

December 31, 2017

CHOOSE YOU THIS
DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE...
BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE,
WE WILL
SERVE THE

Lord

JOSHUA 24:15

Eastport United Methodist Church
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*And I said to the man who stood at the
gate of the year:*

*“Give me a light that I may tread safely
into the unknown.”*

And he replied:

*“Go out into the darkness and put your
hand into the Hand of God. That shall
be to you better than light and safer
than a known way.”*

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The Gate of the Year
Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957)

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.

First Sunday after Christmas Day New Year's Eve

December 31, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Call To Worship

Leader: Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.

People: We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old problems, new dreams and old weaknesses.

Leader: But, because you are a God of hope,

People: we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.

Leader: Because you are a God of love,

People: we know that you can forgive all mistakes of the past.

Leader: Because you are the God of faith,

All: We leave the past year thankful for your mercies and prepare to walk into a New Year trusting in your grace.

Opening Song

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

Prayers of the People

Hymn of Illumination

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, v. 1,3

UMH 216

*Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:1-18

COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

First Baptismal Vow: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Scripture Acts 3:19

Song A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, v. 1 – UMH 110

Second Baptismal Vow: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Scripture John 14:15-17, 23, 25-27

Song Joy to the World, v. 1, 3 – UMH 246

Third Baptismal Vow: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Scripture Hebrews 10:19-24

Song God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, v.1

Fourth Baptismal Vow: According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

Scripture John 15:4-5, 7-8, 12-13

Song Love Came Down at Christmas, v.1, 3 – UMH 242

**The Baptismal Covenant
& Welcoming New Member**

Jack Little



Making or Renewing Our Covenant with God

Invitation & Confession

Pastor Michelle

Unison Prayer

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, you have called us through Christ to be partakers in this gracious covenant. We take upon ourselves with joy the yoke of obedience, and engage ourselves, for love of you, to seek and do your perfect will. We are no longer our own, but yours. Hear us now, as we affirm:

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O Glorious and Blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Sharing of Gifts & Prayer

The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for the Blue Ribbon Project

Special Music

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Sherrie Little

***Closing Praise**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH 224

***Blessing**

***Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

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*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday Morning: 74

Adults & Youth: 69

Children: 5

Christmas Eve Family Service: 175

Our Homebound Members

Leona Bergsman, Norman Jones, Betty Storton, Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler

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. **Please let the office know if there is someone that you want kept on the prayer list, otherwise the names will be removed at the end of each month.

Cathy Thorne (Pastor Michelle's mother)

Lee Horton (former member)

Dick Strucko (member)

Audrey Howard (member)

Ann Rawls (member)

Ron Baradel (friend of Eric & Wendy)

Kellie Bridges Lind (EUMC friend)

Pete Cullison (Pud Schultz's brother)

Les Sandman (Charlotte Kerns' sister's fiancé)

Birthdays this Week

Dec 31 – Jack Little, Richard Strucko

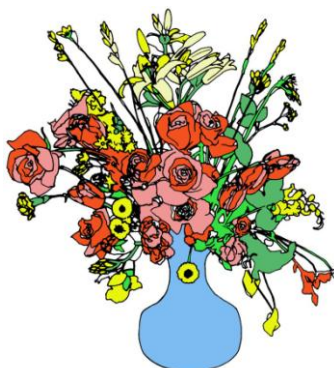
Jan 4 – Dennis Bergsman

Anniversaries this Week

Jan 1 – Mitch & Barbara Krebs

Jan 3 – Jerry & Joanne Christofel

Jan 5 – Jack & Sherrie Little



Flowers This Week

**Happy 85th Birthday
Richard Strucko !!**

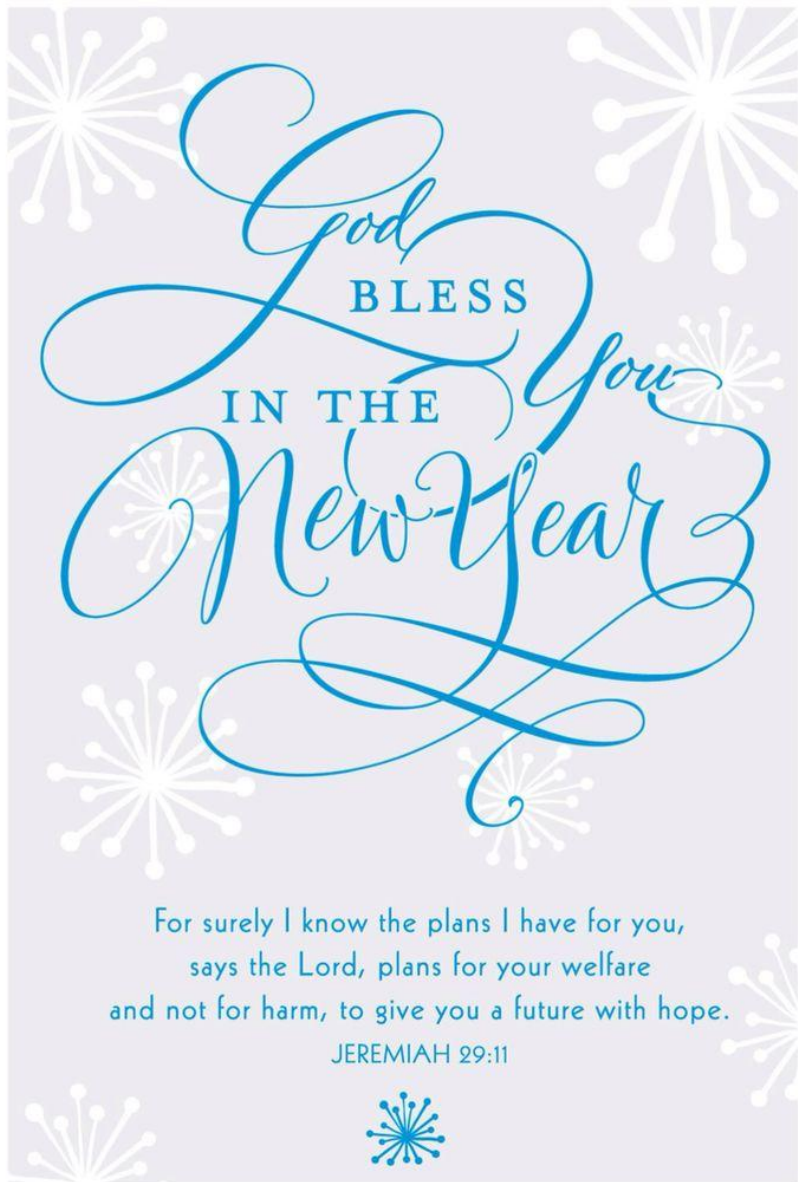
The Reverend Michelle Mejia, *Pastor*
 Nicole Hughes, *Junior Choir Director* Margie Hughes, *Heavenly Bells Director*
 JoAnn Kulesza, *Music Director & Organist*
 Bill Riggs, Sherrie Little, Sally Hight, Mike Keller, *Lay Speakers*
 Audrey Howard, Jean Strucko, *Worship Team Leaders*
 Sally & Kevin Hight, *PowerPoint Presenters*
 Shirley Owen, *Ushers Coordinator* Audrey Howard, *Greeters Coordinator*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK December 31, 2017	THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK January 7, 2018
Greeters: Bob & Carol Emory Welcomer: Anne Owen Ushers: Jean Strucko, Eunice Corse Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs Reader: Sherrie Little Children's Time: Lisa Parrish Sunday School: Nursery: Nikki Finkle Russ Parrish Counters: Jean Wilcox, Erin Connor	Greeters: Audrey Howard, Ginny Davidson Welcomer: Pud Schultz Ushers: Margie & Dick Hughes Prayer Leader: Mike Keller Reader: Megan Wurst Children's Time: Jill IPeddicord Sunday School: Nursery: Nikki Finkle, Sally Colburn Communion Assistants: Mike Keller Bill Riggs, Jean Strucko Counters: Neil Bergsman & Val Devaris Tom & Paulette Schwallenberg

You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor Michelle through the church office, 410.263.5490.
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TONIGHT:
NINTH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE INTERFAITH CELEBRATION
HERE AT EASTPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6:30 PM – MUSICAL OFFERINGS
7:00 PM – SERVICE BEGINS WITH CALL TO PRAYER

If you are attending the New Year's Eve service and are physically able, please park across Bay Ridge Avenue at the shopping center to free up spaces in our lot for visitors. Thank you!



God
BLESS
You
IN THE
New Year

For surely I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord, plans for your welfare
and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

JEREMIAH 29:11

