

# The Circuit Writer

## Elkton United Methodist Church

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## Is it time to move your stake?

The great preacher and New Testament professor, Fred Craddock tells the story of a time when he was a boy. He was taken out of the house and to the backyard and was allowed to lie on the grass and chew the tender stems of grass, like people do on a summer evening, just lie there, chew the tender grass and look up at the sky. And his father said to him, "Son, how far can you think?" And Craddock said, "I don't know what you mean." "Just think as far as you can think up toward the stars." So Craddock screwed his imagination down and said, "I'm thinking... I'm thinking... I'm thinking." His father said, "Think as far as you can think." "I'm thinking as far as I can think." His father said, "Well, drive down a stake out there now. In your mind, drive down a stake. Have you driven down the stake? That's how far you can think. Craddock said, "Yes, sir." His father said, "Now, what's on the other side of your stake?" Craddock said, "Well, there's' more sky." And his father said, "Move your stake." And they spent the evening moving his stake out there.

Since it's the season of Easter, I was thinking about this story in regard to the resurrection. I suppose for some of us, if asked what we really believe about the resurrection, we'd just say, "It's in the Bible, it's part of our faith. I just accept it." Others of us, well-schooled in modernity, when push comes to shove would find it simply unbelievable. But, I think either one of those responses misses the point, because they try to talk about the resurrection in a way that separates it from the witness we as the church are called to be. As theologian Stanley Hauerwas has said, "The problem, after all, is not belief in the resurrection, but whether we live lives that would make no sense if in fact Jesus has not been raised from the dead." That is why we are part of the church, isn't it, to learn how to do that? So, what is it in your thinking that keeps you from living a life that would make no sense if in fact Jesus has not been raised? What, in your thinking, keeps you from loving and forgiving enemies? What, in your thinking, keeps you from being more generous with material possessions? What keeps you from wanting to welcome and include in your circle of concern those of different races, nationalities, languages and religions? Is it time to "move your stake?" And, what would help you do that? Would participating in worship, coming to Sunday School, coming to Loaves and Fishes? Would being part of the Project Crossroads team, or being a mentor in Wednesday Walkers? Is it time to "move your stake?"

David

## LAY READERS

April 13...Ed Turner  
April 20... Jan Lorette  
April 27... Lewis Lindamood  
May 4... Sarah Reynolds  
May 11... Sandy Cabbage  
May 18... Betty Tavenner  
May 25... Winston Hensley  
June 1... Harvey Gasser

## ACOLYTES

April 13...Conner Nusser  
April 20...Kevin Wedow  
April 27...Alex Fries  
May 4...Joseph Gooden  
May 11...Joshua Gooden  
May 18...Conner Nusser  
May 25...Kevin Wedow  
June 1...Alex Fries

## TOWER BELL RINGERS

April 13...Alex Fries  
April 20...Conner Nusser  
April 27...Travis Cabbage  
May 4...Kevin Wedow  
May 11...Jordan Gochenour  
May 18...Hanna Gochenour  
May 25...Tatyana Nava  
June 1...Joseph Gooden

### After Worship "Fellowship Hour"

The attendance at our "Fellowship Hour" following worship continues to be fantastic! If you can help out, be sure to sign up to host refreshments.

### LOAVES & FISHES

Join us on Wednesday nights! Potluck dinner is at 6:00 PM, followed by a Bible Study of the upcoming Sunday's scripture lessons from 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

### **We have Sunday School for all ages...**

and our **Adult Class is still growing!** Why not make Sunday School a part of your journey of faith?? It meets every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Join us!!

### **Feed the Hungry in our Community**

We collect items for the EAUS Pantry, each week. Please bring the following items:  
For the month of April: Family-sized cans of condensed soup; tuna fish; canned meat; peanut butter; liquid laundry detergent

## NURSERY WORKERS

April 13...Irene Reynolds  
April 20...Lisa Gooden  
April 27...Loretta Miller  
May 4...Nancy Fries  
May 11...Sandy Cabbage  
May 18...Carol Hensley  
May 25...Neil Hillsman  
June 1... Jerri MacLennan

## GREETERS

April 13...Virginia & Sam Gentry  
April 20...Wingina & Lewis Lindamood  
April 27...Jan Lorette & Loretta Miller  
May 4...Karl & Marge Klawiter  
May 11...Terri Davis & Carolyn Gooden  
May 18...Linda & Frank Adams  
May 25...Dianne Lowman & Alda Powell  
June 1...Kathleen & Don Grimes

## USHERS

**April 13:** Mike Jenkins, Lewis Lindamood  
Bill Madren, Alan Thompson  
**April 20:** Wingina Lindamood, Marge Klawiter  
Sharon Gasser, Kathleen Grimes  
**April 27:** Ed & Michelle Turner, Alda Powell,  
Jerri MacLennan  
**May 4:** Marvin & Neil Hillsman, Frank &  
Linda Adams  
**May 11:** Ditman Flory, Kenny Cabbage, Bill  
Madren, Alan Thompson  
**May 18:** Ed & Michelle Turner, Alda Powell,  
Jerri MacLennan  
**May 25:** Sam & Virginia Gentry, Jim & Carol  
Lawson  
**June 1:** Wingina Lindamood, Marge Klawiter  
Sharon Gasser, Kathleen Grimes

### Join the Joy Club

When you put happiness into others' lives you can't keep it from your own. The Joy Club visits people once a month to bring cheer.

If you can help, or know someone who could use cheering up, give us a call! Jerri MacLennan (298-1876), or Linda Adams (298-2326)

### **District Mission Trips**

At the present time, two mission trips are scheduled for 2008. They are: July 5-12 - A District Mission Trip to the Lumbee Indian community of Lumberton, NC (August 10-16 - Mt. Jackson UMC is sponsoring a trip to Eula, KY.

## **News from The Elkton United Methodist Women**

A GREAT BIG THANKS to all who donated material and helped make lap robes for those who are (or were) shut in. 18 robes were made and the women have given away 15 of them.

At 1:30 PM, Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>, the women will be visiting the Jubilee Centennial Headquarters downtown. They will be looking at the displays that chronicle Elkton's history. Anyone and everyone who are interested are invited to join them. They will meet at the headquarters.

A "Kitchen Shower" is planned for Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM. The purpose is to restock some of the necessary utensils needed in the church kitchen. The shower will be held at the home of Alice Hensley. (406 N. Stuart Ave.)

Mark your calendar for 1:00 PM, July 19<sup>th</sup>. It's the annual Mad Hatters' Tea! More information will be forthcoming.

Campbell's Soup Labels: Cut out the bar code and the person icon if present. Bring them to church and put them in the marked box in the Assembly room.

If you aren't currently involved in one of our United Methodist Women's Circles, we love to have guests at our meetings. Come join us in fellowship and service.

Wesleyan Circle - 7:00 PM on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays

Amanda Kite Circle - 7:00 at church, 1<sup>st</sup>

Mondays

Elsie Cover Circle - 1:30 PM on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays

## **Youth!**

Youth, get (or stay) in touch with Sandy Cabbage to help plan and to participate in lots of fun activities and to be of service together as youth to your church and community! The youth group is for all youth, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above and meets every other Sunday at 6:00 PM. Bring your friends! Sandy's number is: 298-1390

## **Camp Overlook!**

Did you know that it is one of our church goals for 2008 to sponsor an elementary-age child or a youth for a week of church camp at Camp Overlook?!! So, if your child or youth, or if you know of someone else who would like to go to summer camp this summer, and could benefit from some scholarship money to make that possible, please let us know! And the sooner the better! We want to help, because we believe that the experience a young person can have at camp can make a life-changing difference.

## **Holy Week & Easter Services well-attended**

The turn-out was very good for Elkton UMC's Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services! It was especially good to see so many come out on a very cold morning for the Sunrise Service. We all warmed up afterward with great food and coffee and very warm fellowship together.

## **Five Elkton UMC women attend the District UMW Spiritual Life Retreat**

When you get a chance, check out the display in the Assembly Room at church. It's all about the recent Harrisonburg District UMW Spiritual Life Retreat. Our own Anna Campbell, Irene Jenkins, Jerri MacLennan, Nancy Goulart, and Linda Adams all attended. They all have great things to say about it. Ask them about it. You may want to go yourself, next time!

## **Project Crossroads Fundraisers**

Two car-washes to raise money for this summer's Project Crossroads work-team have been scheduled. Both car-washes will take place at the Elkton Dairy Queen/Exxon from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The first one will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup> and the second one is two weeks later, on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars, and come help us wash cars! If you can't do that, then let your car get plenty dirty between now and then and bring by to be washed and help support this ministry!

Also... our work-team will be going down to Marion this year during the week of July 13, returning Friday night, July 18<sup>th</sup>. If you've not yet been part of this ministry, there's room for you on this year's team! This is Elkton UMC's fourteenth consecutive summer of hands-on mission work repairing homes, etc. among the poor of southwest Virginia. Won't you come?