



# The Eastport Spire

## “Inspire Us to Great Things”

### June 2022

*We share our experiences of God's Kingdom with all, through our faith, love, fellowship, and service. It is our vision to have each person engaged in worship that enriches, ministries that empower, and missions that embrace and affirm all people.*

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## Everything Is Coming Up....GREEN!

Green is the color of grant money. Yes, Eastport UMC has been the fortunate recipient of seven recent grants totaling **\$31,646.00**:

- \$2400 from Community Foundation of AA County for grocery gift card.
- \$5000 from CFAAC to pay Diesha's salary.
- \$11,400 from Charting Careers for community space rental fees.
- \$7846 from St. Margaret's Church to build a digital technology lab which the Homework and Reading program and several non-profits will use.
- \$3000 from Parole Rotary for Homework 'n Hoops program giving middle school homework club kids the reward of a game of basketball.
- \$1000 from Eastport Civic Association to purchase school backpack supplies.

I want to tell you a little more about the \$7846 from St. Margaret's Church to build a digital technology lab which the Homework and Reading program and several non-profits will use. The all-volunteer Homework and Reading program offers after-school assistance to children in K-5th grades. These kids strengthen their reading, writing, comprehension, math, and analytical skills while working 1:1 with a volunteer reading, and playing educational games and puzzles.

For the past 13 years, this program relied on paper books, and board games. This grant will allow us to transition to a new resource called Skybrary, a product of an organization called Reading Is Fundamental. Skybrary is a digital library, featuring hundreds of digital books and real-world video field trips for the kids to access on the 12 brand new

Chromebooks we will purchase. Skybrary combines several key components that help children develop their literacy skills: high-interest books, read-to-me features, and encouragement for independent reading. In support of this transition, the church WiFi service and cabling infrastructure will be extended and enhanced.

Several additional non-profit collaborators have expressed interest in a technology lab, including Charting Careers for homework club sessions, the Let's Go Boys and Girls Club for STEM Robotics, Maryland Hall for digital video and music production, and Bridging the Gap which empowers lower-income single females with computer programming skills to enter the IT workplace.

We are embarking on a wonderful new outreach adventure. Isn't it fabulous to earn the community's respect and funding?

~ Susan Schneider



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## UMW/United Women in Faith

The United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith will meet on Wednesday, June 1, at 5:30 for a picnic at the home of Harriet Macey. Attendees should bring a side dish or dessert; fried chicken and drinks will be provided. This will be our last meeting until September 7.

At our May meeting, the United Methodist Women voted to send donations made in memory of long-time UMW members Betty Tillack and Betty Storton to UMCOR/Heifer International and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We also voted to donate a total of \$2,400 to the following missions:

- Chrysalis House in Crownsville, a residential addiction treatment program for women and their children;
- Mirah's Closet, the Blue Ribbon Project's local foster care closet dedicated to providing children and teens in foster care with essential items, such as clothing, toiletries, school supplies, and other needed items;
- Seeds 4 Success, which provides local children from low income communities with the skills and support to achieve success in school and life;
- Paso a Paso, a mission begun in 2007 by Stephanie Cady (niece of EUMC members Pud and Ernie Schultz) to provide education, training, and supplies to children in the extremely poor Guatemalan hillside community of Barrio la Cruz;
- the Susanna Wesley House in Baltimore, which provides women and their children with group living in a home-like setting as well as schooling, job training, and counseling; and
- Missions supported by the Baltimore-Washington Conference UMW.

~ Kathy Duckett



## The Language of Love

In the early '90s, a book came out called *The Five Love Languages*. It outlined the way couples express love, other than the simple words, "I love you." Since then, people have expanded the idea of "love language" to include how we show love to our friends, family and fellow human beings.

I was reminded of this recently when I spent some time with my family. My stepmother, Helen, has cancer and hospice has been called in. In the

meantime, she has been quite a handful. Always a little spitfire, she is now, despite her weakening condition, a force of nature. She has been baking with a vengeance – even when she is too exhausted to really do it.

That's because baking is her love language. And late at night, when the pain meds have worn off, and she has become too restless to stay in bed, she gets up and bakes. You name it, she's baking it. Cornbread, sweet potato rolls, peanut brittle, strawberry shortcake, greens. And of course, these midnight Betty Crocker sessions not only tax what little strength she has left, but wear the rest of us ragged too.

But as hard as this is, I can't help but see the love there. Cornbread for Leroy, potato rolls for Arlene, peanut brittle for Mrs. Myrtle, strawberry shortcake for the family's dessert, greens for Sunday dinner – for whoever shows up. With her limited time and her diminishing strength, Helen is showing us love with every recipe.

And even my dad gets in on the act, though his love language takes a different form. Shortly after I arrived, he slipped some money into my hand. "Dad, I'm not a teenager anymore!" I protest, but I know better than to try to shove the money back at him. His love language is providing for his family, and to him, money is a universal language. So I pocket the money I don't need, understanding that his need to provide it outweighs my discomfort in accepting it.

I find myself shedding quiet tears over the unremarkable act of baking. I ponder what my own love language is, and suppose I'm a bit bilingual. I write things that others have told me have been meaningful for them. And I sing, and people say it uplifts/inspires/comforts them. In some respects, because I've always been able to do these things, I take them for granted. But it is the love I have to offer, and so I do.

What is your love language? What simple task do you do, what simple service do you provide that makes others smile? That offers them hope for a while. That helps them get through a difficult day. That brings them comfort and joy. Whatever it is, keep doing it. As I savor one of the last potato rolls that I know will be baked lovingly by Helen, I grieve, but I'm also comforted by the taste of love.

~ Barbara Krebs

## June Garden and Maintenance News

We finally have all the outside lights working. Jerry Christofel installed a new dusk to dawn light on the front corner of the church. Our church shines at night. There has been a lot of tree and bush trimming (a dumpster's worth) and we are getting estimates for the high tree trimming that is needed in our huge majestic trees. We dug out 10 junk trees that were growing in two of the front gardens and some bulbs that were no longer producing flowers. Canopy in the playground was reinstalled. Thanks to our strong man, Sam, for trying to keep the shed clear for us to get out the lawnmowers to cut the grass. The grass seed we planted is finally growing well. Thanks to Bill Brafford and Jerry for the recent grass cutting.



New garden benches have been delivered and need to be put together and installed (who is good at reading directions?). As usual all the normal chores like picking up trash and branches continues. Thanks to Sue Armstrong, Mitch and Barbara Krebs for continuing to weed their gardens. They look great. All the brick and concrete walkways were sprayed for weeds and we hope to find time to edge them all soon. If you can help with any work outside, please contact Joanne or Jerry Christofel at [msjohara@yahoo.com](mailto:msjohara@yahoo.com) or 410-295-5474.

~ Joanne Christofel

### Church Directory



Our office administrator, Rose Maple, has been tidying up member information and is preparing a new church directory. Over the next two months or so, Molly Estabrook will be taking photos before and after Sunday morning worship. We are excited to include you in the directory! Please make sure the office has your birthday, anniversary, and current contact information.

## Well Done Diesha!

Diesha entered into an entrepreneurial competition at Morgan State. She shared her business plan for her own soul food eatery, Emmanuel's Soulfood. And she won \$1000!!!

Congratulations to **Diesha Contee** for winning our \$1000.00 business pitch competition. Sponsored by the Morgan State University Ride Program. Here being awarded by Executive Director **Rachel Griffin**. Great job to all contestants!!!! We look forward to great things from you all.



## Our Graduates



### Tanner Corse



Hackensack Meridian  
School of Medicine

**Tanner Corse** will graduate June 8<sup>th</sup> from Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine in New Jersey. He will do his residency at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis. Tanner is the grandson of Eunice Corse and nephew of Jill Peddicord.



**Colette Krebs** received her Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from East Carolina University. Colette is the daughter of Mitch and Barbara Krebs, and is a long-time member of EUMC.



**Blake Malamphy** graduated from Archbishop Spaulding High School and will be attending Salisbury University. Blake is the grandson of Sally Malamphy.



**Charlie Schneider** graduated with degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Maryland. Charlie's area of specialty is in Cryptography, using Mathematical algorithms to secure (encrypt) communications in the presence of third-party adversaries. Charlie will be working for the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Fulton, MD while living in nearby Columbia, MD. After 22 years of sharing space with many siblings and roommates, Charlie is most excited to have his own apartment so he can adopt a cat 😊. (Pictured with parents Bill & Susan Schneider)



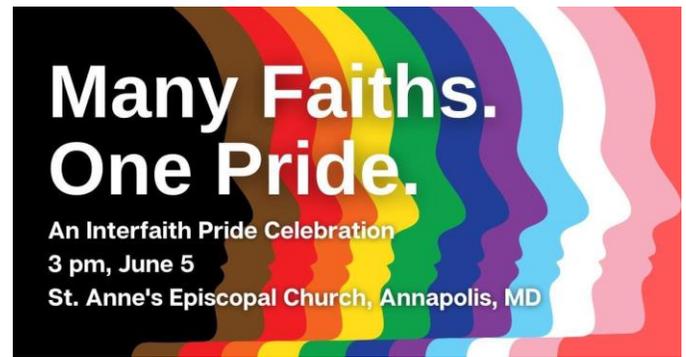
**Paige Fox** graduated from Riverside High School in Virginia. She will attend the College of Charleston. Paige is the granddaughter of Sally Malamphy.

If you missed this edition, please send your graduate's information to Eunice at [corseec@msn.com](mailto:corseec@msn.com) and we'll publish it in July. We'd love to hear from you.

## June Birthdays



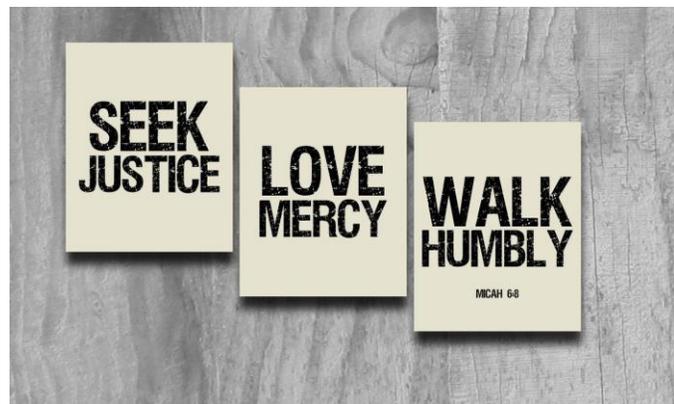
- June 1 Jerry Lesley
- June 3 Ricardo Vasquez, Jr.
- June 6 Courtney Morgan Hardie  
Benjamin Baker
- June 9 Pam Pulley  
Shelly Wilcox
- June 10 Teresa Keller
- June 11 Steve Parks
- June 14 Barbara Pearson
- June 17 Vaughan Parrish
- June 21 Noah Somers  
Lynn Swanner  
Randi Aaliah Savoy
- June 22 Jan Hopping
- June 23 Alaina Ugolini
- June 24 Darcey Schultz
- June 25 Sharon Stevens
- June 27 Ginny Davidson



## June Anniversaries



- June 4 Pam & Chris Pulley
- June 11 Wendy & Eric Edstrom
- June 22 Holly Green & Matt Ficca
- June 25 Christy & Jerry South
- June 29 Elizabeth & Justin Ford



### SIGHT & SOUND BUS TRIP

August 23, 2022 (Tuesday)

Sight & Sound Theatre – “DAVID”  
& Family-Style Lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant  
Strasburg, Pennsylvania

\$130 – Adult

\$96 – Child (age 3-12)

Includes transportation, reserved seats for the show,  
family-style lunch, and all taxes and tips.

Depart EUMC parking Lot 8:00AM

Return 6:00PM

Make checks payable to Carol Emory at 506 Duvall  
Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403 to secure your seat.

Questions? Contact Carol at her email

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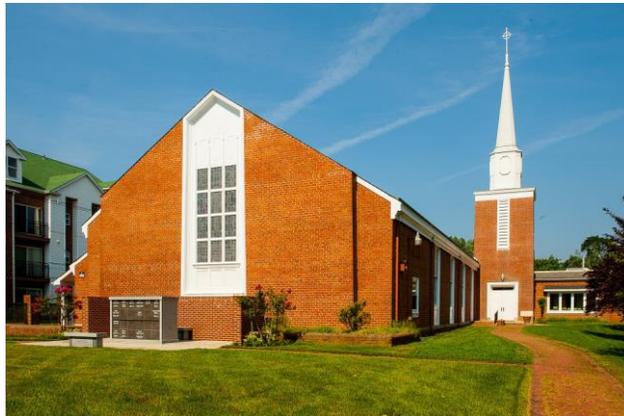
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <b>SUMMER</b>		<b>1</b> UMW Picnic/Meeting 5:30pm at the Macey's	<b>2</b> Homework 4:00pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival 12 – 4pm
<b>5</b> Pentecost Worship 10am  Interfaith Pride Service 3pm @ St.Anne's	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Homework 4:00pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Homework 4:00pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Worship 10am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Homework 4:00pm 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Homework 4:00pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Food Pantry 10:00 am 
<b>19</b> Worship 10am 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Homework 4:00pm Admin Council Zoom Meeting 7pm First Day of Summer	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Homework & Reading Pizza Party 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 
<b>26</b> Worship 10am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>			

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