we will head out in groups of two to go door to door. If you're thinking about it, but are apprehensive, please join our committee for coffee and training and then make up your mind.

## Mentor Program

*Nancy Mitchell*

Our church will continue to have a partnership with Thomson Estates Elementary School to provide mentors for their students. This is the eighth school year that church members have volunteered one hour per week to meet with their student and read together, do class-work or homework, or maybe play board games. Volunteers receive an orientation/training before they meet with their student for the first time.

Mentors are always needed. The list of needy students is always longer than the list of available mentors. One hour of time each week can make a child feel loved and special. I have been a mentor since the partnership began. I am especially pleased to have seen one of my first students recently while shopping. It was wonderful to discover that he is still in school and he will be a senior in high school this year. One of our goals as mentors is to help students be successful in school. Would you like to join us?

Please call or email me if you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer as a mentor: Nancy Mitchell (410) 398-9344 or [nhmitchell@msn.com](mailto:nhmitchell@msn.com)



### GUESS WHO?

*This Mr. Fix It watched carefully until he learned to keep his cool!*

(answer on page 8)

## EDUCATION AND EVENTS

*"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not turn from it."* PROVERBS 22:6

### Baptisms

Elijah John DiSciullo,  
son of Chris and Celeste

Emma Karen Veasey,  
daughter of George and Allyson

Leah Renee Wyant,  
daughter of James Douglas  
and Michelle Wyant

Ricky Lee Sawyers,  
son of Shawn Ring and Michelle Wyant

Kayne Edward Wyant,  
son of Shawn Ring and Michelle Wyant

Eric Keith Lipford, Jr.,  
son of Denise Lipford

James Collin Lipford,  
son of Denise Lipford

## Yard Sale Planned for October 8th

We need your "stuff"! Simplify your life and give to a good cause. The Missions Committee will be holding a yard sale in Weldin Hall on Saturday, October 8th, from

8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All donations are welcome and, if needed, pick-up can be arranged. If you have questions or need items to be picked up, please contact Pauline Eaton at 302-737-5031.

## With Deepest Sympathy

Grasyn Dale Fishlock  
Esther Litzenberg

Walter Lee  
Virginia Marcus

## Soccer Clinic

We wish to thank Carlos Reyes for having the foresight to hold a soccer clinic for the children of our church this summer. We also want to thank Andrew Fetterolf for being faithful as an additional coach. Our thanks also goes to Amanda Fetterolf and Amy Wherry for their participation.

### Holy Matrimony

We are happy to announce the following marriage!

**Dana Young and  
Taylor Bunnell**

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

## Writing from the Heart

By Krista Gilmore

God speaks to us in many ways ... and He often uses people whom we see every day (or every Sunday) to inspire us, challenge us, to help us become more Christ-like. Would you like to be one of those individuals? Writing a devotion for Advent or Lent gives you the opportunity to read an assigned Scripture passage, reflect on it, and then simply share (through writing) what God has laid on your heart.

We will begin working on the Advent Devotional in mid-September (Lenten Devotional in late January) and we hope many of you will consider contributing. Devotion writers can be individuals or groups (i.e. couples, siblings, parent/child ... Sunday School classes, small groups, circles – I think you get the picture!). And if you want to write but need a little guidance, we can pair you with a writer from a previous Advent or Lenten devotional to assist and encourage you. Want to help but just don't feel comfortable writing? Well, not to worry! These projects require coordination – we would gladly accept help with contacting potential writers and with compiling completed devotions.

Interested? Please contact Krista Gilmore (410-392-9619 or kgilmore59@yahoo.com) or Bettie Murray (443-309-4160 or bmurray@ccps.org).

## Interested in Joining Elkton UMC?

Then you're invited to take part in the next New Member Orientation which will be held on Sunday, September 11th at 12:30 p.m. in Room 1. Come and learn more about what it means to be United Methodist, about the ministries and people of Elkton UMC, and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Lunch is provided with the class, and childcare is available if needed. To register for the class, email [eumc@comcast.net](mailto:eumc@comcast.net) or call the church office at 410-398-0933.

# Sunday School Kickoff Sunday

By Shannon Laramore, Director of Children & Education Ministries

We are so excited and hope you are too, as we begin another Sunday School year on September 11, 2011. Please join us in Weldin Hall at 9:45. We will have a time of registration, and then students will move to their classrooms with their teachers. Classes are offered for all ages.



Class	Room	Teachers
2 and 3 year olds	Room 29	Susan Zimmer and Susan Starrett
Pre-Kindergarten	Room 27	Lori Foster and Jane Kovicak
Kindergarten & 1st Grade	Room 28	Barb Pinder and Jeanette Perkins
2nd & 3rd Grade	Room 1	Kate Valetutti and Linda Renshaw
4th Grade	Room 21	Robin Lewis and Melinda Grablis
5th & 6th Grade	Room 31	Marlene Gautsch and Bob Gautsch
7th & 8th Grade	Room 30	Ray Forney
High School	Weldin Hall Basement	Sandy Lavelle and Rob Kovicak

In addition to our children and youth classes, we are also providing many wonderful adult classes this year. The adult classes are as follows:

**TNT**- a class aimed at dealing with topics of faith for people in their 20's and 30's. Held in the Parlor and led by Joe Tanner.

**Uppity Women of the Bible**- a women's class which focuses on some amazing and often misunderstood women of the Bible. Held in Room 33 and led by Kim Artrip.

**Faith Link** - a class that motivates Christians to consider their own personal views on contemporary issues. Held in Room 35 and led by Rick Ceresini.

**Choir Study** - participants will be discussing the will of God. This class is offered at 9:00 to fulfill the needs of our choir, but anyone may join. The class will be held in the Parlor and led by Krista Gilmore.

**In the Light of Faith**- using DVD studies this group will approach topics such as living our best life and questions of faith. Held in Room 34 and led by Jen Noll.

**Teaching the Word of Truth** - this Bible study will discuss the fundamentals of the Bible. Held in Room 32 and led by Ivan Mehosky.

**Tradition and Wisdom** - participants will study "The New International Lesson Annual" in a discussion style format. Held in the Chapel and led by Murray Thompson.

*(Rooms 30-35 are located in the new Wesley Wing!)*

Please stop by and find the perfect class for you!

# 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 News

By Sandy Wherry

The youth have decided to adopt a new name. We will be known as “DOC” . . . Disciples of Christ. Our mission statement will be “Destination Heaven”.

The eight youth members who attended the mission trip wish to thank the adults who planned the trip, booked rooms for us as we traveled, worked, ate and played beside us and helped to make the trip very fulfilling.

We wish to thank the families who hosted us this summer: Blead’s, Kennedy’s, Lokey’s, and Murray’s. We had a great time. Your food and hospitality were marvelous!

The youth group hopes your whole family has seen “Soul Surfer” the movie that depicts the true story of a young woman surfer who loses her arm to a shark! It’s a great movie for families to watch and then start a discussion. A few questions to begin the discussion might be . . . What did you learn from the movie? What did Bethany learn? What did her family and community learn? Where did she get her strength? How important was her church during this time and what did they do to help?

Our Kick-off Night and Scavenger Hunt will be September 18th at 5 pm. Parents are invited to form their own teams this year and compete against the youth group. Our yearly calendars will be ready for you to take that evening.

Youth Group (“DOC”) is designed for students in grades 6 – 12. We consist of 20 church members, 5 church family connections, and 1 member from another UMC church without a youth program, 2 friends of the youth from a community outside of Elkton and 3 neighborhood friends. Many of the youth can’t attend every meeting but they do attend regularly. As one of our members said, “There is something here for everyone! Try doing all the fun and intriguing things (we offer) with a group of your peers, who after one week will no longer feel like peers, but feel like family and close friends.”

I want to thank the congregation for supporting us. I hope you know that the youth feel the way they do about “DOC” because of your kindness. It is an important part of their lives and you keep influencing them in ways that you may not see for many years to come. I have been fortunate enough to witness some of the benefits of the youth group already and I thank you for ‘living your faith’. Check out our web info and links.

UPCOMING NEWS: Crop Walk – Saturday, Oct. 8th (we’ll need sponsors).

### Baptisms

The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated on the following Sundays:

**September 11, October 9, November 13**

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



**Peyton Taylor Whiteman,**  
daughter of Brandye and Jaren

## Vacation Bible School

by Melinda Grablis

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and talents to make Vacation Bible School come to life! Because of you we were able to make it known to over sixty children that “God is Wild about Them”. This year our program titled “Pandamania”. Through games, crafts, stories, and music children explored the truths that “God loves them no matter what” and that God watches over them always”. The kids also had a mission throughout the week, to help other children by collecting and donating money to A.I. DuPont Children’s Hospital. They raised two hundred and ninety dollars. Way to go kids! The week ended with a closing program Friday night where the children performed songs for their families and enjoyed an ice cream treat. Hope to see you all next year at Vacation Bible School.

## To The Congregation of the Elkton United Methodist Church,

Thank you for allowing me to serve here over these past three years as the Director of Children’s and Educational Ministries. I have been blessed in so many ways by my employment here. It has truly been an enriching experience and I thank God for leading me to this place. I know he has a plan for each of us and that we just have to say yes as he guides the way. Thank you so much for your generous farewell gift. I look forward to continuing to worship and serve here with all of you, my church family.

Sincerely, Melinda Grablis

## Finance Update

*By: Buddy Camors, Finance Chair*

Through the month of July, EUMC is running a deficit of \$38,866. As stated in previous newsletter articles, this deficit has been incurred because of high energy costs, repairs to the church, and major expenses at the parsonage due to equipment failures. We hope that all of these issues are behind us, but the fact remains that we need the congregation to continue to be generous in their “giving” and honor their pledges. Soon school will be back in session and the summer vacation season completed. This should result in an increase in attendance at Sunday services and also translate into more revenue for the church.

We hope that everyone will understand the need to reduce and/or eliminate this deficit so that the church can continue to fund all our outreach programs and function in a manner in which we are all accustomed. Your prayers and “giving” will insure that we are successful in these endeavors.

The “On-Line Giving” program which allows individuals to have their Sunday contributions withdrawn directly from their bank account has been quite positive with an increasing number of persons utilizing this opportunity. This program makes “giving” easy and efficient. Each Sunday in September, there will be a table set-up to provide information on the program so that all can understand the opportunity and if it will work for them.

## Trustees’ Report

*By Charlie Campbell & Faye Camors*

With our new construction complete, we are going to focus on freshening up our older facilities, as finances allow. There are many projects on our list and your help is needed.

- Painting the rear hall and stairways
- Repairing the flooring in the hospitality area
- Sprucing up the balcony
- Adding a railing to the steps outside of Weldin Hall
- Re-sparging the chimney

Bigger projects that we would like to take on when we have the money are:

- Enlarging the hospitality area
- Redoing the kitchen, converting the stove to gas, improving the work area, and increasing storage
- Converting the boilers from oil to gas, adding a gas water heater to Weldin Hall

If you are a gardener, and would like to take responsibility for landscaping one of the islands in our new parking lot, please contact Faye Camors at [flyaway723@comcast.net](mailto:flyaway723@comcast.net).

Finally - PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - When you leave a room, please turn off any heating or air conditioning! If it runs while the room is not in use, our electric bill will skyrocket, and we really need to try to control our expenses as best we can. Thanks for all your help! We are your Trustees and we cannot do it without you!

## SPRC NEWS -

We are delighted to welcome Shannon Laramore to our church staff as the new Director of Childrens’ and Educational Ministries. Shannon’s been hard at work already planning the fall classes, and especially adding the new ones that will meet in our brand new Wesley Wing. Shannon has been part of this church her whole life. She’s the daughter of Diane and Bill Sizemore, wife of Eric Laramore, and proud mother of Riley and Jack. We’re so blessed to have her on our staff and ask that you pray for her as she begins this new chapter in her life.

FINANCIAL REPORT	
	July 2011
Income	\$232,174
Expenses	\$271,041
Balance	- \$38,867

## College Student Addresses

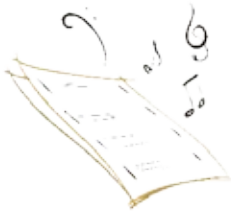
If you have a college student in your family, we’d like to have his/her college address for the church office. Sarah Bjerke is the new coordinator of College Outreach who is in charge of the college care packages we send out. Please email the information to her at [tsttk@zoominternet.net](mailto:tsttk@zoominternet.net).

# MUSIC AND WORSHIP

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

## Music Ministries

*By Sharon Williams, Coordinator of Music Ministries*



On August 11th and 12th, I was fortunate to be able to attend a summer music clinic in the Philadelphia area. What an exciting two days for me! I worked with musicians, John Ferguson and Christopher Aspass, from St. Olaf College and Kathleen Ebling Shaw, from Westminster Choir College of Rider University. It was a great learning experience and I have so much to share with you throughout the coming year.

We are pleased to announce that Joanna Melvin will be our new children's choir director. Joanna usually attends the 8:30 a.m. service and can be heard singing a solo or singing with her children, Johnny and Jocelyn, during worship. Welcome Joanna!

As we begin a new year here at EUMC, the following programs and rehearsal times are listed below:

Children's Choir (elementary age children): Rehearses on Sunday mornings from 9:15-9:40 in Room 1 (beginning September 11th). Directed by Joanna Melvin.

Hymn Choir: Rehearses on the first Sunday of every month in the choir room at 8:00 a.m. (beginning October 2nd) and sings for the 8:30 a.m. service on the first Sunday of the month. Directed by Steven Gilmore.

Senior Choir: Rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (beginning September 7th) in the sanctuary and sings for the 11:00 a.m. service every week. Directed by Steven Gilmore.

Adult Handbell Choir: Rehearses on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (beginning September 12th) in Room 21, and will ring the third Sunday of every month at both worship services. Directed by Paul Deemer.

Men's Choir: Rehearses on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (beginning September 11th) in the choir room, and will sing the second Sunday of October, December, February, April, and June. Directed by Steven Gilmore.

Instrumentalist? Singer? If you are interested in offering your talents during Sunday morning worship as a soloist or in a group, please contact me at (410) 392-3242 or by email [stwilliams10@comcast.net](mailto:stwilliams10@comcast.net). This continues to be an exciting time in the life of our church - prayerfully consider taking part in one of our music ministries.

The Community Kitchen will be held at EUMC on Friday, September 30 at 12 noon.

## Special September 11th Praise Service

Join us for our 4th Praise Service on Sunday, September 11th at 5:30 p.m. in Weldin Hall. The focus of the service that night will be remembering the events of September 11, 2001, praying for all who were a part of that, and praying for peace in our world. We will be privileged to have as our guest speaker that evening, Lisa Nurnberger, who was in the World Trade Center and rescued through the help of others. Please come and be a part of this special night, as we remember together a day we will never forget.

## Welcome Our New Worship Leader

Starting in September, we'll welcome a new worship leader to our team of eight worship leaders. Steve Foster will make his debut in that role during the September 18th worship service. Steve is replacing Tim Webb, who very recently relocated with his family to Rhode Island where he has started a new job. We will miss Tim and wish him, Michelle, Britt and Cami all the best, and we warmly welcome Steve to this new ministry in his life!

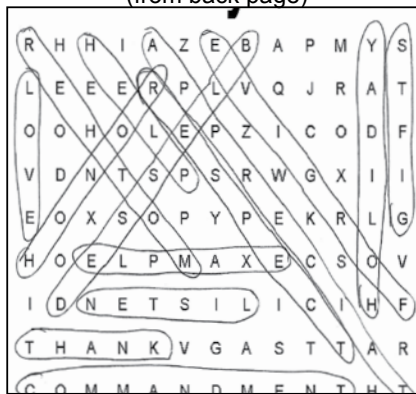
## Flowers for Sunday Worship

Just a reminder that we're always looking for persons to place flowers on the altar for Sunday morning worship in memory of or in honor of loved ones. To do so, please call Ruth Deibert, our flower coordinator, at 410-398-3125. There are two different ways to place flowers - one is in the vases next to the communion table, and the other is an arrangement on the organ. After September 1st, flowers will no longer be able to be put on the piano.

## Change to Our Prayer Concerns List in the Sunday Bulletin

In order to keep our prayer concerns list up to date, beginning September 1st all names will have a date included with them. That date is the date on which that name was put on the list. It will remain on the list for four weeks, at which time it will be taken off, unless a new prayer request is submitted or the church office is notified. (This will not be the case for those hospitalized, in the military, or in nursing care facilities.)

### WORD SEARCH SOLUTION (from back page)



## Classic Christians in September

The Classic Christians (50+) will have a potluck dinner and program for their September meeting. It will take place on Friday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in Weldin Hall.

The program will feature Lee Collins talking about coins. Please register for the dinner/program on the sign-up sheet across from the Welcome Center, and then bring a dish to share on the 23rd.

## October Bus Trip -

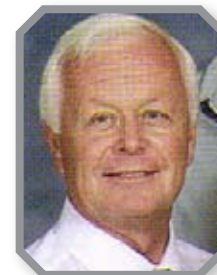
The Classic Christians are sponsoring a bus trip to Philadelphia on Wednesday, Oct. 26 to experience two wonderful museums. The bus will leave our parking lot at 8 a.m. arriving in time for a 9:30 tour of the Rembrandt's Jesus exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. At noon we'll get back on the bus (eating our lunches that we'll bring with us) on the way across the city. At 1 p.m. we'll spend two hours at the National Constitution Center near Independence Hall, and at 3 p.m. we'll be on our way back to Elkton. Cost per person which includes the bus, and all admission fees is \$60. To sign up, please email [eumc@comcast.net](mailto:eumc@comcast.net) or sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

## "Guess Who" Answer

### Solution to Cryptogram (from back page)

"Honor your father and your mother,  
that your days may be long in the land  
that the LORD your God is giving you.

**Exodus 20:12 ESV**



It's **Dave Wherry!**

## CALLING ALL WOMEN!

The planning for the 2nd Annual EUMC Womens' Retreat has begun! Mark your calendar for the weekend of January 20-22, 2012. The retreat will again be held at the beautiful Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City, and the theme of this year's retreat will be "Live Like You're Loved." Registration forms will be included in the Sept. 11, 18, and 25 Sunday bulletins. Cost is the same as last year - \$150 for the entire weekend, which includes lodging, all meals and materials. Payments of \$50 are due on October 15, November 15, and December 15. Last year, we had 70 women at the retreat - this year, we're counting on having 100! Come and be a part of the fun, fellowship, and food!

## The Perfect Counseling and Support Group Place

*By Rev. Don Hurst*

Elkton friends often ask us how we are doing? We happily respond that we are doing well and hope that you are too! We are attending another wonderful United Methodist Church located only three miles from our Jenner's Pond home, but we miss our many friends at EUMC; so, we continue to return occasionally to attend the Faith Link Class and a Worship Service at EUMC. We simply are not comfortable in completely leaving EUMC.

We still drive back to Elkton together on Tuesdays so Muff can volunteer at the Breast Health Center at Union Hospital, and I can counsel individuals and families EUMC Chapel, and also lead a support group called, "Helping People Deal with Stress and Hurt" in the EUMC Chapel. My counseling and support schedules are full but you may certainly phone 443-350-2296 or email me at [dhurst30@comcast.net](mailto:dhurst30@comcast.net) for an appointment or check the times of the support group in the bulletin and simply show up. You may of course wish to talk with Senior Pastor Karen Bunnell who may suggest that you see me.

Incidentally, the Chapel is a perfect meeting place for counseling and the support group, and it's going very well. Thanks for asking!

# Mozelle, Kentucky



# September 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)

9/1 Donald Andrews	9/14 Holly Jackson	9/22 Glenna DeRose
9/1 Kelsie Andrews	9/14 James Nickle	9/22 Ross Forney
9/1 Jordan Gautsch	9/14 William Sickles	9/22 Barbara Snyder
9/1 Amy Wherry	9/14 Thomas Stauffer	9/23 Halle O’Neal
9/2 Mauvette Hurst	9/14 Kendall Wesley	9/24 Ina Andrews
9/2 Nancy McCardell	9/15 Madeline Funke	9/24 Cindy Fetterolf
9/4 Anna Doerflein	9/15 Kenneth McCoy	9/24 Riley Laramore
9/5 Jane Kovicak	9/15 Kay Mortimer	9/25 Luke Gallucci
9/6 Mary Ann Kistenmacher	9/15 Thomas White	9/25 Melinda Grablis
9/6 Sarah Leathrum	9/16 Anthony Cimososi	9/25 Jamie Treese
9/6 Jocelyn Melvin	9/16 William McCarthy	9/26 Amanda Artrip
9/6 Maurice (Sonny) Tenney	9/18 Nancy Mitchell	9/26 Andrew Noll
9/7 Tammy Cebula	9/18 Audrey Russell	9/26 Marge Simmons
9/8 Tyler Bjerke	9/19 JoAnn Benscoter	9/26 Doris Stanton
9/8 Bret Eddinger	9/19 Jacob Gaz	9/26 Susan Starrett
9/8 Rod Perrine	9/19 Pamela Mayse	9/27 Akiko Johnson
9/9 Michele Slayman	9/19 Kay Michael	9/28 Robert Dunn, III
9/10 Ryan McKenica	9/19 Catherine Moffitt	9/28 Fiona Kelly
9/10 Thomas Muther	9/20 Sarah Campbell	9/29 Bennett Carlson
9/11 Anne Kirk	9/20 Maynard Shaw	9/29 Rebecca Dolle
9/11 Jessee Lee	9/20 Jaren Whiteman	9/29 Joshua Hamilton
9/12 Paul Deemer	9/20 Thomas Williams	9/29 Tara Henry
9/12 Brady Slater	9/21 Carol Sise	9/30 James Sawicki
9/12 Lindsey Taylor	9/22 Jennifer Brown	9/30 Diane Shortall
9/13 Lorraine Jones	9/22 Marjorie Campbell	

# September Anniversaries

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

9/4 Larraine & Charles Campbell	9/17 Susan & Jerry Ivey
9/5 Fran & Bill Vassalotti	9/17 Millie & Romie Jones
9/7 Kimberly & James Artrip	9/22 Amy & Stephen Paris
9/7 Jennifer & Robert Deaver, II	9/23 Kay & Bill Mortimer
9/7 Christine & Keith Reiners	9/25 Julie & Matthew Edwards
9/12 Susan & Mark Baylis-Powell	9/26 Charlotte & Daniel McCool
9/12 Christina & Gregory Dant	9/27 Colette & David Webster
9/12 Teresa & Mark Gordon	9/29 Lydia & Scott Hill
9/15 Krista & Robert Gilmore	9/29 Terri & Walter Lokey
9/17 Lori & Steve Foster	

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>4</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Building Consecration 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>5</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM Sunbridge, Nancy Stubbs' Team	<b>7</b> 10:30 AM Tele-Care Meeting 6:30 PM Senior Choir	<b>8</b> 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study (kids welcome!)	<b>10</b> 8:30 AM-12 PM Neighborhood Visitation
<b>11</b> <i>Kick-off Sunday</i> <i>Baptisms</i> <i>Blood Pressure Screenings</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:30 PM New Member Class 5:30 PM Praise Service	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Women's Retreat Committee Meeting	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM Senior Choir	<b>15</b> <b>OCTOBER</b> <b>NEWSLETTER</b> <b>DEADLINE</b> 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>16</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study (kids welcome!)	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM Youth Group Kick-off /Scavenger Hunt	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Cecil County Choral Society	<b>21</b> 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast 6:30 PM Senior Choir 7:00 PM Missions Committee Meeting	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM Administrative Council Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>23</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study (kids welcome!) 6:30 PM Classic Christians' Potluck Dinner & Program	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <i>Christian Ed. Sunday</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>26</b> <b>Bishop's Day on the</b> <b>District - EUMC</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Grief Support Group 7:00 PM Cecil County Choral Society	<b>28</b> 6:30 PM Senior Choir	<b>29</b> 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>30</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study (kids welcome!) 12:00 PM Community Kitchen @ EUMC	



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- Pastor of Counseling and Support Group . . . . . Rev. Don Hurst
- Children & Education Ministries Director . Shannon Laramore
- Youth & Young Adults Ministries Director. . Sandy Wherry
- Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries . Sharon Williams
- Adult Choir Director . . . . . Steven Gilmore
- Adult Handbell Director. . . . . Paul Deemer
- Children’s Choir Director . Joanne Melvin
- Nursery Care Professionals . . Mary Ann Schmidt  
Yolanda Gomez
- Treasurer . . . . . William Vassalotti
- Secretary . . . . . Kay Mortimer
- Sexton . . . . . Donald Ewing

**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  
12:30 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)

**WORD SEARCH**

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| APPRECIATE  | GIFTS   | MOTHER  |
| BLESSED     | HELP    | OBEY    |
| CARNATIONS  | HOLIDAY | PLEASES |
| COMMANDMENT | HONOR   | RESPECT |
| EXAMPLE     | LISTEN  | SPECIAL |
| FORGIVE     | LOVE    | THANK   |



**Bible Verse Cryptogram**

*(solution is on page 8)*

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FHPB GHP RJ CWUV YU EQJ CHUF EQHE EQJ CWLF PWNL  
VWF YB VYTYUV PWN. JSWFNB 20:12 JBT