

# The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church

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## SENT

Delivering the Gift of Hope  
at Christmas

God sent Christ at Christmas. And Christ sends us. Pastor Jorge Acevedo, a United Methodist pastor from southwest Florida, and four of his friends have put together this video and book study we'll use for Advent! Read these words from the Introduction:

“It was the great wisdom of our early church fathers and mothers to set aside the four weeks before Christmas to prepare for Jesus' birth, in the season we call Advent. The word advent means “arrival” or “coming.” What our forefathers and foremothers understood was that Jesus' birth was not just a one-time occurrence, but that every Christmas has within it the possibility of Jesus being born again in our lives and in our world. Historically Jesus' birth happened once, but spiritually his birth can happen anew

for us today. ... Where does Christ need to be born in you today? One of my mentors, Bishop Dick Wills, used to say that if you can't tell someone what God has done in your life during the last thirty days, you may not have a relationship with God. Dick was arguing for an “up-to-date” faith, a faith constantly being born and reborn in our lives. ...

Two thousand years ago, a baby was born who changed the world. God sent Jesus, and today, you and I are sent to be his hands and feet, delivering God's gift of hope to a world in need.

Let's begin our Advent journey together!”

The study begins at 7:00 PM, Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and runs for five weeks through Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Come join us for 5 Sunday nights!

*And let me know if you need a book!!*

ALSO...don't forget the Holiday Market at church this Saturday, Nov. 14, 11-5! Craft vendors, auctions, pulled pork, and Santa! (from 11-1). Proceeds go to raise money for any of our women wanting to attend the Women of Faith Conference in January.

David

## LAY READERS (11:00)

Nov. 15....Ed Turner  
Nov. 22...Andy East  
Nov. 29...Bob Bloomquist  
Dec. 6...Terri Davis  
Dec. 13...Winston Hensley  
Dec. 20...Harvey Gasser  
Dec. 27...Tamlyn Ogden  
Jan. 3...Jan Lorette  
Jan. 10 Irene Jenkins  
Jan. 17...Sandy Cude  
Jan. 24...Ed Turner  
Jan. 31...Andy East  
Feb. 7...Bob Bloomquist

## 8:35 Connection Hospitality Teams schedule

### TEAM I

Dec. 13 & 20  
Jan. 24 & 31

### TEAM II

Nov. 15 & 22  
Dec. 27 & Jan. 3  
Feb. 7 & 14

### TEAM III

Nov. 29 & Dec. 6  
Jan. 10 & 17

## 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 \$1,768.85!

Plan to attend the *Harvest Fellowship Dinner* sponsored by the United Methodist Women on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 11:00 AM worship. The food is all provided with our compliments. Simply come and enjoy!

Women, please put Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. All of you are invited to a *Christmas Brunch* at the home of Alice Hensley (406 N. Stuart Ave.) at 9:00 AM. Come and enjoy good food and great fellowship together.

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 bit merrier.

We are making plans to take *cookie trays to the shut-ins* the second week in December.

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and stay thru Christmas Eve. If you wish to place one in memory or honor of someone, call Marie Frey. (298-1770)

We love having guests at our meetings, come join us!  
Please continue to remember the shut-ins by your visits, cards and calls.

## NURSERY WORKERS (11:00)

Nov. 15...Heather Pugliese  
Nov. 22...Jessica Trimble  
Nov. 29...Terri Davis  
Dec. 6...Anna Campbell  
Dec. 13...Jerri MacLennan  
Dec. 20...Heather Pugliese  
Dec. 27...Jessica Trimble  
Jan. 3...Terri Davis  
Jan. 10...Anna Campbell  
Jan. 17...Jerri MacLennan  
Jan. 24...Heather Pugliese  
Jan. 31...Jessica Trimble  
Feb. 7...Terri Davis

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

Nov. 15...Ted & Anna Campbell  
Nov. 22...Allen & Kitty Young  
Nov. 29...Don & Kathleen Grimes  
Dec. 6...Harvey Gasser & Alda Powell  
Dec. 13...Ditman Flory & Marie Frey  
Dec. 20...Alice Hensley & Bob Bloomquist  
Dec. 27...Joshua Gooden & Sam Gentry  
Jan. 3...Ditman Flory & Marie Frey  
Jan. 10...Alice Hensley & Bob Bloomquist  
Jan. 17...Joshua Gooden & Sam Gentry  
Jan. 24...Irene & Mike Jenkins  
Jan. 31...Ted & Anna Campbell  
Feb. 7...Allen & Kitty Young

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

Nov. 15...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden  
Nov. 22...Don & Sandy Cude  
Irene Jenkins, Ditman Flory  
Nov. 29...Harvey & Sharon Gasser  
Joshua Gooden, Ditman Flory  
Dec. 6...Ted & Anna Campbell  
Don & Kathleen Grimes  
Dec. 13...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden  
Dec. 20...Sam Gentry Tamlyn Ogden  
Irene Reynolds, Ditman Flory  
Dec. 27...Marvin & Neil Hillsman  
Don & Kathleen Grimes  
Jan. 3...Sam Gentry, Marvin Hillsman  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden  
Jan. 10...Don & Sandy Cude,  
Don & Kathleen Grimes  
Jan. 17...Harvey & Sharon Gasser  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden

Jan. 24...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist  
Ted & Anna Campbell  
Jan. 31...Don & Sandy Cude  
Ditman Flory, Irene Reynolds  
Feb. 7...Harvey & Sharon Gasser  
Ditman Flory, Joshua Gooden

## **Harrisonburg District Conference**

The annual Harrisonburg District Conference and Leadership Training event is scheduled for 2:30 PM Sunday, November 15, at Bridgewater UMC. Dr. Tracy Fitzsimmons will be the speaker and there will also be special music. The Leadership Training will run from 4:30 – 6:30 PM.

## **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.

## **Christmas Caroling!!**

***6:30 PM, Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>***, come join us as we spread the joy of the season in Christmas caroling to shut-ins and others in our neighborhood. We'll begin our fellowship together with a chili dinner together, then head out caroling. Afterwards, we'll return to church to warm back up with cookies and hot chocolate! It's always great fun, and makes some peoples' Christmas (both participants and recipients!). Hope to see you there!

## Prayer Concerns...

(as known)  
Jenna Turner  
Bud & Pat Fitzwater  
Bill Madren  
Anita McGregor  
Ruby Hildebrand  
Ruth Reynolds  
Nioka Morris  
Irene Reynolds  
Patty Life  
Frank Adams  
Alan & June Thompson  
Lynn Flory  
Jack Coleman  
Ed Turner

## Mission Central ...

is the new name for our District Mission Center. Cedar Grove UMC is the location and the new center is alive and busy. The center is open every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Clothes are given away on the second and third Wednesdays. The other two Wednesdays, the center is open for restocking and getting ready for the next distribution. Right now we are giving clothes to children - 0 through 15 years. Last Wednesday 68 families were helped and 151 children were served. This is a district-wide facility and you can bring anyone with a need for children's clothing on the open dates (2nd and 3rd Wednesdays). We need children's clothes of all sizes, especially infant clothes, diapers, shoes, under garments. If you have clothes to deliver and cannot come to Cedar Grove on a Wednesday, please call the district office and they will either pick them up or have someone pick them up.

## Angel Wheels Ministry

A van has been donated and Richard Morris will be getting it in good shape. Please designate your contributions to fill it with food and gifts for the family "Angel Wheels." We look forward to being Christ's hands and feet, (even his wheels) for another needy family this Christmas!

## Advent/Christmas

### Worship Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 22...7:00 PM Advent Study, "Sent – Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas"

Saturday, Nov. 28...

9:00 AM, *Erect the Chrismons Tree*

6:00 PM... *Soup & Sandwich Supper & Decorate the Chrismons Tree*

Sunday, Nov. 29 – First Sunday in Advent...7:00 PM Advent Study, "Sent – Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas"

Sunday, Dec. 6 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent...7:00 PM Advent Study, "Sent – Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas"

Sunday, Dec. 13 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent...7:00 PM Advent Study, "Sent – Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas"

Sunday, Dec. 20 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent.  
11:00 AM, *Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata* performance.

7:00 PM Advent Study, "Sent – Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas"

Thursday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve...  
3:00 PM *Contemporary Family Christmas Eve worship*, (an adaptation of the Latin American service of *Las Posadas*...of the Holy Family's search for a place for the birth of the Christ child)...with the Praise Band.

7:30 PM *Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion worship*...  
With Hand bells and Chancel Choir

Sunday, Dec. 27 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas.

Saturday, Jan. 9 – 9:00 AM *Take down the Chrismons Tree*.

## **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