

# The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church

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## **Two New Sermon Series** for this fall

Growing out of things I've been hearing from some of our young families in church as well as things I learned while attending the Festival of Homiletics (a big word for 'preaching') in Atlanta last May, I have embarked on a new venture in my preaching. What we're coming to realize is that folks in our churches today no longer have in their memories the foundational stories that form our overarching Biblical narrative as a Christian people. And we need that narrative. It forms our worldview of who God is, who we are as God's children, what God's promises are and what our purpose is. What I learned in Atlanta is that in recent years a calendar of scripture readings that runs on a four-year cycle has been developed to seek to address this need. It's called the Narrative Lectionary.

And so, I've begun. This fall features two sermon series before Advent and Christmas, when the scriptures will be related to those themes, as always. But, before then my first sermon series is:

*“God's Promising Beginning”*

Sunday, Sept. 11 – Creation and Fall: What People are For  
Sunday, Sept. 18 – God's Promise to Abraham: Look at the Sky!  
Sunday, Sept. 25 – God Works through Joseph  
Sunday, Oct. 2 – The Promise of Passover  
Sunday, Oct. 9 – Golden Calf

My second sermon series is:

*“The Unfolding Promises of God Through the Prophets”*

Sunday, Oct. 16 – God Answers Hannah  
Sunday, Oct. 23 – God's Promise to David  
Sunday, Oct. 30 – God's Care for the Widow  
Sunday, Nov. 6 – Jonah and God's Mercy  
Sunday, Nov. 13 – God Calls Isaiah  
Sunday, Nov. 20 – God Promises a New Covenant

I hope you'll come be with us and take advantage of the chance to begin learning all these foundational stories!

In Christ,  
David

## LAY READERS (11:00)

Sept. 11... Jan Lorette  
Sept. 18... Irene Jenkins  
Sept. 25... Sandy Cude  
Oct. 2... Ed Turner  
Oct. 9... Andy East  
Oct. 16... Terri Davis  
Oct. 23... Bob Bloomquist  
Oct. 30... Harvey Gasser  
Nov. 6... Tamlyn Ogden  
Nov. 13... Jan Lorette

## 8:35 Connection Hospitality Teams schedule

The 8:35 Connection Hospitality Teams have been reconfigured (if you're on one and now don't know which one you're on, talk to Shirley Diggles!) and here's the upcoming schedule:

Sept. 18 & 25 – Team 1  
Oct. 2 & 9 – Team 2  
Oct. 16 & 23 – Team 3  
Oct. 30 & Nov. 6 – Team 1  
Nov. 13 & 20 – Team 2

## News from The Elkton United Methodist Women

The UMW is sponsoring a **POTATO BAR FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**, following the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>! Baked potatoes and lots of yummy toppings, plus salad and dessert! Come join in the fellowship of our church family.

The women will once again have their main fundraiser of the year by sponsoring a **DESSERT BOOTH** at Elkton Autumn Days, which is the weekend of October 15-16. Please plan to support us by baking and donating a dessert for us to sell, or if you don't bake, a donation will be much appreciated. And, don't forget to drop by to purchase some yummy dessert during Autumn Days!

We still have a few boxes of **NOTECARDS** with pictures of our church's stained glass windows on the fronts. They are \$10.00 a box. See Marie Frey to purchase yours.

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

Wesleyan Circle- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday mornings at 10:30 AM

Amanda Kite Circle - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 PM

Elsie Cover Circle - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday afternoons at 1:30 PM.

Please continue to remember the shut-ins with visits, cards, and calls.

## NURSERY WORKERS (11:00)

Sept. 11... Anna Campbell  
Sept. 18... Jerri MacLennan  
Sept. 25... Heather Pugliese  
Oct. 2... Jessica Trimble  
Oct. 9... Terri Davis  
Oct. 16... Anna Campbell  
Oct. 23... Jerri MacLennan  
Oct. 30... Heather Pugliese  
Nov. 6... Jessica Trimble  
Nov. 13... Terri Davis

## GREETERS (11:00)

Sept. 18... Joshua Gooden & Sam Gentry  
Sept. 25 Irene & Mike Jenkins  
Oct. 2... Ted & Anna Campbell  
Oct. 9 Allen & Kitty Young  
Oct. 16... Don & Kathleen Grimes  
Oct. 23... Harvey Gasser & Alda Powell  
Oct. 30... Ditman Flory & Marie Frey  
Nov. 6... Sharon & Bob Bloomquist  
Nov. 13... Joshua Gooden & Sam Gentry

## USHERS (11:00)

- Sept. 18...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden
- Sept. 25...Ditman Flory, Joshua Gooden  
Harvey & Sharon Gasser
- Oct. 2...Sam Gentry, Marvin Hillsman,  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden
- Oct. 9...Ted & Anna Campbell  
Don & Kathleen Grimes
- Oct. 16...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden
- Oct. 23...Sam Gentry, Tamlyn Ogden  
Dick Lorette, Ditman Flory
- Oct. 30...Marvin & Neil Hillsman  
Don & Kathleen Grimes
- Nov. 6...Sam Gentry, Marvin Hillsman  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden
- Nov. 13...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden

## The Blessing of the Animals

on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, you and all your animal loving friends are invited to come at 9:30 AM, with your pet(s) to have them blessed! All types of pets are welcome and there will be people snacks as well as pet snacks. Invite your cat or dog-loving friends who aren't members of our congregation to come, too!

## Hallowe' en Hoodoo!

The Elkton Downtown Revitalization Committee's town-wide Halloween Hoodoo will be held on Halloween night, Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. As in the past, we will be sponsoring our Haunted Maze, Trunk-R-Treat, and refreshments on our front porch that evening!

It's a great time for us to be love-spreading difference makers for our community.

As always, it will take lots of volunteers helping out to pull it off...setting up and taking down the maze, working the maze, manning a trunk-r-treat car, or serving refreshments and greeting people on the front porch... (not to mention bringing in candy and baking refreshments!)

We'll need **YOUR** help! Watch for more info on how to sign up to help out.

## Join Us for Sunday School!

Sunday School classes meet Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:45, fall through Memorial Day. All are welcome. You do not need to be a member to attend, and you do not need to commit to attending each week.

**ANGELS** – Age group 5-8 year old's  
Leader: Christy Allamong

Class description: The Angels class provides a foundation for our younger children learning how to be Disciples. This year, we're working to become "Bible Black Belts." This program features different color belts that focus on one main passage of scripture. Each week offers activities including games, reflection, movement and rhythm.

**FISHERMEN** – Age group 9-16

Leaders: Harvey Gasser & Ditman Flory  
Class description: The class follows the Bible Lessons 4 Youth (BL4Y) Curriculum, a six-year program that helps teens apply the Bible to their real life. This fall we're exploring the sovereign nature of God as seen through the eyes of the authors of Isaiah, Hebrews and Revelation. The course offers options for younger and older youth.

**FELLOWSHIP** – Age group Adult

Leaders: Ed & Michelle Turner  
Class description: The Fellowship Class uses a quarterly curriculum base on *Adult Bible Studies*. This fall the lessons follow the "Sovereignty of God," and will be exploring Isaiah, Hebrews and Revelation. The class meets in the assembly room on the main floor.

**UPPER ROOM** – Age group Adult

Leader: Tim Allamong  
Class description: Using the NIV Serendipity Bible for Study Groups, the class takes a deeper dive into that week's sermon, further exploring David's message and how the scripture influences and informs our daily lives. The class meets upstairs.

## Prayer Concerns...

(as known)  
Jenna Turner  
Bill Madren  
Anita McGregor  
Ruby Hildebrand  
Ruth Reynolds  
Nioka Morris  
Patty Life  
Frank Adams  
June Thompson  
Lynn Flory  
Ed Turner  
Carolyn Gooden

## Annual Charge Conference

Our annual Charge Conference is set for Sunday, November 6, at 11:00 AM. Watch for further announcements about the schedule for the morning. We **MAY** be having one combined worship service at 10:00 AM that day.

Looking ahead...

### Advent Study

### ***Underdogs and Outsiders***

A Bible Study on the Untold Stories of Advent

This 5-session bible study by Tom Fuerst looks at the lives of five women, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Uriah's wife, and of course, Mary to help us see how even underdogs and outsiders can play a pivotal role in God's purposes. Each chapter will offer us questions for reflection and discussion, and a weekly focus to encourage us to engage in a spiritual practice to grow in faith. We'll meet at 6:00 PM, for 5 Sunday nights beginning Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 8:35 Hospitality Teams Roster

### Team I

Carol Hensley  
Winston Hensley  
Charlene Grogg  
Bob Grogg

### Team II

Holly Sanders  
David Sanders  
Nathan Smith  
Megan Smith

### Team III

Patty Life  
Mickey Life  
Laura Johnson

**Please NOTE:** If you have been serving on a Hospitality team and are able and willing to continue in this role, but your name is not listed, please talk to Shirley Diggle! There is room for you! We need more people on each team.

Also, even if you haven't served in this role, but would like to, speak with Shirley!  
Thanks!!

