

The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church

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Every Riven Thing

To rive is to wrench apart, shatter, split, crack, or fracture. As Holy Week fast approaches our minds as Christians will be particularly focused on several riven things. One is the broken body of Christ on the cross. Others included the curtain of the temple that “was torn in two from top to bottom,” when Jesus died, Matthew reports. And as he also says “rocks split apart,” and “graves opened.” It's as if Matthew is saying that in the crucifixion of Jesus IS the resurrection. The curtain in the temple is symbolic both of God breaking in from the heavens to fill all the earth, and of the “holy of holies” now being open, in Christ's death, to all. God's life filling all, even death! Resurrection! Right there in these riven things.

In that spirit that is our bedrock hope and faith in Christ, I share with you a poem that I quoted in a sermon awhile back, called “Every Riven Thing,” by Christian Wiman.

God goes, belonging to every riven thing he's made
sing his being simply by being
the thing it is:
stone and tree and sky,
man who sees and sings and wonders why

God goes. Belonging to every riven thing he's made,
means a storm of peace.
Think of the atoms inside the stone.
Think of the man who sits alone
trying to will himself into a stillness where

God goes belonging. To every riven thing he's made
there is given one shade
shaped exactly to the thing itself:
under the tree a darker tree;
under the man the only man to see

God goes belonging to every riven thing. He's made
the things that bring him near,
made the mind that makes him go.
A part of what man knows,
apart from what man knows,

God goes belonging to every riven thing he's made.

Have a joyous Easter!
David

LAY READERS (11:00)

April 10...Ormond Painter
April 17...Sandy Cabbage
April 24...Jan Lorette
May 1...Tamlyn Ogden
May 8...Winston Hensley
May 15...Wingina Lindamood
May 22...Terri Davis
May 29...Irene Jenkins
June 5...Bob Bloomquist

ACOLYTES (11:00)

April 10...Travis Cabbage
April 17...Joseph Gooden
April 24...Joshua Gooden
May 1...Kevin Wedow
May 8...Travis Cabbage
May 15...Joseph Gooden
May 22...Joshua Gooden
May 29...Kevin Wedow
June 5...Travis Cabbage

TOWER BELL RINGERS (11:00)

April 10...Travis Cabbage
April 17...Kevin Wedow
April 24...Jordan Gochenour
May 1...Hannah Gochenour
May 8...Joseph Gooden
May 15...Joshua Gooden
May 22...Travis Cabbage
May 29...Kevin Wedow
June 5...Jordan Gochenour

8:35 Connection Hospitality Teams schedule THRU JULY 2011

TEAM I

MAY 8 & 15
JUN 19 & 26

TEAM II

APR 10 & 17
MAY 22 & 29
JUL 3 & 10

TEAM III

APR 24 & MAY 1
JUN 5 & 12
JUL 17 & 24

New Women's Bible Study!

Beginning on Friday, April 15 there will be a new women's Bible Study at our church! It will meet at 9:30 AM on Friday mornings. The first study runs for 8 weeks and is entitled: "Bad Girls of the Bible (and what we can learn from them)." Join us for fellowship and enjoy taking another look at some of the women of the Bible. For more information, please talk to Lisa Kriel.

NURSERY WORKERS (11:00)

April 10...Jerri MacLennan
April 17...Terri Davis
April 24...Anna Campbell
May 1...Carol Hensley
May 8...Loretta Miller
May 15...Jerri MacLennan
May 22...Terri Davis
May 29...Anna Campbell
June 5...Carol Hensley

GREETERS (11:00)

April 10...Marie Frey & Alice Hensley
April 17...Don & Kathleen Grimes
April 24...Dick & Jan Lorette
May 1...Ted & Anna Campbell
May 8...Mac & Paula Rhodes
May 15...Terri Davis & Lisa Gooden
May 22...Carolyn Gooden & Irene Jenkins
May 29...Harvey & Sharon Gasser
June 5...Alda Powell & Tamlyn Ogden

USHERS (11:00)

April 10...Mike Jenkins, Kenny Cabbage
Dick Lorette, Alan Thompson
April 17...Tamlyn Ogden, Marge Klawiter
Wingina Lindamood, Kathleen Grimes
April 24...Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Frank & Linda Adams
May 1...Ed & Michelle Turner
Mickey & Patty Life
May 8...Ditman Flory, Kenny Cabbage
Bob Bloomquist, Alan Thompson
May 15...Winston & Carol Hensley
Lewis & Wingina Lindamood
May 22...Ted & Anna Campbell
Alda Powell & Jerri MacLennan
May 29...Sam Gentry, Lewis Lindamood
Don & Sandy Cude
June 5...Irene Reynolds, Carolyn Akers
M.J. Christophel, Sandy Cude

We have Sunday School for all ages...

Why not make Sunday School a part of your journey of faith?? It meets every Sunday at 9:45 AM. Join us!

Easter Morning Sunday School

"Suddenly One Morning"

1st person account of Passover Week. It puts you into the experience of Christ's last week.

All ages are invited to join us for this special joint class in the Assembly room.

"BECOMING A FAMILY....."

This is the beginning of our PURPOSE STATEMENT and it also describes our Adult Sunday School Class. We are studying how best to live out our Purpose Statement, reach the community and grow the church by spreading the gospel message. Come -- be a part of God's plan for you and His church TODAY!

Meeting in Fellowship Room each Sunday 9:45-10:30 AM

ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH?

Q: I've heard I can donate my MRD directly to a charity? Is that true?

A: Yes, IRA owners age 70 or older may donate up to \$100,000 from their traditional IRA directly to a qualified charity and have it count toward their minimum required distribution (MRD). This qualified charitable distribution (QCD) provision was recently extended through the 2011 tax year. It also includes distributions from inherited IRAs as long as the inheritor is age 70 or older.

An important tax note: The MRD amount you donate directly to charity is not tax deductible. Instead, you don't have to include it in your taxable income, as you typically do with an MRD. That is the tax benefit.

EXAMPLES:

A. IRA MRD of \$2,500 through your broker = NO TAX = church gets \$2,500

B. IRA MRD of \$2,500 drawn out by you and then donated to the church
= \$700 IRS TAX = \$125 VA TAX = church gets \$1,675

News from the Elkton United Methodist Women

- 1) The women are excited about our ICE CREAM SOCIAL that will be held on Saturday, June 4th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM on the church lawn. Come and join the fun!!
- 2) Fun and Fellowship ... activity for all the women of the church. THE MAD HATTERS' TEA PARTY will be at 1:00 PM, Saturday July 9th at the home of Marie Frey (17047 Mt. Pleasant Rd.) Decorate your favorite hat and come join us!
- 3) Please continue to remember the shut-ins with your visits, cards and calls.

We love having guests at our circle meetings! Come join us in fellowship and service.

Wesleyan Circle: 1st Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM.
Amanda Kite Circle: 1st Monday nights at 7:00 PM.
Elsie Cover Circle: 2nd Thursday afternoons at 1:30 PM.

Easter Lillies

Anyone wishing to give an Easter Lily for Easter Sunday worship, in honor or memory of someone, please fill out a form at church with \$12.00 per lily and give it to Marie Frey.

Holy Week Services

Sunday, April 17 – Palm/Passion Sunday
8:35 & 11:00 AM Worship

Thursday, April 21 – Maundy Thursday
6:30 PM: Beef/Barley Soup Silent Supper
7:00 PM: Chancel Choir Cantata w/Holy Communion

Friday, April 22 – Good Friday
7:00 PM Worship w/special music from Lynn Atkins

Sunday, April 24 – Easter Sunday
6:30 AM: Sunrise Service followed by covered dish breakfast (at church)
8:35 AM: Contemporary Worship
11:00 AM: Traditional Easter Worship

Harrisonburg District United Methodist Men's "Spring Rally" Dinner Meeting

The annual meeting will be at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, April 12, at Dayton UMC. A delicious dinner will be served, the cost of which is \$10.00. Mr. Wade Mays from the Society of St. Andrew (The Potato Project) will be the featured speaker.

Prayer Concerns...

(as known)
Edward Turner, Sr.
Mary E. Kite
Jenna Turner
Bud & Pat Fitzwater
Bill & Jean Madren
June DeNeale
Anita McGregor
Virginia Gentry
Irene Jenkins

Participate in our EAUS Paper Drive

Our goal in our "paper drive" to collect toilet paper and boxes of tissues for EAUS is 215 rolls and 215 boxes. So far we have collected 337 rolls of toilet paper and 129 boxes of tissues. Please bring more boxes of tissues asap! Let's meet our goals!!

Bring candy for Elkton's Easter Egg Hunt!

We're preparing 200 bags of candy for the Town's Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 22. A box for donations is in the entry way. (We'll also be running a face-painting booth for the kids that day!) Come check it out.

Confirmation Class

We have five young people who are in Confirmation class this spring! Jaclyn Gooden, Ben Shenk, Travis Cabbage, Jordan Gochenour, and Haleigh Hildebrand. Please pray for these wonderful youth as they prepare to intentionally enter the journey of their lives as disciples of Jesus. We will be receiving them as new members in May

8:35 Hospitality Teams Roster

Team I

Sandy Cude – Team leader & Door Greeter
Don Cude – Parking Greeter
Winston Hensley – Parking Greeter
Kevin Wedow – Parking Greeter
Tamlyn Ogden – Door Greeter
Carol Hensley – Hostess
Terri Davis – Nursery

Team II

Sandy Cabbage – Team Leader & Door Greeter
Kenny Cabbage – Parking Greeter
Travis Cabbage – Parking Greeter
Mary Ripley – Door Greeter
Jeri MacLennan – Hostess
Brian or Lisa Kriel – Nursery

Team III

Pat East – Team Leader & Door Greeter
Andy East – Parking Greeter
Jan Lorette – Door Greeter
Paula Rhodes – Hostess
Mary Ripley - Nursery