

The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church

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Our new Contemporary Worship service, “The 8:35 Connection” has arrived! The name, “the 8:35 Connection” has several reasons behind it. 1) The most obvious is the service begins at 8:35 in the morning. 2) We want this to be worship that *connects* mind and heart, emotions and intellect together, and *connects* them *both* with God. That is, we want participants to get and feel *connected* to God in a way that doesn't ask anyone to “check their brains at the door,” but even so, is not just a mental exercise. We want people to feel the reality of God's presence and love emotionally, too. 3) That *connection* with God is stated well in Romans 8:35 (pretty cool, huh?) where it says: “Can anything separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble, suffering, and hard times, or hunger and nakedness, or danger and death?” (CEV) That's an amazing *connection*, isn't it? And 4) it's just catchy, so we're hoping it *connects* with people and they want to come check it out.

More importantly, though, it arrived at 8:35 AM Easter Sunday, and all those connections were in evidence! We had 34 there for that first service (including *kids* in the nursery!) and the energy and enthusiasm among us was amazing! God's Spirit was truly moving...and it was moving *us* as children and adults clapped and swayed to the upbeat music played by our Praise Band. It was wonderful! God has been with us from the beginning of our dreaming and planning for this new service and God was certainly with us there in worship. From the sights during worship and from the comments following, it was evident that people were excited and genuinely touched by the music, by the sermon, and just by the *feel* of the worship. That's REAL and that's worth celebrating!! So, I just want to thank everyone who has been and is working so hard to make this God-inspired dream a reality, and also all who gave so generously for the

new sound and video equipment. It's awesome, isn't it? I've heard so many people already say, at the 11:00 worship, "I can hear so much better now!" What a great thing. Everybody, whether worshipping at 8:35 or at 11:00 now has a better chance to *get connected* with God. Thanks. And praise God!

David

LAY READERS (11:00)

April 18...Harvey Gasser
April 25...Lewis Lindamood
May 2...Betty Tavenner
May 9...Ormond Painter
May 16...Sandy Cabbage
May 23...Jan Lorette
May 30...Winston Hensley
June 6...Tamlyn Ogden

ACOLYTES (11:00)

April 18...Josohua Gooden
April 25...Kevin Wedow
May 2...Travis Cabbage
May 9 ...Joseph Gooden
May 16...Joshua Gooden
May 23....Kevin Wedow
May 30...Travis Cabbage
June 6...Joseph Gooden

TOWER BELL RINGERS (11:00)

April 18..Travis Cabbage
April 25...Kevin Wedow
May 2...Jordan Gochenour
May 9...Hannah Gochenour
May 16...Joseph Gooden
May 23...Joshua Gooden
May 30 ...Alex Fries
June 6...Travis Cabbage

New Nursery Attendant Hired

If you get a chance on Sunday morning, stop by the nursery and welcome our new, paid Nursery Attendant, Lindsey Shifflett. Lindsey is working a 4 hour shift every Sunday morning for us, from 8:20 AM to 12:20. **PLEASE NOTE:** We have not hired Lindsey so that there is no longer need for volunteers in the nursery from our congregation, but RATHER, so that, for child safety concerns, and liability concerns, we can ALWAYS have TWO adults in the nursery at all times! Please don't miss your time, and help us with this!

SPECIAL HONDURAS DINNER!

Sunday, April 18th, following 11:00 worship ...we will gather in the Social Hall to enjoy meal together of native Honduran food! The church will furnish the native dishes... rice and beans and the drinks.

We are asking each family to bring a dessert! Of course, bring yourselves as well. After the meal M.J. Christophel will present a short video about her mission trip to Honduras.

Don't miss this time together in fellowship, and learning about mission!

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!

NURSERY WORKERS (11:00)

April 18...Loretta Miller
April 25...Jerri MacLennan
May 2...Terri Davis
May 9...Anna Campbell
May 16...Carol Hensley
May 23...Loretta Miller
May 30...Jerri MacLennan
June 6...Terri Davis

GREETERS (11:00)

April 18...Alda Powell & Irene Jenkins
April 25...Loretta Miller & Terri Davis
May 2...Tamlyn Ogden & Spencer Wedow
May 9....Terri Davis & Lisa Gooden
May 16...Irene Jenkins & Marie Frey
May 23....Dianne Lowman & Alda Powell
May 30....Ted & Anna Campbell
June 6...Harvey & Sharon Gasser

USHERS (11:00)

April 18...Ed & Michelle Turner
Mickey & Patty Life
April 25...Winston & Carol Hensley
Lewis & Wingina Lindamood
May 2...Ted & Anna Campbell
Alda Powell & Jerri MacLennan
May 9...Sam & Virginia Gentry
Don & Sandy Cude
May 16...Irene Reynolds, Carolyn Akers
M.J. Christophel & Sandy Cude
May 23...Harvey & Sharon Gasser
Don & Kathleen Grimes
May 30...Dianne Lowman & Paula Rhodes
Betty Tavenner & Pat Fitzwater
June 6...Mike Jenkins & Kenny Cabbage
Dick Lorette & Alan Thompson

8:35 Connection Hospitality Teams

There are three Hospitality Teams to take care of various duties for the 8:35 Connection Contemporary Worship... including a Team Leader, Parking Lot Greeters, Door Greeters, a Hostess and a Nursery Worker.

<u>Team 1</u>	<u>Team 2</u>	<u>Team 3</u>
Sandy Cude	Sandy Cabbage	Linda Adams
Don Cude	Kenny Cabbage	Andy East
Winston Hensley	Joe Diggle	Dick Lorette
Spencer Wedow	Travis Cabbage	Pat East
Tamlyn Ogden	Shirley Diggle	Dianne Lowman
Kevin Wedow	Jerri MacLennan	Jan Lorette
Carol Hensley	Ed Turner	
Terri Davis	Michelle Turner	

The upcoming schedule is as follows:

April 18 – Team 3
April 25 – Team 1
May 2 – Team 1
May 9 – Team 2
May 16 – Team 2
May 23 – Team 3
May 30 – Team 3
June 6 – Team 1

Family Movie Night

Saturday, April 17th is “Family Movie Night.” We will be showing two feature movies simultaneously. One will be a Veggie Tales movie for the younger kids. The other is “Bella” which is rated PG-13, for the rest of the family. Bella won the Peoples' Choice award in 2006 at the Toronto Film Festival.

The doors will open at 6:30 PM and the movies will begin at 7:00. Admission is Free and there will also be free popcorn and drinks. Plan to come! Invite your neighbors to come with you.

News from the Elkton United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will be serving food at the Philip Koontz Estate Sale on Saturday, April 24th. We NEED HELP. We especially need help from some strong men! Everyone please call Marie Frey to find out how YOU can help. (298-1770)

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP activity for all the women of the church-- the MAD HATTERS' TEA PARTY will be held on Saturday, July 10th at 1:00 PM, at the home of Marie Frey (17047 Mt. Pleasant Rd.) Decorate your favorite hat and come join the fun!

We welcome guests at any of 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.

Continue to remember the shut-ins by your visits, cards, and calls.

Keep saving Campbell's Soup labels!

Harrisonburg District United Methodist Men's Annual Spring Dinner

The District UMM Spring Dinner will be held at Manor Memorial UMC in New Market, on Tuesday, April 27, at 6:00 PM. The cost of this delicious dinner is \$12.00. The speaker for the evening is the Reverend Amanda Garber, Director of the JMU Wesley Foundation. Her topic is entitled: "A Future So Bright Ya Gotta Wear Shades." There will also be remarks by the Reverend Ed Pruitt, District Superintendent.

All interested men are invited. Tickets must be purchased in advance, by Wednesday, April 21, from Tommy Foltz, 302 Click's Ln. New Market, VA 22844.

Upcoming Worship Calendar

April 25- Official "Kick-Off" of *The 8:35 Connection!*

May 9- Mothers' Day; the last Chancel Choir anthem until fall—Lynn Atkins on vacation thru end of May.

May 23 – Pentecost Sunday...complete with balloons. Wear RED!

June 6- Honor our high school graduates!

Help Us Recycle at Church

A quick note to remind people (AND to thank those who have been there and done that...) There is a box in the Assembly Room (right next to the Campbells Soup Labels box) in which you can place your printer's empty inkjet and toner cartridges for recycling. We turn these in at Staples for store credit. Not only does this keep them out of the landfill, but it helps out with some church expenses. So far we have used the credits to purchase envelopes and labels for the Stewardship campaign, folders for the choir, bottles of hand sanitizer for the pews and bottles of water for the Living Waters distribution ministry.

Also, on the topic of recycling, please remember there is a box in the rear of the sanctuary for paper in which you can put your bulletins and inserts if you do not wish to take them home. We also added a small metal trash can near the water cooler in the Assembly Room which is marked for plastic bottles.

Thank you for your support.

Thanks!

Many thanks go to Alice Hensley and Carol Hensley and all their helpers in cooking and setting up \and decorating for the Maundy Thursday "Silent Supper." It was beautiful and the soup and bread were delicious as always.

Also, say thanks to a Chancel Choir member and to Lynn Atkins when you see him. The Lenten Cantata performed on Maundy Thursday was very moving and beautiful.

Prayer Concerns...

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