



The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

November 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.

From the Pastor

Today, November 1, is All Saints Day. This is the day in which the global church honors saints who have passed on, both known and unknown, both famous and obscure. On the first Sunday of November, All Saints Sunday, we will corporately remember those Saints who have gone before us, those who were faithful and those who made mistakes along the way, those who struggled for peace and those who lived simply and quietly. We are blessed to have had many saints in our midst and we will remember some of them by name on Sunday. In doing so we remember that they are not as distant as we think.

I love Thomas Merton’s thoughts on this, he says “Life is this simple. We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time. If we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we see it sometimes, and we see it maybe frequently. God shows up everywhere, in everything—in people and things and in nature and in events. It becomes very obvious that God is everywhere and in everything and we cannot be without God. It’s impossible. The only thing is that we don’t see it.”

I pray that you will join us on this special day and that we, together, will remember our sure and certain hope of resurrection through Jesus Christ.

~ *Grace and peace, Pastor Chris*



Daylight Savings Time ends November 6th. Remember to set your clocks back Saturday night.

EUMC Thanksgiving Basket Mission

Dear Family and Friends of EUMC:

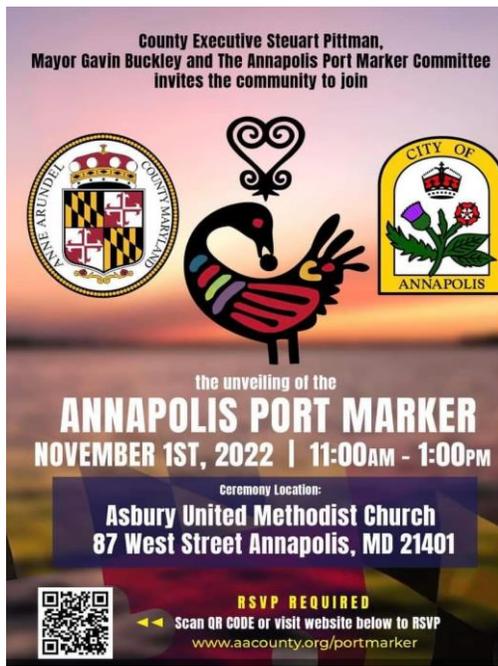


Thanksgiving is a time of joyful celebration, yet also a time of reflection – of gratitude for our blessings and bounty. While making your holiday plans and reflecting on all you have to be thankful for, it’s also a good time to think about those less fortunate, and consider whether you can be of assistance to them. At EUMC, we are committed to providing extra assistance to needy families during the holidays. With the effects of the pandemic, loss of employment, and limited resources, there are more people seeking assistance than ever before. We depend on the generosity of donors like yourselves to provide assistance to our neighbors in Eastport.

I am writing today to ask you to consider making a tax-deductible donation to support the Thanksgiving Basket Mission of EUMC. No donation is too small; any amount will be greatly appreciated. Donating is easy. You can contribute to EUMC online at: [Give | Eastport UMC](#) (Budget offering/choose Thanksgiving Fund) or by calling (410) 263-5490 during the week. You may also send a check to the church at 926 Bay Ridge Ave, Annapolis, MD 21403. Specify “Thanksgiving” on your check.

Our goal is forty \$25 gift cards which will go directly to those families designated by the four elementary schools: Eastport, Tyler Heights, Hillsmere, and Georgetown East. What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than to make a conscious decision to help your neighbors who are in need?

~ *In His Grace,*
Kevin Hight, Chair, Thanksgiving Basket Mission



The City of Annapolis has been identified by the United Nations Science Cultural Organization and the Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Markers Project as a “Site of Memory” during the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

A ceremony to commemorate this will take place from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at Asbury United Methodist Church (located at 87 West Street), with a brief reception to follow. We look forward to seeing you as we unveil the port marker, which is meant to honor the two million captive Africans who perished during the Middle Passage and the ten million who survived to build the Americas.

Free parking will be available in the Whitmore Garage from 10:00 am - 2:00 p.m. for this event.

 **Women in Faith**

The United Methodist Women/Women in Faith will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, November 2, at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a short business meeting followed by a program from the 2022-2023 UMW book entitled *Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story*. You are welcome to bring a bagged meal and drink; dessert will be provided. All women of the church are invited to participate.

For many years, we have provided Christmas gifts for the residents at Bowman Place in downtown Annapolis. We have decided to once again provide grocery store gift cards. We hope you will continue to support this effort to provide a little bit of Christmas cheer to the Bowman Place residents by purchasing a \$25 grocery store gift card from Giant or Safeway. We would like to have them by December 11 so that we have time to arrange delivery before Christmas.



You can bring the gift cards with you to church and give them to me or one of our officers, including Jean Strucko, Harriet Macey, Harriet Newquist, or Debbie Morgan. If you are unable to get to the store to purchase a gift card but would like to support this mission, you can mail a check (made out to United Methodist Women of EUMC) to Harriet Newquist at 1215 Marda Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403. You can also mail gift cards to Harriet Newquist or call me at 410-268-6467 with questions or to arrange pick up of gift cards you have purchased. Thanks in advance for supporting this local mission. The residents have always been very appreciative of EUMC's generosity. ~ *Kathy Duckett*



SOME OF OUR HOMEWORK AND READING KIDS ENJOYING HALLOWEEN CUPCAKES

Homework and Reading will not meet on the following days:

- Nov. 8: Election Day
- Nov. 22: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 24: Thanksgiving



A Note of Gratitude

November is the season of gratitude, and I am very grateful for Eastport Methodist Church, The Neighborhood Endowment Fund and the wonderful Staff of the West River Camp. This summer we made it possible for two young girls to attend overnight camp on the West River, have a lot of fun, and build confidence and a hopeful outlook during a time of loss. They had been placed with their grandparents who raised them; this spring their grandmother died. The great loss they were feeling was clear to all their neighbors. When I picked them up from camp, they were bubbly with stories, about the banana boat, rock wall, morning praise, swimming every day, art projects, their new friends and counselors. This wonderful experience has boosted their return to school this fall in untold ways.

~ Much appreciation, a new parishioner

EUMC Hosts Jazz Festival

The Annapolis Jazz & Roots Festival is just around the corner. The festival is a series of performances and lectures throughout the city of Annapolis held over two weekends in November.

Three of the performances will be held at **Eastport United Methodist Church** in the Sanctuary. For the full list of concerts, please visit:

annapolisjazzandrootsfestival.com/schedule

November 6, 2022

Jefferson Holland

Chesapeake Bay Songs & Sea Chanteys

<https://www.jeffersonholland.com>

Show: 2-3 PM Free

<https://www.instantseats.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.venue&VenueID=554>

November 12, 2022

Renée Collins Georges & Georjazz

Celebrate the Music of New Orleans & Southern Roots of Jazz in a Family Friendly Program

Show: 2 PM Free

<https://www.rgeorjazzmusic.com>

<https://www.instantseats.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.venue&VenueID=554>

November 13, 2022

Juanito Pascual

International trio performs Flamenco Jazz, Pop & Rock

Show: 4:15 PM

Admission: Adults \$25 advance \$30 at the door /

Children \$10 [Tickets:](#)

<https://www.instantseats.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.venue&VenueID=554>

Love & Hope along the Way



We were blessed to hear a beautiful testimony and a challenge by Molly a few weeks ago. She felt inspired to share a message about how God has given her glimpses of hope as she navigated changes as a parent, and how she has responded to God's call in her life. If you weren't able to hear her message in

person, you can watch/listen to it here:

<https://youtu.be/hYRryhxMkkQ>

~ Pastor Chris

November Garden & Maintenance



Thanks to everyone who helped on our fall cleanup day: Tony Fowler & Molly Estabrook, Rusty Mack, Steve Duckett, Neil Bergsman & Val Devaris, Mike Keller, Barbara & Mitch Krebs, Sam Coates, Chris & Smith Broadwell, and all the children. Weeds were pulled, trash was picked up, trees were trimmed, bulbs were planted, sidewalks were edged and swept, and picnic tables were washed. You are amazing!

For three weeks we have been cleaning the green and black mold/ mildew off the brick exterior of the church, columbarium, two stairwells, three sets of steps, and walls. Power washing with a low power machine followed by mold/mildew spray did a great job. The three black lantern lights were scraped of old paint, primed, and repainted. The air handlers on the roof had new filters installed. The drains on the roof were cleaned out too.

Many thanks to friend, Margaret Templeton, broker for Southern Trust Mortgage, who donated funds for a new Toro push lawn mower that mulches, bags, and is self-propelled. She also donated some paper towels, hand sanitizer, and a rechargeable weed wacker/edger. We can't wait to use them!

We are looking to hire workers to finish up some maintenance on the outside of the church. We need a carpenter to replace some wood around windows, a mason to repoint bricks, and a painter to paint the bottom half of the steeple. If you know of a good person, please let us know. Also, please keep all our workers and volunteers in your prayers to stay safe while they do repairs on our church.

If anyone has any extra time and can help with church garden and maintenance, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact Joanne or Jerry Christofel at msjohara@yahoo.com or 410-295-5474.

~ Joanne Christofel

Our Music Director



Being the music director of a church is no small task. It demands constant flexibility. Whether it is for a regular Sunday morning worship service, a holy day service, or for a wedding or a funeral, it cannot be done without confidence, commitment, and care. The role requires a deep knowledge of music (also known as hymnody), not just for planning the worship “set list” itself, but also knowing each band member’s role and musical parts, leading the band through rehearsals and services, and being able to get the band on track should anything deviate from the original plan (which, of course, never happens at our church). When it comes to leading the hand bells, the praise band, the choir, and the congregation JoAnn is a master of her craft through and through. What a blessing it is to have her by our side.

~ Chris Broadwell

Mark your calendars: In the interest of safety in these unsettled times, EUMC is holding a training day at the church on January 15 from 2 to 4:30 pm, focusing on awareness, preparation, and prevention of critical incidents that might happen anywhere. It will be presented by a representative of Annapolis Police Department and Emergency Management. More information will be provided – stay tuned.

FALL CLEANUP DAY AT EUMC



November Birthdays



- Nov 4 Christina Valentine
Nov 7 Sally Malamphy
Nov 9 Mei-jen Hong-Hillary
Nov 10 Steve Ploof
Nov 12 Curtis Clary
Chuck Ferrar
Nov 12 Bill Riggs
Nov 15 Robert Gibbons III
Lindsey Owen
Nov 15 Holly Green
Nov 17 Kevin Hight
Nov 27 Kathy Duckett
Finn Smith
Nv 28 John "Bo" Morgan

November Anniversaries



- Nov 14 Guy & Lynn Goddard
Nov 27 Stephen & Sherrie Ugolini
Nov 30 Chris & Emily Broadwell



Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly Mother.

The first said, "I built a big house for our Mother."

The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."

The third smiled and said, "I've got you both beat. You remember how Mom enjoyed reading the Bible? And you know she can't see very well anymore. I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took Elders in the church 12 years to teach him. He's one of a kind. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot recites it."

Soon thereafter, Mom sent out her letters of thanks.

"Milton," she wrote one son, "the house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house."

"Gerald," she wrote to another, "I am too old to travel anymore. My eyesight isn't what it used to be. I stay most of the time at home, so I rarely use the Mercedes. And the driver is so rude!"

"Dearest Donald," she wrote to her third son, "you have the good sense to know what your Mother likes. The chicken was delicious!"

From the interweb ☺

Prayer, attributed to St. Teresa of Avila, on aging.
Submitted by JoAnn Kulesza

*"Lord, You know better than I myself
that I am growing older and will someday be old.
Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say
something on every subject and on every occasion.*

*Release me from craving to
straighten out everybody's affairs.
Make me thoughtful but not moody;
helpful but not bossy.*

*With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to
use it all; but You know, Lord, that I want a few
friends at the end.*

*Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details;
give me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips on my aches and pains;
they are increasing, and love of rehearsing them
is becoming sweeter as the years go by.*

*I dare not ask for improved memory,
but for a growing humility and a lessening cock-
sureness when my memory seems to clash with the
memories of others.*

*Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may
be mistaken.*

*Keep me reasonably sweet, for a sour old person
is one of the crowning works of the devil.*

*Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected
places and talents in unexpected people; and give, O
Lord, the grace to tell them so."*

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Sept

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Homework & Reading 4pm Diaper Pantry 5pm	2 UMW 5:30pm Dinner Meeting Fellowship Hall ----- Bible Study 7pm Chapel	3 Choir 7pm	4 	5
	6 Worship 10am Jazz & Roots 2pm	7	8	9 Bible Study 7pm Chapel	10 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	11  Veteran's Day
13 Worship 10am Jazz & Roots 4:15pm	14	15 Homework & Reading 4pm Charge Conference 7pm @ EUMC	16 Bible Study 7pm Chapel	17 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	18	19 Food & Diaper Pantry 10:00 am 
20 Worship 10am	21 	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving 	25	26  Decorate Church 2pm
27 Worship 10am	28	29 Homework & Reading 4pm	30 Bible Study 7pm Chapel			

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