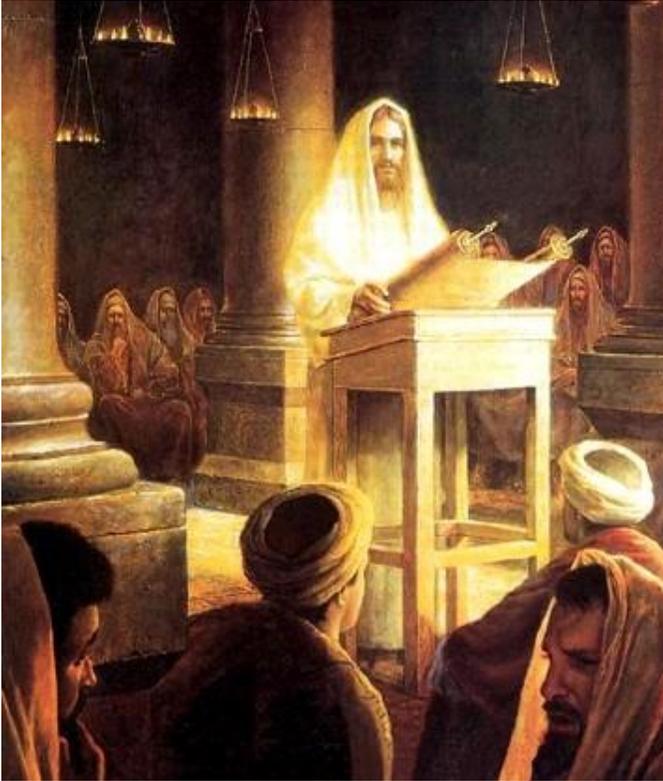
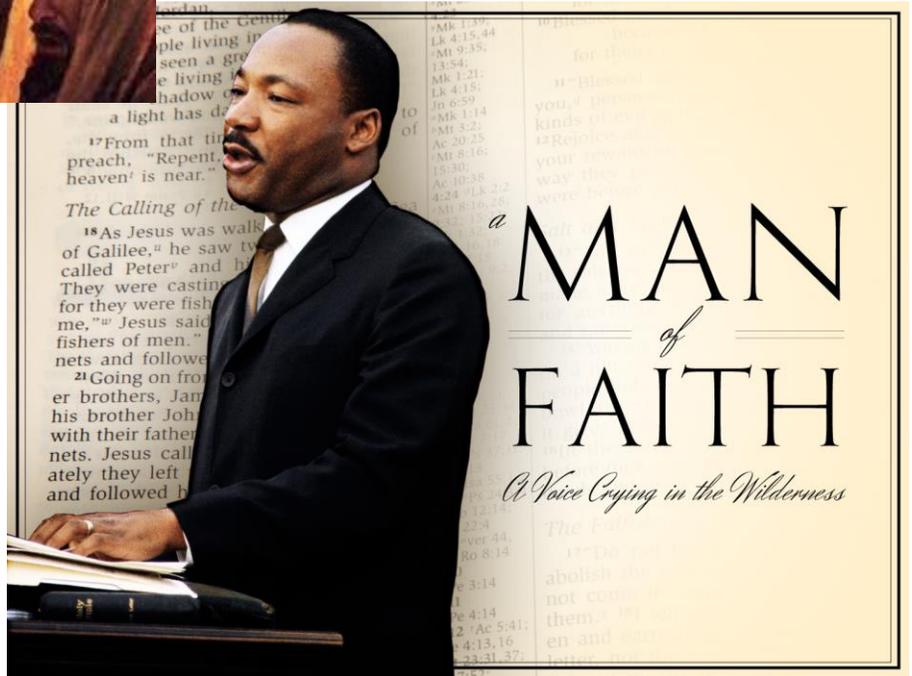


*January 14, 2018*



No prophet is welcome  
in the prophet's hometown

Luke 4:24



*Eastport United Methodist Church*  
*926 Bay Ridge Avenue*  
*Annapolis, MD 21403*  
*410.263.5490*

**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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**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

January 14, 2018

10:00 a.m.

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**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

**Songs of Praise**

*We Are A Wilderness Wandering People*  
*Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone*  
*God Is In Control*

**Prayer**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Children's Time**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem**

*Let Freedom Ring*  
Rollo Dilworth  
Wesleyan Choir

**Hymn of Illumination**

*This Is My Song*      UMH 437

**\*Scripture Reading**

Luke 4:14-30

## Witness to the Word

Pastor Michelle

### Ministry Moment on Human Trafficking

*Bill & Susan Schneider, who are actively engaged in the ministry and work of The Samaritan Women will be around during our fellowship time to answer more questions about the ministry of The Samaritan Women and the local impact of human trafficking in Maryland.*

### Sharing of Gifts & Prayer

*The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket*

### \*Closing Praise

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*    UMH 519

### \*Blessing

### \*Praise Song to Send Us Forth

\*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 59

Adults: 47

Children: 12



### *Justice*

*Let justice roll. Lift your voice and sing.*

*Let justice roll. Let freedom ring.*

*(Repeated throughout)*

### Let Freedom Ring



Enthroned upon the mighty truth, within the confines of the laws,  
True Justice seeth not the man, but only hears his cause.

Unconscious of his creed or race, she cannot see, but only weighs;  
For Justice with unbandaged eyes would be oppression in disguise.

**Words from the poem “Justice” by Paul Laurence Dunbar**

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**  
**January 14, 2018**

Greeters: Evie Swink, Sally Colburn  
 Welcomer: Anne Owen  
 Ushers: Eric & Wendy Edstrom  
 Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little  
 Reader: Paulette Schwallenberg  
 Children's Time: Valerie Devaris  
 Sunday School:  
 Nursery: Nikki Finkle, Kathy Duckett

Counters: Pud Schultz, Harriet Macey,  
 Bill Malamphy

**THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK**  
**January 21, 2018**

Greeters: Kathleen and Dylan Liedy  
 Welcomer: Jean Strucko  
 Ushers: Myrna & Marty Dobbs  
 Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little  
 Reader: Charlotte Kerns  
 Children's Time: Nicole Hughes  
 Sunday School:  
 Nursery: Nikki Finkle, Megan or Mike Wurst

Counters: Lisa Parrish, Mike Stevens,  
 Jenifer Smith

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

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Website: [www.eastportumc.org](http://www.eastportumc.org)

Pastor Michelle: [eastportumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:eastportumcpastor@gmail.com)

**Want to join EUMC?**

The membership vows of the Methodist Church invite us to join a community of Christians and live out our commitment to follow Jesus with one another through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. If you are interested in membership please reach out to Pastor Michelle at [eastportumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:eastportumcpastor@gmail.com) or call the church office to speak with her.

A former resident of The Samaritan Women, 'Cherry', recently wrote a poem, entitled,

“Made New”:

Nothing made sense and I had no home  
I lost who I thought was my family  
I left those  
Who I considered as friends  
If I could, I would go back in time  
And make everything right  
To my sight  
Now that's the truth  
But not my reality  
Because when I look back  
I see my depression  
The abuse  
The pain and the agony  
And then I go into my dark place  
and hear those distant voices  
Why should I go on?  
Why should I live?  
And I begin to think:  
I have a son now  
People love me now  
So why not move on and be  
The strong black woman I know I can be  
I have nothing to lose, only to gain  
The respect from others,  
To be able to reach out to my peers  
So I thank TSW for bringing me back to me,  
And back to the Lord  
And opening my heart, letting me see  
That God can work a miracle.

A prayer by Dotti Groover-Skipper, Anti-Trafficking Director, Florida Divisional Headquarters, The Salvation Army:

Dear Heavenly Father,

You are the Father of Truth. You are the Father of Freedom. We lift our voices to you in fervent prayer for our brothers and sisters who are enslaved by others. Let them experience your truth which brings freedom, no matter the circumstances. Those who are held in captivity to service others, your precious sons and daughters...sons and daughters who are sexually exploited or forced and coerced to work due to human greed, let these precious ones experience healing, complete restoration, and justice. Pierce the hearts of the traffickers that they will realize their insidious injustice and turn away from such evil doings.

Give us boldness and courage as we raise our voices to speak of such injustice, an injustice that certainly breaks your heart, Lord, may it also significantly break our hearts too. Fill us with your holy anger and your sacred passion for those who are trafficked. Help all of us to realize and experience your grace that we might live in such a way that others are not made to pay the price for our comfort and convenience.

Father, we ask that the day will come soon when all people will be treated, not as a commodity, but as radiant images of your truth and freedom, and that all will experience full dignity, value, and worth.

In Jesus Mighty name I pray, **Amen**

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A request from: a Board Member of Seeds 4 Success. Gaby, one of our 10<sup>th</sup> grade girls has decided she would like to learn to play the piano. She lives across from your church on Brashears St. [Gaby attended our homework sessions when she was younger] and she has been with Seeds for a number of years and is a delightful young lady and is doing very well in school.

Do you think that you have a member of your church community who would be willing to give Gaby piano lessons on a piano at the church on a pro bono basis or for a very small fee. Seeds cannot pay for lessons. Gaby has a part-time job and might be able to pay a very small fee like \$10 a lesson. Gaby is Latina but is totally fluent in English. If this is something that you think your church could help set up, we would like to put Gaby herself in charge of contacting you and discussing the potential opportunity herself. If you would like to discuss by phone I can be reached at [301-325-2686](tel:301-325-2686), I can also put you in touch with a Seeds staffer who can answer any questions you have. ~Jane Lawrence

# OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

**Thanksgiving**  
THE CHRIST CHILD

**State, Country & World**  
HOPE FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

## Our Homebound Members

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



## January Prayer List

A new list will start on February 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. \*\*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.**

**Tegan Kopp** (son of Sharon & Travis)

**Cathy Thorne** (Pastor Michelle's mother)

**Lee Horton** (former member)

**Dick Strucko** (member)

**Audrey Howard** (member)

**Ann Rawls** (member)

**Kate Wiltz** (JoAnn Kulesza's niece)

**Ron Baradel** (friend of Eric & Wendy)

**Kellie Bridges Lind** (EUMC friend)

**Pete Cullison** (Pud Schultz's brother)

**Les Sandman** (Charlotte Kerns' sister's  
fiancé)

## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Jean & Dick Strucko**

**Congratulations and love from your EUMC Family!**

## Birthdays this Week

Jan. 14 – Michael Valentine, Sr.

Jan 15 – Mary Jane Finkle

Jan 16 – Gerald Crouch

Jan 18 – Bob Emory, Wendy Edstrom, Mike Wurst



**Events at EUMC This Week**  
**TODAY – Covered Dish Lunch**

Mon, Jan 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—OFFICE CLOSED <b>NO</b> Heavenly Bells 7pm (rehearsals will resume Jan 22)
Tues, Jan 16	Homework & Reading 4pm; Board of Trustees 6:15pm
Wed, Jan 17	Food Pantry distribution Noon – 2pm
Thurs, Jan 18	Homework & Reading 4pm; Choir rehearsal 7pm Spire newsletter deadline



**The December Heaven Cent offering totaled \$640.00! Thank you! This week a check in that amount was sent to the Blue Ribbon Project.**

The Blue Ribbon project is a 100% Volunteer, community based organization supporting abused and neglected children in our community as well as youth that are in foster care. We are a 501(c)(3) and your donation is 100% tax deductible.

A new coalition of Harbor House and Eastport Terrace residents, neighbors and community leaders (that's us!) and government agencies (including Annapolis Police Dept.) has been formed as a "grass roots" movement to improve our community of Eastport for all, right now, right where we all are. Pastor Michelle and Wendy & Eric Edstrom attended the meeting last Tuesday evening, and found it a productive and worthwhile gathering. We are hoping that we can have more representatives attend future meetings, and so we are inviting you to come as representatives of an Eastport faith community, and be a part of the possible solutions, and part of **Eastport Working Together**. (Food is provided 😊 )

**Some Dates to Note on your calendar**

Saturday, January 27 – Church Planning Retreat (details soon)  
Sunday, January 28 -- Soul Searchers practices begin 2-4pm  
(Parent meeting at 1:00pm)  
Tuesday, January 30 -- Eastport Working Together 6:30pm  
Rosalie Mitchell Community Center, 1014 President St.

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday; Lent begins  
Look for details next week about our special and exciting plans for Ash Wednesday and the remainder of Lent.