



# The Eastport Spire

## *“Inspire Us to Great Things”*

*September 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**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, greetings! For those of you who have been on the road this summer, I'm glad you're back!

To all who worked hard this summer to make our 37<sup>th</sup> Peach Festival another success, thank you very much! Special thanks go to Jackie and Ann for their leadership of this important event in our life together and in the community as well.

Having had some time for rest, now with the month of September, we are (hopefully) all ready to settle back and take part more fully in living out the calling that God has given us: (1) to grow in our love for God through study and the practice of spiritual disciplines; (2) to grow in our love for one another, supporting each other in any challenges we may be facing these days and expressing gratitude for the joys; (3) to grow in our love for this community God has planted us in by engaging in ministries to reach out to our neighbors especially those in genuine situations of need.

September is a time to evaluate our ministries - what has been and what is. It is also a time to plan for the future. May we all be prepared to take active part in the life of our congregation.

Grace and peace to you all,  
~Pastor MaAn

### **2012 Fall Retreat**

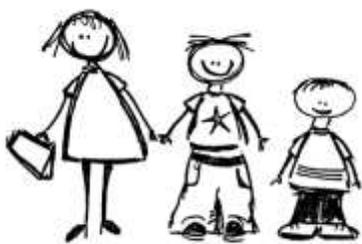
For a number of years now, the leaders of the congregation have been meeting annually for the following purposes:

- (1) To look at present day ministries and to evaluate how these ministries have advanced our stated mission and vision over the past year.
- (2) To give thanks for those for ministries well done.
- (3) To closely review those ministries that have been left on the wayside and decide what to do about them.
- (4) To look into the future and to plan accordingly for change and growth as congregation.

This annual gathering will be held this year at Jackie Cunningham's home located at 3281 Chrisland Drive in Annapolis on Saturday, September 22, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. While this is a leaders' meeting, everyone in the congregation is invited to take part. After all, we are a congregation!

When we make decisions on our lives together it is not just the leaders who will carry them out; all of us will have to work to make ministry happen in our midst and wherever God's leading takes us. So please plan on joining us. And do keep this gathering and its participants in your prayers.

~Pastor MaAn



### **Wanted: loving-open-hearts**

It's September, kids are back in school and our Homework and Reading program for neighborhood kids is back in session. Many of our "regular" kids have returned and we've also been happy to welcome a good number of "new" kids.

We anticipate another successful year and are busy planning new ways to meet the needs of our kids. We've got the kids, we've got the space, we've got the books and now we need YOU! Please come help us show the kids God's love as we reach out and help them to meet the challenges of school.

We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 pm. These kids are eager to learn and a joy to work with. Teaching skills are not required ---a loving-open-heart is all we ask! Snacks are also welcomed! Contact Mike Keller or Joyce Conley.  
~Joyce Conley

### **Pumpkin Carving!**

Mark your calendar for the annual EUMC Pumpkin Carving event on Saturday, October 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring your pumpkins and your carving utensils.

Plan to enjoy dinner with us as you carve your masterpieces for the Grand Illumination. Hope to see you there for some family fun!  
~Sherrie Little



### **Sunday School Starts Sept. 9**

Labor Day has gone by, summer is over and school has started again. That's right! Sunday School for elementary school students is starting Sunday, September 9. The year will start off with a unit about Abraham and Sarah. The students will learn about Abraham and Sarah through crafts, music, cooking, games, storytelling/drama and science. Yes, we even look at the Bible stories through science. The curriculum we use for Sunday School engages the students by providing unique and fun activities to learn the lessons. Come join the fun!  
~ Valerie Devaris



### **Help Wanted: Adults to help with Sunday School**

Do you enjoy crafts, games, cooking, science, music, drama, or storytelling? Then sign up to teach one of the lessons in this dynamic Sunday School program. The curriculum has a variety of activities to choose from that are well laid out with all the directions and information you need to teach a lesson. Teaching a lesson also allows you the opportunity to get to know the young people in our church and for them to get to know you too! So sign up to teach one (or more) lesson. You can sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or call the church office and leave your name and number.  
~ Valerie Devaris

## Thanks for Donations!

Many thanks to those who made donations to the Peach Festival start-up fund. To those of you who donated Bisquick, sugar, lemon juice, or any other “ingredients,” we thank you very much. Most of you dropped these off in the kitchen, so we don’t have a list of names, but we appreciate it a lot. To those of you who contributed financially so that we could order and pay for the rest of the items necessary for a successful Peach Festival—Thank You!

If your name is missing from the following list, we sincerely apologize. More than likely it is correct on your statement of giving, but please let us in the church office know, because keeping track of all of this information can be confusing. And as Betty’s poem said, ...get it together and get lots of rest! ‘cause next year we’ll expect, as usual, your very, very best.” ~Wendy Edstrom

Pat Aldserley  
Anita Andrews  
Neil Bergsman & Val Devaris  
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Dorothy Hubbard  
Arthur & Annabelle King  
Jerry & Tammy Lesley  
Debra Morgan  
Barbara Nutwell  
Sonny & Shirley Owen  
Ida Mae Sims  
Margaret Terry  
Betty Tillack  
Carol & Bob Emory  
Aaron Ingram

## It only takes ONE!

As we wind down from peach festival and get our collective legs back, let us relax for a moment and enjoy the fruits of our labor. Okay that’s long enough! Time to get back to work!

Part of our mission as a Church is giving. Giving of our time; giving of our presence; and giving of our resources. Thanksgiving is a time of family togetherness and enjoyment. For many reasons some families don’t get to experience the enjoyment of this tradition. So we joyfully provide Thanksgiving Baskets to families from four elementary schools in our community.

All it takes is ONE. ONE box of stuffing, ONE can of corn, ONE turkey, ONE can of green beans – just ONE and we can fill those baskets!

We will begin collecting food items for the thanksgiving baskets in October, actual dates will be announced in the weekly bulletin. There will be a display set up in Fellowship Hall showing the exact items and sizes of the products needed for the baskets.

Members and Friends of the Church:  
it only takes ONE, ONE from our family to ensure ONE family has a happy Thanksgiving.

If you have any questions, please call us at 410-903-8729 or email Kevin at [bcknblk02@yahoo.com](mailto:bcknblk02@yahoo.com) or Sally at 443-768-3191 [sallyhight@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyhight@yahoo.com).  
~Kevin and Sally Hight



## 2012 Peach Festival Corporate Sponsors

We would like to thank the following corporate sponsors for their generous contributions to this year's Peach Festival. Their sponsorship is indicative of the respect and care these businesses have for our community and the work of EUMC. Please express your appreciation through continued patronage.

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## Missions Update

Representatives of EUMC are headed to Brenton, West Virginia October 17 through 21 with Calvary UMC and other area churches.

School supplies were delivered to Annapolis Middle and Bates Middle Schools. The counselors requested binders, subject dividers, notebook paper and pens.

It is not too early to think about Winter Relief. This year we will provide shelter and meals November 19 through 26.

Join us at the missions meeting - Tuesday, September 11 at 7 p.m.

~Jackie Cunningham

## Peach Festival Thank You!

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped and contributed to the great success of our 37th Peach Festival! A wrap up meeting will be on Tuesday, September 26 at 7 p.m.

Please provide a written report if you were in charge of any aspect of Peach Festival. If you have any ideas for next year's Peach Festival please plan to attend or contact Jackie or Ann. Thank you to all!  
~Jackie Cunningham & Ann Rawls

## EUMC Picnic

Everyone is invited for some old-fashioned fun and great food! Join us for the annual church picnic on Saturday, September 30 at 2 p.m. at the Bay Ridge Clubhouse. Bring your lawn chairs and a side dish to share! The main dish will be provided. There will be lots of fun for kids of all ages. Hope to see you there.



## Peach Festival Poem

The Peach Festival's over.

A great big "Amen!!"

But next year we'll be out there

To do it again.

With all the wet bodies and very red faces,

We'll count on you to be in your places.

With ankles all swollen and feet that are sore,

We always keep coming back for some more.

With pies, cakes and peaches and more pickled  
beets,

It will be the time to stand on your feet.

So get it together, and get lots of rest!

'Cause next year we'll expect, as usual,

Your very, very best.

~Betty Tillack



*I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, & I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.~ Philippians 4:11-13*



## Farewell to Bishop Schol

*Condensed from an article by  
Melissa Lauber, UMConnection Staff*

After eight years of exemplary service to the Baltimore-Washington Conference, Bishop John Schol has been appointed to serve as Bishop of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference.



During his time here, Bishop Schol has transformed the culture of the Baltimore-Washington Conference so that it focuses on calling, equipping, sending and supporting spiritual leaders and creating churches that resemble those of the early church, whose story of the Pentecost promise is told in Acts 2. He created a systematic and holistic approach to discipleship, which is both an inward journey and an outward movement. He called it "the Discipleship Adventure." Bishop Schol's season with the Baltimore-Washington Conference has reflected the Adventure he designed.

He was instrumental in starting a pastor's school for the clergy of Zimbabwe - including educating the people of Zimbabwe about the use of insecticide-treated bed nets. The Baltimore-Washington Conference was the first in the Nothing But Nets program to realize the potential of United Methodists distributing these lifesaving nets to combat malaria in sub-Saharan Africa.

Bishop Schol has spoken out as an advocate in the political arena against legalizing slot machines, the death penalty, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, gun violence and racism. He has also been a vocal advocate on the local, state and national stage for people with HIV/AIDS, immigrants and those in need of health care.

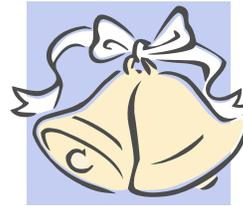
*We wish Bishop Schol a fond farewell. Our prayers of gratitude and support go with him and his family as they serve our neighbor conference.*

## September Birthdays



Sept 02 Mike Owen  
Sept 05 Bill Bowen  
Sept 08 Neil Kinnamon  
Sept 13 Vicki Clary  
Sept 15 Kitty Leitch  
Sept 15 Mike Stevens  
Sept 16 JoAnn Kulesza  
Sept 16 David Peddicord  
Sept 18 Elaine Hollidayoke  
Sept 19 Betty Moreland  
Sept 20 Andy Owen  
Sept 21 Joan Dove  
Sept 21 Taylor Stevens  
Sept 23 Sherrie Little  
Sept 26 Sally Colburn  
Sept 26 Frances Wilmer  
Sept 27 Barbara Schwarz  
Sept 27 Cierra Ploof

## September Anniversaries



Sept 06 Vern Renshaw & Pastor MaAn  
Sept 15 Dale & Libby Cain  
Sept 17 Mike & Megan Wurst  
Sept 23 Earl & Harriet Macey



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Worship 10am	<b>3</b> Labor Day Office closed	<b>4</b> Bells 7pm  Homework- Reading Program 4pm	<b>5</b> ▪UMW 5pm ▪Fall Study 6:45pm ▪AA County Firefighters Memorial Service 7pm	<b>6</b> Choir 7pm  Homework- Reading Program 4pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> ▪Conversations 9am-Chapel ▪Worship 10am ▪SS 10:15am	<b>10</b> Bells 7pm	<b>11</b> Homework- Reading Program 4pm  Missions 7pm	<b>12</b> Fall Study 6:45pm	<b>13</b> ▪Homework- Reading 4pm ▪Worship Mtg 5:30pm at Sammy's ▪Choir 7pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> ▪Conversations 9am-Chapel ▪Worship 10am ▪SS 10:15am	<b>17</b> Bells 7pm	<b>18</b> ▪Homework- Reading 4pm ▪Trustees 6:15pm ▪Admin Council 7:30pm	<b>19</b> Food Pantry 1 to 3pm  Fall Study 6:45pm	<b>20</b> ▪Gracious Greetings 1:30 ▪Homework- Reading 4pm ▪Choir 7pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Fall Planning Retreat 9am
<b>23</b> ▪Conversations 9am-Chapel ▪Worship 10am ▪SS 10:15am	<b>24</b> Bells 7pm  UMM 7pm	<b>25</b> Homework- Reading 4pm	<b>26</b> Peach Festival Wrap-Up 7pm  Fall Study 6:45pm	<b>27</b> Homework- Reading 4pm  Choir 7pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> ▪Conversations 9am-Chapel ▪Worship 10am ▪SS 10:15am ▪Church Picnic 2pm				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Coming in October....</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Game Nights</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Congregational Luncheon-Meeting</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Pumpkin Carving</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Stay tuned!</b></p> </div>		

