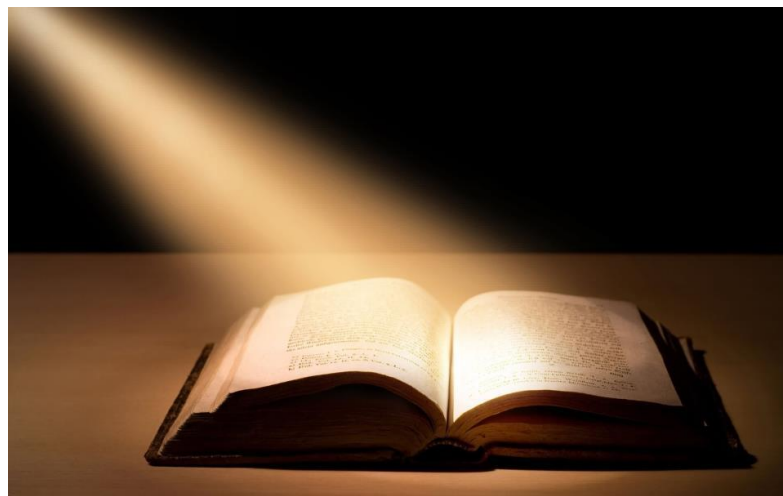


*January 17, 2016*



Deep Questions for the Scriptures:  
Reading the Bible with Head & Heart

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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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## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2016

10:00 a.m.

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### GATHERING

*Please silence your cell phones.*

**Gathering Music**

*Beautiful Savior*

Heavenly Bells

Douglas E. Wagner

**Welcome**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Lord, Speak to Me*

UMH 463

**\*Song of Praise**

*Enough*

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and loving God,  
source of all wholeness, forgiveness, and mercy,  
may your Spirit**

**heal those who are torn,  
mend those who are broken,  
and protect those who are fragile.**

**Enable us, O God,  
through the gift of your steadfast love,  
to remember who we are  
and whose we are.**

**Forgive us,  
for the times we fail to live out  
your calling and your hope for our lives.**

**In your love,  
may we be true and faithful disciples  
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

(We will observe a moment of silence for individual prayer.)

**\*Words of Assurance**

Leader: God’s love is continually poured out for us. Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion, dear ones. In Jesus’ Name, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

**\*Renewing Our Covenant**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Children’s Time**

**Prayers of the People**

**Anthem**

*God Be In My Head*  
Philip Wilby

Wesleyan Choir

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Hymn of Illumination**

*Wonderful Words of Life, v. 1, 2*

**\*Reading from Holy Scriptures**

2 Timothy 3:14-17

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Witness to the Word**

“What is this thing we call Scripture?”

Pastor Michelle

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

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, HOLY COMMUNION with OFFERTORY**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

TFWS 2257a-d

**Communion Hymns**

*Eat This Bread*  
*Fill My Cup, Lord*

UMH 628

UMH 641

**Holy Communion** *by the ancient method of intinction, dipping the bread in the cup.*

**Sharing of Gifts** *The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for the sound system*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*Closing Song**

*Thy Word Is a Lamp*

UMH 601

**Music to Send Us Forth**

\*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 83

## Thanksgiving

RENEWAL

## State, Country & World

THOSE AFFECTED BY WEATHER DISASTERS

### Our Homebound Members

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



### 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.**

**Bill Anderson** (Michelle Anderson's Dad)

**Mike Brown** (The Lesleys' son-in-law)

**Judy Poirer, Marie Pringle** (friends of Barb Pearson)

**Thomas Leitch** (Eric Smaridge's father)

**Bill Shuman** (Sue Pere's friend and neighbor)

**Sherry Luckett** (Sally Hight's sister)

**Pat Parks** (member)

**Donna Nuckels** (member)

**Margaret Parks** (Steve's Mom)

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

**Bob Gaither** (The Lesleys' friend)

**Betty Hamlin** (the mother of David Councell's co-worker)

**Valerie Grasman, Jack Fitz Simmonds** (friends of Alisha Juliano)

**The Alden Family** (friends of Sharon & Mark Stevens)

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

**Wanda Kauffman** (Annabelle King's sister)

**Shirley Koetting** (Art King's sister)

**James Brown** (friend of the Lesleys)

### Birthdays this Week

Jan 18 – Bob Emory, Mike Wurst, Wendy Edstrom,

Jan 21 – Ed Owen

Jan 23 – Steve Duckett

### Anniversaries this Week

Jan 20 – Jean & Dick Strucko

*Our sympathy is extended to Steve Ploof whose uncle passed away last week.  
May his family be comforted by God's love.*

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon, Jan 18	Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed
Tue, Jan 19	Homework and Reading Program 4-5 pm; Trustees 6:15pm
Wed, Jan 20	Companions in Christ 10 – 11:30am; Food Pantry Noon – 2pm Yarn Ministry 2-4pm; Kids Art Program 4pm
Thurs, Jan 21	Homework and Reading Program 4-5 pm; Gracious Greetings 1:30 Choir rehearsal 7pm

**Sunday School.** We will have a brief Sunday School update meeting on 1/31 immediately following the service for participant family members and our volunteer teachers. Please try to join us as we will be discussing lesson plans for the spring.

**The Administrative Council** will meet on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. All team leaders are asked to attend or send a representative from the team. In addition, anyone is welcome to attend, whether or not they are a voting member.



**Gracious Greetings** Thursday, Jan 21, 1:30 p.m. -  
We will be making Valentines for our friends at  
Timothy House.



### **New Sermon Series** **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?



**UMW Soup Sale** – We KNOW you were wondering when it will be. 😊  
Soup tasting will be February 7; ordering Feb. 7 & 14. Soup delivery on  
February 21. Cost will be the same as last year: \$10/quart. \$6/pint.

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**  
**January 17, 2016**

Greeters: Tammy & Jerry Lesley  
Ushers: Mike & Anne Owen  
Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little  
Reader: Chuck Ferrar  
Children's Time: Nicole Hughes  
Sunday School: Amanda Owen  
Lisa Parrish  
Nursery: Kathy & Steve Duckett  
Communion Assistants: Joan Dove (PL)  
Barbara Krebs, Harriet Macey  
Counters: Team 3 (TBD)

**Fellowship Time - Thank you!**  
**Eric and Wendy Edstrom**

**THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK**  
**January 24, 2016**

Greeters: Evie Swink, Sally Colburn  
Ushers: Sue Peret, Edgar Bowen  
Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little  
Reader: Charlotte Kerns  
Children's Time: Bill Riggs  
Sunday School: TBD  
Nursery: Lisa & Mike Stevens  
Counters: Ruth Gibbons, Audrey Howard,  
Jackie Cunningham

**Fellowship Time - Thank you!**  
**Barbara Schwarz**

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~ *Altar Flowers This Morning* ~

4-10-1955 ~ 1-17- 2000

*In loving memory of our son, Lt. (ret.) James Thomas Howard, Jr.  
Mother*

*In loving memory of our brother, Jimi  
Dawn, Bill, & Wayne*

