

August 30, 2015



Fighting Like Jesus: Christians and Conflict

*Eastport United Methodist Church
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Welcome to Eastport United Methodist Church
where we share our experiences of God's Kingdom with all,
through our faith, love, fellowship, and service.
Our vision is to have everyone actively involved in worship that
enriches, ministries that empower, and evangelism that embraces all.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Please turn off your cell phones.

Praise Songs

I Need You to Love Me – Benjamin Jones

Draw Me Close to You

Rise & Shine / Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy / Day by Day

Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Praise Song / Hymn of Illumination

Listen Now for the Gospel, v. 1

***Scripture Reading**

Matthew 18:15-20

Witness to the Word

Fighting Like Jesus, part I

[We will observe a moment of silence to reflect on the Word and its call and claim in our lives]

Sharing of Gifts and Prayer

*The Unified Budget
and Heaven Cent Basket for Winter Relief*

We Are an Offering

***Closing Praise**

There Must Be A God Somewhere

***Blessing**

***Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 76

Readings for Next Week

Acts 15:1-35 [selected verses]

Consider using John Wesley's Three Simple Rules in your daily meditation:

Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God

The Reverend Michelle Mejia, *Pastor*
 Nicole Hughes, *Junior Choir Director* Margie Hughes, *Heavenly Bells Director*
 JoAnn Kulesza, *Music Director & Organist*
 Bill Riggs, Sherrie Little, Sally Hight, Mike Keller, *Lay Speakers*
 JoAnn Kulesza & Jill Peddicord, *Worship Team Leaders*
 Sally & Kevin Hight, Eric Smaridge, Brady Duckett, *PowerPoint Presenters*
 Shirley Owen, *Ushers Coordinator* Audrey Howard, *Greeters Coordinator*
 Kevin, Eric S, Brady, *The Treats Dudes*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK
August 30, 2015

Greeters: Christina & Mike Valentine
 Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs
 Reader: Megan Wurst
 Ushers: Sonny & Shirley Owen
 Children's Time: Nicole Hughes
 Nursery: Andy & Sally Smith
 Counters: Jean Wilcox, Ann Rawls
 Sally Hight

Fellowship Time
Wendy & Eric Edstrom

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK
September 6, 2015

Greeters: Audrey Howard, Ginny Davidson
 Prayer Leader: Mike Keller
 Reader: Jean Strucko
 Ushers: Butch & June Stevens
 Children's Time: Paulette Schwallenberg
 Nursery: Jacqueline & Steve Ploof
 Counters: Jerry & Tammy Lesley
 Paulette Schwallenberg
 Communion: Marty Dobbs, Harriet Macey
 Mike Keller (PL)

Fellowship Time
Jackie Cunningham
Eric Smaridge, Jeff Bauckman

You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor Michelle
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Pastor Michelle: eastportumcpastor@gmail.com

OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Thanksgiving

TEACHERS

State, Country & World

EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN IN THE WORLD

Our Homebound Members

Lois Bliss, Edna Catterton, Katherine Leitch, Esther Gannaway
Neill Kinnamon, Norman Jones, Betty Owen, Betty Storton
Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler



August Prayer List



A new list will start on September 1st. Please use the yellow prayer cards in the pews for your prayer requests, or call/email the church office.

Earl "Gene" King (Art King's brother)
Jessica Stevens (Mark & Sharon's daughter)
Al (friend of Wendy & Eric)
Chris Barrett (Sally Hight's brother)
Lee Bergsman (Neil's Mom)
Mason, and family: Lisa, Scott & Sydney Scherer - (friends of Bill Riggs' family)
Norma & Marc (friends of Lynne Rittenberg)
Lil & Wayne (friends of Lynne Rittenberg)
Charles Williams (Audrey, Harriet & Jean's brother)
James Brown (friend of the Lesleys)

Sonya Beard (Tammy & Jerry's daughter)
Dave Swafford (friend of Jean Strucko and other members)
Fran & Harry (friends of Lynne Rittenberg)
Family of Joanna Kaskasian (co-worker of Amanda Owen)
Steve White (friend of Jim Wilcox)
Brian Stevens (Sharon & Mark's son)
Tracy Dinh (co-worker of Sharon Stevens)
Jennie Kulesza (JoAnn's Mom)
The U.S. Military (Berlyn Wheeler)
Chelsea (daughter of Traci DuPlayee)



Birthdays this Week

Aug 30 – Linda Harrison
Aug 31 – Jean Strucko
Sep 2 – Michael Owen, Andy Owen

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- ◆ Worship Team meets in the chapel --TODAY
- ◆ Sunday school volunteers head downstairs -- TODAY

Mon, Aug 31	United Methodist Men's Prayer and Pizza Fellowship at 7pm
Tue, Sept 1	Homework and Reading Program begins a new Year 4-5 pm Finance Team meeting 6:30pm
Wed, Sept 2	United Methodist Women meet @ 5:30pm. All are Welcome

Back to School and Back to UMW (United Methodist Women) !!



That is the theme for our September meeting. September is here and it is time to get back to our monthly meetings. Time off in the



summer is relaxing and good, but it is also a blessing to get back into our routines. And speaking of Back to School -- If you have a favorite memory from your "school days," (or even a "show and tell" item) please share it with us at our meeting the first Wednesday of the month, Sept 2, at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. And just like when you were in school, bring a "brown bag meal." Dessert and beverage will be provided. UMW does much good work. Won't you be part of that...and part of the fun too?

We still have beets and jelly available for purchase, we are just not taking them out of the refrigerator on Sunday mornings – see Myrna Dobbs or Shirley Owen to purchase yours. Thank you.

Winter Relief Organizational Meeting - For the past 15 years, we have participated in this important program which houses, feeds and ministers to homeless men of Anne Arundel Co. This year our week will be Nov 23-30. Please plan to attend this meeting on Sept 6th after service. We had a great debrief after last year's Winter Relief and we would like to incorporate some of those ideas and comments. We want to especially encourage the **MEN** of the church who have volunteered in the past (and the future!) Jim Wilcox started this ministry and is asking for your help to keep it going!

Beyond Next Week
(in chronological order ☺)



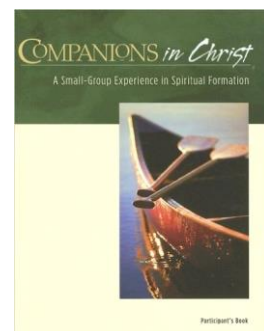
Choir rehearsals will begin on September 10th at 7:00. We would love to have you join us! If you have any questions, ask a choir member, or see JoAnn Kulesza, our fearless leader ☺

The Heavenly Bells will start ringing again (in rehearsal) on Monday evening, September 23rd ! We would love to have more people join us. You do not necessarily have to be able to read music, and it is a lot of fun. Have questions? Call Margie Hughes or see a bell choir member.



Companions in Christ – Starts the Week of Sept. 13th

Want to grow your relationship with God and build community with others at EUMC? Come, join our new small group study starting this fall. **Sign up in the fellowship hall today.** Dates and times will be determined by participant's schedules, so please indicate your interest. You can read the article in the August Spire for details, or email Pastor Michelle at eastportumcpastor@gmail.com . This study is broken into 5 week sections throughout the school year. We are also seeking people to either help facilitate the study or host a group.



Please come and sit in with the Sunday 9:00 adult conversation group for a special 12-week series – “*Passionately Christian, Compassionately Interreligious*”:

Please add your email address to the signup sheet in fellowship hall. We have been invited to preview a future course at Wesley Theological Seminary by Dr. Sathi Clarke that includes discussion on some of the world's major religions, including Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, and Atheism, as well as discussions about Christian mission in an interreligious world. Sunday morning conversations will be enhanced by short video clips that you can watch during the week. There is no charge. Come for all 12 weeks, beginning Sept. 13th, or drop in as you are able. This series will conclude on November 29th, after which the adult conversation group will resume their traditional way of choosing topics and discussion.



UMM to Hold Annual Navy Football Outing

The Eastport United Methodist Men will hold its yearly Navy Football Outing on Saturday, September 19, when Navy will tackle East Carolina. Men, women and kids are invited. The United Methodist Men has purchased a block of 15 tickets for the game – first come, first served. The cost is \$28 apiece. See Jim Wilcox at church or call him at 410-268-7458.

Save these Dates:

The annual EUMC church picnic is September 20 at the Bay Ridge clubhouse starting at 2pm.



The annual fall planning retreat is
Saturday, September 26
– time and place to be announced.

