

The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church

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Our Ministry in 2015

The last Saturday in January, our Administrative Council held its annual planning session to set our goals in ministry for the coming year. It was a great session, with lots of new, and fun ideas of things we'd like to pursue in ministry, in addition to so many of our very fine on-going programs. I'd like to share some of these ideas with you.

In the area of worship, we've added Children's Time back into our 11:00 worship. The "little ones" among us in that service have reached an age now when they can begin to benefit from it. We also want to share the Praise Band with the 11:00 service and have them do one song at 11:00 on 5th Sundays. We plan to have a Youth Sunday, at both services once or twice, when the kids, and/or youth will share their gifts and possibly lead the whole service! We want to be intentional about welcoming worship guests, and to emphasize greeting someone you don't know each week. Maybe most importantly, we really want to emphasize inviting your friends and neighbors to worship with us. That's the primary way church growth happens!

In the area of becoming more visible in our community and intentionally intersecting more with folks we might not otherwise have the chance to meet or befriend, we're planning to have a Blessing of the Animals service one Saturday morning, when you and others you invite, and others from the community can bring their pets for blessing. We also want to have a Motorcycle Sunday, inviting people who have motorcycles in the community, or going on a ride on the Skyline Drive, to ride them to church that day...both services of worship that day will climax outside with a prayer blessing each rider and each motorcycle, and then food and fellowship together! When the weather gets warm we want to have worship outside on our lawn on occasion. We want to sponsor community "Jam Sessions" on occasion around themes (one night would be rock, another night bluegrass, jazz, etc.) We might even sponsor a "Prom" for adults! And we want to go and tailgate together as a church family at East Rock football games!

In the area of intentionally growing in our faith, we will have a Lenten Bible Study (see details in this newsletter) VBS on August, 6, 7, & 8, we'll be encouraging and helping to send our young people to Camp Overlook (supported by a Yard Sale again...in May). Plus, we want to begin to have our kids make some a few new Chrismons for the tree each year.

In the area of mission, we are seeking ways to make more of an impact with the poor in our own community. We'll be sending a group of five to a Conference event with Shane Claiborne on that topic, and we're looking for some smaller mission projects on local homes, like we do at Project Crossroads. We also want to get involved with the A21 Campaign, which is a project to fight human trafficking.

Finally, we're excited about the plans to add a handicapped accessible addition to our building! The plans being discussed are for restrooms, a Fellowship Hall and kitchen, and a choir rehearsal room and nursery off the Fellowship Hall. It's an exciting time of new and fun directions!

In Christ,

David

LAY READERS (11:00)

Feb. 15...Irene Jenkins
Feb. 22...Bob Bloomquist
March 1...Terri Davis
March 8...Harvey Gasser
March 15...Ormond Painter
March 22...Winston Hensley
March 29...Tamlyn Ogden
April 5...Jan Lorette
April 12...Sandy Cude
April 19...Ed Turner

8:35 Connection Hospitality Teams schedule THRU April 19

TEAM

Feb. 22 & March 1
April 5 & 12

TEAM II

March 8 & 15
Jan. 25 & Feb. 1
April 19 & 26

TEAM III

Feb. 8 & 15
March 22 & 29

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Scout Sunday

We will be observing Scout Sunday on February 15th! Our church is the proud sponsor, the chartering organization of Cub Scout Pack 181, and of Boy Scout Troop 46. We are hoping that many of those Scouts and their families will join us in worship on that Sunday, at either of our worship services, and we will be honoring them and welcoming them with a Pancake Breakfast, between the worship services. Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share, (we'll supply the pancakes and sausage) and let's really welcome these families!

NURSERY WORKERS (11:00)

Feb. 15...Jessica Trimble
Feb. 22...Terri Davis
March 1...Anna Campbell
March 8...Jerri MacLennan
March 15...Heather Pugliese
March 22...Jessica Trimble
March 29...Terri Davis
April 5...Anna Campbell
April 12 Jerri MacLennan
April 19...Heather Pugliese

GREETERS (11:00)

Feb. 15...Allen & Kitty Young
Feb. 22...Don & Kathleen Grimes
March 1...Harvey Gasser & Alda Powell
March 8...Ditman Flory & Marie Frey
March 15...Alice Hensley & Bob Bloomquist
March 22...Josh Gooden & Sam Gentry
March 29...Irene & Mike Jenkins
April 5...Ted & Anna Campbell
April 12...Allen & Kitty Young
April 19...Don & Kathleen Grimes

USHERS (11:00)

Feb. 15...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden
Feb. 22...Don & Sandy Cude
Ditman Flory, Irene Reynolds
March 1...Ted & Anna Campbell
Don & Kathleen Grimes

March 8...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden
March 15..Sam & Bill Gentry
Tamlyn Ogden, Irene Reynolds
March 22..Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Don & Kathleen Grimes
March 29...Sam Gentry, Marvin Hillsman
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden
April 5...Don & Sandy Cude
Don & Kathleen Grimes
April 12...Harvey & Sharon Gasser
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden
April 19..Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist
Ted & Anna Campbell

Lenten Bible Study to start February 18th.

Beginning on Wednesday, February 18th, and running for six weeks, through March 25th, David Reynolds will be leading a Bible Study from 7:30 – 8:30 PM each of those Wednesday nights. The group will be studying together the particular text on which David plans to preach the following Sunday. (When we did this format before, people said it's kind of like a primer for the sermon, and really enjoyed it!) Use the season of Lent as a time to seek to intentionally grow in your faith and plan to join us.

Ash Wednesday Worship

We will begin our observance of the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service of Imposition of Ashes. The service will be at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 18.

News from the Elkton United Methodist Women

A GREAT BIG THANKS...goes to everyone who participated in the Apple Tree Prison Ministry at Christmas. We gave gifts to 40 children of prison inmates.

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

Wesleyan Circle: 1st Monday mornings at 10:30 AM

Amanda Kite Circle: 1st Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM

Elsie Cover Circle: 2nd 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.

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

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

Lent & Easter Schedule of Events

Wednesday, February 18...12:00 noon:
Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes service.

7:30 PM: Lenten Bible Study begins, and runs for six Wednesday nights, through March 25.

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29...regular 8:35 & 11:00 worship, plus the Praise Band will also play a song at 11:00 worship.

Maundy Thursday, April 2... at 6:30 PM:
Silent Beef/Barley soup Supper with
chosen scripture readings.
7:00 PM: Chancel Choir Cantata and
Holy Communion.

Good Friday, April 3... 7:30 PM: Good
Friday worship featuring music by the 8:35
Connection Praise Band.

Easter Sunday, April 5...6:30 AM: Sunrise
Service on the front lawn.
7:00 AM: Covered-dish fellowship
breakfast
8:35 AM: Contemporary Easter
worship
9:45 AM: Easter Egg Hunt for the
kids
11:00AM: Traditional Easter
Worship

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
Lynn Flory

**A List of the 2015 Church Officers
Follows on the next page.**

Bishop's Convocation on Prayer

...will be held from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM,
Sat. March 21, at Trinity UMC in
Richmond. The Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey
from the West Ohio Conference will be the
speaker. There will also be small group
learning opportunities in the areas of prayer
and Wesleyan spiritual disciplines. Both
laity and clergy are invited. Registration cost
is \$10 and includes lunch. Deadline to
register is March 16. For details, visit
www.vaumc.org, click on Events and then
the date of the event.

REPORT OF THE LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
2015 CHURCH OFFICERS

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

CHAIR ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL	Ditman Flory
CHAIR FINANCE COMMITTEE	Harvey Gasser
CHAIR STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS	Bryan Kriel
CHURCH TREASURER	Terri Davis
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Amy Morris
LAY LEADER	Harvey Gasser
LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE	Sandy Cabbage
SUPERINTENDENT OF CHURCH SCHOOL	Laura Johnson
ALTERNATE LAY MEMBER TO CONF.	Kenny Cabbage
SEC'Y ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL	Nancy Goulart
PRESIDENT UMW	Marie Frey
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COMMUNICATIONS	Joshua Gooden
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FELLOWSHIP & BELONGING	Sandy Cabbage
WORSHIP	Shirley Diggle
OUTREACH/MISSION	Richard Morris
EVANGELISM/INVITATION MINISTRIES	Jan Lorette

CHURCH TRUSTEES

' 15 Norman Fitzwater	Richard Morris	
' 16 Bob Bloomquist	Ormond Painter	Joe Diggle
' 17 Mike Jenkins	Joe Gooden	Marie Frey

PASTOR/STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

' 15 Pat East	Mickey Life
' 16 Bryan Kriel, Chair	Tim Allamong
' 17 Michelle Turner	Bob Grogg Sandy Cude
Ex-officio: Sandy Cabbage-lay member of Annual Conference	Harvey Gasser, Lay Leader

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ex-officio members:		
Amy Morris	Bryan Kriel	Mike Jenkins
Terri Davis	Ditman Flory	
Elected members:	Harvey Gasser, chair	Loretta Miller Stewardship campaign

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Shirley Diggle, chair

Zach Haga

Sharon Bloomquist,
accompanist
ex-officio

ex-officio

CHURCH AUDITOR

Dick Lorette

DISTRICT STEWARD

Dick Lorette

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Shirley Diggle, Chair, ushers, music

Marie Frey, flowers; communion

Kathleen Grimes, greeters

Zach Haga
ex-
officio

Sandy Cude, 8:35 team leader

Sandy Cabbage,
8:35 team &
Worship leader

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

'15 Nancy Goulart

'16 Laura Johnson

'17 Michelle Hatton

Jerri MacLennan

Michelle Turner

Lisa Gooden

CAMP OVERLOOK REP:

Lisa Kriel

SCOUTING COORDINATOR

Bryan Kriel