

Our Preschool Students Practice
for their Graduation on May 24
at 6:00 pm - Image Below

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The First Word

Elkin

First United Methodist Church

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Mission Connection Team Meeting

Saturday, June 2, 2018 - 10 am to 2 pm
Williamson's Chapel UMC in Mooresville
\$10 - lunch will be provided

Mission Connection Teams are being formed for collaboration and resource sharing. The missional call in the hearts and churches of the Western North Carolina Conference is strong. Many individuals and churches serve in a myriad of ways around the world.

Mission Connection Teams will gather as many individuals and church teams as possible to share what has been learned while being involved in a country or state. Through collaboration, we can increase impact and discerning of how God would have us make a transformational impact to move our mission involvement with ministries and churches to a place of sustainable partnership.

For more information or to register visit: <https://goo.gl/9uy9ma>



TRUSTEE UPDATE

The replacement of steps at the church entrances is complete. Most of the railings have been removed for repair, repainting and reinstalled using stainless steel supports to minimize corrosion problems. One more set of railings - each side of the Administrative Office entrance - has been removed and should be installed within a few weeks. Railings on the East side of the Sanctuary and those leading to the lower parking lot (West side) appear structurally sound and, at this time, only need to be sanded/scraped and then repainted.

The East side, first floor hallway and some rooms are scheduled to be repainted beginning in mid-June. Last summer the first floor hallway and two rooms were repainted with volunteer labor and donated supplies saving the Church several thousand dollars. We already have some volunteers, but could use several more. If you are interested, please contact one of the Trustees or give your name and contact information to Ben Wallace.

Confirmands Received as Professing Members



Three Elkin FUMC Confirmands (Bronwyn Sloop, Grace Harrison and Paul Brinegar) professed their faith in Jesus Christ and took upon themselves the vows made at their baptisms on Pentecost Sunday, May 20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY: Next Sunday, May 27, we will collect a special offering that will support the United Methodist Peace with Justice Ministries. Gifts given to this ministry help fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. Make checks payable to "Elkin FUMC" and note on the check that it's for "Peace with Justice."

LYDIA CIRCLE MEETING: Lydia Circle will meet on Monday, June 4 at 11:00 am in the parlor. Following the meeting, join us for lunch. All women of the church are invited to attend.

THE YOUNG AT HEART will have another gathering on Monday, June 11 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have sandwiches and a salad bar. Cost is \$5 per person. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite homemade or store bought ice cream to share! Please RSVP to Cindy Furr (336-835-2323, cfurr@elkinfumc.org) by Wednesday, June 6.

BEREAVEMENT TEAMS NEED VOLUNTEERS: We are in need of more men and women to serve on bereavement teams. This ministry provides a meal for family and friends who have lost a loved one. The meal is served before or after a funeral. Our church is grateful to be able to provide the grieving family with a much-needed environment where family and friends can gather. Contact Sam Tesh at 336-366-2980 for more information or to volunteer.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY 13 WORSHIP SERVICE

We were excited to have Linda Fuquay (Ercel Carter's mother) join Elkin FUMC. She transferred her membership from St. George's Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg, VA. Please take a moment to welcome her to Elkin FUMC!



Richard Brinegar was presented with a certificate after completing a course to be a certified lay speaker (servant.)

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

Extended Family: Priscilla Smith, Marc Bishop, Lynn & Dale Rose, Buck Freeman, Lorene Newman, Michael Hines, Dennis Staley, Robert Miller, Joan Shuford, Dr. Richard Belcher, Dr. Gladys Campbell, Nan Boyd, Gus Bellia, Lonnie Snider, Teresa Shook, Millie Joyce, Martha Key, Kidd Family, Phyllis Lowe, Deborah S. Smith, Judy Moody, Family of Andra Hankey, Abe Heath, Betsy Robertson's Mother, Andrew Reece, Family of Daniella Suarez, Avery Neaves, Family of Keith Stanley, Connie Partin, Family of TC Simpson, Randy McDaniel, Jeff Wishon, Brian Wilkenson

All of our military personnel and their families

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to The Family of Rev. Paul McCauley who passed away on May 17. A celebration of his life was held in our Chapel on May 23 at 11:00 am. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.



HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

The church office will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

A NEW VBS OPPORTUNITY!

July 13-15, 2018



Kick-off Celebration!

Friday, July 13

6:00-8:45 pm

Covered dish dinner and pool party
Elkin Park Shelter & Pool

Learning Stations

Saturday, July 14

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Breakfast and Worship

Sunday, July 15 - 9:30 am

Armenian style breakfast
followed by 10:55 Worship to
share our VBS experience.

Check out www.elkinfumc.org/vbs for more info!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 2 - Gambill Aldridge
 June 4 - Frank Beals
 June 5 - Hal Stuart
 June 8 - Kim Arnold
 June 9 - Shelby Powell
 June 14 - Rita Irwin
 June 16 - Gary Conrad, Jeff Seaford
 June 17 - Mary Renegar
 June 18 - Glen Grider
 June 19 - Chelsea Maines, Carter Oakes, Mary Neil
 June 20 - Lily Sartain
 June 22 - Bud Hall
 June 23 - Charlie Bellia, Austin Coley
 June 24 - Steve Brown, Melissa Freeman
 June 26 - J.L. Lowe
 June 27 - Leverett Garing
 June 28 - Gardner Meek
 June 29 - Laura Oakes, Eric Eller
 June 30 - Cindy Furr

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 1 - Dave & Amy Johnson
 Jeff & Janet Adams
 June 7 - Jim & Barbara Harrell
 June 8 - Tom & Laura Gwyn
 June 11 - Randy & Yvonne Hunsucker
 June 13 - Larry & Birdie Johnson
 June 14 - Steve & Glenda Brown
 June 15 - Bob & Nancy Ball
 John & Becky O'Connell
 June 16 - Richard & Jane Dale
 June 17 - Jeff & Omega Seaford
 June 20 - Bud & Caroline Hall
 June 22 - Zack & Pat Trexler
 June 23 - Wayne & Tammy Coe
 June 26 - Bill & Iris Amburn
 Steve & Ginny Mackie
 June 27 - Mitch & Jill Neaves
 Randy & Steva Bledsoe
 June 28 - Jim & Dosha Teachey
 June 29 - Mike & Janice Powell
 Robert & Eris Ball

SOLID ROCK CAFÉ

Wednesday, May 30

Menu: Beef Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans
Desserts: Furr, Robertson, Tucker, Irwin

Wednesday, June 6

Menu: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Desserts: Powell, Harrison, Shuford, Johnson, McDowell

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, June 3

Lay Reader: Chandler Beals
Children's Church: Kristi Gaddis
Acolytes/Chimer: TBA
Crucifer: TBA
Counters: Dave Johnson, Gardner & Lauren Meek
Greeters: Marian & Bill Green; J.L. & Jane Lowe; Mary, Michael, Lucas & Sadie Keller; Alison & Dave Ackerman, Leigh Freeman
Ushers: Frank Beals, Steve Mackie, John Kennedy

Sunday, June 10

Lay Reader: Pam Fencil
Children's Church: Jennifer Kleinheksel
Acolytes/Chimer: TBA
Crucifer: TBA
Counters: Mike Powell, Andy & Ann Garner
Greeters: Ann & Andy Garner; Steva & Randy Bledsoe, Vickie & Steve Wells; Grace Harrison; Zara & Zena Petrocy, Emaline Cockerham, Martha Maier
Ushers: Steve Wells, David VanAntwerp, J.L. Lowe, Charlie Bellia

Sunday, June 17

Lay Reader: Jennifer Martin Brown
Children's Church: Mary Keller
Acolytes/Chimer: TBA
Crucifer: TBA
Counters: Frank Beals, David & Betsy Robertson
Greeters: Carol & Alex Snyder; Betsy & David Robertson; Steve Mackie, Rande Dent; Gerald Combs; Jennifer Martin Brown
Ushers: James Freeman, Henry Freeman, David Poindexter, Danny Freeman, George Crater

Sunday, June 24

Lay Reader: Emaline Cockerham
Children's Church: Rachel Eidson
Acolytes/Chimer: TBA
Crucifer: TBA
Counters: Gambill Aldridge, Margaret Tucker, Steve & Vickie Wells
Greeters: David Poindexter; Gina & Rob Peterson; Gambill Aldridge; Joseph, Kristi, Wyatt & Hadley Gaddis; Randy, Yvonne, Ashley & Kelly Hunsucker
Ushers: Gary Conrad, Tiger Sloop, Gambill Aldridge, Tony Duncan

Fellowship Hall Entrance Volunteers:

1st Sunday: Jennifer Kleinheksel
2nd Sunday: Charlie Bellia
3rd Sunday: George Crater
4th Sunday: Gambill Aldridge

STEWARDSHIP REVIEW

April 2018

Income: \$28,645.00
 Expenses: \$34,218.38
 Difference: **(\$5,573.38)**

Jan - April 2018

Income: \$118,654.27
 Expenses: \$143,314.22
 Difference: **(\$24,659.95)**



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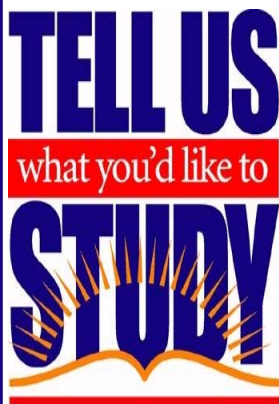
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The Vision and Leadership Team is seeking your input on courses that we may offer beginning the Fall of 2018. Below are just some ideas which may interest our congregation.

Please check those that may interest you and return to us by placing them in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail/drop off to the church office. If you have an idea for something not listed, please feel free to suggest and perhaps someone you feel is qualified to teach it.

_____ 8 week **Disciple** Bible study such as Genesis, Exodus, Luke, Acts, etc.

_____ Study on a specific book of the Bible. Which book? _____

_____ Other topical Bible studies; Healing stories, miracles, Books by other authors such as **Jesus as They Saw Him**, by William Barclay

_____ United Methodist Beliefs

_____ United Methodist History

_____ Social Principles of the United Methodist Church

_____ Current book studies, such as by author Adam Hamilton or another author.

_____ Books on other themes, such as **The Human Spirit and the Times We Live In** by Richard Rohr or another.

_____ Prayer: Different Methods, resources and Guides to meditation

_____ Crafts: Such as painting, quilting, woodworking, sewing, etc.
Your suggestion _____

_____ Other: Please list: _____