

The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

June 2012

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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

School is out for most of the kids by now. Time to plan family times together. In doing so, please remember to include in your planning, time to be with God no matter where you find yourself. Consult the attached church calendar or visit our website for more detailed info. We do have some offerings that you might want the family to be part of. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Then, there is the upcoming Peach Festival in August with advanced activities already lined up for July. As in years past, all are welcome to help out in any church event and ministries – members and friends alike.

As the church school year comes to a close, I thank those involved in it, especially Val Devaris for her leadership in this vital ministry of the church. I thank JoAnn, Nicole, the Choirs, Margie and the Bells for their service over many months. As they take a much needed summer break, let us look forward to receiving the gift of musically talented individuals in our congregation as they share special music with us this summer.

I look forward to your continued participation in the life of the congregation – in its worship and its ministries – during the summer months. Blessing and peace,

~Pastor MaAn



125th Anniversary Appreciations

We give our thanks to our Lord and Savior for blessing our Anniversary celebration. We are humbled by God's continued grace and love for EUMC.

We also thank the many members, friends and guests who selflessly and generously gave of their time; gifts; and service towards this event.

In this issue of the Spire is a listing of those individuals to whom we give our heartfelt appreciation and prayers of thanks.

~125th Anniversary Committee



2012 Memorial Day Parade

Once again EUMC folks honored our fallen heroes, veterans and troops as members and friends participated in the city's Memorial Day parade. This year our ranks rose --- we totaled 42! Our unit was composed of young and old alike --- Eunice Corse's grandson, Jake, helped carry our banner, little Evan Ugolini was pushed in a stroller while his big sister Alaina sat up high in a convertible, the Vasquez brothers – Ricardo and Nathan were pulled in a wagon complete with patriotic decorations.

While our flag-waving adult walkers out-numbered our drivers and riders, those lucky enough to ride in three shiny convertibles and an open back Army truck seemed a little less bothered by the heat. Our young truck riders, comprised Darrin and Dahlia Edstrom, Brian Cunningham, Shannon Hadaway, Jordan Cooper, Alex and Jon Macey enjoyed their ride in the back of the Army truck waving flags and calling out greetings. The Army truck was procured and driven by the Strucko's son, Ed Hadaway.

We're already making plans for next year's parade – please mark your calendars and plan to participate! Just ask any participant how the parade was and you're bound to hear "Great!"
~Joyce Conley, Evangelism Team



Reflections on the 125th Anniversary

I was thrilled by the response of the greater congregation to the celebratory programs on that special April weekend. The success certainly was a tribute to the leadership and hard work of the Anniversary Committee, but history says that even great preparation doesn't guarantee such response. Saturday evening at the banquet we all could feel the excitement building.

At the Sunday morning service, the feeling was palpable as the kids and the multi-generational Soul Searchers joined the adults of the Heavenly Bells, the Wesleyan Choir, speakers from the past and present, and the evocative solo and dance calling us to join together and go forward... This old man struggled with his emotions; Sandy would have been shedding water like a fountain!

Clearly the program jelled in a way that was not predictable. The question is, how will this response impact EUMC moving forward? I think the response may have "legs"! We may see the benefits of togetherness, of increasing children and youth participation; additional members may be attracted to attend and participate. Blessings to all!
~John Stuntz



The 150th Anniversary Team!

We received a delightful thank you note from Sonny and Shirley Owen and they suggested this year's team coordinate the anniversary in 25 years!

We truly appreciate their gratitude and thoughtful note. But please note the ages of the suggested 150th Anniversary Team:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>
Pastor MaAn Barcelo	85
Joan Dove	97
Eric Edstrom	87
Wendy Edstrom	85
Audrey Howard	101
Harriet Macey	97
Ann Rawls	93
Virginia Schultz (Pud)	98
Betty Storton	104
(I'll try to make it! And I'll bring Margaret because she doesn't drive at night.)	
Jean Strucko	92
Margaret Ann Terry	106
Kathy Volz	90

They might want to reconsider their recommendation!

~Your 125th Anniversary Team

Join Us on a Grand Tour Goddard Space Flight Center

The Eastport United Methodist Men are organizing a tour of Goddard Space Flight Center on Sunday, July 15. Car pools will leave from the church parking lot immediately following the morning service. All members of the church --- men and women are invited. To express interest or obtain more information, contact Jim Wilcox at 410-268-7458.



A Grand Send-Off!



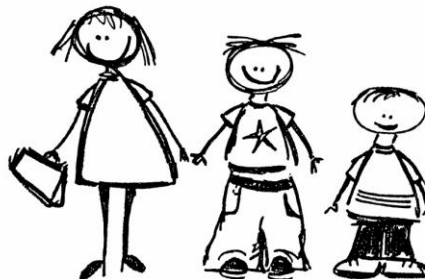
The children and volunteers in the Homework and Reading Ministry organized a fond send-off for one of our volunteers from the community, Karen Clarke, who has served as co-coordinator of the program. Karen is moving to the Chicago area with her husband, Dick, next month.

Twenty children and a number of parents attended. Several of the kids gave various types of performances in Karen's honor. Karen received a colorful certificate expressing appreciation for "her awesome work and for her devotion and love for the children in the program" and a card signed by the volunteers and kids. A delectable banquet of treats was enjoyed by all.

As they left the fellowship hall, each of the children greeted Karen in turn and presented her with a handmade card or a similar object of remembrance and received a final, emotional hug.

The kids also were given a letter in Spanish, addressed to their parents, encouraging participation in Vacation Bible School.

Both Karen and the children were visibly moved by the party. Everyone in Homework and Reading will miss Karen. But she will miss us even more.

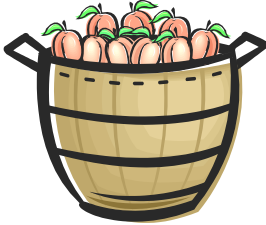


Peach Festival – August 4

Mark your calendars! The Peach Festival is just around the corner – the perfect event in keeping with our 125th Anniversary Year!

As always, we couldn't manage without YOU. Your participation and contributions are blessings to our community and congregation.

We will need volunteers to manage and organize the carry-out dinners; the silent auction; and make the famous EUMC potato salad. Look for a volunteer sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
~ Ann Rawls & Jackie Cunningham



Vacation Bible School

We are excited to host Vacation Bible School themed “Sky” on June 25 to June 29 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for kids ages five to 12 years old.

At Sky, faith and imagination soar as kids discover that everything is possible with God. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play fun games, dig into yummy treats and experience Bible adventures all reminding them to trust God.

Each day concludes with a Fly Away Finale—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family and friends are encouraged to join in the VBS Graduation Send Off ceremony on Friday, June 29, at 11:15 a.m.

Volunteers for food, crafts and games are much appreciated!
~ Christy South & Lisa Parrish



Soul Searchers Remaining Performance Schedule

**June 10 Sunday – 7:30 p.m.
Eastport United Methodist Church**

**June 14 Thursday – 7:00 p.m.
Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church**

**June 16 Saturday – 7:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church**

**June 17 Sunday – 10:00 a.m.
Community United Methodist Church of
Pasadena**

**June 24 Sunday – 10:00 a.m.
Jenkins Memorial Church**

**June 28-July 2
Road Trip to West Virginia and Tennessee**

Thought for the Day

We are centered in Christ's love and we can show His love by offering a gentle hand; an encouraging word; or simply by rolling up our sleeves and doing things for others. It is in these simple acts of caring that we reach out in love and answer God's call to express His love for us and others.





June Birthdays

- 01 Jerry Lesley, Amanda Owen
- 03 Ricardo Vasquez, Jr.
- 06 Courtney Morgan Hardie
- 08 Marie Sims
- 09 Pamela Pulley, Shelly Wilcox
- 10 Teresa Keller, Betty Tillack
- 11 Steve Parks
- 14 Barbara Pearson
- 15 Joyce Lorenz
- 16 Vaughan Parrish
- 21 MaAn Barcelo
- 22 Jan Hopping
- 23 Darcey Schultz, Alaina Ugolini
- 26 Sue Peret
- 27 Ginny Davidson, Dottie Mann

June Anniversaries

- 04 Chris & Pamela Pulley
- 11 Eric & Wendy Edstrom
- 21 Bill & Sally Malamphy
- 22 Matt Ficca & Holly Green Fica
- 25 Jerry & Christy South
- 29 Richard & Deborah Serfass



“Let the Lord your God show us where we should go and what we should do.” – Jeremiah 42:3

Peace

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

John 20:21



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EUMC 125th Anniversary – THANK YOU’S

Congregational Photograph	Margie Hughes of Moments! LLC
Providing 22 years worth of “Spires” (May 1989-March/April 2011)	Art King
Reading 23 years of “Spires” and highlighting pertinent information for our historical booklet	Harriet Macey, Betty Storton, Audrey Howard, Margaret Terry, Pud Schultz, and Jean Strucko
Historical Booklet	Bob McWilliams, Jean Strucko, Wendy Edstrom and Other Contributors
Memorabilia	Various Contributors
Theme, Publicity, and Display Posters	Joyce Conley
Sorting through 30 boxes of stored materials and pictures for possible use at our celebration, discarding much, and establishing files on numerous topics (Tuesday afternoons for the past year.)	Audrey Howard, Harriet Macey, Pud Schultz, and Jean Strucko
Beautiful and Inspiring Music at our Sunday Worship Service	JoAnn Kulesza, Margie Hughes, Scott Hughes, Pastor MaAn, Rev. Ray Moreland, our Wesleyan Choir, Prays Band, Soul Searchers, Heavenly Bells, and Children’s Choir
Lovely Solos on Saturday Evening	Mary Jane Finkle and Jim Wilcox
Event photographers Slide Show Presentation and Pictures	Margie Hughes and Sarah Elder Wendy Edstrom, Joyce Conley, and Kathy Volz
Membership Research	Myrna Dobbs and Joyce Conley
Computer Operations for Saturday and Sunday	Kevin and Sally Hight
Celebration Poem	Steve Parks
Video Photographer	Eric Smaridge
Calligraphy for Saturday’s Poster and on Church Replicas	Cyndi Councill
Recognition Certificates	Eunice Corse
Lovely Bulletins	Eunice Corse and Wendy Edstrom
Royal Blue Anniversary Banner Donors	Jill Peddicord and Eunice Corse
Choreography and Lead Dancer For “Celebration”	Shannon Hadaway

“Celebration” Dancers	Audrey Howard, Pastor MaAn, JoAnn Kulesza, Jean Strucko, Barbara Krebs, Ann Rawls, and Jackie Cunningham
Saturday Banquet and Social Hall	Miriam Stem and Calvary UMC
Arrangements with Calvary UMC and Miriam Stem, for being the only man on the Anniversary Team thus the muscle behind the heavy lifting of supplies, and assisting with the printer of the historical booklets	Eric Edstrom
Arranging for Nursery Sitters and Snacks	Lisa and Russ Parrish
Patience and support; overseeing nursery	Richard Strucko
Additional Parking for Sunday’s Service	Sonny Owen, Butch Stevens and Harriet Macey
Tracking Various Monies: Dedications, Banquet Tickets, Booklets, Expenses, etc.	Richard Strucko, Tom Schwallenberg, Eunice Corse, Wendy Edstrom and All Counters
Celebration Mugs	Bobby Stevens
Dedications and Donations	Various Contributors
Landscaping & Cleanup	Garden Team, Trustees, Volunteers and Generous/Anonymous Contributors
Table and Poster Displays	Audrey Howard, Harriet Macey, Pud Schultz, and Jean Strucko
Sunday Worship	Reverends Ed Ankeny, Ray Moreland, Chris Holmes and Pastor MaAn Barcelo
Sunday Fellowship Reception	Karen Clarke, Betty Tillack, Various Contributors of Refreshments and Anniversary Team
125 th Anniversary Team Members	Ann Rawls, Harriet Macey, Audrey Howard, Wendy and Eric Edstrom, Pastor MaAn, Pud Schultz, Betty Storton, Margaret Terry, Joan Dove, Kathy Volz, and Jean Strucko

And thank you to anyone whose name we may have inadvertently omitted.

**THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL FOR PARTICIPATING
IN OUR CELEBRATION OF
EASTPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH’S**

125 Years of Blessing and Service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Conversations 9am-Chapel Worship 10am	4 Bells 7pm	5 Homework & Reading 4pm VBS Meeting 5pm	6 UMW 5:30pm	7 - Homework & Reading 4pm - Evangelism Mtg :630pm - Cubs 6:30pm - Choir 7pm	8	9 YARD SALE 8 to 12 Set-up 7am
10 -Conversations 9am-Chapel Worship 10am -Soul Searchers Perform 7:30pm	11 Covered Dish Dinner 6pm	12 Summer Reading 4pm	13 Food Pantry 1-3pm	14	15 Youth Movie @ Krebs 6:30	16
17 Conversations 9am-Chapel Worship 10am	18	19 Summer Reading 4pm Trustees 6:15pm	20 Food Pantry 1 to 3pm Set-up 10:30am	21 Gracious Greetings 1:30pm VBS Mtg 5pm Cubs 6:30pm	22	23
24 Conversations 9am-Chapel Worship 10am	25 VBS 9:30-11:30am UMM 7pm	26 VBS 9:30-11:30am Summer Reading 4pm	27 VBS 9:30-11:30am	28 VBS 9:30-11:30am Jonah Trip 10:30am	29 VBS 9:30-11:30am	30