

The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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What if Christmas became a world-changing event again?

That question is the basis for the “Advent Conspiracy.” We participated in this “conspiracy” last year and will again this year. Very simply, it is a movement calling us to proclaim Jesus Christ in how we celebrate Christmas.

The Advent Conspiracy is a resource for churches and families to engage in authentic worship and giving at Christmas more fully. First of all, what if we really paid close attention to really worshiping Christ this season? What if our attendance at worship and openness to Christ in worship was higher on our list than all the other things we attend to in the Christmas season? And then, what if, following from that we decided to spend less on things, and try to give gifts of relationships and time spent together with those we care about, more? What if we spent less time (and money) shopping and more time writing someone a letter, or taking the kids sledding, or going Christmas caroling with the group from church, or baking cookies? And then, what if we took that money that we would have spent on (too many) gifts and gave it to those who need it most? Our church will help you do this... our Christmas Eve worship offering will go entirely to the poor and hungry. Half will go to EAUS for food for the hungry in our community, and

half will go to the mission work we do at Project Crossroads. Because, as Mike Slaughter says, “Christmas is not *your* birthday!”

If it sounds hard, what if you just started by giving just *one* less present and donating that money. What if you just started by doing *one* less shopping trip and one more “relational” thing like Christmas caroling?

What if?

As the “Advent Conspiracy” advises: “Enter the story. Give presence.”

Conspire with us!

David

LAY READERS (11:00)

Nov. 13...Ormond Painter
Nov. 20...Tamlyn Ogden
Nov. 27...Winston Hensley
Dec. 4...Jan Lorette
Dec. 11...Wingina Lindamood
Dec. 18...Terri Davis
Dec. 25...Irene Jenkins
Jan. 1...Bob Bloomquist
Jan. 8...Mickey Life
Jan. 15...Sandy Cude
Jan. 22...Ed Turner
Jan. 29...Andy East

ACOLYTES (11:00)

Nov. 13...Kevin Wedow
Nov. 20...Joseph Gooden
Nov. 27...Joshua Gooden
Dec. 4...Kevin Wedow
Dec. 11...Joseph Gooden
Dec. 18...Joshua Gooden
Dec. 24...Kevin Wedow
Jan. 1...Joseph Gooden
Jan. 8...Joshua Gooden
Jan. 15...Kevin Wedow
Jan. 22...Joseph Gooden
Jan. 29...Joshua Gooden

TOWER BELL RINGERS (11:00)

Nov. 13...Joseph Gooden
Nov. 20...Lewis Lindamood
Nov. 27...Joshua Gooden
Dec. 4...Kevin Wedow
Dec. 11...Jaclyn Gooden
Dec. 18...Joseph Gooden
Jan. 1...Lewis Lindamood
Jan. 8...Joshua Gooden
Jan. 15...Kevin Wedow
Jan. 22...Jaclyn Gooden
Jan. 29...Joseph Gooden

8:35 Connection Hospitality Teams Schedule THRU JAN. 29

TEAM I

Dec. 4 & 11
Jan. 1 & 8

TEAM II

Nov. 13
Dec. 18 & 25
Jan. 15 & 22

TEAM III

Nov. 20 & 27
Jan. 29

Women's Bible Study

Come join us as we continue to study beginning at 9:30 AM on Fridays. New participants are welcome. Contact Lisa Kriel at 298-1891 with questions.

NURSERY WORKERS (11:00)

Nov. 13...Loretta Miller
Nov. 20...Jerri MacLennan
Nov. 27...Terri Davis
Dec. 4...Anna Campbell
Dec. 11...Loretta Miller
Dec. 18...Jerri MacLennan
Dec. 24...Carol Hensley
Dec. 25...Terri Davis
Jan. 1...Anna Campbell
Jan. 8...Loretta Miller
Jan. 15...Jerri MacLennan
Jan. 22...Carol Hensley
Jan. 29...Terri Davis

GREETERS (11:00)

Nov. 13...M. Frey, I. Jenkins, Parking lot-L. Lindamood
Nov. 20...A. & K. Young, Parking lot-H. Gasser
Nov. 27...T. & A. Campbell, Parking lot-R. Tavenner
Dec. 4...L. & W. Lindamood, Parking lot-T. Campbell
Dec. 11...A. Powell, T. Davis, Parking lot-D. Flory
Dec. 18...M. & N. Hillsman, Parking lot-S. Gentry
Dec. 25...D. & K. Grimes, Parking lot-A. East
Jan. 1...C. Hensley & L. Gooden, Parking lot-Josh Gooden
Jan. 8...H. & S. Gasser, Parking lot- Josh Gooden
Jan. 15...J. Lorette, A. Yates, Parking lot-Josh Gooden
Jan. 22...R. & B. Tavenner, Parking lot-K. Grimes
Jan. 29...M. Frey, A. Hensley, Parking lot-K. Cabbage

USHERS (11:00)

Nov. 13...Wingina Lindamood, Paula Rhodes
Betty Tavenner, Pat Fitzwater
Nov. 20...Mike Jenkins, Kenny Cabbage
Dick Lorette, Alan Thompson
Nov. 27...Tamlyn Ogden, Marge Klawiter
Irene Reynolds, Carolyn Akers
Dec. 4...Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Ditman Flory, Bob Bloomquist
Dec. 11...Ditman Flory, Kenny Cabbage
Bob Bloomquist, Alan Thomson
Dec. 18...Ed & Michelle Turner
Mickey & Patty Life
Dec. 24...Ted & Anna Campbell
Alda Powell, Jerri MacLennan
Jan. 1...Sam Gentry, Lewis Lindamood
Don & Sandy Cude
Jan. 8...Winston & Carol Hensley
Lewis & Wingina Lindamood
Jan. 15...Harvey & Sharon Gasser
Don & Kathleen Grimes
Jan. 22...Wingina Lindamood, Paula Rhodes
Betty Tavenner, Pat Fitzwater
Jan. 29...Tamlyn Ogden, Marge Klawiter
Irene Reynolds, Carolyn Akers

Our Sunday School is thriving & growing!

Why not make Sunday School a part of your journey of faith?? It meets every Sunday at 9:45 AM. In addition to our regular, very good adult class, we have a *new* younger adult class, and newly thriving children's and youth classes. Join us!

Advent/Christmas Calendar

Saturday, Nov. 26 – 9:00 AM – erect the Chrismon tree; **6:00 PM** – Soup & Sandwich fellowship dinner (bring for you & and to share) followed by hanging of the greens, and decoration of Chrismon tree.

Sunday, Nov. 27 – 8:35 & 11:00 AM - 1st Sunday in Advent worship, the beginning of our “Advent Conspiracy!”

Saturday, Dec. 3 – 9:30 AM - *UMW Christmas Brunch* at the home of Alice Hensley. All women of the church are invited!

Saturday, Dec. 3 – 11:00 AM - *Town of Elkton's Christmas Parade...our Praise Band* will be riding a float and performing. Our theme is: “Praising the Wonder of God's Love.”

Sunday, Dec. 4 – 8:35 & 11:00 AM – our “Advent Conspiracy” continues as we celebrate Holy Communion on this 2nd Sunday in Advent.

Sunday, Dec. 11 – 8:35 & 11:00 AM - 3rd Sunday in Advent worship, and continuing our “Advent Conspiracy!”

Friday, Dec. 16 – 6:00 PM – *Chili Dinner and Christmas Caroling* around town...an opportunity in keeping with our “Advent Conspiracy,” to really make Christmas about “relational” giving...with our families, our church family, and to invite friends from the community to be part of this time of fellowship together!!

Sunday, Dec. 18 – 8:35 & 11:00 AM - 4th
Sunday in Advent worship, with *Chancel and Handbell choir's Christmas Cantata and special music*, at 11:00 AM worship.

Saturday, Dec. 24 – 7:30 PM – *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*, featuring special music from the Chancel choir, Handbells, the Praise Band, and a solo from Lynn Atkins!

Sunday, Dec. 25 – 7:00 PM – *Christmas Day Worship, Service of Evening Prayer and Praise*.

Sunday, Jan. 1 – 8:35 & 11:00 AM - 1st
Sunday of Christmas with John Wesley's Covenant Communion service, to begin the New Year with a renewal of our commitment to Christ.

Saturday, Jan. 7 – 9:00 AM – take down Chrismon Tree.

News from The Elkton United Methodist Women

A GREAT BIG THANKS goes to everyone for helping to make our dessert booth at Elkton Autumn Days such a success. We made \$1015.63.

WOMEN put Saturday, December 3rd on your calendar. All of you are invited to a *Christmas Brunch* at the home of Alice Hensley (406 N. Stuart Ave.) at 9:30 AM. Come and enjoy good food and great fellowship.

WE ARE PARTICIPATING in the Apple Tree Gift Project for the children of prison inmates. Please take an “apple” to help make some child's Christmas a little bit merrier. Have your gift back to the church by Sunday, November 27th.

PLAN TO ATTEND the Harvest Fellowship Dinner being headed up by the UMW, November 20th, following the 11:00 AM worship. All the food is provided. Come and enjoy.

WE ARE MAKING PLANS to take cookie trays to the shut-ins the second week in December. Anyone wishing to contribute cookies, contact Marie Frey. (298-1770)

POINSETTIAS will be placed in the church for Sunday, Dec. 18th and Christmas Eve. If you wish to place one in memory or honor of someone, call Marie Frey (298-1770), by Dec. 11th. Cost is \$12.00 each, checks made out to: EUMC Flower Fund.

Prayer Concerns...

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

No One Knows It All...

Come to the District Leadership Training

Sunday, November 13, Asbury UMC
District Conference: 2:30 PM Leadership
Workshops: 4:00 PM

There is a workshop for *YOU!* You can gain insights and skills to serve Jesus through your leadership in our church. Please take advantage of this!

Annual Stewardship Campaign

As you receive materials in the coming weeks about our stewardship campaign, use them they way they are meant: as disciplines to help us *grow* in our journeys to better follow Jesus with *all* of our lives.

Annual Fellowship "Harvest Dinner"

At 12:00 noon, (after the 11:00 worship) on Sunday, Nov. 20. As we give thanks for life with all it's blessings of the earth and of family, let's also gather at the end of our stewardship campaign to give thanks for our church family and the life of faith and discipleship that is ours together! What a great time for worshipers at both of our services to be together as *one* family in Christ at Elkton UMC. (And you don't have to cook, or bring anything!) Please just join us!!

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

Recipient of Elkton UMW ministry



Pictured above is one of the recipients of our United Methodist Women's quilted lap robes, given through the Elkton Senior Center. The UMW quilts lap robes for sick and shut-ins. What a wonderful difference to be able to make for someone as followers of Jesus! (picture courtesy of Lisa Gooden)