

The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church

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Early Fall 2011

Elkton UMC's Halloween Maze a Great Opportunity!

Once again Elkton UMC will be hosting a “Haunted Maze” as part of the Town of Elkton's Annual Halloween celebration for the children. (Special thanks go to Cole McGregor who's building us a more “permanent” maze out of plywood, instead of the cardboard one we've been using.) In addition to the maze, we will also have a “Trunk-n-Treat” line of cars giving out candy coming up Warren St. from downtown. Once at the top of “our” hill, having gone through the maze, the children and their families will be invited onto our front porch for hot cider and cookies while our Praise Band plays in the sanctuary!

This is a great opportunity for our congregation to interact with so many in our community! (There will be hundreds who come up the hill!) It's a chance to reach out in friendship, to show them the gracious hospitality of our church family, and to invite them to worship with us.

There are several ways you can help in this outreach! You can donate candy for the “Trunk-n-Treat” (a box will be located in the church entrance), you can volunteer to dress up and give out candy from the trunk of your car, you can volunteer to help out at the maze, you can make cookies, and/or you can help staff the refreshment table.

Talk to Jan Lorette, who is the chairperson of our Evangelism/Faith Sharing work area, if you'd like to help! And be sure and watch for further information. It's a great opportunity for our church, so plan to be part of the fun!

Hope to see you there, and in church
on Sunday!

David

LAY READERS (11:00)

Sept. 18...Bob Bloomquist
Sept. 25...Mickey Life
Oct. 2...Ed Turner
Oct. 9...Andy East
Oct. 16...Sandy Cude
Oct. 23...Harvey Gasser
Oct. 30...Lewis Lindamood
Nov. 6...Betty Tavenner

ACOLYTES (11:00)

Sept. 18...Joseph Gooden
Sept. 25...Joshua Gooden
Oct. 2...Kevin Wedow
Oct. 9...Joseph Gooden
Oct. 16...Joshua Gooden
Oct. 23...Kevin Wedow
Oct. 30...Joseph Gooden
Nov. 6...Joshua Gooden

TOWER BELL RINGERS (11:00)

Sept. 18...Joshua Gooden
Sept. 25...Kevin Wedow
Oct. 2...Jaclyn Gooden
Oct. 9...Joseph Gooden
Oct. 16...Lewis Lindamood
Oct. 23...Joshua Gooden
Oct. 30...Kevin Wedow
Nov. 6...Jaclyn Gooden

8:35 Connection Hospitality Teams Schedule Thru NOV. 6

TEAM I

SEPT. 18
OCT. 23 & 30

TEAM II

SEPT. 25 & OCT. 2
NOV. 6

TEAM III

OCT. 9 & 16

Baptism

On Sunday, September 11, we rejoiced to celebrate the baptism of the newest member of our church family, Benjamin Allen Hydrick. Ben is the infant son of Allen and Kristen Hydrick, and grandson of Wake and Debbie Gooden.

Women's Bible Study

Come join us as we continue to study "Bad Girls of the Bible" beginning at 9:30 AM on Friday, September 16. New participants are welcome. Contact Lisa Kriel at 298-1891 with questions.

NURSERY WORKERS (11:00)

Sept. 18...Carol Hensley
Sept. 25...Loretta Miller
Oct. 2...Jerri MacLennan
Oct. 9...Terri Davis
Oct. 16...Anna Campbell
Oct. 23...Jerri MacLennan
Oct. 30...Loretta Miller
Nov. 6...Carol Hensley

GREETERS (11:00)

Sept. 18..Alda Powell & Irene Jenkins
Sept. 25...Ted & Anna Campbell
Oct. 2...Carolyn Gooden & Terri Davis
Oct. 9...Pat Fitzwater & Marie Frey
Oct. 16...Harvey & Sharon Gasser
Oct. 23...Allen & Kitty Young
Oct. 30...Tamlyn Ogden & Kevin Wedow
Nov. 6...Lisa Gooden & Carol Hensley

USHERS (11:00)

Sept. 18...Tamlyn Ogden, Marge Klawiter
Irene Reynolds, Carolyn Akers
Sept. 25...Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Ditman Flory, Bob Bloomquist
Oct. 2 ...Ditman Flory, Kenny Cabbage
Bob Bloomquist, Alan Thompson
Oct. 9...Ed & Michelle Turner
Mickey & Patty Life
Oct. 16...Ted & Anna Campbell
Alda Powell, Jerri MacLennan
Oct. 23...Winston & Carol Hensley
Lewis & Wingina Lindamood
Oct. 30...Sam Gentry, Lewis Lindamood
Don & Sandy Cude
Nov. 6...Harvey & Sharon Gasser
Don & Kathleen Grimes

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!

Harrisonburg District Pulpit Exchange

On Sunday, September 25 all the United Methodist pastors in the Harrisonburg District will be preaching in a different pulpit. Rev. Reynolds will be traveling to the Mt. Jackson Charge to preach, while the Rev. Sherry Waddell from the Fort Valley Charge will be preaching both services at Elkton.

ALSO... that evening each church in the district will be hosting some kind of dinner with another evening worship service, at which the guest preacher will again, preach. Elkton UMC will have a Spaghetti Dinner at 5:30 PM, followed by worship featuring a hymn-sing, special music and the sermon by Rev. Waddell.

News from The Elkton United Methodist Women

The MAD HATTERS' TEA was a great success. We had 31 women in attendance, all wearing their favorite hat!

DESSERT BOOTH!! We will be sponsoring a Dessert Booth at Elkton Autumn Days, Oct. 15 & 16. Each church family is asked to be generous in baking something to sell and/or making a contribution. This is the United Methodist Women's major fundraiser for the year. For more information on how to help, contact Marie Frey at 298-1770.

We invite new participants in our church family to come to a circle meeting. Join us in fellowship and service.

Wesleyan Circle- 1st Tuesdays, 7:00 PM
Amanda Kite Circle- 1st Mondays, 7:00 PM
Elsie Cover Circle- 2nd Thursdays, 1:30 PM

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

A Harvest of Hearts

A Harrisonburg District Celebration
of Mission

On Friday, November 4, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at Mt. Tabor UMC, the District will recognize the mission work taking place in the churches around the Harrisonburg District. There will be guest speakers, testimonials from some whose lives have been touched by these outreach ministries, and a video presentation documenting the mission work of our district. We will share a dinner meal of: grilled steak, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert and drink for \$10. Let Wingina Lindamood know if you can come for this moving night of celebration!

Prayer Concerns...

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

Opportunities to Serve in our Community

On August 9, some area pastors met with East Rockingham High School Principal, Eric Baylor. Mr. Baylor is seeking to forge a partnership with the area churches that would mutually benefit both East Rock students as well as the local community.

Seniors need at least 10 hours of community service to graduate. Possible service projects for senior citizens or the disabled include: hauling items to the dump, yard work, grocery store errands, cutting and stacking firewood, etc. Could you, or do you know someone who could benefit from some service a high school senior could do? If so contact Mr. Mike Davis at ERHS.

ALSO: There are students in need of alternative education night school, who meet from 3:30 – 6:00 PM Monday -Thursday. And there is a need for mentors to work with these students. (Mentors do not have to be present the entire class time...even a couple of hours per week would be beneficial.)

Harrisonburg District UMM “Fall Rally” Dinner Meeting

The annual fall dinner meeting of the United Methodist Men will be held at Furnace UMC on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 PM. A delicious dinner will be served for \$12.00. The speaker will be the Rev. Bill Fisher, retired pastor. Special music will be provided by “Chasing Grace.” Further information is available from David Reynolds, if you wish to attend.

Blue Ridge Ministries Offerings for Fall 2011

Exploring *The Interior Castle* with Teresa of Avila

Saturday, Sept. 24. 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

This is a retreat pilgrimage with the great spiritual writer from 16th century Spain, Teresa of Avila. She will serve as our guide and spiritual director into the Interior Castle of the soul – a journey of prayer, self-awareness and encounter with God.

An October Morning with God in Silence

Saturday, Oct. 15. 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Come apart from the clutter of life to sacred space that is provided for prayer reflection and encounters. A brief introduction to solitude will be offered and then the morning is gracious space with God.

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Saturday, Nov. 5. 9:00 AM – Noon

Much time will be spent singing both familiar hymns along with new settings reflecting God's invitation to encounter God's Kingdom in many forms. Participants will experience hymns as praise, prayer, lament, and social commentary as ways that we are drawn into relationship with God.

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
Jerri 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

Elkton UMC Charge Conference

Our annual Charge Conference, led by our District Superintendent, is scheduled to be held at our church, at 4:00 PM, Sunday, October 23rd. This is a time of taking care of some yearly business, as well as celebrating the past year in ministry, and looking to the year ahead. All members of the Administrative Council are members of Charge Conference and should plan to attend. All others are welcome and invited, as well!