

The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church

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In This Season of Resurrection

The church season of Easter, of course, coincides with Spring, as well it should. Spring is not just a metaphor for Easter any more than Easter is just a metaphor for Spring. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, and when Paul spoke about Jesus being raised from the dead, it was no metaphor. He was speaking of the very power of God alive in the world! And that power was defined by the life and death of Jesus. And so, he meant that Jesus was alive and at work in the world, not as just some ideal of human goodness or even as the power of hope, but rather as the power of life itself. He meant that the love that Jesus lived and the truth that he spoke were not just alive like any great life lives in memory or like other great words live on in memory. He meant they were alive forever because they embodied the power at the heart of life itself...the power of God.

And so, Easter and Spring should coincide because Spring, too, throbs with the power of the life and love of God! It is indeed a season of resurrection! From the rising of new shoots of grass, to the rising of hope in the heart of baseball fans on Opening Day, to the rising of trout to freshly hatched flies, to the rising of hammers to build a handicapped ramp, the world is God's, life is God's and we are God's. And, in Jesus Christ we have seen that the One at the heart of it all is faith that never quits, hope that keeps returning and love that spends itself all the way to a cross, and then comes back and spends itself some more.

Jesus is alive. And because he is, we see the world and each other...each and every one as gifts of God, sacred vessels revealing the face of Christ. Frederick Buechner once wrote: "Just as Jesus appeared at his birth as a helpless child that the world was free to care for or destroy, so now he appears in his resurrection as the pauper, the prisoner, the stranger: appears in every form of human need that the world is free to serve or to ignore." Will we serve?

Christ is risen! Let's rise up and follow.

Peace,
David

LAY READERS (11:00)

April 21...Tamlyn Ogden
April 28...Terri Davis
May...5...Bob Bloomquist
May 12...Irene Jenkins
May 19...Sandy Cude
May 26...Ed Turner
June 2...Andy East

ACOLYTES (11:00)

April 21...Joseph Gooden
April 28...Kevin Wedow
May 5...Jaclyn Gooden
May 12...Joshua Gooden
May 19...Joseph Gooden
May 26 ...Kevin Wedow
June 2...Jaclyn Gooden

8:35 Connection Hospitality Teams schedule THRU June 2nd

TEAM I

April 21 & 28
June 2 & 9

TEAM II

May 5 & 12

TEAM III

May 19 & 26

“IF YOU DID IT TO THE LEAST OF THESE”

...that was Jesus' measure of discipleship. So, why not try some hands-on mission work, serving the last and the least? We have two such opportunities to serve coming up.

First-*Rebuilding Together*...

our work team will be constructing a handicapped ramp for a needy person here in Elkton, on Saturday, April 27th. If you can come help, meet that morning at the church at 7:30 AM

Second-*Project Crossroads*...

our week in southwest Virginia serving the poor is set for Sunday, June 30 through Friday, July 5. This will be our church's 18th straight year of sending a mission team to Project Crossroads! If you would like to be part of the team, or would like more information, please call **Richard or Amy Morris! (540) 209-6970 or (540) 209-4165.**

NURSERY WORKERS (11:00)

April 21...Loretta Miller
April 28...Jerri MacLennan
May 5...Carol Hensley
May 12...Terri Davis
May 19...Anna Campbell
May 26...Loretta Miller
June 2...Jerri MacLennan

GREETERS (11:00)

April 21...Don & Kathleen Grimes Parking lot-
Richard Tavenner
April 28...Marie Frey & Alice Hensley Parking lot-
Joshua Gooden
May 5...Terri Davis & Irene Jenkins Parking lot-Marie
Frey
May 12...Jan Lorette, Kathleen Grimes
May 19...Ted & Anna Campbell
May 26...Allen & Kitty Young
June 2...Sam Gentry, Don Grimes

USHERS (11:00)

April 21...Sam Gentry, Marvin Hillsman
Ditman Flory, Joshua Gooden
April 28...Betty Tavenner, Tamlyn Ogden
Irene Reynolds, Carolyn Akers
May 5...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist
Dick Lorette, Alan Thompson
May 12...Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Ed & Michelle Turner
May 19...Ted & Anna Campbell
Don & Kathleen Grimes
May 26...Ditman Flory, Ted Campbell
Bob Bloomquist, Alan Thomson
June 2...Harvey & Sharon Gasser
Don & Kathleen Grimes

HELP SEND OUR CHILDREN TO CAMP OVERLOOK THIS SUMMER!

Just as we did last summer, we want to make an experience at summer church camp accessible to our church families' children, by providing some scholarship help from the church. Some fundraising is being planned (a church yard sale/bake sale festival on May 18th!), but any who would simply like to make an "over-and-above" donation to this project are invited to do so. Just make your check out to Elkton UMC and designate it "Overlook scholarship." Thanks for all your support!

THE SAMARITAN OFFERING

Since 1948, Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc. (VUMH) has been giving financial aid through the Samaritan Program, to their elderly residents who, through no fault of their own, are unable to meet the full cost of their care. Samaritan gifts are not used for operational, capital or administrative costs but are instead made available only for benevolent care.

The offering is received each year from Mother's Day, May 12, to Father's Day, June 16. Please consider making a gift this year. Offering envelopes will be available in the rear of the sanctuary, or just designate your check.

News from The Elkton United Methodist Women

WE HAVE boxes of notecards with pictures of our church's stained-glass windows and our church on them for sale at \$10.00 a box. To purchase, see Marie Frey.

OUR CHURCH is assembling the Kits for Conference, again this spring. These are used in mission around the world. The kits are a Sewing Kit, a School Kit, a Health Kit, and a Birth Kit. Please talk to Marie about what is required in each kit. They need to be brought to church by June 16.

AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL is planned for Saturday, June 15, from 2:00-4:00 PM.

THE MAD HATTERS' TEA is planned for Saturday, July 20th at 1:00 PM.

Please put these dates on your calendar!

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.

We urge everyone to please remember the shut-ins by your visits, cards and calls.

Prayer Concerns...

(as known)

Edward Turner, Sr.
Jenna Turner
Bud & Pat Fitzwater
Bill & Jean Madren
Anita McGregor
Ruby Hildebrand
Woody Tutwiler
Ruth Reynolds
Nioka Morris
Chancellor Lough
the family of Lewis Lindamood
Irene Reynolds
Neil Hillsman
Barb Winegord

Easter Worship!!

Our combined worship attendance at our normal Sunday worship services on Easter was **184!!** Perhaps the biggest attendance at a regular worship service at our church ever?! At least the most in a long, long time!

Plus, we had **45** attend the Sunrise Service, *double* our usual attendance!

In addition, good numbers also attended very moving worship services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Special thanks to Lynn Atkins for the wonderful choral and bell tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday.

Coming Up at Camp Overlook

KAMP FOR KIDS – May 10-11

This is an "introductory" camp experience for kindergarten through third graders with a parent.

TRI-DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST MEN'S SPRING RETREAT

"What Men Want and Need from the Church to
Become Vital Disciples of Jesus Christ"

When: May 10-11

Where: Blessings Lodge, Camp Overlook

COURAGEOUS DADS RETREAT

June 14-15

Make this Fathers' Day a day of commitment to your family. The Courageous Movie is a powerful story of four police officers, called to serve and protect. But the heart of the movie is their realization that as fathers they have an even higher calling to serve and care for their families.

For more information, see David Reynolds, or go to www.CampOverlook.org

8:35 Hospitality Teams Roster

Coming up in Worship

Sunday, May 19th – Pentecost Sunday... join us as we celebrate the original “birthday” of the church.

Sunday, June 2nd – High School graduates recognition Sunday... join us as we honor and celebrate our class of 2013 High School grads, Kayte Croy and Kevin Wedow.

Team I

Sandy Cude – Team leader & Door Greeter
Don Cude – Parking Greeter
Carol Hensley – Hostess
Terri Davis – Nursery

Team II

Sandy Cabbage – Team Leader & Door Greeter
Kenny Cabbage – Parking Greeter
Travis Cabbage – Parking Greeter
Richard Morris – Parking Greeter
Amy Morris - Door Greeter
Jerri MacLennan – Hostess
Brian or Lisa Kriel – Nursery

Team III

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