



The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

November 2025

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

Dear Friends of Eastport United Methodist,

What Do You Fear? — An Advent Invitation

As the days grow shorter and we turn our hearts toward Advent, we begin a new season of waiting, watching, and wondering. This year at Eastport United Methodist Church, our Advent worship series will invite us to wrestle with a question that sits quietly beneath the surface of our lives: What do you fear?

Advent is often described as a season of hope and joy, but it’s also a time of deep honesty. Before the angels announced peace on earth, there was fear (think of Mary’s fear at the angel’s greeting, Joseph’s fear of what others might think, the shepherds’ fear when the night sky filled with light.) Again and again, God’s message was the same: Do not be afraid.

In a world that feels uncertain, this series will help us look at our fears. Not to be overwhelmed by them, but to see how God meets us right in the middle of them. What if faith isn’t the absence of fear, but the courage to keep moving toward love and light anyway?

As we prepare for Christ’s coming, may we create space for truth-telling, for courage, and for the kind of hope that shines brightest in the dark. I look forward to beginning this sacred journey with you as Advent begins.

~ Grace and peace,
Pastor Chris

Church Council Corner

The 2025 Annual Charge Conference will be held at 11:00am November 15, 2025 at Calvary UMC. It is the event that sets the church’s leadership for the next year. We report on all that happened this year, such as new members and baptisms, ministry accomplishments, and goals attained. We also identify areas needing growth and nurture. The Charge Conference is open to everyone. Groups are planning to gather for refreshment and fellowship before and after.



Finance Committee: We have an approved budget for 2026! And we continue to tighten our procedures of stewarding your financial gifts.

Upcoming Meetings: The Administrative Council Meetings are 7pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month. However, due to the holidays, meetings in November and December will be on the 3rd Tuesdays. All are welcome to attend.

**Watch for
announcements and
details this month
about our Winter
Cookie Fundraiser!**



AfterSchool Learn & Play

Children in the AfterSchool Learn and Play program enjoyed a supervised field trip to the Restoration of Nature Project at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and found lots of flora to be of interest in their walk through the woods, including the sighting of a deer and a heron.



~ Mike Keller

Fall Work Day – Nov. 16, after Church

We hope you can give us a little time after church on the 16th to do yard clean up in preparation for the winter months. Ask Joanne Christofel what you can do to help. We'll be grateful for any time you can give us. Thanks!



United Women in Faith

The United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith are inviting all women of the church to join us for a **Grateful Celebration Dinner and Devotions** on Tuesday, November 18, at 5:30 in the EUMC Fellowship Hall. We would love to have more women join us for our meaningful monthly devotions and our missions-related activities.

CHRISTMAS MISSION:

- This year we have decided to purchase and deliver Christmas gifts, including monetary gifts, to members of EUMC who are no longer able to attend worship services with us. We hope you will help support this effort to provide a little bit of Christmas cheer to these members of our church to remind them that we love and miss them. We invite you to donate cash or checks (made out to UMW of EUMC) by December 7 so that we have time to buy and deliver the gifts before Christmas. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.



You can bring the donations with you to church and give them to me or one of our UMW officers, including Jean Strucko, Harriet Macey, Harriet Newquist, or Debbie Morgan. You can also mail a check (made out to UMW of EUMC) to our Treasurer, Harriet Newquist, at 1215 Marda Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403. Thanks in advance for supporting this mission.

~ Kathy Duckett

Highlights

Tonya DeMedici is the creative mind behind the amazing bulletin boards in our Fellowship Hall. She just exudes positive energy. Tonya joined EUMC in 2023, and she originally hails from WV. She works in a dental practice, and she has been a great support to our ministries at EUMC, by working regularly at the food pantry and also by providing dental hygiene items for hygiene kits. Tonya also plays in our

Heavenly Bells group. She has been nominated to serve as our Admin Council secretary; that role will be confirmed at the upcoming charge conference.

You will see Tonya around church with her partner, Christian, and her son, Casey.



Jazz & Roots November 14 @ EUMC

You don't want to miss the **Unified Jazz Ensemble** Friday, November 14 at 7pm right here at EUMC. It's free; donations welcome. Join them as they revisit the days when jazz conquered the nation via radio, television, film and live performance. Enjoy the priceless sounds of Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Benny Goodman. Attendees are welcome and encouraged to come dressed in the styles of clothing worn in the jazz heydays of the 1920s - 1940s.



During the weekends Nov. 7-16 you will find many great opportunities to participate in this year's Jazz & Roots Festival in the greater Eastport area. View the full schedule at [Annapolis Jazz & Roots Festival](#).

CHRISMON REFRESH

Join us after Worship
on Sunday November 23rd
to update or make a Chrismon.
Supplies will be provided.

All ages and skills are welcome.
Adult supervision.



October was "Pastor Appreciation Month." We were able to surprise Pastor Chris with a gift to show our gratitude for him.

Celebrating 150 Years with John Wesley United Methodist Church

This October, our friends at John Wesley United Methodist Church, a historically Black congregation here in Annapolis, celebrated their 150th anniversary—a remarkable milestone of faith, perseverance, and community witness.

Eastport UMC was honored to be invited to join in the festivities. Our choir shared two musical selections and offered a moving reading of Langston Hughes' poem "I Dream a World." The celebration was filled with joy, gratitude, and the unmistakable sense of God's faithfulness through generations.

Following the event, Pastor Chris reflected on the long and meaningful relationship between our two congregations, sharing that, *“As far back as seven decades, our churches have worked and prayed together. In the 1960s, we even had a choir exchange—which was quite a witness to the racially segregated world of that time.”*

We give thanks for our siblings in Christ at John Wesley UMC, for their invitation to celebrate, and for the ongoing bond of fellowship and shared ministry that continues to bear witness to the inclusive and reconciling love of Jesus Christ.



~ Pastor Chris

SPECIAL FOOD PANTRY REQUEST:
Bring us your empty egg cartons. We have an opportunity to buy wholesale eggs to put in empty cartons. Monetary donations to purchase the eggs are also being collected – any amount helps. Pantry date is Nov. 15.

October's Food Pantry

WOW!! What an amazing food pantry we had today, thanks to all your generosity and hard work! Beth, who records how much in terms of weight we give each month, suspects that this donation broke all the records!

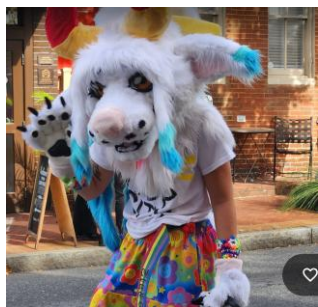
From the new giving garden (see photo below of the first harvest only a month after planting), from harvests of individual plots still bursting with peppers, tomatoes and now greens, and from the purchases of extra treats to make our seasonal offerings complete, it was a banner donation. Thank you!!

Please enjoy these photos of people enjoying all we had to give. ~ Cathy Umphrey (Grow Annapolis)



October Pride Festival

Thanks to the EUMC folks and friends who participated in October's Pride Parade and Festival. Enjoy these pictures provided by Elaine Fors-MacKellar.



EUMC Thanksgiving Mission

We are committed to providing extra assistance to needy families during the holidays. Costs are up! Please consider making a tax-deductable donation to the Thanksgiving Mission of EUMC. No donation is too small; any amount will be greatly appreciated. You can give on our website, mail donations to the church, or drop them in the offering basket on Sunday. We hope to give \$40 gift cards directly to families designated by Eastport, Tyler Heights, Hillsmere, and Georgetown East Elementary Schools. What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than helping neighbors in need.



~ Kevin Height

November Birthdays



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| Nov 4 | Christina Valentine |
| Nov 7 | Sally Malamphy |
| Nov 9 | Mei-jen Hong-Hillary |
| Nov 10 | Steve Ploof |
| Nov 14 | Bill Riggs |
| Nov 15 | Robert Gibbons III |
| | Lindsey Owen |
| Nov 15 | Holly Green |
| Nov 17 | Kevin Hight |
| Nov 27 | Kathy Duckett |
| | Finn Smith |
| Nov 28 | John "Bo" Morgan |

November Anniversaries



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| Nov 14 | Guy & Lynn Goddard |
| Nov 27 | Stephen & Sherrie Ugolini |

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Set Clocks Back
2 Conversations in Faith 9:15am Service 10am ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	3	4 Learn&Play 4pm	5	6 Prayer Time 7:30-8:30am Learn&Play 4pm Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	7 Friday Group 9am	8 Eastport- Annapolis Tug of War Noon
9 Conversations in Faith 9:15am Service 10am Sunday School	10	11 Divine Diners Lunch 12pm @Sammy's Learn&Play 4pm	12	13 Prayer Time 7:30-8:30am Learn&Play 4pm Men's Group 7pm Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	14 Friday Group 9am	15 Charge Conference 11am Community Food & Diaper Pantry 11am (Setup 10am)
16 Conversations in Faith 9:15am Service 10am FALL WORKDAY AFTER SERVICE	17	18 Learn&Play 4pm United Women In Faith – Special Dinner 5:30pm Admin Council 7pm	19	20 Prayer Time 7:30-8:30am Learn&Play 4pm Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	21 Friday Group 9am	22
23 Conversations in Faith 9:15am Service 10am Sunday School Make Chrismons after Church	24	25 Learn&Play 4pm Divine Diners Adams 5:30pm	26	27 	28	29
30 Conversations in Faith 9:15am Service 10am 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT						

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

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CONVERSATIONS IN FAITH 9:15 AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 2ND/4TH 10:15 AM

COFFEE HOUR 11 AM

MONDAY

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AFTER SCHOOL W/ CHARTING CAREERS 3PM

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS 7 PM

NAPTOWN PHILHARMONIC CHOIR 7 PM

TUESDAY

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ESL CLASSES W/ CENTRO DE AYUDA 10 AM

AFTERSCHOOL LEARN & PLAY 4 PM

DIVINE DINERS 2ND TUES, 12 PM

DIVINE DINERS 4TH TUES, 5:30 PM

ACADEMY BALLET 4-9 PM

WEDNESDAY

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CHAIR CARDIO EXERCISE CLASS 9 AM

AFTER SCHOOL W/ CHARTING CAREERS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 8:30 PM

ACADEMY BALLET 4-9 PM

THURSDAY

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MORNING PRAYER 7:30 AM

ESL CLASSES W/ CENTRO DE AYUDA 10 AM

AFTERSCHOOL LEARN & PLAY 4 PM

ARTS & ROBOTICS W/ MD HALL 5 PM

EUMC CHOIR REHEARSAL 7 PM

ACADEMY BALLET 4-9 PM

FRIDAY

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BUILD A BETTER YOU BOOTCAMP 8 AM

SMALL GROUP 9 AM

EUMC BAND REHEARSAL 10 AM

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 7 PM

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER MENTORING 6 PM

SATURDAY

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COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY 3RD SAT, 10 AM

LA IGLESIA ADVENTISTA DEL SÉPTIMO DÍA 9 AM

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