

# The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church

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## Advent and Christmas at Elkton UMC!

Below, please check out what we have planned for the Advent and Christmas seasons this year. It offers some great times for worship and fellowship!

**Sunday, December 18th**-- We want everybody from both the 8:35 and the 11:00 worship services to come early and stay late and make a whole morning of being together for some very special times!

At the **8:35** hour our children and youth will be presenting *'Twas the Night Before*, A Christmas Pageant! So, you will want to come and see and support our kids!!

During the Sunday School hour, from **9:45 – 10:45**, we'll have a time of food and fellowship together, with Christmas cookies and cider!

Then, at the **11:00** hour, our Chancel Choir will be presenting their Christmas Cantata, *The Heart of Christmas*, Words & Music by Peter Chaplin.

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** – 7:30 PM, is our Candlelight Christmas Eve communion service! If you've never been and you're going to be in town this year, don't miss it. It truly sets the mood for celebrating the birth of Christ!

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** – That's right! Christmas is on Sunday this year! We will be gathering at **10:00 AM** for a quiet, but joyful and informal service of Prayer and Praise! We hope you will take an hour out of your Christmas morning to celebrate our Savior's birth together, through carols and prayer and scripture.

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** – Yep, so if Christmas is on Sunday, then so is New Year's Day. What better time to celebrate communion and incorporate John Wesley's Covenant Service into our worship (at both services)...a time of setting our hopes for the new year where they belong, on the grace of God in Christ, and of re-dedicating our lives to the journey of faith that flows from that hope.

## LAY READERS (11:00)

Nov. 13...Winston Hensley  
Nov. 20...Irene Jenkins  
Nov. 27...Jan Lorette  
Dec. 4...Tamlyn Ogden  
Dec. 11...Ed Turner  
Dec. 18...Andy East  
Dec. 25...Terri Davis  
Jan. 1...Bob Bloomquist  
Jan. 8...Harvey Gasser  
Jan. 15...Winston Hensley  
Jan. 22...Irene Jenkins  
Jan. 29...Jan Lorette  
Feb. 5...Tamlyn Ogden

## 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 Diggle!) and here's the upcoming schedule:

Nov. 13 & 20 – Team 2  
Nov. 27 & Dec. 4 – Team 3  
Dec. 11 & 18 – Team 1  
Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 – Team 2  
Jan. 8 & 15 – Team 3  
Jan. 22 & 29 – Team 1  
Feb. 5 & 12 – Team 2

## News from The Elkton United Methodist Women

A Great Big Thanks goes to everyone for helping to make our dessert boot at Elkton Autumn Days such a success. We made \$1,944.00!

Women, please put Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> on your calendars. All of you are invited to a

Christmas Brunch at the home of Alice Hensley at 9:30 AM. Come and enjoy good food and great fellowship together.

We are making plans to take cookie trays to the shut-ins on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>, and stay through Christmas Eve. If you wish to place one in memory or honor of someone, please call Marie Frey. (298-1770)

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)

Nov. 13...Terri Davis  
Nov. 20...Jerri MacLennan  
Nov. 27...Heather Pugliese  
Dec.4...Jessica Trimble  
Dec. 11...Jerri MacLennan  
Dec. 18...Heather Pugliese  
Dec. 25...Jessica Trimble  
Jan. 1...Jerri MacLennan  
Jan. 8...Heather Pugliese  
Jan. 15...Jessica Trimble  
Jan. 22...Jerri MacLennan  
Jan. 29...Heather Pugliese  
Feb. 5...Jessica Trimble

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

Nov. 27...Ted & Anna Campbell  
Dec. 4...Allen & Kitty Young  
Dec. 11...Don & Kathleen Grimes  
Dec. 18...Harvey Gasser & Alda Powell  
Dec. 25...Ditman Flory & Alice Hensley  
Jan. 1...Alice Hensley & Bob Bloomquist  
Jan. 8...Josh Gooden & Sam Gentry  
Jan. 15...Irene & Mike Jenkins  
Jan. 22...Ted & Anna Campbell  
Jan. 29...Allen & Kitty Young  
Feb. 5...Don & Kathleen Grimes

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

Nov. 27 ...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist  
Ted & Anna Campbell  
Dec. 4...Ditman Flory, Sam Gentry  
Tamlyn Ogden  
Dec. 11...Harvey & Sharon Gasser  
Ditman Flory, Joshua Gooden  
Dec. 18...Ted & Anna Campbell  
Don & Kathleen Grimes  
Dec. 25...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden  
Jan. 1....Sam Gentry, Tamlyn Ogden  
Harvey & Sharon Gasser  
Jan. 8 ...Marvin & Neil Hillsman  
Don & Kathleen Grimes  
Jan. 15..Sam Gentry, Marvin Hillsman  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden  
Jan. 22...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden  
Jan. 29...Ted & Anna Campbell  
Harvey & Sharon Gasser  
Feb. 5...Ditman Flory, Sam Gentry  
Tamlyn Ogden

## **Thanksgiving Day**

### **Bag Lunches**

**to be delivered to those having to work**

We will be making special Thanksgiving Bag Lunches for some folks in our community who have to work on Thanksgiving Day. On Thanksgiving Day, we will deliver the bag lunches to workers at our local Fire Department, the Elkton Food Lion, and the Elkton Police Department. Anyone who'd like to help, can come at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, Nov. 23 to help make the lunches, or Thanksgiving Day at 11:00 AM to go with us to deliver them.

## **'Twas The Night Before**

### **A Christmas Pageant**

Rehearsals for the children's Christmas Pageant will begin with an organizational meeting, assigning parts and a read-through at 2:00 PM, Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. The performance is Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:35

### 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>.

## 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 olds

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.

## Administrative Council 2017 Planning Session

Our 2017 Administrative Council will gather to plan and set ministry goals for 2017. at 9:00 AM, Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. (snow date: Jan. 28) All 2017 Administrative Council officers and ministry area chairpersons are asked to put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. We need your ideas and input!

## 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

## 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!!