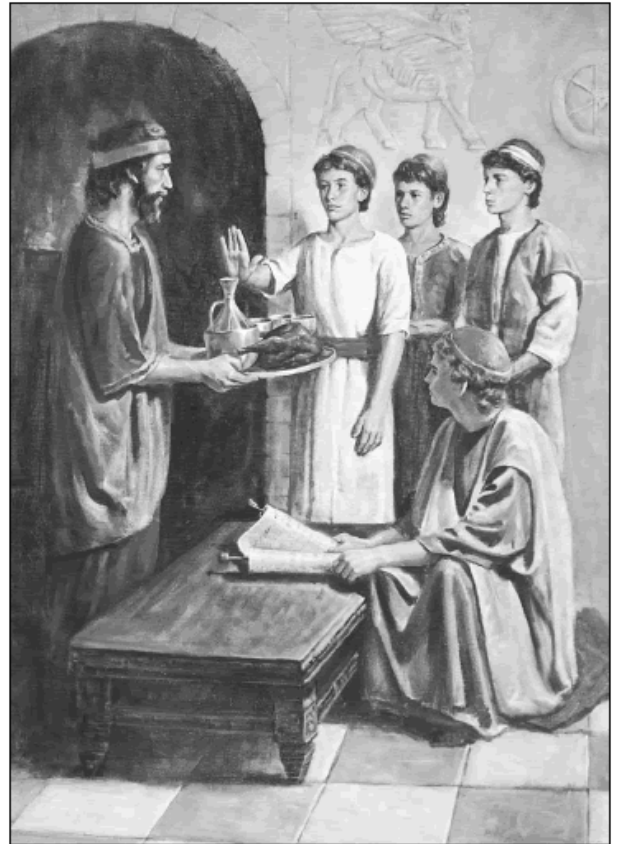


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Back to School with Daniel & John, part I

**Eastport United Methodist Church**  
**926 Bay Ridge Avenue**  
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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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## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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### GATHERING

*Please turn off your cell phones.*

#### Gathering Music

#### Welcome

*Opening Hymn	<i>All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded</i>	UMH 132
*Song of Praise	<i>My Savior, My God</i>	

#### \*Prayer of Confession

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal,  
ever-present, and boundless in love.

Yet, there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you  
in the daily routines of our lives.

Sometimes we are too busy to look for You,  
And we miss the grace you are giving us.

Sometimes we are too afraid of what You might call us to do,  
And we bury our heads and cover our eyes.

For whatever reasons and excuses we give in our failures to seek You first,  
We are sorry. Help us to see each new day as a gift,  
A gift of a new beginning, a new life, a new opportunity,  
To place You first, to seek Your grace, to listen to Your call,  
To act in Your love. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

#### \*Words of Assurance

The Psalmist declares, "For your merciful love lasts forever, as constant as the  
heavens above. Blessed are those who trust in You, who walk in the light of Your  
presence." As forgiven and beloved people of God, let us walk in the light of God's  
presence!

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**\*Renewing Our Covenant**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Children's Time**

**Anthem**

**10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

Wesleyan Choir

Composed by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman. Arranged by Lloyd Larson.

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Hymn of Illumination**

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

UMH 328

**\*Reading from Holy Scriptures** Daniel 1:1-21

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Witness to the Word**

“God’s Grace & Calling”

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**

*Agnus Dei*

*Amazing Grace*

UMH 378

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

**Sharing of Gifts** *The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Winter Relief*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*Closing Song**

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH 451

**\*Blessing**

**Music to Send Us Forth**

\*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 96

**Suggested Readings for Next Week**

This three week sermon series will be on selected stories from Daniel chapters 1-6.

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**  
**September 20, 2015**

Greeters: Myrna & Marty Dobbs  
 Prayer Leader: Mike Keller  
 Reader: Tammy Lesley  
 Ushers: Jerry & Tammy Lesley  
 Children's Time: Lisa Stevens  
 Nursery: Anne & Mike Owen  
 Counters: Art & Annabelle King  
 Communion: Sally Colburn, Evie Swink  
 Mike Keller (PL)

**Church Picnic**

**THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK**  
**September 27, 2015**

Greeters: Pat & Steve Parks  
 Prayer Leader: Mike Keller  
 Reader: Cade Clurman  
 Ushers: Kathy Volz, Jean Strucko  
 Children's Time: Mike Keller  
 Nursery: TBD  
 Counters: Ruth Gibbons, Audrey Howard,  
 Jackie Cunningham

**Fellowship Time**  
**Carol & Bob Emory**

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Consider using John Wesley's Three Simple Rules  
 in your daily meditation:

***Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God***