

The Circuit Writer

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The people of Elkton United Methodist Church

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September/October

Mission Statement

"We at Elkton UMC are servants and stewards of the Lord.
We worship God through prayer, praise and singing, using the
teachings of Christ to spread the Good News for all."

Homecoming 2007!
Sunday, September 16th

Featuring...

a Hymn-Sing during worship...
great food and fellowship...
a special program during lunch...
Don't Miss It!!

On a personal note... Charlette and I would like to thank the UMW for all their planning and work on the wedding reception given for us. And, we would like to thank the whole Elkton UMC church family for all your wonderful cards, gifts and well-wishes. Your gifts to us were so generous and so thoughtful. It was really very overwhelming for both of us. We love you all, and we especially thank you for your love and support of us in our new life together.

David

LAY READERS

Sept.2...Wingina Lindamood
Sept.9... Mickey Life
Sept. 16...Ormond Painter
Sept. 23...Terri Davis
Sept. 30...Ed Turner
Oct. 7...Sarah Reynolds
Oct. 14...Lewis Lindamood
Oct. 21...Sandy Cabbage
Oct. 28...Paul Goulart
Nov. 4...Betty Tavenner

ACOLYTES

Sept. 2.... Nick Fries
Sept.9...John Goulart
Sept. 16...Alex Fries
Sept. 23...Joseph Gooden
Sept. 30...Joshua Gooden
Oct. 7...Nick Fries
Oct. 14...John Goulart
Oct. 21...Alex Fries
Oct. 28...Joseph Gooden
Nov. 4...Joshua Gooden

TOWER BELL RINGERS

Sept. 2...Jordan Gochenour
Sept. 9... Joshua Gooden
Sept. 16...Joseph Gooden
Sept. 23...Alex Fries
Sept. 30...John Goulart
Oct. 7...Nick Fries
Oct. 14...Travis Cabbage
Oct. 21... Jordan Gochenour
Oct. 28...Joshua Gooden
Nov. 4... Joseph Gooden

Harrisonburg District UMMen

The annual fall dinner meeting of the Harrisonburg Dist. UMMen will be held at 6:30PM Tuesday, September 25, at the Furnace UMC. The guest speaker will be The Rev. Steve Wingfield, Evangelist with Wingfield Ministres in Harrisonburg. Tickets are \$8.50 and must be purchased in advance, by Thursday, Sept. 20. Please let David Reynolds or Jim Lawson know if you'd like to attend.

Elkton UMC's Charge Conference

The 2007 Charge Conference for our church is scheduled for 2:30 PM, Sunday October 7th. Harrisonburg District Superintendent, The Rev. Ed Pruitt will be present at our church to preside. Charge Conference is a time when we celebrate the ministry of our church over the last year, and plan for our ministry for 2008 with the election of officers, and the adoption of a budget and goals for ministry. Anybody may attend. Current members of the Administrative Council are voting members of the Charge Conference, and as such are expected to attend.

NURSERY WORKERS

Sept. 2...Loretta Miller
Sept. 9... Nancy Fries
Sept. 16...Sandy Cabbage
Sept. 23...Carol Hensley
Sept. 30...Neil Hillsman
Oct. 7...Carrie Willets
Oct. 14...Jerri MacLennan
Oct. 21...Irene Reynolds
Oct. 28...Lisa Gooden
Nov. 4... Loretta Miller

GREETERS

Sept. 9... Don & Kathleen Grimes
Sept. 16... Sam & Virginia Gentry
Sept. 23... Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Sept. 30... Dianne Lowman & Alda Powell
Oct. 7... Mike Jenkins & Ditman Flory
Oct. 14... Doris Shifflett & Edna Sigafoose
Oct. 21... Jan Lorette & Loretta Miller
Oct. 28... Jerri MacLenna & Sandy Cabbage
Nov. 4... Lynn & Nancy Flory

USHERS

Sept. 2... Ditman Flory, Kenny Cabbage
Bill Madren, Alan Thompson
Sept. 9... Ed & Michelle Turner
Alda Powell, Jerri MacLennan
Sept. 16...Sam & Virginia Gentry
Steve and Jen Simons
Sept. 23...Paul Goulart, Lewis Lindamood
Jim & Carol Lawson
Sept. 30... Harvey & Sharon Gasser
Don & Kathleen Grimes
Oct. 7... Mike Jenkins, Lewis Lindamood
Bill Madren, Alan Thompson
Oct. 14...Wingina Lindamood, Marge Klawiter
Sharon Gasser, Kathleen Grimes
Oct. 21...Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Frank & Linda Adams
Oct. 28...Ed & Michelle Turner
Mickey & Patty Life
Nov. 4...Ditman Flory, Kenny Cabbage
Bill Madren, Alan Thompson

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. Thanks goes to Evangelism chair, Nancy Goulart.

LOAVES & FISHES

We have begun again 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. Join us!

News from The Elkton United Methodist Women

The Mad Hatters' Tea was a great success this year! We had 26 women in attendance, all wearing their favorite hat.

DESSERT BOOTH!! We will again be sponsoring a Dessert Booth at Elkton Autumn Days. The fall festival will be held October 20th & 21st. Every church family is asked to be generous in baking something for the booth and/or making a contribution. This is a major fund-raiser for the UMW. For more information on how you can help, call Marie Frey (298-1770).

If you missed getting your church ornament we have gotten some more. If you would like one, see Marie Frey.

We are planning our Quilting Bee for this month. Dates will be announced. Watch your church bulletin or speak with Marie.

We invite new members of our Church family to come to a Circle meeting:
Wesleyan Circle - 7:00 PM on 1st Tuesdays
Amanda Kite Circle - 7:00 at church, 1st Mondays
Elsie Cover Circle - 1:30 PM on 2nd Thursdays

Our Web Site

In 2001 when we looked into having a web site, one reason for doing so was to have a web presence. The importance of this is shown by the fact that at least three of our newest families found out about our church by way of the web site. This is an occasion to celebrate this ministry.

Another reason for having a web site is to provide content for the members of our church. We are always seeking to make this relevant in hopes that it will serve our members well. Our site is hosted by the General Board of Global Missions who originally provided a small amount of space free of charge to church groups wishing to make use of it. GBGM has recently increased the amount of space we can use, allowing us to put more audio/video content on the site. As a step in this direction we will update the Photo Gallery to include pictures of recent happenings at the church. You may want to check out the pictures taken at the wedding reception for David and Charlette. Go to <http://www.elktonvaumc.org>. Click on "Photo Gallery".

Please let Carol Lawson know if there is something you think should be included on the site. If you have any desire to help in this ministry please let Carol know. NO EXPERIENCE is necessary for many of the tasks required.

We have Sunday School for all ages...

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

CFPNI to Celebrate its End!

The Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland, the all-volunteer peace and reconciliation program which our church has been a part of since 1993, and which has been operating since 1987, will officially end its program this October. The summer program of hosting pairs of Protestant and Roman Catholic teens from Northern Ireland with host families in the States is felt to be no longer needed in the context of present-day Northern Ireland! This fact alone speaks of the great progress that has been made toward true peace and reconciliation in that country, due in large part to programs like CFPNI. Our church can feel very proud of the part we have played in helping to bring peace in another part of the world. Three different families from our congregation have hosted eleven pairs of teens. That's twenty-two lives of young people that have been profoundly shaped by this program just as it has been lived out in our congregation alone, not to mention all the money we have helped raise that has gone to help bring other pairs of teens to other parts of the Valley! Over the years, CFPNI has helped some 3,000 teens come to see what they have in common with the "other side." All those who have served as officers, coordinators and board members, as well as all the host families who hosted five or more summers have been invited to attend a party celebrating CFPNI's accomplishments this October in Northern Ireland. In addition to Charlette and David Reynolds (who still serves on the CFPNI Board of Directors), Harvey and Sharon Gasser who hosted five summers and have served as area coordinators are planning to attend the festivities.



Getting to Know You...

Don and Sandy Cude

Moved here in November after living in Fredericksburg for ten years. Don and Sandy have a daughter, Michelle who is a professor at JMU. Michelle lives in Elkton with her two daughters, Katya, age 8; and Anya, age 6; adopted as infants from Russia. Their son, Michael lives in Seattle Washington with his wife, Febe, and their 18-month-old son, Henry. Before coming to Virginia, Don and Sandy were both school teachers in California where Don retired after 34 years teaching science and math.

They both like to sing in church and enjoy gardening. They also enjoy traveling and have been in every US state but North Dakota. In their spare time, they are helping their daughter raise sheep on her local farm. Don and Sandy have recently celebrated 45 years of marriage on August 18th. Sandy's birthday is May 16th and Don's is July 2nd. Don says that they "enjoy very much the town of Elkton and Elkton UMC"

Feed the Hungry in our Community

We collect items for the EAUS Pantry, each week.

Please bring the following items:

- Sept. 16 – condensed soup (family size)
- Sept. 23 – peanut butter
- Sept. 30 – laundry soap
- Oct. 7 – shampoo
- Oct. 14 – canned meat
- Oct. 21 – canned fruit
- Oct. 28 – dish soap

Souls A-Fire

Old Fashioned Wesleyan

Tent Revival

With a Futuristic Twist!!

October 5, 2007

7pm

**Rockingham County Fairground
Harrisonburg, Va.**

*Sponsored by the Harrisonburg District Passionate
Spirituality Task-force
Living Water*

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, 6th grade and above and meets every other Sunday at 6:00 PM. Bring your friends! Sandy's number is: 298-1390

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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. We don't want them to think we've forgotten them just because they're sick or shut in. We need more help. We'd like to visit more often! Won't you come and join this ministry and help it grow? 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)

Living Water

Our Living Water ministry of hospitality offers you the chance to serve some of our closest neighbors! After all, church isn't about us. It's about the ways we can extend Jesus' invitation for all to come sit at his "kitchen table" of reconciliation and love. We give out free bottles of cold water to the folks who use our parking lot to pick up their kids after school, every Monday afternoon from 2:55 to around 3:15 PM. Come be a good neighbor from Elkton UMC for twenty minutes once a week. What an easy way to be Christ's presence!

PRAYER CONCERNS...

(as known)

Ralph Huffman
Mary E. Kite
H.C. Hisey
Jenna Turner
Bud Fitzwater
Welty Hensley
Bill & Jean Madren
Bill & June DeNeale
Ann Forbes

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