



# The Eastport Spire

## “Inspire Us to Great Things”

### April 2023

*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

Prayer, scripture readings, music, singing, and preaching are all things that come to mind when we think about the word "worship." There is one more thing, and you've heard this recently in our Sunday morning worship services, and that is *giving*. Whether it is giving online or dropping an envelope in the offering plate, our giving is an act of worship. Not only is it a personal act of worship, it is simultaneously a communal act of worship. Together we generously pool our resources together, and together offer them to God. Every time we give our offerings to the church, we experience transformation. God takes what we offer and turns our gifts into ministries of love, justice, and compassion that are offered to all.

Included in this month's Spire is our ACH Authorization form. The ACH (Automated Clearing House) is a payment processing system, a way for nonprofits to accept donations from supporters who wish to give via direct debit. ACH giving is much more affordable to both the giver and the church as the processing fees are minimal. We certainly don't want our tithes and offerings to go towards fees. An added bonus of ACH giving is one can give even if they miss a Sunday.

Simply return the form in a labeled envelope to the office, or give it directly to Ruth Gibbons or Neil Bergsman.

Thank you,

*EUMC Finance Team  
Steve Duckett, Neil Bergsman, Ruth Gibbons,  
Elaine Fors-McKellar, Michael Keller, Jill  
Peddicord, Pastor Chris Broadwell*

## Holy Week and Easter

### **Palm Sunday, April 2, 10 a.m.**

...We walk with Jesus through the last moments of his life to prepare ourselves for His resurrection.

### **Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m.**

...We gather around the Table and remember Jesus' mandate to love.

### **Good Friday, April 7, 12 noon**

...We gather around the cross to recount the depth of love that God has for us.

### **Easter Sunrise Service, April 9, 6 a.m.**

...Come celebrate the power of life over death at a Sunrise Service at Thomas Point State Park. (Dress warm; bring a lawn chair.)

### **Easter Service, 10 a.m.**

...We gather in the church sanctuary for a festive celebration of the resurrection of Jesus and God's redeeming love for the world.



## Garden & Maintenance News

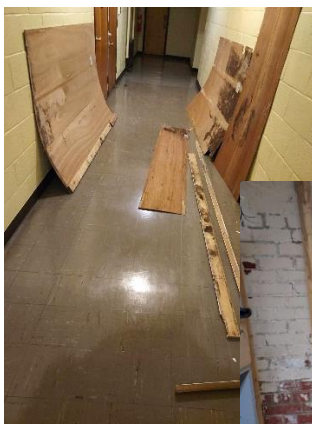


EUMC April news 2023 - Spring cleaning has begun at church. We cleaned the accordion wall in the hall, vacuumed the valance on the green curtains in the hall too, replaced a rusted outlet and disconnected a bad outlet in the UMW room, took down moldy paneling, cleaned brick walls with vinegar, put shelves back up, cleaned filters on 3 dehumidifiers, and cut back liriopie and sedum joys and pulled weeds in gardens. Thanks to Sam for continuing to clean up the never-ending leaves in the parking lot. Thanks to Jill Peddicord for cleaning the walls in the stairwells and helping to scrape off bad paint on brick walls in the UMW room (on her birthday!).

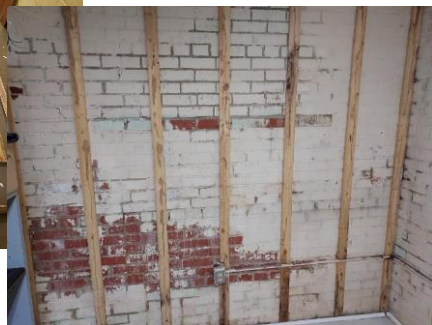
Don't forget that we will be doing **Greenscape on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon** to put down mulch in gardens and playground, weed, install new garden benches, etc. We need your help to beautify our grounds. Please bring gloves and garden shovels.

Repairs on the stained-glass windows are scheduled to start on April 10 and last for about 10 days. Please keep all our workers and volunteers in your prayers to stay safe while they do repairs on our church. If anyone has 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](mailto:msjohara@yahoo.com) or 410-295-5474.

### Removed Paneling



Cleaned Brick Wall



## April UMW Meeting

The United Methodist Women/Women in Faith will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, April 4, at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a business meeting concerning missions we plan to support this year, 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.

## Caring for Our Lives and Community

On Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Captain Aaron Edwards of the Annapolis Fire Department gave a very informative presentation called **Your Life Matters** on overdose recognition, Narcan administration and hands-only CPR. There were great questions and volunteers practiced CPR to the song "Stayin' Alive." Everyone was given Narcan packages to take home. See Pastor Chris if you would like a package.

We will continue to offer great opportunities like this so be sure to keep an eye out for them. Link for the Annapolis OD Free website:

<https://www.annapolis.gov/1454/OD-Free-Annapolis>





## CHOW Truck

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The Chow food truck was on the move this past month. They served up some delicious meals while training veterans and refugees from Afghanistan. Chow is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that honors America's veterans and military spouses by providing a pathway for aspiring culinary professionals coming from the military to learn vocational skills in the culinary arts through their Food Truck Training Program.



## Homework and Reading

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Our Homework and reading program is in full swing. You can join them on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. Here's some more information:

<https://www.eastportumc.org/hnr>

## AVAS at Maryland Hall

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We're excited that the Arundel Vocal Arts Society (AVAS) directed by our music director, JoAnn Kulesza, is performing at Maryland Hall on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m. They are teaming up with the All Children's Chorus of Annapolis and the Lodontowne Symphony Orchestra. Hope you will join us – you'll see some familiar faces on stage. Details below.

Lodontowne Symphony Orchestra  
**Rising Stars**  
Sunday, April 23  
3:00pm  
MARYLAND HALL  
801 Chase Street  
Annapolis

Anna Binneweg  
conductor

JoAnn Kulesza  
Music Director, AVAS

Lauren Walker  
Artistic Director, ACCA

Saint-Saëns, Introduction & Rondo capriccioso  
Rábad, Solo de Concours  
Elgar, Cello Concerto (4th movement)  
Caldwell/Ivory, Hope for Resolution  
Karl Jenkins, Adiemus  
Runestad, Into the Light

featuring Arundel Vocal Arts Society & All Children's Chorus of Annapolis

Tickets \$25 at [iso-music.org](http://iso-music.org)  
STUDENTS FREE!

The LSO is a 501(c)3 organization

## New Food Pantry Partner

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Special thanks to Redeemed Tabernacle Apostolic Church's Outreach and Evangelism team for joining us during our monthly community food pantry. They are a recent church plant in town and they are a huge blessing to our community. Thanks Pastor Hawkins & team!





## Grazing on Maryland

Want a night of great food and great views? West River Center is hosting “Grazing on Maryland” Camp Scholarship Fundraiser! Come out and enjoy some amazing food, drinks, and even some live music!

West River United Methodist Camp and Retreat Center is partnering with the following farmers, watermen, bakers and artisans for this amazing event:

- *St. Michaels Oyster Company*
- *Liberty Delight Farms and Market*
- *Kinohi Poultry*
- *Baywater Farms*
- *Bay Mushroom Company*
- *Our Greek Market*
- *Floating Lotus Farm*
- *Garden Herbal Blends*
- *D.E.M. Pies*
- *Rise Up Coffee*
- *Pekara Bakery*
- *Chesapeake’s Bounty*
- *Guitarist Kevin Lee*

More information can be found here:

<https://www.bwccampsandretreats.com/westriver/special-events/>

Tickets can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grazing-on-maryland-fundraiser-dinner-tickets-570925372157>

## Charting Careers Family Game Night

Charting Careers had a blast hosting their monthly family night. Everyone (scholars, parents/caregivers, tutors, mentors, staff, and partners) came together for food, fellowship, football, and Family Feud! Ms. Rakeeda, from Arundel Lodge, Inc., was a real treat infusing parenting support while leading game time.

They shared “We always come home from family nights feeling so grateful for this community and everyone who is a part of it.”

Charting Careers is an amazing organization, they would love to have your support! Learn more about them here: <https://chartingcareers.org/>



## Donate Used Eyeglasses



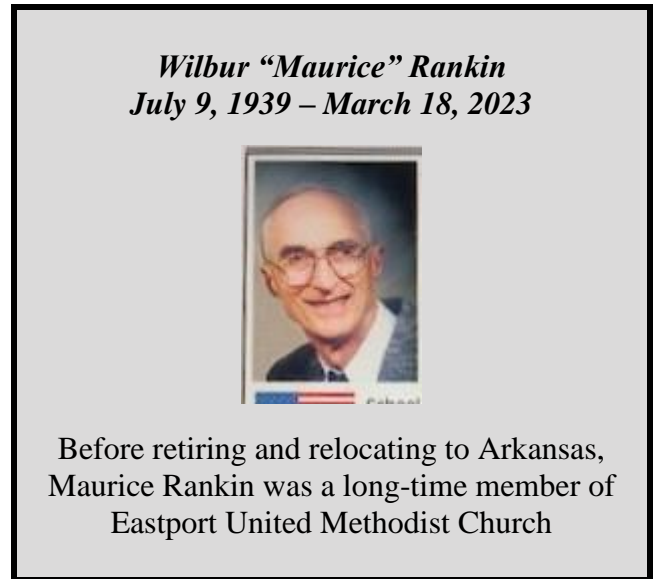
Thanks to everyone who donated old eye glasses for those in need. I dropped off ten pairs this week. Please keep bringing them in. There is a basket in the hall for them.

~ Joanne Christofel.

## April Birthdays

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

- Apr 2 Butch Stevens  
Joe Nasatka  
Apr 3 Ricardo Vasquez  
Apr 5 Bill Schneider  
Apr 6 David M. Owen  
Apr 7 Jason Wilcox  
Jim Bradford  
Apr 9 Carole McNew  
Apr 12 Sophia Hughes  
Jessie Keller  
Apr 19 Scott Hughes  
Apr 20 Susan Schneider  
Apr 26 Liam Smith  
Traci DuPlayee  
Apr 27 Jim Finkle  
Apr 29 Evie Swink  
Guy Goddard



## April Anniversaries

HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY

- Apr 5 Linda & Hillard Harrison  
Apr 7 Mary Jane & Jim Finkle  
Apr 16 Lindsey & David M. Owen  
Apr 23 Kathy & Steve Duckett



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Gonzales-Fuertes Wedding
<b>2</b>  Service 10am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> UMW Meeting & Dinner 5:30pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Maundy Thurs Service 7pm 	<b>7</b> Good Friday Service 12pm 	<b>8</b>
No Homework & Reading this week.						
<b>9</b>  Services: Sunrise @ Thomas Pt 6am EUMC 10am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Homework & Reading 4pm  Trustees Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Homework & Reading 4pm  NO Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Food & Diaper Pantry 10:00 am 
<b>16</b> Service 10am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Homework & Reading 4pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Homework & Reading 4pm  Choir 7pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Service 10am  AVAS Concert Maryland Hall 3pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Homework & Reading 4pm  Admin Council 7pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Homework & Reading 4pm  Choir 7pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Greenscape @ EUMC & Citywide 9am to Noon
<b>30</b> Service 10am			Reminder: United Methodist Women will meet again on Tuesday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All women of the church are invited.			

## **Direct Debit Payment Authorization Form**

Eastport United Methodist Church

I hereby authorize Eastport United Methodist Church to initiate debit entries to my account with the financial institution indicated below. This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Company above has received written notification from me of its termination; at such time and in such manner as to afford Company above and the financial institution no later than 15 days before the next transaction effective date to act on my request.

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly, every Monday \_\_\_\_\_

Twice per month 5<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly on the 5<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Please Print</div>	EUMC Envelope # _____
Member Signature _____	Date _____

### **Bank Account Information**

Depository Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) **Checking** ( ) **Savings**

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Routing/Transit Number \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed forms to Ruth Gibbons, Fin. Secretary or Neil Bergsman, Treasurer.**  
(ruthgibbons2020@gmail.com) (neilbergsman@gmail.com)

**NOTE: IN THE CASE OF REVOKED AUTHORIZATION, ALL WRITTEN AUTHORIZATIONS *MUST BE* REVOKED ONLY BY NOTIFYING EASTPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WRITING NO LATER THAN 15 DAYS BEFORE THE NEXT TRANSACTION EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK PER ACCOUNT TO THIS FORM.**

**\*This form is intended for one banking institution. For multiple banking institutions, please complete a different form for each institution.**

Checking Account # (usually follows the Routing & Transit #)

Routing & Transit # (9 digit number between these two symbols)

John & Jane Doe  
123 Your Street  
Anywhere, USA 12345

Date \_\_\_\_\_

2001

Pay To The Order Of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH VOIDED CHECK** DOLLARS

YOUR BANK  
123 Your Bank's Street  
Anywhere, USA 12345

Memo \_\_\_\_\_

⑆0 1 234 76 781⑆    1 234 56 789⑆    ⑆ 2001⑆

Check Number (is not needed to complete this form)



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