

The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church

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But the world is more often refuge
than evidence, comfort and covert
for the flinching will, rather than the sharp
particulate instants through which God's being burns
into ours. I say God and mean more
than the bright abyss that opens in that word.
I say world and mean less
than the abstract oblivion of atoms
out of which every intact thing emerges,
into which every intact thing finally goes.
I do not know how to come closer to God
except by standing where a world is ending
for one man. It is still dark,
and for an hour I have listened
to the breathing of the woman I love beyond
my ability to love. Praise to the pain
scalding us toward each other, the grief
beyond which, please God, she will live
and thrive. And praise to the light that is not
yet, the dawn in which one bird believes,
crying not as if there had been no night

but as if there were no night in which it had not been.

This poem by Christian Wiman sets the stage well for our Lenten journey with Christ to the cross. It is a journey in prayer and in worship where we try to let go of some of the “things” of the world in which we have found “refuge” and “comfort...for the flinching will,” and instead let the cross of Christ stand for our own pain, our own grief, our own brokenness, and learn to embrace them with the same brave unflinching faith as our Lord. We always need practice at it, but we can learn this trust because resurrection is coming. “Praise to the pain scalding us toward each other....” “And praise to the light that is not yet...” That's cross and resurrection, and that's our journey with Christ. It is one of great beauty and hope.

Peace,

David

LAY READERS (11:00)

Feb. 3...Betty Tavenner
Feb. 10...Winston Hensley
Feb. 17...Tamlyn Ogden
Feb. 24...Terri Davis
March 3...Bob Bloomquist
March 10...Irene Jenkins
March 17...Sandy Cude
March 24...Ed Turner
March 31...Jan Lorette

April 7...Ormond Painter

ACOLYTES (11:00)

Feb. 3...Kevin Wedow
Feb. 10...Jaclyn Gooden
Feb. 17...Joshua Gooden
Feb. 24...Joseph Gooden
Mar. 3...Kevin Wedow
Mar. 10...Jaclyn Gooden
Mar. 17...Joshua Gooden
Mar. 24...Joseph Gooden
Mar. 31...Kevin Wedow
April 7...Jaclyn Gooden

8:35 Connection Hospitality Teams schedule THRU April 14th

TEAM I

Feb. 3
March 10 & 17

TEAM II

Feb. 10 & 17
March 24 & 31

TEAM III

Feb. 24 & March 3
April 7 & 14

BAZINGA, THE ELKTON UMC YOUTH GROUP

...wants to thank the congregation for their support of the *Souper Bowl of Caring* during the month of January. We collected and delivered to Elkton Area United Services at total of 369 pounds of food, plus a check in the amount of \$1,200! (The \$1,200 included \$560 from our Christmas Eve offering, which represents half of that offering. The other half will go to Project Crossroads this summer.

Also, watch for more details, as in March our Youth Group will be participating in *Friends for Fuel* to help raise money for fuel to heat area homes in the winter.

NURSERY WORKERS (11:00)

Feb. 3...Anna Campbell
Feb. 10...Loretta Miller
Feb. 17...Jerri MacLennan
Feb. 24...Carol Hensley
March 3...Terri Davis
March 10...Anna Campbell
March 17...Loretta Miller
March 24...Jerri MacLennan
March 31...Carol Hensley
April 7...Terri Davis

GREETERS (11:00)

Feb. 3 ...Marie Frey & Irene Jenkins Parking lot- Sam Gentry
Feb. 10...Marvin & Neil Hillsman Parking lot- Kathleen Grimes
Feb. 17 ...Harvey & Sharon Gasser Parking lot- Ditman Flory
Feb. 24...Don & Kathleen Grimes Parking lot – Joshua Gooden
March 3...Ted & Anna Campbell Parking lot-Joseph Gooden
March 10...Marie Frey & Alice Hensley Parking lot Carolyn Gooden
March 17...Sam Gentry & Don Grimes Parking lot- Richard Tavenner
March 24...Alda Powerll & Terri Davis Parking lot – Marie Frey
March 31...Harvey & Sharon Gasser Parking lot – Ted Campbell
April 7...Alan & Kitty Young Parking Lot Don Grimes

USHERS (11:00)

Feb. 3...Ditman Flory, Ted Campbell
Bob Bloomquist, Alan Thompson
Feb. 10...Harvey & Sharon Gasser
Don & Kathleen Grimes
Feb. 17...Winston & Carol Hensley
Don & Sandy Cude
Feb. 24...Sam Gentry, Marvin Hillsman
Ditman Flory, Joshua Gooden
March 3...Betty Tavenner, Tamlyn Ogden
Irene Reynolds, Carolyn Akers
March 10...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist
Dick Lorette, Alan Thompson
March 17...Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Ed & Michelle Turner
March 24...Ted & Anna Campbell
Don & Kathleen Grimes
March 31...Ditman Flory, Ted Campbell
Bob Bloomquist, Alan Thompson

Many Thanks

....to Lewis Lindamood for his many years of dedicated and faithful service as our church's Financial Secretary. Lewis has done a great job on a very important, but largely “behind the scenes” task. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Lewis and Wingina and their family.

...Also, welcome to Lisa Kriel, who graciously consented to take over the job of Financial Secretary.

News from The Elkton United Methodist Women

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone for the support given during 2012. We feel that many of our goals were met, and we're looking forward to an exciting 2013!

THANKS TO ALICE HENSLEY for hosting our Christmas Brunch!

SHIRLEY DIGGLE was the honoree of the UMW Mission Pin for 2012. A donation is sent to a mission project, in her honor.

IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, we are planning a Potato Bar fellowship lunch on Sunday, April 14th after the 11:00 worship. It will feature all kinds of toppings, salad and desserts!

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 all 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 Raymond Rimel

Mission Giving

In addition to the beautiful van, itself, our *Angel Wheels* Christmas ministry also gave the mother and her two daughters each a \$150 gift card good for any store at Valley Mall, \$325 worth of groceries were in the van, and we gave the mother another \$100 to get the title changed.

In February, we also gave \$560 to a local family who are struggling financially.

Lent & Easter worship calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 13—12:00 Noon:
Ash Wednesday service with imposition of Ashes

Sunday, Feb. 17 -- 1st Sunday in Lent
Handbell Choir will play at 11:00 worship

Sunday, March 10 -- 4th Sunday in Lent
Handbell Choir will play at 11:00 worship (Daylight Savings Time begins)

Sunday, March 24 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM – Beef & Barley Soup
“silent” meal
7:30 PM – Holy Communion and
Choral Tenebrae service (service of gradually diminishing light)

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday
7:00 PM worship.
Lynn Atkins will sing

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday
6:45 AM- Sunrise Service
Covered-dish breakfast following sunrise worship
8:35 – Contemporary Worship
11:00 – Traditional Worship

8:35 Hospitality Teams Roster

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