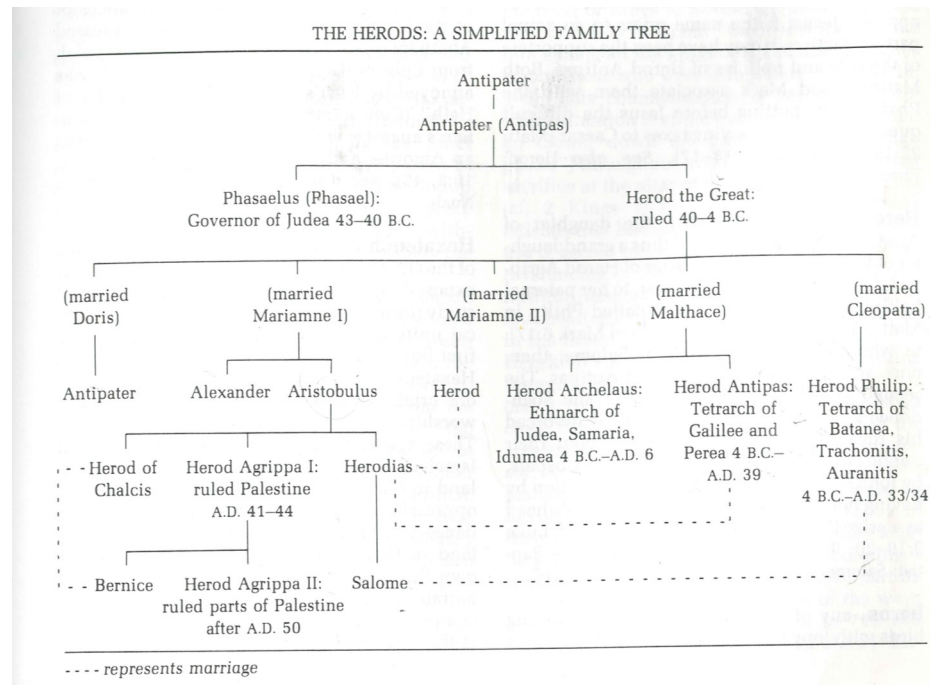


SERMON NOTES



“Religious leaders (church leaders) can mistakenly confuse good spiritual leadership with the ability to control complex situations, confused emotions and anxious minds, thus hindering the deeper theological reflection in which the faith community needs to engage.”

-- Henri Nouwen, *In the Name of Jesus*, 1999

2018 ELKIN FUMC LEADERSHIP

CHURCH VISION AND LEADERSHIP TEAM

Lay Leader/Facilitator of the Team: James Freeman
Staff-Parish Chair: Jeff Seaford
Finance Chair: Herb MacDonald
Trustees Chair: Steve Wells
Treasurer: Ellen Schumak
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Joan Sanders
Nurture Coordinator:
Outreach Coordinator: David Van Antwerp
Witness Coordinator: Sharon Harvey
At-Large: Mary Keller, Randy Hunsucker, Gardner Meek
Pastor: Mike Shuford

TEAMS AND COORDINATORS

Weekday Programs: Gail Midkiff ('18), Ali Wells ('19), Lauren Meek ('20)
[Board elects chair]
Lay Leadership: Tammy Coley ('18), Loretta Cash ('18), Linda MacDonald ('18), Betsy Robertson ('19), Louise Cockerham ('19), Gina Peterson ('19), Nancy Ball, ('20), Larry Johnson ('20), Emaline Cockerham ('20) plus Lay Leader (James Freeman), Pastor, Chair (Mike Shuford)
Trustees: George Brown ('18), Eris Ball ('18), Dave Johnson ('18), Steve Wells, chair ('19), Jake Schott ('19), Mike Smith ('19), Charles Bellia ('20), Steve Brown ('20), Martha Smith ('20)
Staff-Parish: Jeff Seaford, Chair ('19), Bob Midkiff ('18), Jill Bellia ('18), Bern Schumak ('18), Trish Grider ('19), Ray Parker ('19), David Ackerman ('20), Steva Bledsoe ('20), Birdie Johnson ('20) plus Lay Leader (James Freeman), Lay Member to Annual Conference (Joan Sanders), Pastor (Mike Shuford)
Finance: Herb MacDonald, Chair ('20), Larry Irwin ('18), Ann Merlo ('18), Carey Gupton ('19), Birdie Johnson ('20), plus Treasurer (Ellen Schumak), Lay Leader (James Freeman), Lay Member to Annual Conference (Joan Sanders), Trustees Chair/Rep, Staff-Parish Chair/Rep, Pastor (Mike Shuford), Carol McDowell [non voting]
Endowment: Gambill Aldridge ('18), David Robertson ('19), Bill Green ('20), Trustees Chair/Rep, Finance Chair (Herb MacDonald), Treasurer (Ellen Schumak), Missions (David Van Antwerp), Pastor (Mike Shuford)
[Endowment elects chair]
Parsonage: Steve Wells ('18), Omegia Seaford ('18), Marian Green ('19), Donna Thompson ('19), Martha Maier ('20), Randy Bledsoe ('20)
[Trustees elect chair]
Worship Coordinator: John Kennedy
Outreach (Missions) Coordinator: David Van Antwerp
Witness Coordinator: Sharon Harvey Social Action: TBA

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Order of Worship

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 15, 2018
8:45 am

Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World

Welcome to worship at First United Methodist Church.
We especially welcome those who are guests today.

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Call to Worship
Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in.
The LORD, strong and mighty, he is the King of glory!
—Adapted from Psalm 24:7-8

✠ Invocation

✠ Hymn No. 454 - “Open My Eyes that I May See”

✠ Holy Scripture - Mark 6:14-29 (Pew Bible p. 38)
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Sermon - “Glory and Honor Misplaced”

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession - In Unison

God of mercy, forgive us when we turn our attention away from you and focus on ourselves. Incline us to remember that glory and honor come from your throne and is intended for you and not for us. Let us praise you with our actions as well as our words. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God shows mercy on those that ask and repent.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

The Great Thanksgiving - Musical Setting D, pp. 23-24

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

✠ Hymn No. 127 - “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

✠ The Benediction

✠ Please stand as you are able

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor- Rev. Michael A. Shuford
Organist - Amy E. Johnson
Communion Steward - Pat Trexler

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

H.O.P.E. AND RESILIENCE - A TALK BY KRISTAN SEAFORD: A counselor, amputee, athlete, mother, and wife, Kristan will teach resilience using her unique acronym H.O.P.E. Sharing examples from her survival and recovery from a devastating illness, as well as her knowledge of counseling and psychology, Kristan will show audience members how to tackle obstacles, personal or professional, in their own lives. Monday, July 16, 6:00 pm at the Elkin Public Library. Kristan is the daughter-in-law of Omegia and Jeff Seaford.

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE: Thanks to all of you who provided snacks, volunteered your time and/or gave blood during our recent blood drive. With church members and people from the community we had 17 donors, exceeding our goal of 15!

PRESCHOOL NOW ENROLLING: It's already time to begin enrolling in our Weekday Programs for the 2018-2019 school year. We only have a few spots left in the 4 year old class. For more info contact Weekday Programs Director, Beth Darnell at 336-835-2323 or bdarnell@elkinfumc.org.

MISSIONS CELEBRATION: Elkin FUMC Youth have been busy this Summer on several mission trips. Thanks to the generous support of our membership, our youth were able to minister to people in and around Casar, NC and in the Asheville area through Carolina Cross Connection. Join us on Sunday, July 29 for our 10:55 am Worship Service as our youth share highlights of how they have seen God at work this Summer through their mission work.

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFRICA MISSION TRIP: In August, Jon Garing will serve on a medical & building team trip to Africa with other United Methodists from the Louisiana Conference. Financial donations are being accepted to help the team purchase medical supplies/building supplies needed for the trip. If you would like to make a donation, please indicate "Africa Mission Trip" on your check. We will accept donations through Sunday, July 15 and then forward the donations to the trip's team leader so the supplies can be purchased ahead of the trip.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC: Mark your calendar! Our annual church picnic is going to be held at the **Elkin Municipal Park, Shelter #1** beginning at 4:00 pm on Sunday, August 26. *Please note the new location this year.* Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Everyone is also invited to bring games to play (i.e. corn hole, bocce, volleyball, etc.)

TRI-C REQUESTS SALTINE CRACKERS: Tri-C has asked if we can begin donating Saltine Crackers instead of Toilet Tissue. Please place crackers in the basket in the entryway of the church office.

Boxwood Blight Affects Elkin FUMC

Boxwood blight, a fungus that has been found throughout yards in the Elkin area, has been confirmed among the boxwoods on our grounds. The Trustees have consulted with two professionals about how to handle the situation. *Not all of our boxwoods are affected.* To control the spread of the disease, four boxwoods will be removed—one to the right of the chapel door and three at the fire escape at the east classroom wing entrance. Others will be pruned to remove diseased areas. When removal is completed, we will begin a fungicide spray routine to prevent further spread of the fungus and improve the overall health of the shrubs. The fungus can't be killed, but it can be controlled.

The fungus grows rapidly in warm, humid weather. Its spores are sticky and can be spread by deer, dogs, cats, or rabbits brushing up against a diseased shrub, or by dead, infected leaves adhering to soles of shoes.

The Trustees ask that you not use the east classroom entrance (side entrance closest to the dumpster) to avoid coming in contact with the fungus spores accidentally. Avoid touching any of the boxwoods or taking any cuttings. If you have questions, please call Martha Smith or Steve Wells.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church Family: Zack Trexler, Paulette McCauley, Libbi Parks, Emad Elkhaiat, Ray Fencl, Larry Johnson, Walt Pettit, Hal Stuart, Bill Amburn, Ercel Carter, Dan & Sallie Park, Laura Gwyn, Gary Conrad, Bonnie Stuart, Loretta Cash, Roland Cash, Tim & Jennifer Brown, Jerre Boren, Donna Thompson, Family of Ann Graham, Family of Betty Tesh, nursing home residents & homebound

Extended Care: Mary Cockerham, Iris Amburn, Mary Neil, Bliss Vanderpool

Extended Family: Priscilla Smith, Marc Bishop, Buck Freeman, Lorene Newman, Michael Hines, Dennis Staley, Robert Miller, Joan Shuford, Dr. Gladys Campbell, Nan Boyd, Lonnie Snider, Teresa Shook, Millie Joyce, Martha Key, Kidd Family, Phyllis Lowe, Judy Moody, Abe Heath, Betsy Robertson's Mother, Andrew Reece, Avery Neaves, Connie Partin, Jeff Wishon, Brian Wilkenson, Nancy Yale, Family of Faye Martin, Family of Paul Tucker, Family of Tim Evans, Keith Stanley, Damon Long, Family of Jay Steeves, Rick Smoot, Linda Caudill

All of our military personnel and their families

CALENDAR FOR JULY 15 - 22

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| Sunday | 8:45 am - Early Worship (Chapel) 9:30 am - Armenia Style Breakfast (F. Hall) <i>EVERYONE WELCOME</i> 10:55 am - Worship (Sanctuary) 5:30 pm - Men's Bible Study (Forum Class) |
| Tuesday | 11:30 am - JOY Bible Study (Parlor) 5:30 pm - Youth Volunteer at Maple Springs UMC |
| Sunday | 8:45 am - Early Worship (Chapel) 9:45 am - Sunday School 10:55 am - Worship (Sanctuary) 2:00 pm - Youth Attend <i>Shrek</i> at Elkin High School |