

# The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church

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## Retirement and Leaving

As most of you know, as of Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, I will no longer be your pastor. I am retiring after 38 years under appointment in the Virginia Annual Conference. For 25 of those years it has been my privilege to be the pastor of Elkton United Methodist Church. And 25 years is a long time, especially for a United Methodist pastor! So, first, let me say thank you. Thank you for the privilege of sharing as your pastor in so many sacred moments in your lives, baptizing your children, confirming them in their faith, marrying some of you, or some of your children, sharing in your grief over and eulogizing your loved ones who have died. Thank you for celebrating and learning and growing with me in worship and bible study. Thank you for ministering to me through some hard times in my life. Thank you for celebrating me through some wonderful changes in my life. Thank you for working with me in what we've accomplished together in ministry over the years.

When I think about those things, there are several that I am most proud of. First, I'm so proud of the ministry we accomplished through the Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland! Through hosting and helping to sponsor host families, and through supporting fund raisers, we really made a difference in some young people's lives, where it really counts... in their experience with and attitude toward people they'd been taught their whole lives "weren't like them!" And I truly believe we made a difference in actually achieving peace in another country! And they made a difference in our lives, and in the life of our congregation. Not only did some of us make truly deep and lasting friendships, but our hearts were expanded and filled as a congregation.

Secondly, I'm also proud that we started and have continued our ministry through Project Crossroads. Hands-on mission of the type we have done for over twenty years there makes a difference not only in the lives of all the people we've helped in southwest VA, but also it shapes our hearts and our lives as a congregation and especially the hearts of all the youth and adults who have gone to serve. I'm very proud of the ministry we started, and have continued, in our Wednesday Walkers after-school tutoring. The difference that those caring relationships between tutor and student have made for well over a hundred at-risk kids over the years is beyond measure, but I have no doubt that it's real! Finally, I'm very proud of being able to successfully add a contemporary worship service that attracted new families and enriched the worship experience of a number of people.

So, again, thank you. And thank you for forgiving me. Because, I know there have been times when I have disappointed you in some way. Some of those times I am aware of, and others I am not, but still, I know that they are there because that's just the way it is with families, whether you're talking about your immediate family or your church family. That's just the way it is. We disappoint each other, and so the question is always, "what now?" (This is why forgiveness and grace are at the center of the gospel!) And you have answered that "what now" question with me with grace and forgiveness. And so, thank you.

Finally, please know that although I am looking forward to retirement...looking forward to much less stress, and much more time with Charlette and with my kids and grandkids...looking forward to pursuing hobbies and other passions...please know that I will truly miss being your pastor. And I will always *love* Elkton United Methodist Church. I will always love you all.

David

## LAY READERS (11:00)

May 21...Winston Hensley  
May 28...Jan Lorette  
June 4...Tamlyn Ogden  
June 11...Ed Turner  
June 18...Andy East  
June 25...Terri Davis  
July 2...Harvey Gasser

## 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:

May 14 & 21 – Team 3  
May 28 & June 4 – Team 1  
June 11 & 18 – Team 2  
June 25 & July 2 – Team 3

## News from The Elkton United Methodist Women

THE MAD HATTERS' TEA PARTY fun and fellowship time will be at 1:00 PM, Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Marie Frey. Decorate your favorite hat and come join the fun!

BAKE SALE...a UMW sponsored bake sale will be held beginning at 8:00 AM, Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The women will be set up with a baked goods table at the Ruritan lot, in conjunction with the Ruritan Chicken sale.

CHURCH NOTE CARDS...We still have a few boxes of note cards with pictures of the church's stained glass windows on them. They sell for \$10.00 a box. See Marie Frey to purchase them.

KITS FOR CONFERENCE...Our church is assembling the mission kits for Annual Conference. These are used in mission around the world. The kits include: a sewing kit, a school kit, a health kit, a bedding kit and a layette kit. Please talk to Marie Frey about what is required in each kit. They need to be brought to church by June 11<sup>th</sup>.

WE LOVE HAVING GUESTS AT 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  
Elsie Cover Circle - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday afternoons at 1:30

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

## Welcome Debbie Powell!

Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the first Sunday of our new pastor, The Rev. Debbie Powell. Debbie comes to us from the Nelson UMC. Watch for details about a reception to be planned for her!

## NURSERY WORKERS (11:00)

May 21<sup>st</sup>...Jessica Trimble  
June 4...Heather Pugliese  
June 11...Jessica Trimble  
June 18...Heather Pugliese  
June 25...Jessica Trimble  
July 2...Heather Pugliese

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

May 21...Ditman Flory & Alice Hensley  
May 28...Ted & Anna Campbell  
June 4...Josh Gooden & Sam Gentry  
June 11...Irene & Mike Jenkins  
June 18...Ted & Anna Campbell  
June 25...Allen & Kitty Young  
July 2...Don & Kathleen Grimes

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

May 21...Sam Gentry, Tamlyn Ogden  
Harvey & Sharon Gasser  
May 28... Sam Gentry, Marvin Hillsman  
Ditman Flory, Joshua Gooden  
June 4...Mike Jenkins, Joshua Gooden  
Ted & Anna Campbell  
June 11...Harvey & Sharon Gasser  
Marvin & Neil Hillsman  
June 18...Don & Kathleen Grimes  
Tamlyn Ogden, Mike Jenkins  
June 25...Sam Gentry, Joshua Gooden  
Marvin & Neil Hillsman  
July 2...Ted & Anna Campbell  
Don & Kathleen Grimes

## **Youth/Family Night**

Our Youth/Family fun nights are off to a good start! (We will skip May, due to it falling on Memorial Day weekend.) Our next one will be from 5:00 – 8:00 PM, Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>!

Games, movies, fellowship...come join the fun.

## **Church Yard Sale a Success!**

Thanks to everyone who donated goods and made donations and especially to all who worked getting everything set up and taken down, etc! We made \$1,359.00! The even better news is that this was enough to complete the costs of sending the children (including one we sponsored from the community) to Camp Overlook for a week of church camp this summer. What a wonderful gift to be able to give a child, a gift that may shape their hearts for years to come! Thanks, everyone!!

## **June 25<sup>th</sup> – David Reynolds' last Sunday**

Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> will be David's last Sunday as our pastor. We will have just one **COMBINED WORSHIP** that Sunday, at 10:00 AM.

## **Sign up for Project Crossroads**

It's time to start seriously thinking about your summer plans. Why not include a week of mission work with your church? We will be sending a team of youth and adults to work in southwest Virginia, through the United Methodist mission, Project Crossroads.

**The dates of the trip are:**

Sunday, July 16 – Friday, July 21.

We will once again be joining with McGaheysville UMC to make a joint mission team. This experience is open to rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders and up.

**FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP FOR THIS YEAR'S TEAM, PLEASE SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE RADIATOR IN THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY.**

# Join Us for Sunday School!

**(Only a few more weeks left,  
before we break for summer.)**

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.

## Lewis Lindamood 5K Run-Walk

Thanks to everyone who helped work and support the Lewis Lindamood 5K on Saturday, May 13. It's for a worthy cause that Lewis would have been all about. (All monies go to support the local mission efforts of Rebuilding Together.) What a wonderful way to remember Lewis! Again, thanks everyone!

## Prayer Concerns...

(as known)

Jenna Turner

Bill Madren

Anita McGregor

Ruby Hildebrand

Jim 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.