

The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church

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September/October 2008

Homecoming 2008

- A Hymn-Sing during worship
- A delicious fellowship dinner (the UMW's "Birthday Dinner!") following worship
- An inspiring program at the meal, given by Dianne Lowman about her summer mission work in Ukraine

All of this means you won't want to miss it!

Sunday, September 21st
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship: 11:00 AM

Come and bring your friends, relatives, neighbors and acquaintances!

See you there!
David

LAY READERS

Sept.7...Andy East
Sept.14...Wingina Lindamood
Sept.21...Mickey Life
Sept. 28..Ormond Painter
Oct. 5...Terri Davis
Oct. 12...Ed Turner
Oct. 19...Jan Lorette
Oct. 26...Lewis Lindamood
Nov. 2... Sandy Cabbage

ACOLYTES

Sept.7...Joseph Gooden
Sept. 14..Joshua Gooden
Sept.21...Kevin Wedow
Sept.28...Alex Fries
Oct. 5...Travis Cabbage
Oct. 12...Jordan Gochenour
Oct. 19...Joseph Gooden
Oct. 26...Joshua Gooden
Nov. 2...Kevin Wedow

TOWER BELL RINGERS

Sept.7...Travis Cabbage
Sept. 14...Kevin Wedow
Sept. 21...Jordan Gochenour
Sept. 28...Hannah Gochenour
Oct. 5...Joseph Gooden
Oct. 12...Joshua Gooden
Oct. 19...Alex Fries
Oct. 26...Travis Cabbage
Nov. 2...Kevin Wedow

NURSERY WORKERS

Sept. 7...Carol Hensley
Sept. 14...Neil Hillsman
Sept. 21...Jerri MacLennan
Sept. 28...Irene Reynolds
Oct. 5...Lisa Gooden
Oct. 12...Loretta Miller
Oct. 19...Nancy Fries
Oct. 26...Sandy Cabbage
Nov. 2...Carol Hensley

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, Sept. 7th, we welcomed six members to our congregation! They are: Cole & Anita McGregor, John & M.J. Christophel, and Bob & Sharon Bloomquist. Like everyone, each of these new members have wonderful, unique gifts to offer the body of Christ in ministry in this place. We are excited to have them among us!

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.

GREETERS

Sept. 7...Sam & Virginia Gentry
Sept. 14...Carolyn Gooden & Marie Frey
Sept. 21...Don & Kathleen Grimes
Sept. 28...Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Oct. 5...Dianne Lowman & Alda Powell
Oct. 12...Jan Lorette & Loretta Miller
Oct. 19...Jerri MacLennan & Sandy Cabbage
Oct. 26...Lynn & Nancy Flory
Nov. 2...Marie Frey & Pat Fitzwater

USHERS

Sept. 7...Harvey & Sharon Gasser
Don & Kathleen Grimes
Sept. 14..Mike Jenkins, Lewis Lindamood
Bill Madren, Alan Thompson
Sept. 21..Wingina Lindamood, Marge Klawiter
Sharon Gasser, Kathleen Grimes
Sept. 28...Ed & Michelle Turner
Mickey & Patty Life
Oct. 5...Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Frank & Linda Adams
Oct.12...Ditman Flory, Kenny Cabbage
Bill Madren, Alan Thompson
Oct. 19...Ed & Michelle Turner
Alda Powell, Jerri MacLennan
Oct. 26...Sam & Virginia Gentry
Jim & Carol Lawson
Nov. 2...Harvey & Sharon Gasser
Don & Kathleen Grimes

Tent Meeting:

Plans are underway for the 2nd Annual District Tent Meeting on Friday, October 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m., at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds in Harrisonburg. Last year's event was a great success! We are hoping that you will plan to join us and bring your family, friends, and neighbors! There are several opportunities to assist in this event:

1) All voices and musicians are encouraged to participate in a district choir. Nancy Goulart will be leading the choir and congregational singing for the evening. Beginning August 24, a district choir will meet every other Sunday afternoon (2-4 pm) at Keezletown UMC to learn the music together. For information, contact Nancy Goulart at 298-1779 or SingingSecretay2006@yahoo.com

2) 6-8 men are needed to help all day on Thursday, October 2 & Friday, October 3 at the Fairgrounds; Friday evening, October 3rd, help is needed with parking for the event—approximately 20 persons needed; and on Friday evening after the event ends, 20-25 persons are needed to help take everything down. Contact Tom DeVore, 433- 8086, or devoretc@jmu.edu if you are willing to commit to helping.

For 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. The youth group is for all youth, 6th grade. Bring your friends! Sandy's number is: 298-1390.

News from the Elkton United Methodist Women

The MAD HATTERS' TEA was a great success this year. We had 30 women in attendance, all wearing their favorite hat.

Our COVERED DISH BIRTHDAY DINNER will be on Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 21st, immediately following worship. Dianne Lowman will give a program on her mission trip to Ukraine.

DESSERT BOOTH!! We will again be sponsoring a Dessert Booth at Elkton Autumn Days. The fall festival will be held Oct. 18th and 19th. 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)

VISITORS & GUESTS are always welcome at any of the circle meetings: Amanda Kite Circle: 1st Monday nights at 7:00 PM. Wesleyan Circle: 1st Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM. Elsie Cover Circle: 2nd Thursday afternoons at 1:30 PM.

THE UMW are still collecting material for making quilted lap robes. If you have any cloth to donate, please bring it to the church.

IF YOU are not currently involved in one of our women's circles, we enjoy having guests at our meetings! Come join us in fellowship and service.

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)

We have Sunday School for all ages...

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 are still collecting items for the EAUS Pantry each week at worship. DON'T FORGET!

For September and October:

ANY canned vegetables or meats!!

Due to cut-backs in USDA allotments, their food supplies are very low. *Please help if you can.*

Upcoming Meetings

The Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee – 7:00 PM, Monday, September 15th.

The Finance Committee – 7:00 PM, Monday, September 22nd.

Also, watch for announcements for upcoming meetings of the Leadership committee and the Stewardship Committee.

The Administrative Council meets next: Thurs. Oct. 2nd 7:00 PM.

Welcome our New Choir Director!

As of the first of September, Mr. Lynn Atkins has been hired as our new choir director. Lynn is a first year Doctoral student in Choral Conducting at JMU. He received his Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Westminster Choir College, in Princeton NJ in 2004. Over the last few years, he has been a Teacher of Vocal Music and Director of Choral Activities at Ewing H.S., in Ewing NJ, and Director of Handbells at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Trenton NJ.

Lynn brings lots of knowledge and expertise and loads of enthusiasm to this position on our staff. We look forward to his leadership among us!

2008 Charge Conference

The Charge Conference of Elkton UMC for 2008 has been scheduled for 2:00 PM, Sunday October 26th, in our Assembly room. All members of the Administrative Council are voting members of Charge Conference and are expected to attend. This is the time when the ministry of our church over the last year is celebrated and ministry plans, personnel and budget are adopted for the coming year. Anyone who would like to is invited to attend.

Letters to New Residents

Did you know that our church sends out letters to new residents seeking to minister to the grief and adjustments involved in moving to a new place? It's a letter of welcome identifying with what they are perhaps experiencing and inviting them to come to our congregation and meet warm and loving people and discover with us what God is doing in their life. But, do you know what's an even better way to extend the love of Christ to these folks? When *you* see new folks moving in, go and welcome them and seek to make friends! Then invite your new *friends* to come be part of our church family.

Upcoming Retreat Opportunities at Blue Ridge Ministries

September 20 -- "Contemplative Crafting: Practicing God's Presence"
led by Linda Alley

November 15-- "Living in Sync with God in the Mundane" led by Sheryl Shenk

December 6 -- "Advent: The Word Made Flesh" led by Kevin Clark

For more information and/or to register, go to:
blueridgeministries@yahoo.com or call 540-560-605

Ring Handbells!

Lynn Atkins, our new choir director has lots of enthusiasm for handbells! So, if you are a former handbell ringer who's been away for awhile, or maybe just someone who's thought they might like to learn to ring, **NOW'S** the time to start (again or for the first time)! Join us for rehearsals following worship, beginning September 14th.

Join Us for Bible Study

Every Wednesday night at 6:00 PM, "Loaves & Fishes" meets for a covered-dish supper and fellowship. Then, from 6:30 – 7:30 PM, we study and discuss one of the upcoming Bible lessons for the next Sunday's worship. We'd love to have YOU join us. The food, the fellowship, the discussion, it's all good!

PRAYER CONCERNS...

(as known)

Mary E. Kite
Jenna Turner
Bud Fitzwater
Bill & Jean Madren
Bill & June DeNeale
Neil Hillsman
Denise Miller

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