



The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

May 2014

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 in the name of the One whose resurrection we continue to celebrate during the fifty days of the Easter season which will culminate on Pentecost Sunday.

To all who accepted my invitation on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, to take this journey with Vern and me for the last time, thank you very much. Your participation made this year's observance of the season so much more special and meaningful for us. Again, thank you very much.

I wish I could stop time and simply sit back to enjoy the richness of it all, but our call as disciples of the Risen Lord mandates that we move on. We need to move on with the work of ministry that he has entrusted to us as a community and as persons in covenant with the Lord. In a time characterized by much uncertainty in the local, national and international scene, and in our personal lives, we need to be attentive to the ways the Lord is leading us to live faithfully in the ways of the kingdom he came to establish and died for. With his Spirit guiding us let us continue to passionately share hope, open our minds and hearts to all we encounter daily, receive them graciously as God received us, love generously as he has loved us, and pray for the world God loved so much; a world entrusted to us to improve and enrich using the gifts and resources we have been given.

Our time together will soon come to an end. May we use it wisely to attend to our God given responsibilities even as we enjoy our God given privileges now and as we prepare to embrace the future, always trusting in the Lord's steadfast love.

~Grace & Peace, Pastor MaAn

Save this Date

June 8th, we will celebrate our shared ministry for the past nine years with Pastor MaAn and Vern.

Immediately following the worship service, covered dish lunch will be served.

Please mark your calendar now and plan to be here.

United Methodist Men: We Thank You!

The United Methodist Men presented a new drama on Maundy Thursday this year. "*Remembering...*" was a contemporary portrayal of some of the key persons reflecting on the events of Holy Week leading to the crucifixion of Jesus.

Mitch Krebs was Thomas
Bob McWilliams was John
Dennis Bergsman was Peter
Jim Wilcox was Judas
Jon Wilcox was Barabbas
Mike Keller was a Soldier

They all put a lot of time into learning their lines and getting their characters just right. The result was a great and moving performance. We are really blessed here at EUMC to have the enthusiasm of the UMM and their willingness to add to the message of Holy Week.

~Jill Peddicord

Lent & Easter Gratitude

Easter is just as busy as Christmas in the life of our church. There are so many people to thank for all the work that goes on behind the scenes to make it a special time for us all.



The Lenten lunch chefs nourished us each Wednesday. Val and Nicole led the children in an adorable children's pageant. JoAnn chose and directed a Cantata that moved many people to tears when performed by the choir. Margie worked around LOTS of bell ringer illnesses and led the Heavenly Bells in joyful music. Jackie worked her magic pulling all the food together. Mike and Megan stuffed eggs.....for hours! Then the hunt lasted a few fun minutes. Joyce organized the dedication of the lilies and food pantry donations. Pat and Steve set and reset the altar. And then set it again! Paulette added the special touches that make everything beautiful. Wendy and Eunice made piles of bulletins. And of course, Vern and Pastor MaAn were there for everything!

We know we've probably forgotten someone. Everyone in this church contributes in so many ways. Thank you all! We are the church together!

Lilies & Food Pantry

Thank you to all who purchased lilies and contributed to the food pantry. The beauty of the lilies magnified the glory of Easter Day. Our food pantry benefited with a total of \$356. Thank you congregation!

~Joyce Conley

Peach Festival Planning



Peach Festival planning has begun! The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 7th, 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All chairpersons are requested to attend or send a representative, and **all** EUMC members and friends are invited to attend.

~Jean Strucko & Bill Malamphy



GreenScape Thanks

Thanks to all church members and friends who came out on April 26th for GreenScape day at the church grounds. Many hands did make the work lighter. There is still more to do – please consider coming out to weed and spread mulch. There are areas that need attention. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to cut grass during the summer, please let the church office know. Sonny Owen, Marty Dobbs, Eric Smaridge or Tom Schwallenberg will give you instructions on running the mower. Caring for our church grounds is a very important service to the church and to the community. After all, we are the jewel of Eastport!

~Thank you, Paulette Schwallenberg

Missions **News**

There will be a Missions Team meeting Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. If you have been interested in missions please join us.

We continue to have the food pantry every 3rd Wednesday. We need volunteers. If you have a couple of hours to share you can come at 10:00 a.m. for set up or at 1:00 to help with distribution.

Conference has put out a call to every church to make up and bring to the May meeting hygiene bags to be distributed to the homeless in Baltimore. If you would like to help please bring any of the following to church by May 17th: toothbrush, tooth paste, soap, shampoo, hand cream, wash cloth, hand towel, lip balm, disposable razors, band-aids, aspirin.

~Jackie Cunningham

Last Playground Fundraiser

On May 13th, Chipotle at Westfield Annapolis Mall will host the last fundraiser to help fund the expansion of our Church playground. Pick up a flyer at church on Sunday May 11, or at the church office. Go to Chipotle for dinner **Tuesday, May 13, between 5 and 8 pm**. You can eat in or carry out. Present the flyer when you order, and Chipotle will contribute 50% of your bill towards expanding the playground.



The project is an expansion of the existing church playground. The expansion is being planned and conducted as a Boy Scout Eagle service and leadership project by Dennis Bergsman, a member of the church and a scout at Troop 396 in Annapolis. The project increases the play space by adding a bridge, a new platform, a new slide and a climbing arch to the existing playground.

More children and groups use the playground now than when it was originally built. It's not just Eastport UMC kids using it on Sundays. It is a part of the Colonial Nursery's program and it also serves our homework help kids, and other neighborhood children. The playground expansion will provide more variety and allow more children to use the playground at one time. It will promote outdoor play in the community. A larger, more attractive play structure will help the church attract children and families to community activities.

The equipment will be installed by volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 396, Eastport United Methodist Church, The US Naval Academy National Eagle Scout Association Chapter, families of Colonial Nursery School, and community residents. The total project will cost \$6,300. Your participation in our previous fundraisers have gotten us to within \$2,500 of the total. Please come out to Chipotle on May 13 to help complete our fundraising.

~Val Devaris



Air & Space Museum Trip

The Eastport United Methodist Men are organizing a field trip to the National Air and Space Museum (Steven F. Udvar Hazy Center) at Washington Dulles International Airport on Saturday, May 31. The Museum displays thousands of aviation and space exhibits including the space shuttle Discovery and features hands-on simulators and discovery stations. There is an IMAX theater and a planetarium. A car pool will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. on that date. All men, women and youth of the church, and their friends, are invited to participate. If you are interested, let Jim Wilcox know (410-268-7458).

~Mike Keller

Be on the lookout for **Memorial Day Parade** details in upcoming Sunday bulletins! This will be our third year of participating in this Annapolis event – let's continue to show our EUMC spirit and honor our fallen heroes and our current troops around the world. Memorial Day is May 26.

EUMC Scholarships



We are pleased to announce that we will accept scholarship applications for the coming year from applicants who have been congregation members for five years. Forms are now available in the church office – they must be returned by July 6, 2014. All eligible students are encouraged to apply.

Scholarships are also available through the United Methodist Church Baltimore-Washington Conference:

<http://www.bwcumc.org/finance/college-scholarships>

~Anne Owen, Scholarship Team



Life Changes

Mei-Jen Hong Hillary
Adult Baptism
April 20, 2014

Make a Note

May 18 – Covered Dish Luncheon immediately following worship (hosted by Scholarship and Church School Teams)

May 22 – Gracious Greetings meets at 1:30 to fashion anniversary cards – Join us!

May 25 – Johnson Male Choir of Asbury Town Neck UMC will sing again at EUMC, thanks to Jim Wilcox.



Free Piano



Have you ever wanted to learn to play piano but don't have one? Well, now is your chance. There is an upright Baldwin piano the church would like to give away for FREE! It is in great shape and needs a new owner to spend some time playing and loving it. It is located in the nursery and just needs to be moved. This is the last chance to claim it as we will be offering it to the community next month. Contact the church office with questions or stop in the nursery to take a look.



EUMC Yard Sale Reminder

The yard sale is June 14th, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Items will be received in fellowship hall Monday June 9 until Thursday June 12, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Please do not come on Friday with your items – we will be very busy getting ready for Saturday. We cannot take electronics, clothing, shoes or textbooks; they do not sell. Labels will be available after church services from Myrna Dobbs, Sally Malamphy, and Jacqueline Ploof so you can put the price on your items.

We will need help Monday through Friday preceding the yard sale and especially on Saturday. Thank you for your help.

~Myrna Dobbs

SOUL SEARCHERS 2014 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

June 1 (Sunday)

Cape St. Claire UMC – 9:00 a.m.
Annapolis, MD

June 8 (Sunday)

Pleasant Hills UMC – 10:00 a.m.
Owings Mills, MD
Eastport UMC – 7:30 p.m.
Annapolis, MD

June 15 (Sunday)

Mt. Oak Fellowship – 9:30 a.m.
Mitchellville, MD
Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church - 7:00 p.m.
Stevensville, MD

June 22 (Sunday)

Jenkins Memorial Church – 10:00 a.m.
Pasadena, MD
Community UMC - 7:30 p.m.
Pasadena, MD

June 26-30

Road Trip to the Carolinas

schedule subject to change

Jars...Jars...Jars



We need all of your jars from beets and jams that you have at home. They can be left in the kitchen and we will put them to use very soon.

We have not set dates for jelly making and beets canning. Since we've lost some of our members due to illness, we may be making the beets on one Saturday if we can get help. Members who work... would you be willing to help one Saturday in July? Please let me know or tell the office. Any questions please see me after church. Also we need men for this work.

~Myrna Dobbs



EUMC's Vacation Bible School

ALL children are invited to gear up at EUMC's Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God. Kids will explore and experience how the ordinary becomes the extraordinary with God. The fun begins June 23 and ends June 27 with each day starting at 9:30 a.m. and running until 11:30 a.m.

The adventure includes music, bible storytelling, cool crafts, delicious snacks, great games and hands-on mission work. Sign up your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or anyone who wants to come (call the church office at 410-263-5490). It's free and open to any child who has an interest in building incredible things with God.

VBS also needs volunteers to help! No experience necessary and the schedule can be as flexible as you need. If you listen intently to Children's Time in the sanctuary this is your chance to hear first-hand all the great things kids say all the time.

Come be a part of all the excitement at Workshop of Wonders. For more information contact Lisa Parrish at 410-280-2611.

~Lisa Parrish



Support the UMW "Imagine NO Malaria" Campaign with Heaven Cent Offering

Can you imagine wiping out Malaria? Getting rid of that pesky mosquito that causes high fevers, shaking chills, flu-like symptoms, and anemia.

The Imagine No Malaria approach is focused on **four key areas**:

- 1) **Prevention:** Distributing additional **insecticide-treated bed nets** throughout the continent. Accessing **diagnostic tests** and **medicine**, draining standing water and improving sanitation in Africa.
- 2) **Education:** Making sure the **5,400 community health workers** personally help deliver mosquito nets, measure usage rates and teach their communities about avoiding malaria.
- 3) **Communication: Changing behavior** on how to use and care for the bed nets, when to seek treatment, as well as using radio stations to broadcast messages about malaria each day with providing life-saving information.
- 4) **Treatment:** These facilities **must have life-saving resources** like rapid diagnostic tests and malaria medication which will be used by the UMC operating hospitals, clinics and health posts throughout Africa.

Remember, we are not the only country that has malaria cases; there are 97 other countries fighting it. It would be wonderful not to see an adult or child die every minute. Help the Baltimore-Washington Conference raise its \$2.1 million pledge. The United Methodist Church is the only faith-based church connected to The Global Fund.

During the month of May your Heaven Cent offering will be devoted to this campaign. Please give generously. Thank you!

~Ann Rawls, United Methodist Women

Fellowship Opportunity with John Wesley UMC

Gracious Greetings and John Wesley's monthly scrapbooking folks are joining together on Saturday, July 12 to make patriotically themed welcome home cards for troops returning home via BWI. Everyone in the church is invited to come to this jointly sponsored workshop. Mark your calendars now and be sure to join the fun, be productive, and meet new folks! Time frame and other details will be announced. Questions? – see Joyce Conley. Please remember to continue saving American Flag canceled postage stamps and place them in the container in fellowship hall.

~Joyce Conley



A Warning – Smoking Synthetic Marijuana or Incense

(This article is included here in an effort to help us all understand this growing menace especially here in our city of Annapolis. We thank Darryll Hagner of the AACPD for sharing this important information.)



A chemical substance first synthesized in 1995 in a university lab for purely experimental purposes is now being used by young people to legally achieve a marijuana-like high and is causing alarm among health officials. The synthetic substance, JWH-018, a cannabinoid receptor, has been found in herbal mixtures sold under various 'spice' names, such as K2 Spice, Spice Gold and Spice Yucatan Fire. The mixture is often sold as incense, but is smoked to get high.

JWH-018 is four to five times more potent than THC, which is the main psychoactive substance in marijuana. John W. Huffman, an organic chemist from Clemson University, for whom JWH-018 was named, noted similar highs produced by THC and JWH-018. He said “You cannot overdose on THC. You can forget your name or where you are, but too much THC will not kill you.” Asked whether he sees any potential medical applications for JWH-018, he said: “**No. It's like LSD, the only thing it**

is good for is getting you high.” Synthetic forms of marijuana remain cheap and very available substances that teenagers are using to get high. It is basically a potpourri of dried leaves that is sprayed with a scented chemical. It is designed to be burned. The high that the user gets from smoking K2 or incense is caused by a combination of some very toxic chemicals that are sprayed on the potpourri-like incense. Many of these substances are legally sold at retail and convenience stores.

Potential signs of synthetic marijuana intoxication:

- Bloodshot eyes
- Sluggishness or being “out of it”
- Slow or slurred speech
- Confusion
- Nonsense speech
- Incense odor on them or their clothes

If you suspect your teen is high on incense (or anything else for that matter), let them know that you know, and monitor them to watch for adverse side effects. If they are irrational, out of control or having trouble breathing or understanding conversation, intervention may be needed. If your teen is burning incense in their room, or comes home smelling like incense, you need to find out what they are doing.

What can you do?

- Talk to your kids about the dangers of synthetic marijuana or incense
- Get to know their friends. Let your house be the hangout, and supervise in the background.
- Follow your gut instincts. If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't.
- Know what your kids are doing, with whom, and where.
- If you discover your child is using synthetic marijuana and/or incense, confront them and remove it, and follow the same course of action you would take if you found they were using other drugs.

Please take a couple of minutes and view these YouTube videos to better understand how these products are being improperly used:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=mzT7j7tWgq4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfP6kt8zSTs>

~Darryll Hagner, AA County Police

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For Your Health.....



TICKS

As the weather gets warmer, ticks become more active and are more likely to bite you and your pets? While it is a good idea to take preventive measures against ticks year-round, be extra vigilant in warmer months (April-September) when ticks are most active.

PREVENTION:

- Avoid wooded and bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter. Walk in the center of trails.
- Use repellents that contain 20 to 30% DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) on exposed skin and clothing for protection that lasts up to several hours. Always follow product instructions. Parents should apply this product to their children, avoiding hands, eyes, and mouth.
- Tuck pants into socks, wear long sleeves and long pants, and wear light-colored clothing for easier spotting of ticks.
- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on you.
- Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body upon return from tick-infested areas. Parents should check their children for ticks under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist, and especially in their hair.
- Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats, and day packs.
- Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for an hour to kill remaining ticks. (Some research suggests that shorter drying times may also be effective, particularly if the clothing is not wet.)
- Be sure to protect pets with tick collars, treatments and frequent skin inspections.

HOW TO REMOVE A TICK:

If you find a tick attached to your skin, there's no need to panic.

- Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
- Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick.
- Do not squeeze, crush, or puncture the body of the tick, since its bodily fluids may contain infection-causing organisms.
- If the mouth-parts break off and remain in the skin, remove them with tweezers.
- If you are unable to remove the mouth easily with clean tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal. They will be expelled on their own. Attempts to remove these parts may result in significant skin trauma.
- After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water.

WARNING:

Do not use a smoldering match or cigarette, nail polish, petroleum jelly (e.g., Vaseline), liquid soap, or kerosene because they may irritate the tick and cause it to behave like a syringe, injecting bodily fluids into the wound. Your goal is to remove the tick as quickly as possible--not waiting for it to detach. The longer the tick is embedded, the greater the chance of infection.

*~Health tips provided by Dianne Crews
St. Luke's Episcopal Church*

230th Session Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

The Conference will open in Baltimore at 2 p.m. on May 29th and close at 4 p.m. on May 31st. Please hold in prayer all those gathered together as they conduct the work of the Church, especially our representatives – Jean Strucko, Harriet Macey, Ann Rawls, and Pastor MaAn.

May Birthdays

May 1	Shirley Ford, Charlie Card Louis Bergsman
May 6	Cindy Macey
May 10	James Stevens
May 12	Tyler Johnson
May 13	Braden Clary, Carter Clurman
May 15	Art King, Caitlin Peddicord
May 16	Brenda Jones
May 18	Abigail Wilcox
May 19	Betty Storton, Ruth Gibbons
May 24	Gene Swanner, Kara Hight
May 25	Mike Keller
May 26	Ashlyn Hughes, Frances DuPlayee
May 30	Mitch Krebs
May 31	Kathy Volz

May Anniversaries

May 1	Gerald & Lorraine Crouch
May 4	Tom & Paulette Schwallenberg
May 5	Robert & Ruth Gibbons
May 13	Robert & Ann Rawls
May 14	David & Kathy Moreland Ricardo & Carrie Vasquez
May 16	Tom & Harriet Newquist
May 18	Curtis & Vicki Clary
May 21	Dallas & Brenda Jones
May 22	Dave & Carol Hill Steve & Pat Parks Art & Annabelle King
May 23	Joe & Sue Nasatka
May 24	Butch & June Stevens
May 27	Neil Bergsman & Val Devaris



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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours 9:30-3:30 Monday-Friday
Office Closed 12-1 p.m. for Lunch



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