

*December 27, 2015*



**A Service of Stories & Song**

*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.

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## First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 27, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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### Welcome

**\*Opening Carol**

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

UMH 237

### **\*Call to Worship (bold lines in unison)**

The Christmas story began with angels singing the good news:  
To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
Who is the Messiah, the Lord.

The story goes on as we tell it, live, it celebrate.  
We read the scripture, sing out praise,  
And add our own stories of God with us.

**Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
And on earth peace!**

**\*Prayer**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Children's Time – *The Little Shepherd Girl***

## Prayers of the People

**Scripture** Luke 2:8-20

**Story: A Christmas Truce in the Trenches**

**Carol** *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* See Screen

**Special Music** JoAnn Kulesza

**Scripture** Luke 1:46-55

**Story: A Story of St. Nicholas**

**Carol** *Joy to the World* UMH 246

**Scripture** John 1:1-5, 10-14

**Story: The Man and the Birds**

**Carol** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240

**Sharing of Gifts** *What Child is This? (v. 1, 2)* UMH 219

*The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Thanksgiving Baskets*

**\*Doxology** UMH 219 v. 3

**Offertory Prayer**

**\*Closing Carol** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* UMH 251

**\*Blessing & Sending Forth**

\*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 139

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

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

## Thanksgiving

LOVE RENEWED – CHRIST IS BORN

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.**

**Ben Riggs** (Bill & JoAnn's son)

**Rob** (Al Thorne's extended family)

**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)

**JeNelle Moreland** (Dawn Moyer's Mom)

**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)

### Birthdays this Week

Dec 27 – Lorraine Crouch

Dec 31 – Jack Little, Dick Strucko

Jan 1 – Cade Clurman



### Anniversaries this Week

Dec 27 – Bob & Donna McWilliams

Dec 28 – Bo & Joyce Chesney

**Sunday Fellowship Time.** The new year is wide open – please pick a Sunday and sign up to host a fellowship time. It's a big job but an important one! We get to know new friends and catch up with each other's activities at this very special time after the service. You're encouraged to team up with one or two others and sign up. No need to make coffee – that will be covered. Thank you!

The Christmas wreaths decorating the pews this morning were made by pre-kindergarten children at Eastport Elementary School. It was their way of thanking EUMC and the United Methodist Men for their generous gifts to the children.

## **COMING UP AT EASTPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

### **Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve Interfaith Service**

6:30 p.m. Pre-Service Program

7:00 p.m. Worship Celebration for Peace

### **New Sermon Series Beginning January 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Questioning the Bible:**

#### **Reading Scripture with Head & Heart**

- Jan 17: What is this book we call "Scripture"?  
Who wrote it and what kind of book is it?
- Jan 24: Is it true?  
Is this fact or fiction...or something else?
- Jan 31: The Bible says it, I believe it, that settles it.  
Is that how it works?
- Feb. 7: Does it really matter today?

**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**  
**December 27, 2015**

Greeters: Sharon & Mark Stevens  
Ushers: Butch & June Stevens  
Prayer Leader: Sally Hight  
Reader: Richard Strucko  
Children's Time: Michelle Anderson  
Sunday School: No Sunday School today  
Nursery: Jean & Dick Strucko  
Counters: Ruth Gibbons, Audrey Howard,  
Jackie Cunningham

**Fellowship Time**  
**Congregation – Leftovers!**  
*(Thank you!)*

**THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK**  
**January 3, 2016**

Greeters: Audrey Howard, Ginny Davidson  
Ushers: Eric Edstrom, Mike Keller  
Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little  
Reader: Jill Peddicord  
Children's Time: Lisa Stevens  
Sunday School: TBD  
Nursery: TBD  
Communion Assistants: Sally Colburn  
Evie Swink  
Counters: Paulette Schwallenberg,  
Jerry & Tammy Lesley

**Fellowship Time**  
**TBD**

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

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**Spread the word – invite your friends:**

**New Year's Eve Interfaith Celebration at EUMC**

**December 31, 2015**

**6:30 p.m. – Pre-Service Music**

**7:00 p.m. – Service**



