

September 9, 2018

CELEBRATE

Luke 14:13-14

But when you give
a banquet, invite the poor,
the crippled, the lame,
the blind, and you will
be blessed.

Although they cannot repay you,
you will be repaid at the resurrection
of the righteous.

Bible Verses for You

***Eastport United Methodist Church
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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.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Gathering Music

Welcome

Songs of Praise

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

There Is Joy in the Lord

Welcome

Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

Blessing of the Backpacks

Recognition of Nikki Finkle, Nursery Attendant

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Illumination

The Cry of My Heart – TFWS 2165

***Scripture Reading**
Luke 14: 12-24

Witness to the Word
Celebrate
Pastor Michelle

Anthem
Take My Life, That I May Be
Wesleyan Choir

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

***Closing Praise**
Over My Head – TFWS 2148

***Blessing**

***Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 80
Adults: 70
Children: 10



Rosebud

The rosebud on the altar this morning is in honor of the birth of Bennett Chandler Weaver, born September 4, 2018.
Parents are Ray & Amanda Goodnow Weaver.
The rosebud is given by Bennett's great grandmother, Audrey Howard.
Congratulations to all of Bennett's family!

Altar flowers

Given in loving memory of our son and brother,
Bill Howard
By Audrey, Dawn, and Wayne



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*
 Audrey Howard, Jean Strucko, *Worship Team Leaders*
 Sally & Kevin Hight, *PowerPoint Presenters*
 Shirley Owen, *Ushers Coordinator* Audrey Howard, *Greeters Coordinator*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK
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Greeters: Barbara Nutwell
 Barbara Pearson
Welcomer:
Ushers: Val Devaris & Neil Bergsman
Prayer Leader: Mike Keller
Reader: Terri Keller
Children's Time: Mike Keller
Sunday School:
Nursery: Nikki Finkle
 Krista Stone
Counters: Pud Schultz, Harriet Macey,
 Bill Malamphy

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK
September 16, 2018

Greeters: Cyndi & David Council
Welcomer: Lisa Stevens
Ushers: Ernie & Pud Schultz
Prayer Leader: Mike Keller
Reader: Richard Hughes
Children's Time: TBD
Sunday School:
Nursery: Nikki Finkle
 Myrna Dobbs
Communion Assistants: Mike Keller (PL)
 Valerie Devaris & Neil Bergsman
Counters: Mike Stevens, Jennifer Smith

You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor Michelle
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Prayer should be your first choice; not your last resort.

OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Thanksgiving

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION

State, Country & World

PEACE IN OUR HEARTS AND IN OUR LAND



Our Homebound Members

Leona Bergsman, Norman Jones, Betty Storton,
Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler



September Prayer List

A new list will start on October 1st. Please use the yellow prayer cards in the pews for your prayer requests, or call or email the church office.

Please be aware: we will print concerns in the bulletin only if that box is checked on prayer card, or if you have notified us. We want to respect the privacy of individuals.
**Please let the office know if there is someone that you want kept on the prayer list, otherwise the names will be removed at the end of each month.

Paul Laylaw (Charlotte Kerns' uncle)

Art King (member)

Jim Wilcox (member)

Tegan Kopp (son of Sharon & Tavis)

Mike Pearson (Barb Pearson's son)

Joe Chaney (Friend of EUMC)

Tony Dalton (Friend of Carol & Bob Emory)

Mark Cobb (Shirley Keller's nephew)

Shavella Miles (Kevin Hight's co-worker)

Jennifer Benson (fiancé of Eric Smaridge)

Charles Brown (Jerry Lesley's extended family)

Eleanora Tolliver (Sherrie Little's grandmother)

Our prayers and Sympathy are extended to the following members who have experienced the loss of a loved one in this past week.

Sally Colburn and Family, Mike Leary (Sally's son-in-law)

Jacqueline Ploof and Family, Maxine Reid (Jacqueline's mother)

Chuck Ferrar and Family, Phyllis Ferrar Bass (Chuck's sister)

Happy Birthday

Sept 13 – Vicki Clary

Sept 15 – Mike Stevens



Upcoming Events at EUMC

Tuesday, Sept 11	Heavenly Bells will resume next week, Sept 10 th at 7pm Cleaning the nursery 10am Homework & Reading Program 4-5pm; Missions meeting 6:30pm
Thursday, Sept 13	Homework & Reading Program 4-5pm; Wesleyan Choir 7pm
Sunday, Sept 16	Outdoor worship and Block Party



Our Fall Community Block Party will occur on Sunday, September 16. We plan to hold service outside, and have a meal from Mission BBQ after the service. A moon bounce has been rented, but we also will need other outdoor games. If you have a cornhole game, badminton, soccer balls, kick balls, or any other outside activity suitable for a picnic setting, could you please bring it to the church? Thanks!

We are looking for volunteers – worship set-up (please call the office), **servicing food** (see Barbara Krebs), **children’s games** (call the church office). See the September Spire for more details. We will also depend on people to help us clean up if they are able.

You may want to bring blankets or beach towels (for sitting on grass) and/or your own picnic chairs – They may be more comfortable than the folding metal chairs that the church has. If you have any extra, it would be great if we could have them on hand for any guests who might need to use them.



Winter Relief Week will be here before we know it ! November 19- 26, 2018
Supplies are needed for our homeless men.

Supplies: shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrush’s, mouthwash, washcloths, wet wipes, bars of soap, combs, deodorant, lotion and chapstick. The UMW will assemble them and have them ready for November. We will have a bin in Fellowship Hall to collect the items, labeled. Thanks for helping with this important mission of our church. As the time gets closer, we will be looking for volunteer help during the Winter Relief Week.



There are many folks to thank, who go “above and beyond” to help around the church in various ways. We want to thank everyone so very much.

Today we will highlight someone who, not TOO long ago was on our prayer list for serious health concerns... Looks like we are very good pray-ers, because he is not only well and with us in church again on Sundays, but healthy enough to do chores around the church. It is a blessing to see this.

Many thanks to Steve Duckett !!

He has painted the black railings in the front and back of the church (please notice how great they look), trimmed all walkways in the church yard and will be taking care of the loose slate at the back door of the Church, around the flower boxes.



New Worship Series: Celebrate!

For the next four weeks we will be exploring different biblical stories about celebrations! This week we will talk about who and how we invite others to the party, using Luke 14:12-24 as our guide. Celebrating is more than just a diversion or an excuse to eat dessert. Celebration is also a spiritual practice that invites us to enter God's joy by remembering God's faithfulness and goodness. Come, join the party for the next few weeks as we worship and explore the ancient roots and art of celebrating.

WELCOME

1. Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace.

Singing

Welcome, welcome to this place.

You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome the love of God to share

'cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.

2. Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,

Singing

Welcome, welcome to this place.

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3. Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
Where our mourning turns to dancing, ev'ry creature lifts its voice!

Crying

Welcome, welcome to this place.

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All are welcome the love of God to share

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