

December 13, 2015



A Prelude to Christmas:

***Eastport United Methodist Church
926 Bay Ridge Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21403
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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.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Gathering Music

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Barbara & Mitch Krebs

L: We light this third Advent candle as we wait in joy.

A: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Sung Response: Here I Am to Worship, v.1

Opening Worship

Angels from the Realms of Glory – UMH 220

Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

Cantata: The Many Faces of Jesus/ How do you see Jesus?
The Wesleyan Choir

Did Mary Know?

Richard E. Averre

The Friendly Beasts

12th c. French carol

Arr. Robert B. Farlee

Even When God is Silent

Michael Horvit

Some Children See Him

Alfred Burt

He Comes to Us As One Unknown

Timothy Dudley-Smith, Richard Jeffrey

Infant Holy

W. Zlobie Lezy

Sharing of Gifts and Prayer

The Unified Budget

and Heaven Cent Basket for Thanksgiving Baskets

***Closing Praise**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice UMH 224

***Blessing**

***Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 116

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
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THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK
December 20, 2015

Greeters: Eunice Corse, Barbara Pearson
 Ushers: Bill & Sally Malamphy
 Prayer Leader: Sally Hight
 Reader: Bill Riggs
 Children's Time: Pastor Michelle
 Sunday School: No Sunday School today
 Nursery: Eric Edstrom, Russ Parrish
 Counters: Bill Malamphy, Harriet Macey,
 Virginia Schultz
 Fellowship Time: Sherrie Little,
 Maria Gomez, Sally Hight
(Thank you!)

Greeters: Ruth Gibbons, Harriet Macey
 Ushers: Art & Annabelle King
 Prayer Leader: Sally Hight
 Reader: Tom Schwallenberg
 Children's Time: Children's Play
 Sunday School: Nicole Hughes
 Lisa Stevens
 Nursery: Sally Colburn & Evie Swink
 Communion Assistants: Sally Hight (PL)
 Lisa & Mike Stevens
 Counters: Art & Annabelle King
 Fellowship Time : **Worship Team**

You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor Michelle
 through the church office, 410.263.5490.

EUMC e-mail: eastportumc@verizon.net

Website: www.eastportumc.org

Pastor Michelle: eastportumcpastor@gmail.com

He comes to us as... a breath unseen, unheard...
He comes to us in the silence...
He comes to us in sounds of seas...
He comes in love...
He comes in truth...
...unseen, but not unknown...
Our Savior and our Lord.

Thanksgiving

A SEASON OF WAITING IN HOPE

State, Country & World

HOPE FOR PEACE ON EARTH

Our Homebound Members

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



December Prayer List



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

Please be aware: we will print concerns in the bulletin only if that box is checked on Prayer card, or if you have notified us. We want to respect the privacy of individuals.

Dave Roberts (Jason Armstrong's uncle)

Jessica (Jeff Bauckman's niece)

Margaret Parks (Steve's Mom)

Pat Parks (member)

Lisa & Ricky Lord (Steve Parks' sister &
brother-in-law)

Earl (Gene) King (Art King's brother)

Bill Shuman (friend of Sue Peret)

Jeff (patient of Amanda Owen)

Donna Nuckels (member)

James Brown (friend of the Lesleys)

Wanda Kauffman (Annabelle King's sister)

Shirley Koetting (Art King's sister)



Birthday this Week

Dec 15 – Joanne Christofel, Addie Parrish

Dec 18 – Ernie Mutschler

Dec 19 – Anita Andrews, Jonathan Wilcox



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon, Dec 14	Heavenly Bells rehearsal 7pm
Tue, Dec 15	Homework and Reading Program 4-5 pm; Trustees 6:15pm
Wed, Dec 16	Companions in Christ 10am; Out to Lunch Bunch 12:15 at Sammy's Food Pantry Noon – 2pm; Yarn Ministry 2pm; Kids Art Program 4pm
Thurs, Dec 17	Homework and Reading Program 4-5 pm; Choir rehearsal 7pm
Sat, Dec 19	Heavenly Bells at Sunrise of Annapolis 3pm
Sun, Dec 20	Children's Pageant & Cookies with Santa; delivery of Timothy House gift bags

Today, December 13th, is the last day to order Poinsettia and Food Pantry dedications. The dedications will appear in the bulletins on the 20th and 25th..



Reminder to pick up a bag to fill for Timothy House today. Next Sunday we will deliver them to residents there. Plan to join us in this endeavor by donating gifts and/or helping to deliver them. This may be the only gift a person receives this Christmas.

Out to Lunch Bunch – We will meet on Wednesday, Dec 16th. This is a change from the 4th Wednesday regular meeting, because next week is very close to Christmas. See you at Sammy's about 12:15 on the 16th.



Please join us for Cookies with Santa next week, December 20th, in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

Offering envelopes for 2016 are available in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up yours today. If you encounter a problem, or have a question, please see Russ Parrish or Wendy Edstrom. **Using your envelopes –filling in your name and the amount in the proper spaces makes the job of the counters much easier.**

On December 17th Eastport Elementary School children will make a visit to EUMC to deliver decorations that they have made for us. Mike Keller tells us that they will arrive about 9:15 a.m. If anyone would like to be here to greet the children, please feel free to join us here. Thank you.

2016 Calendars – Each year, a very generous Bobby Stevens supplies us with small refrigerator magnet calendars. These are personalized with a re-usable magnet business card with our church name and information on it. Please take as many as you like and spread them around—they may be a good starting point to inviting someone to come to church! Other, larger calendars are also here for the taking.



UMM Toy Drive. The Eastport United Methodist Men are asking **all men** of the church to donate a new toy or gift (or a used item that is in good condition) that would be suitable for a child ages 4 or 5. The value of each toy or gift should not exceed \$20. For those who wish to take part in this endeavor to make Christmas a happier time for a local child, please place the item **unwrapped** in the specially marked box in the church fellowship hall no later than **Sunday, Dec. 20**. The United Methodist Men will wrap the toys and gifts and deliver them to the school that week.

Heavenly Bells will ring out Christmas carols at Sunrise Assisted Living on Bestgate Road on Saturday afternoon, December 19th at 3pm. There are three members of our congregation currently residing there. We are happy to be sharing with them some of our lovely Christmas music.



January Newsletter - Team leaders, please send meeting dates, announcements, etc. to Eunice for the January Spire as soon as possible. Any EUMC member who wants to contribute a reflection or a seasonal poem is welcome to do so. December 28th is the deadline. Send by email to corseec@msn.com



Thanks to the Wesleyan Choir for the beautiful cantata, arranged by JoAnn Kulesza, Music Director.

Upcoming Worship Activities

December 13

Christmas Cantata

Last day to order poinsettias

December 20

Children's Christmas Pageant

Cookies with Santa after service

Last day to turn in Timothy House bags. They will be delivered today!

December 24

Christmas Eve Family Service, 5:30



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Pre-service music 10:00pm, service at 10:30

December 27

Regular service

December 31

7th Annual New Year's Eve Interfaith Worship Celebration

Pre-service music 6:30pm, service 7:00-8:00

January 9

1:00pm take down Christmas decorations