

**From the Pastor**

*By Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor*

What an adventure we've had in February! Who could have imagined that we would have two massive snowfalls in a week?! It has been an incredible experience to go through. My hope is that it wasn't a totally unpleasant experience for you. My hope is that when you found yourself grounded at home, you were able to enjoy good family time, or catch up on reading or movies, or sleep! I was delighted to have the time to catch up on phone calls with family, friends and many parishioners, to watch movies and to read a couple of books. It was good to be able to slow down a little.

Well, as it happens, we're now in the midst of the liturgical season, Lent, that asks us to do just that – slow down. We're invited to slow down, and think about our lives and our relationship with the Lord, to contemplate where we are and where we should be, and what it will take to get there. I invite you to embrace Lent, to take advantage of these days leading up to Easter to really look at your life, at who you are, and how you're living. And I invite you to do that remembering that you're not alone on this journey because Christ Himself is with you all the way.

Many, many thanks to all who gave to UMCOR for relief efforts in Haiti following the horrible earthquake. As of today, you've given just under \$6,000!

**Growth Task Force**

*By Joe Tanner*

Bid packages for the new church addition will be sent out to six general contractors in early March. Bids are due back in early April. The bids will be reviewed, and we anticipate selecting a contractor by the second week of April. Before any contract is awarded, the details will be presented to the congregation for their review and approval. The church must also get the approval of the District Committee on Building and Location, and we will need to arrange for financing before committing to a contract.

Although we were considering an official groundbreaking immediately after Easter, we now anticipate having the official groundbreaking later in April. We anticipate construction beginning before the end of April.

*For just as the sufferings of Christ flow  
over into our lives, so also through  
Christ our comfort overflows.*

*2 Corinthians 1:5*

**March 2010**

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# MISSIONS OUTREACH

*"He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy."* PROVERBS 14:21

## One Great Hour of Sharing

By Ted McDowell

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time.

Elkton United Methodist Church will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. This offering helps UMCOR to fund its relief efforts when disaster strikes in places like Haiti. UMCOR is one of only a few agencies that are still helping with the disaster recovery efforts in Mississippi and Louisiana following the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Look for the special offering box your child will receive in Sunday School and the special offering envelope included in the Sunday bulletin. Please prayerfully consider giving to this important ministry of the United Methodist Church.



On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, the Missions Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Help Center. Please bring donations to the welcome center area on **March 7<sup>th</sup>**!

## FAIR TRADE COFFEE

will be available for purchase after each worship service on the **second Sunday** of each month:

**March 14<sup>th</sup>**

## Upcoming Baptism Dates

March 14<sup>th</sup>

April 18<sup>th</sup>

May 9<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day)

June 20<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day)

To schedule a baptism, call Rev. Bunnell at (410) 398-0933.



## College Packages

By Barbara Vogt

The last college outreach package for this year will be mailed on March 28<sup>th</sup>. We are once again asking for donations of snacks or useful items for the college students from our church. There are 24 students, but any size donation, large or small, is appreciated. I would especially like to encourage those parents whose children benefit from this program to make an extra effort to donate items for the packages. The collection box will be in the hospitality area near the library. Hot chocolate, instant oatmeal, gum, candy, and snack bars are some suggestions, so don't feel that you have to send home baked items, even though I'm sure they are their favorites. The boxes will be packed following the 11:00 a.m. service, so be assured that your items will be included if you attend the later service. Thanks for your generosity.

## The Hands and Feet of Christ Through the Priscilla Circle

By Faye Camors

Do you need a ride to church or to a doctor's appointment? Do you need someone to run an errand for you? Do you need someone to pick up groceries or a prescription for you? Or do you know someone who does? The Priscilla circle would like to be there for you. If you could use a little help, please call Faye Camors at (410) 441-0994 or email her at [flyaway723@comcast.net].

## Pet Ministry Needs Volunteers!

By Faye Camors

Think your pet would like to have a little more love in his or her life? What better way to get that love than to give it in a nursing home or assisted living facility. Service hours are available for students also. Contact Faye Camors at (410) 441-0994 or [flyaway723@comcast.net] if you are interested or if you know someone who is.



## GUESS WHO!

This talented guy grew up to thrill (but not shock!) us with his vocal talents.

(answer on page 6)

# CHURCH NEWS

*"Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do. And whatever else you do, get good judgment."* PROVERBS 4:7

## Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Regular worship schedule</li></ul>
Thursday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Soup and bread dinner</li><li>◆ 7:30 p.m. worship service featuring a cantata by our Senior Choir</li></ul>
Friday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Good Friday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Community Crosswalk at noon</li><li>◆ 7:30 p.m. worship service at EUMC</li></ul>
Sunday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 6:30 a.m. sunrise service</li><li>◆ 8:30, 9:45 &amp; 11:00 a.m. worship services (in the sanctuary)</li></ul>

## Administrative Council Sets Goals for 2010

*By Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor*

At their annual planning/dreaming retreat in January, the Administrative Council adopted the following five overarching goals for our church for 2010. Elkton UMC will seek, in all ways possible, to:

1. Offer radical hospitality
2. Offer passionate worship
3. Offer intentional faith development opportunities
4. Engage in risk-taking mission and service
5. Practice extravagant generosity.

These goals were suggested by Bishop Robert Schnase after studying what makes thriving congregations fruitful. The Administrative Council will further develop ways to live out these goals over the coming months.

## Music Ministries

*By Sharon Williams,  
Coordinator of Music Ministries*

It is hard to believe that our choirs are beginning to rehearse music for Lent and Easter. Where does the time go?

When I think of Easter, my thoughts turn to brass, bells, choirs, organ, the hours of preparation, and the beautiful music you will hear in our sanctuary on that day. What a glorious way to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

You do not want to miss this opportunity! The Senior Choir is beginning to rehearse music for our cantata to be performed in our sanctuary on Maundy Thursday and anthems for Easter Sunday (8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services). If you enjoy singing, why not join us for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.? There will be an additional rehearsal on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. All rehearsals will be held in the sanctuary. Let us prepare to celebrate Easter!

## A Reminder from the Finance Committee

*By Buddy Camors, Chairperson*

Needless to say, the record snow-fall has really played havoc with attendance at Sunday services. The Finance Committee, along with Pastor Bunnell, would like to remind everyone to please catch up on your faith promise/tithe if you have fallen behind because of the weather. Thanks for your continued support of our church and its role in our community!

## Youth Group News

*By Sandy Wherry*

We wish to thank all the youth who helped Gerry Treese with the Joy of Faith dinner. He said he wouldn't have been able to do it without your help! We also wish to thank those who helped with the childcare during the wedding feast.

Looking ahead, don't forget our annual trip to Creation. It will be held from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are also looking for Vacation Bible School help, and don't forget our mission trip with the church from July 24<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## New Members

We welcome the newest members into our church family!

Peg Bradley  
Deron Brown  
Jennifer Brown  
Celeste DiSciullo  
Chris DiSciullo  
Cheryl Ferringer  
Bill Ferringer  
Charlotte Mehosky  
Ivan Mehosky

*"You are welcome at my house."*  
JUDGES 19:20





Photos by  
Rich Juergens



# *Joy of Faith Weekend*







## Children's Church News

By Melinda Grablis

Beginning in March, we will be offering a new children's church curriculum called "KidMo." KidMo is an interactive multimedia-based curriculum for children in grades 1 through 6. KidMo combines video teaching, up-beat music as well as small group activities to present application-based Bible lessons. This worship is designed to be fun and engaging for kids. We are very excited to have this new program, and we hope you'll come check it out!



### Easter Egg Hunt

By Melinda Grablis

Join us on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, for our annual Easter egg hunt. This is a wonderful time for friends and family to get together and celebrate the Easter season. Festivities will begin after the 11:00 a.m. service in Weldin Hall. We'll have lunch and then hunt for eggs! The main course and drinks will be provided. Anyone who is able to may bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

Please sign up on the main hallway bulletin board across from the church office so that we know how many to plan for. We are also looking for candy donations to fill the Easter eggs. There will be a bin labeled Easter egg hunt in the main hallway for donations. This event is rain or shine, so mark your calendars and bring your family and friends.

### Solution to Cryptogram

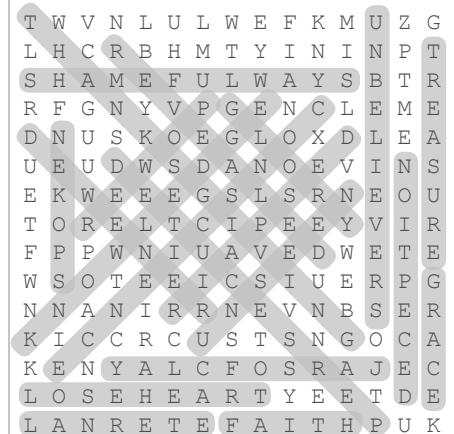
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"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

*Matthew 5:16*

### WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

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## Joy of Faith 2010

By Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor

After blizzards, delays, rescheduling and a multitude of other issues, we finally celebrated our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Joy of Faith weekend on February 14<sup>th</sup>! Chaplain Rich Sparling of the Philadelphia Phillies shared his unique ministry with us and challenged us during his Sunday morning sermon to be ready to answer God's call on our lives to tell others about Jesus.

Many thanks go to everyone who helped make Joy of Faith 2010 possible: the Membership and Evangelism Committee (under the leadership of Bettie Murray and Joe Buckley); Gerry Treese and company for their fabulous food and service; Scott Nickle for making our connection with the speaker and for getting all the Phillies' goodies for the giveaway; Barbara Dean for getting the Cardinals' goodies from her son, John Mabry, for the giveaway; Betty Sprague for her help with publicity; and Martins Grocery Store for donating the carnations for the luncheon tables. We'll be meeting soon to start planning Joy of Faith 2011!

### "Guess Who" Answer



The little boy, now retired from the electric company, is Ed Lynerd!



# SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

*"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble."* 1 PETER 3:8

## Classic Christians Vermont Trip – Final Payment Due

*By Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor*

Attention all who are participating in the Classic Christians' bus trip to the Trappe Family Lodge in Vermont on May 3-6: Your final payment is due into the church office by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, it's not too late for others to take part. There are still a few spaces left on the bus. If you're interested, give Pastor Bunnell a call in the church office.

## Classic Christians Game Night

*By Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor*

The March meeting of the Classic Christians (50+) will be a potluck dinner and game night on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, in Weldin Hall. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature a Wii Bowling Tournament! Bring a dish to share, and games you like to play, and come join in the fun! A sign-up sheet is on the table across from Rev. Bunnell's office.

## Single Young Adults

*By Sandy Wherry*

The single young adults will be going bowling in Middletown in March (date has not yet been determined). The sign-up sheet is on the board outside my office. Please sign up so that we will know how many lanes we will need.

We are trying to plan a retreat in Ocean Grove, NJ, for late May/early June. It will be a weekend on the beach with lots of free time and Bible study/discussion. Questions? Call me at (443) 309-0160.

## Young Adults News

*By Sandy Wherry*

We wish to thank Mike and Maryanne Schmook for the wonderful dinner they prepared for our wedding feast. A huge thank-you goes out to Mary Ann Schmidt and Yolanda Gomez for taking care of the children so the married couples could enjoy a candlelit dinner and some much deserved dinner alone. We also thank Michael and Megan Petkewec for the lovely decorations and the youth who volunteered to help with childcare.

We will be hosting a series on marriage called "Fireproof." We will start in April (date has not yet been determined) with the movie by that name followed by discussion and will run for 4 weeks. Please register on the board outside my office.

## Plate Dates

*By Andee McKenica*

Plate Dates was cancelled for February, so we're going to try again in March. Secret family recipes revealed! We are rescheduling our Italian dinner with Rick Ceresini for Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Join us to learn how to make homemade pasta, Italian wedding soup and a complete dinner for \$10 per plate. Preparation will need to start in the afternoon and dinner will be held at the McKenica home (183 W. Branch Circle, North East). We'll be in touch with participants before class with definite times. A sign-up sheet will be across from Karen's office.

## Spring Clean-Up Day

*By Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor*

The Board of Trustees needs your help! We need willing workers to help spruce up the church on our spring clean-up day which will be Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. A sign-up sheet will soon be in the church bulletin, but you can also sign up by calling the church office. Please help if you can!

### *Save the dates!*

- March 14<sup>th</sup> One Great Hour of Sharing
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday Soup and Bread
- April 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas In April
- July 24<sup>th</sup>- August 1<sup>st</sup> Kentucky Mission Trip

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

*By Rev. George Leathrum*

We are still in the dead of winter, but spring is coming and the days are getting longer. Be sure to set the alarm on the third Wednesday of the month to arrive at 6:30 a.m. at the Elkton Diner to enjoy breakfast and conversation with other men of the church. After a time for devotions and fellowship, we are on our way by 7:30 a.m.

Next date: March 17<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming dates: April 21<sup>st</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup>

## Blood Pressure Screenings on March 14<sup>th</sup>

Available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month in the parish nurse office!



# March

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<b>1</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM Sunbridge, N. Stubbs' Team 3:30 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Disciple Class 7:00 PM CCCS (Cecil County Choral Society)	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM Tele-Care Meeting 12:00 PM Lenten Lunch and Learn (WH) 5:30 PM Prayer Service 6:30 PM Senior Choir	<b>4</b> 10:30 AM Don's Class 6:30 PM Evangelism and Membership Meeting 7:00 PM SPRC Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>5</b> <i>Men's Retreat</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Men's Retreat</i>
<b>7</b> <i>Men's Retreat</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>8</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir	<b>9</b> 6:45 PM Disciple Class 7:00 PM CCCS	<b>10</b> 12:00 PM Ruth-Sarah Circle 12:00 PM Lenten Lunch and Learn 5:30 PM Prayer Service 6:30 PM Senior Choir	<b>11</b> 10:30 AM Don's Class 7:00 PM Missions Comm. 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <i>Baptism</i> <i>Blood Pressure Screening</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:30 PM Jr. Youth 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:30 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Disciple Class 7:00 PM CCCS	<b>17</b> 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast 12:00 PM Lenten Lunch and Learn 3-7:00 PM Thiokol Credit Union (WH) 5:30 PM Prayer Service 6:30 PM Senior Choir	<b>18</b> 10:30 AM Don's Class 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Classic Christians Dinner and Game Night	<b>20</b> 8:00 AM-12 PM Spring Clean Up
<b>21</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>22</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:45 PM Disciple Class 7:00 PM CCCS	<b>24</b> 12:00 PM Lenten Lunch and Learn 5:30 PM Prayer Service 6:30 PM Senior Choir	<b>25</b> 10:30 AM Don's Class 7:00 PM SPRC Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>26</b> 6:30 PM Couples Dinner & Movie - "Fireproof" 7:00 PM CCCS Practice (snow makeup)	<b>27</b> 10:00 AM Senior Choir Rehearsal 4:30 PM Plate Date @ McKenicas
<b>28</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt/Lunch 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir	<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:45 PM Disciple Class 7:00 PM CCCS	<b>31</b> 5:30 PM Prayer Service 6:30 PM Senior Choir			

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

"One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple." PSALM 27:4 (NIV)

3/1	Virginia Barnes	3/10	Carly Smith	3/23	Heidi Gaultney
3/1	Bettie Murray	3/11	Bethany Buckley	3/23	Colin Jones
3/1	Holly Wolf	3/11	Nathan Kovicak	3/23	Edna Lort
3/2	Katie Muther	3/11	Victoria Reiners	3/24	Charles Campbell
3/3	Shirley Clark	3/12	Ethan Henry	3/24	Steven Collins
3/3	Donald Hurst	3/12	Bill Schwartz	3/24	Paul Smith
3/3	Julie Loynds	3/13	Owen Veasey	3/25	Kimberly Hook
3/4	Vernon Ferguson	3/13	Abigail Wolf	3/26	Gregory Dant
3/4	Anna Valetutti	3/14	Fred Barrett	3/26	Madison Olewine
3/5	Evan Sluder	3/15	Joanne Irwin	3/26	Mark Smith
3/6	Sandra Anderson	3/16	Julie Burton	3/27	Brittain Conde
3/6	Michael Caleb	3/16	Vicki Collins	3/27	Bonnie Gaus
3/6	Darrell Cloud	3/16	Teresa White	3/27	Jacob Hook
3/6	Jeanette Perkins	3/18	Richard Achuff III	3/27	Joshua Noll
3/6	Sandy Wherry	3/18	Zephaniah Parrack	3/28	Grace Veltre
3/7	Edwin Haines Jr.	3/20	Mark Baylis-Powell	3/29	Jack Kovicak
3/7	Andrew Lee	3/20	Caroline Grablis	3/29	Mary Lou Parker
3/7	Timothy McDonald	3/20	Michael Howard	3/30	Madison Cebula
3/7	John Melvin	3/20	Cameron Smith	3/30	Alixandra (Paige) Kortas
3/8	Angie Cain	3/21	Christina Dant	3/30	Molly Layton
3/8	Richard (Gabe) Funke	3/21	Zoe Shelby	3/30	Lianna Milburn
3/8	Jennifer Hilaman	3/21	William Vassalotti	3/30	David Sentman
3/8	Paul Schneider	3/22	Sarah Bjerke	3/30	Anna Smith
3/8	Edward Tichnell	3/22	Loren Deaver	3/31	Linda Sweet
3/9	Todd Bjerke	3/22	Katelyn Taylor	3/31	Brooke Uhde
3/9	Hunter Tollinger	3/23	Taylor Blackiston	3/31	Michael (Travis) Uhde
3/10	Katie Mitchell	3/23	James Casen		

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." GENESIS 2:24 (NKJV)

3/1	Vanita & William Carroll Sr.
3/3	Joy & Thomas Hook
3/10	E. Mable & Joseph Griffith
3/11	Kara & Jonathan (Huff) Pugh
3/12	Anna & Jason Doerflein
3/21	Teresa & Thomas White
3/26	Raymond & Janet Forney

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*If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please accept our sincerest apologies and let the church office know so we can correct our information!*



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8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
 11:00 a.m. - Noon

**SUNDAY SCHOOL (ALL AGES)**

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m. - Noon  
 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - Noon

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE**

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Room 1)

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 Adult Handbell Director . . . . . Paul Deemer  
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 Handbell Director . . . . . Deb Ingram  
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**2 Corinthians – Chapter 4\***

*(solution is on page 6)*

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\*New International Version

**Bible Verse Cryptogram**

*(solution is on page 6)*

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