

# The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church  
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A HISTORY OF HEALING.



The people of The United Methodist Church®

Our Faith In Action.

For nearly two centuries, the people of The United Methodist Church have been engaged in partnership with our brothers and sisters in Africa. This is the very fabric of who we are as United Methodists—healing the sick and helping those in need (Matthew 10:8).

In 2006, the United Nations Foundation began a new campaign to fight malaria called Nothing But Nets. The United Methodist Church was invited to become a founding member. Nothing But Nets was an immediate success, raising more than \$7 million to provide insecticide-treated bed nets to Africa.

**IMAGINE NO**  
Our Faith In Action.  
**MALARIA**



In 2008, building on the success of Nothing But Nets, and with the assistance of grant funding from the United Nations Foundation, a new, comprehensive program to fight malaria was created. That program is called "Imagine No Malaria" - think of it as Nothing But Nets Plus.

It has been a life-changing ministry for thousands of people in The United Methodist Church. To date, more than \$60 million has been raised towards a goal of \$75 million. Funds raised not only help in the distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets now familiar to most United Methodists but also the improvement of sustainable and accountable public health systems that deliver appropriate aid, country by country, to health professionals, volunteers and church workers who are very close to the goal of making sure that no child suffers or dies from the killer disease malaria.

**"Imagine No Malaria" has awakened the church to what disciples of Jesus can do to transform the world.  
Just imagine what we can and will do next!**

## ImagineNoMalaria.org

*Dear Friends,*

*Our local church is becoming involved in the Imagine No Malaria campaign beginning this Advent Season (which starts Sunday, November 30.) We will be hearing about it each week during Advent, and half of our Christmas Eve offering will go toward it, (with the other half going towards our Project Crossroads mission in the summer). The Christmas Eve offering will serve as a kickoff for our efforts from now through Annual Conference in June. **\$10 saves a life!** I would like for our congregation to commit to raising enough to save 300 lives by Annual Conference. And I'd love to see us exceed that goal!*

*We want to make this our most generous Christmas Eve Offering ever! Plan now to get your regular church giving done on Sundays and make the Christmas Eve offering the centerpiece of your Christmas giving. (After all, it's not **your** birthday!)*

*And if you just can't be with us in worship for Christmas Eve, simply designate a check "Christmas Eve Offering" and drop it in the plate on one of the Sundays in Advent.*

**David**

## **LAY READERS (11:00)**

Nov. 23...Andy East

Nov. 30...Terri Davis

Dec. 7 ...Bob Bloomquist

Dec. 14...Irene Jenkins

Dec. 21...Harvey Gasser

Dec. 28...Ormond Painter

Jan. 4...Jan Lorette

Jan. 11...Winston Hensley

Jan. 18...Tamlyn Ogden

Jan. 25...Sandy Cude

Feb. 1...Ed Turner

## **NURSERY WORKERS (11:00)**

Nov. 23...Jerri MacLennan

Nov. 30...Heather Pugliese

Dec. 7...Jessica Trimble

Dec. 14...Terri Davis

Dec. 21...Anna Campbell

Dec. 28...Jerri MacLennan

Jan. 4...Heather Pugliese

Jan. 11...Jessica Trimble

Jan. 18...Terri Davis

Jan. 25...Anna Campbell

Feb. 1... Jerri MacLennan

## **GREETERS (11:00)**

Nov. 23..Ditman Flory & Jan Lorette

Nov. 30..Ted & Anna Campbell

Dec. 7 ...Marie Frey & Alice Hensley

Dec. 14...Allen & Kitty Young

Dec. 21..Joshua Gooden & Sam Gentry

Dec. 28..Bob Bloomquist & Harvey Gasser

Jan. 4...Kathleen & Don Grimes

Jan. 11...Irene Jenkins & Alda Powell

Jan. 18...Ditman Flory & Jan Lorette

Jan. 25...Ted & Anna Campbell

Feb. 1...Marie Frey & Alice Hensley

## **USHERS (11:00)**

Nov. 23...Don & Sandy Cude

Irene Reynolds, Ditman Flory

Nov. 30...Harvey & Sharon Gasser

Ditman Flory, Joshua Gooden

Dec. 7...Ted & Anna Campbell

Don & Kathleen Grimes

Dec. 14...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist

Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden

Dec. 21...Sam & Bill Gentry

Tamlyn Ogden, Irene Reynolds

Dec. 28...Marvin & Neil Hillsman

Don & Kathleen Grimes

Jan. 4...Sam Gentry, Marvin Hillsman

Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden

Jan. 11...Don & Sandy Cude

Don & Kathleen Grimes

Jan. 18...Harvey & Sharon Gasser

Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden

Jan. 25...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist

Ted & Anna Campbell

Feb. 1...Sam & Bill Gentry

Tamlyn Ogden, Irene Reynolds

## **2014 Stewardship Campaign**

Our annual Stewardship Campaign began on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. It will run for several weeks. Not only does our giving help our church in carrying out all its ministries, but our giving helps us individually in our discipleship. It helps us keep our priorities straight, putting "Kingdom" before ourselves, and teaching us how to be generous. If you haven't yet turned in your pledge card, let this be a gentle reminder. And thank you for your commitment to Christ through our church!

## 8:35 Connection Hospitality Teams schedule

THRU Feb. 1

### TEAM I

Nov. 30 & Dec. 7  
Jan. 11 & 18

### TEAM II

Dec. 14 & 21  
Jan. 25 & Feb. 1

### TEAM III

Nov. 16 & 23  
Dec. 28 & Jan. 4

## Shop & Give this holiday season

...with UMCmarket!

UMCmarket is a way to do your Christmas shopping online at many of your favorite stores and have a percentage of all that you pay for whatever you buy be given back to the ministry of our church!

There are hundreds of stores registered with UMCmarket who are happy to pay a percentage as a donation to our church. There is no additional cost or charge to either the church or the shopper. Signing up is easy. Go to [UMCmarket.org](http://UMCmarket.org), there you will click on the "Get Started" button. You will sign up with your email or Facebook, find our church, & start shopping and donating! Try it!

## Great Fellowship Events coming up!

**CHILI COOK-OFF & GAME NIGHT**...back by popular demand, is THIS Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 PM! Bring your friends!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**...6:00 PM, for Chili Dinner, followed by caroling around town! Friday, December, 19<sup>th</sup>!

## CHRISTmas for "children" of all ages!

Friday, December 19, Overlook will again present **WALK TO THE MANGER** - a live, interactive nativity experience as our gift to our community and churches. Spend an evening reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas! Guests will **LIVE OUT** the birth of Christ. Meet the shepherds, hear the angels announce the good news, visit a young couple and their Holy child, and help point a few kings toward the treasure they seek. Tours will begin continuously from 6pm to 8pm. The experience will last about 30 minutes.

## The 8:35 Connection Praise Band

...will be playing in *both* the Harrisonburg Christmas Parade, the evening of Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, **AND**... the Elkton Christmas Parade, Saturday morning, December 6<sup>th</sup>! Come out to cheer them on!

## News from The Elkton United Methodist Women

A GREAT BIG THANKS...goes to everyone for helping to make our Autumn Days dessert booth such a success. We made \$1,133.00!

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH...women, put Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. All of you are invited to our annual UMW Christmas Brunch at the home of Alice Hensley (406 N. Stuart Ave.) at 9:00 AM. Come enjoy great food and fellowship!

APPLE TREE PRISON MINISTRY... we are participating in the Apple Tree gift project for children of prison inmates. Please take an "apple" to help make some child's Christmas a little merrier. Have your gift back to the church by Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR SHUT-INS...we are making plans to take cookie trays to our shut-ins the second week in December. Anyone wishing to contribute cookies, contact Marie Frey. (298-1770)

As always we love to have guests attend our circle meetings. Come join in fellowship and service.

Wesleyan Circle: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday mornings at 10:30 AM  
Amanda Kite Circle: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday nights at 7:00 PM  
Elsie Cover Circle: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday afternoons at 1:30.

## Don't Forget EAUS!

Don't forget that our congregation is collecting food for Elkton Area United Services (EAUS) every Sunday. **Right now, we are currently collecting fruit, soup and soap!**

Don't forget. You can make a difference for people in Elkton who are having a hard time affording food.

## Advent & Christmas Schedule of Events

**Saturday, November 29...**at 9:00 AM, come help us erect our Chrismon Tree.

**Saturday, November 29...** at 6:00 PM, we will gather for a potluck soup & sandwich supper followed by decorating our Chrismon Tree and the rest of the sanctuary. Come help!!

**Sunday, November 30...** First Sunday of Advent, and the beginning of our *Imagine No Malaria* campaign.

**Sunday, December 7...**Second Sunday of Advent, with Holy Communion at both worship services.

**Friday, December 19...**6:00 PM, we gather for a Chili dinner and fellowship, followed by *Christmas Caroling* around town...then back to church for cookies and hot chocolate! Don't miss the fun.

**Sunday, December 21...**Fourth Sunday of Advent, featuring at 11:00 worship, our Chancel Choir's presentation of a Christmas Cantata: *Darkness Into Light*.

**Wednesday, December 24...**7:30 PM, *Candlelight Christmas Eve worship*, with Holy Communion and special music from the Handbell choir, the Chancel Choir and the 8:35 Connection Praise Band.

**Saturday, January 10...**9:30 AM, come help us take down the Chrismon Tree.

## Prayer Concerns...

(as known)  
Jenna Turner  
Bud & Pat Fitzwater  
Bill Madren  
Anita McGregor  
Ruby Hildebrand  
Woody Tutwiler  
Ruth Reynolds  
Nioka Morris  
Irene Reynolds  
Patty Life  
Danielle Mauck  
Alan & June Thompson

## 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