



The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

June 2013

We share our experiences of God’s Kingdom with all, through our faith, love, fellowship, and service. It is our vision to have everyone actively involved in worship that enriches, ministries that empower, and evangelism that embraces all.

Pastor’s Corner

Dear Church,

Greetings! Jean Strucko, Bill Riggs and I have just taken part in 229th session of our Baltimore – Washington Conference held May 29 - 31. It is a time for lay representatives of the 646 congregations in our conference and their clergy counterparts to come together to attend to the different tasks before us as the body of Christ called together to “make disciples for the transformation of the world.” We will be sharing with you the decisions made at this year’s conference for they do impact our life together and the way we carry out our mission and the way we live out our calling as the church. Please stay tuned and thank you for your prayers for those of us who took part in it.

The month of June is just starting and already the weather is warming up and so is our congregation as we prepare for our Annual Yard Sale, Vacation Bible School, and as Soul Searchers start out to for their round of evangelizing work through their music this month. Please let us support these endeavors as best we can by all the means we can.

June also marks the end of the Choirs season, the Sunday School classes for our children, the eight-week Arts Enrichment Program, the Homework and Reading Ministry as well as the public school system year. To all those who labor hard to make these and other ministries happen among us and in the community around us, thank you very much. God is aware of the good you are doing and takes note of your effort to serve and to share the divine love with others, especially those whom God calls “the least of these,” among our brothers and sisters in the Lord whether they are members of our congregation or not yet. Let us continue in the summer months to reach out to all in love. ~ *Grace & Peace, Pastor MaAn*

Soul Searchers 2013



June 2 (Sunday)

Centenary United Methodist Church – 10:30 a.m.
Shady Side, MD
Heritage Baptist Church – 7:30 p.m.
Annapolis, MD

June 9 (Sunday)

Community United Methodist Church – 10:30 a.m.
Pasadena, MD
Eastport United Methodist Church – 7:30 p.m.
Annapolis, MD

June 16 (Sunday)

Annop. Evangelical Lutheran Church – 10:30 a.m.
Annapolis Area Christian School, Annapolis, MD

June 20 (Thursday)

Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church - 7:00 p.m.
Stevensville, MD

June 23 (Sunday)

Jenkins Memorial Church – 10:00 a.m.
Pasadena, MD

Come out and support our Soul Searchers!



Memorial Day Parade

Thirty-six EUMC folks of all ages had a wonderful time participating in the city's Memorial Day Parade again this year. God blessed us with beautiful weather as we waved our American flags and carried the EUMC banner honoring our fallen heroes, veterans and troops. It was wonderful to hear the onlookers cheer and call out "thanks" as we walked/rode by. We thank everyone who participated. Mark your calendars and plan to participate next year.

~Joyce Conley, Missions



Invite Your Friends and Neighbors to the EUMC Yard Sale and Bake Sale June 8th, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.



By the time you read this we'll be filling up fellowship hall with your used treasures. The hall will be open to receive items 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 3,4,5, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 6,7. Your baked goods will be accepted all week too. NO electronics, TV, CD players, computers, cameras, magazines or textbooks, clothes or shoes.

Come Saturday to help (and browse and buy)!!



Prayer Garden

A large thank you to Bob and Carol Emory for the generous gift of four new garden benches for the church's gardens. These were given in honor and in memory of their family. A few weeks ago, after GreenScape, I asked Carol Emory and Mike Stevens to look into replacing the old benches that were in great need of repair. They took the task to hand, very willingly. In four days the new benches were installed by Carol & Bob and our Pastor MaAn and looking so beautiful. There is still a little work to be done to make the benches secure from theft, and Mike Stevens probably could use some help with this. Let him know if you can help. Thank you so much for the gift and all the work involved.

~Paulette Schwallenberg, Garden Team

Vacation Bible School News

Step right up to VBS's Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together! We are still in need of a few more volunteers for a successful event. If you can come just one or two days - that would help greatly! No special skills are needed. It's easy and fun.

Date: June 24 to June 28

Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Who: Any person - young or old - who wants to have fun with kids

How: Lisa Parrish at lparrish@hotmail.com



Also, do you know any children who would want to come and play with us? Registration is open and we still have space. The church office would be happy to book a ticket to some summer VBS fun! Just call 410-263-5490.

Us Plus Them Does Not Equal Ours

Have you ever found yourself describing someone as “them” and a group you belong to as “ours”? Think for a moment about the divisiveness of those words.

We are an inclusive church and “them” words are meant to divide. Missions work passes our God-given talents to others – to include people in our church, serve those same people and plant God’s seed with them.

Missions work does not mean gathering new members. But, it is our Missions work which will draw new people to our church. A church that does nothing but provide a Sunday sermon is not likely to grow. However, a church that inspires growth in a person’s faith through a variety of avenues (i.e., sermons, vacation bible school, Thanksgiving baskets, mission trips, food pantry, homework help) is likely to attract and nurture new members.

Soul Searchers is a wonderfully popular ministry project. How many of “our” members fill its ranks? The young people performing come from far and wide with only a few from EUMC. Yet, when they perform in our sanctuary the seats are filled with members and non-members alike. Do we look at this group and think “ours” and “them”?

Vacation Bible School and our Homework and Reading Program are offered to **all** God’s children. Yes, we have a few children from “our” congregation attending. But, again, this thinking is divisive. We serve the children and along the way provide a safe, supportive place where they can explore God’s blessings. These mission projects are offered to members and non-members alike.

Winter relief served 32 guests three meals a day, provided shelter for one week and transportation when needed. This project required and received the entire congregation’s support. Do we look for new members here? This Mission’s project is offered in the hope that during our guests’ stay we help plant God’s seed.

Service to others is a mainstay of our church. It’s our Vision statement: We share our experiences of God’s Kingdom with **all**, through faith, love, fellowship and *service*.

When we consider giving our time, financial support, or prayers for a project and should find ourselves wondering about the unequal benefit to “them” versus “ours,” let’s remember that in God’s eyes it’s all the same. And, ultimately, by providing service (volunteering, donating, – praying) to all God’s children we will grow our church’s membership and truly share God’s amazing grace.

~Lisa Parrish, VBS Coordinator

~Joyce Conley, Missions Team Member



United Methodist Women Announce 2013 Women of the Year

This year it was a tie! Betty Storton and Ann Rawls both received the honor and title of Methodist Woman of the Year.

Betty Storton has done so much for EUMC – among other things she’s run the Peach Festival, played in Heavenly Bells, hosted tables at the annual tea; she ushers, counts money, makes soup, and pays the UMW bills.

Ann Rawls has co-chaired the Peach Festival. She goes on all the mission trips, prepares dinners for the Eastport Community Center family night, helps with Homework and Reading ministry, makes soup, hosts at the tea, and faithfully makes sure something is on the coffee hour table on Sundays.

Congratulations Ladies!!

Men – Bring Us Your Neckties!

Carol Emory has a mystery project requiring neckties (no string or bowties).

Is there one you don’t want anymore?

Ladies – is there one you’ve been hoping he would toss? Bring it to church.

More will be revealed.

GRADUATE NEWS



The Stuntz Family

Three of John and Sandy Stuntz's grandchildren are getting college degrees this spring:

- Rick's daughter Lisa received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC, with dual majors in English and Slavic Language and Literature (Russian specialization). Lisa grew up here in Annapolis (Broadneck High School). Her Dad is a Duke grad.

- Bill's son Andy gets his Bachelor's degree from MIT in Cambridge, Mass., majoring in Economics. He grew up in Charlottesville, VA, and the Boston area, where his recently-deceased Dad was a law professor at UVA. and Harvard. Andy also made Phi Beta Kappa, scholastic honorary.

- Dave's son Mark received the degree of Master of Public Health from Yale University in New Haven, Conn.. He graduated from high school in Durham, NC, and earned a BS from UNC where his Dad also got a couple degrees in music.

Grandpa attended all three graduations! The three proud parents (as well as their siblings Linda and Mike) were confirmed at EUMC where all were active in youth programs.

~John Stuntz

The Bergsman Family

Louis Bergsman, son of Neil Bergsman & Valerie Devaris, has been awarded a Fulbright award to teach in Indonesia. The Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships (ETA) Program, an element of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, places U.S. students as English teaching assistants in schools or universities overseas, thus improving foreign students' English language abilities and knowledge of the United States while enhancing their own language skills and knowledge of the host country.

Louis will serve from August 2013 to June 2014. He will be teaching at a high school in Pekanbaru, Riau, a provincial capital on the island of Sumatra. It is a city of 1.3 million and a major oil industry center.

PEACH FESTIVAL NEWS



Saturday, August 3rd – Save the Date for our Annual EUMC Peach Festival! We need your help peeling peaches the week before, we need you to work the day of the festival, we need you to encourage your neighbors and friends to come and enjoy the festival. If you have not signed up to work, please do so. Below is a list of the committees and their chairpersons. They need you! If you have any questions please contact Bill Malamphy (410-263-3414) or Eric Edstrom (410-279-1969). One of the great things about our Peach Festival is – not only are we raising money for church projects but we have a wonderful time hosting friends and neighbors...see you August 3rd!

Bake Sale – Shirley Owen
Barbeque Chicken – Kevin Hight
Pickled Beets – Myrna Dobbs
Carry Out Table – Pat & Steve Parks
Clean Up – Marty Dobbs
Corn Steaming – Kevin Hight
Corn Shucking – Sonny Owen
Dining Room – Jean Strucko
Oven Fried Chicken – Margaret Terry
Hostess – Sherrie Little
Jelly Makers – Betty Storton
Kitchen – Jill Peddicord
Peach Cakes – Jill Peddicord
Peach Pies – Jackie Cunningham
Potato Salad – Margaret Terry
Programs/Sponsors – Lisa & Mike Stevens
Set Up Early Saturday – Eric Edstrom
Silent Auction – Harriet Newquist
Cutters & Peelers –
Parking –
Serving Table –
Ticket Sales at the Door –

Peach Festival Raffle

The Church was given an American Girl Doll, "Molly McIntire." The Silent Auction Team has decided to raffle off this doll, starting the Sunday of June 9, 2013. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or \$10.00 for three. All monies will be part of the Peach Festival effort and go towards our mission projects.

Molly was a little girl during World War II and many families worried about loved ones who were overseas. Like those families, Molly is waiting for her father to return from his duties as a doctor in the army. With the help of Emily, her English friend, Molly learns to hold on to hope and pull together for the common good.

Peach Festival Corporate Sponsors

Do you own, work for, or know a local business that would like to partner with EUMC as a sponsor for our 38th Annual Peach Festival? If so, grab a corporate sponsor packet in the Fellowship Hall or download a packet from the church website (www.eastportumc.org) and approach them for sponsorship.

With a \$250 or more commitment, the organization will be featured as a Gold-level sponsor and will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the Peach Festival, a 2.8" x 5" advertisement in our Peach Festival Program, and their choice of a peach pie, peach jelly or a quart of pickled beets.

With a donation \$150, the organization will be recognized as a Silver-level sponsor and will receive a 2.5" x 2.5" advertisement in our Peach Festival Program and their choice of peach jelly or a quart of pickled beets.

With a \$50 contribution, the organization will be recognized as a Bronze-level sponsor and listed in our Peach Festival Program.

Remember, all sponsor donations are tax-deductible and this is a great way to build a continued relationship with our local business community!

Questions/comments, contact Mike or Lisa Stevens – 443-822-9799 or lisayonka@hotmail.com.

**All corporate sponsor donations
are due by July 24th.**

2013 Peach Festival
Saturday, August 3
12 to 5 p.m.
Eat In or Carry Out
\$15 adult ▪ \$7 child
Bake Table ▪ Silent Auction

For Your Health.....



Most skin cancers are preventable. To protect yourself, follow these skin cancer prevention tips:

- **Avoid the sun during the middle of the day.** Remember, sunburns and suntans cause skin damage. Your risk increases with age because of the accumulating effects of sun damage. You never know when UV exposure will cause damage resulting in cancer.
- **Wear sunscreen year-round.** Sunscreens don't filter out all harmful UV radiation. Choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15. Use a generous amount of sunscreen on all exposed skin, including your lips, the tips of your ears, and the backs of your hands and neck.
- **Wear protective clothing.** Cover your skin with dark, tightly woven clothing that covers your arms and legs, and a broad-brimmed hat, which provides more protection than a baseball cap or visor does. Don't forget sunglasses. Look for those that block both types of UV radiation — UVA and UVB rays.
- **Avoid tanning beds.** Tanning beds emit UV rays and can increase your risk.
- **Be aware of sun-sensitizing medications.** Some common prescription and over-the-counter drugs — including antibiotics; certain cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes medications; and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin, others) — can make your skin more sensitive to sunlight. Check your meds with your doctor or pharmacist.
- **Check your skin regularly and report changes to your doctor.** Examine your skin often for new skin growths or changes in existing moles, freckles, bumps and birthmarks. With the help of mirrors, check your entire body.

Make an appointment with your doctor if you notice any changes to your skin that worry you. Not all changes are caused by cancer. Your doctor will investigate these changes to determine a cause. Early detection of skin cancer gives you the greatest chance for successful skin cancer treatment.

June Birthdays



June 1	Jerry Lesley Amanda Owen
June 3	Ricardo Vasquez, Jr.
June 6	Courtney Hardie Benjamin Baker
June 8	Marie Sims
June 9	Pam Pulley Shelly Wilcox
June 10	Betty Tillack Teresa Keller
June 11	Steve Parks
June 14	Barbara Pearson
June 15	Joyce Lorenz
June 17	Vaughan Parrish
June 21	MaAn Barcelo Lynn Swanner Aaliah Savoy
June 22	Jan Hopping
June 24	Darcey Schultz
June 26	Donna McWilliams Gwynn Bowen Sue Peret
June 27	Ginny Davidson

June Anniversaries



June 4	Chris & Pam Pulley
June 11	Eric & Wendy Edstrom
June 21	Bill & Sally Malamphy
June 22	Holly Green & Matt Ficca
June 25	Jerry & Christy South



Life Changes

Ryleigh Lynn South
Baptized May 26, 2013

Jessie Clark
Died May 16, 2013

James Thomas Howard Sr.
Died May 19, 2013



**Covered Dish Luncheon June 9th
after the service.
(Hosted by Trustees & Garden Team)
Everyone is welcome.
See you there!**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 •Conversations 9am-Chapel •Worship 10am •Sunday School 10:15am	3	4 Homework- Reading Program 4pm Admin Council 7:30pm	5 •Disciple Class 10:15am •Children’s Art 4pm •UMW 5:20pm •Peach Fest. Mtg 7:30pm	6 Homework- Reading Program 4pm	7	8  8am to 12pm
9 •Conversations 9am-Chapel •Worship 10am •SS 10:15am •Covered Dish 11:45am	10	11 Homework- Reading Program 4pm	12 Disciple Class 10:15am	13 •Homework- Reading 4pm	14	15
← Soul Searchers Perform at EUMC 7:30pm						
16 FATHER’S DAY •Conversations 9am-Chapel •Worship 10am	17	18 Trustees Meeting 6:15pm	19 Disciple Class 10:15am Food Pantry 1 to 3pm Setup 10:30am	20	21	22 Socialites Cookout 
23	24 UMM 7pm	25	26 Disciple Class 10:15am	27 ECCO 5:30pm	28	29
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