



The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

October 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

You remember that passage from 1 Corinthians 13, right? The love chapter. You've heard it so many times before.

This is a letter to a community of believers that has amazing ministry happening. Within the Corinthian community spiritual gifts abound and they are "doers of the word" not just hearers. They had mountain-moving faith. They gave generously, lavishly.

Then Paul chimes in. "So what?"

Wait a minute. All of these things are bearing such fruit! How can Paul write this off? Sure, maybe there's some rough edges (that's sarcasm, if you look deeper into the life of the Corinthian church) but they had it going on!

Paul points out an underlying issue: They *have not love*.

Anything great they are doing? It's not worth it if they do not have love. It's a noisy cymbal, a clanging gong. Excellent works without love are worse than a cat leaping through the percussion section.

Paul takes time to remind the folks at First Church of Corinth what love truly is.

“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

We can do amazing things, but if we don't do it in love with and for one another? It's a wash.

I need this reminder too often. Perhaps this is timely for you as well.

God, forgive us and fill in the broken places with your love. Amen.

~ Pastor Chris



In Remembrance of Me

Each year on All Saints Day (observed this year November 6th) we remember our friends and family who have passed on during the previous year. As always, please send us the name of your loved one with their birth and death date, along with a photo, if you so choose.

This year we're adding one component. We'd love to publish in that Sunday's bulletin a brief, one-paragraph bio. How do you want to remember your person? That's up to you. It can be humorous, serious, a mix, but do let your person's personality shine through. These bios can be emailed, postal mailed or left as a handwritten note in the office. They will be compiled and added to this year's bulletin.

~ Barbara Krebs



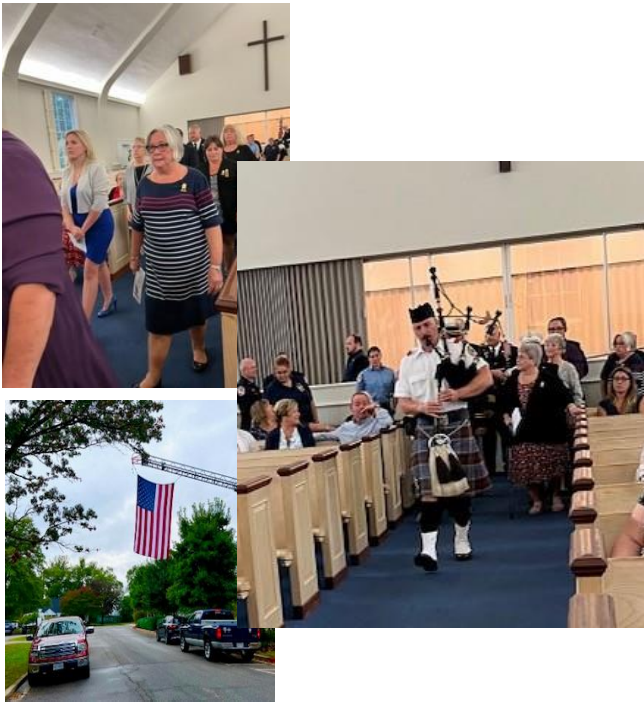
Women in Faith

The United Methodist Women/Women in Faith will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, October 5, at 5:30 in the EUMC 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.

~ Kathy Duckett

Fallen Firefighters Honored

On September 7, 2022, Eastport United Methodist Church had the honor of hosting the Annual Memorial Service to Anne Arundel County Firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty. It was a beautiful service organized by Sharon Owen.



The Heavenly Bells will rehearse every Sunday in October immediately after the worship service.



Oct. Garden & Maintenance News

In the lawn mowing system, weed and crab grass-based offenses are considered especially heinous. The dedicated lawn workers, who mow this vicious vegetation, are members of an elite squad known as the EUMC Garden and Maintenance Committee. These are their stories.

The past month there was the usual cutting of grass, picking up trash, spraying weed killer on walkways, etc. A new job has been cleaning the green and black mold/ mildew off the brick exterior of the hall due to the wet summer. Power washing with a low power machine followed by mold/mildew spray are doing a good job.

We are planning on having a **Fall Garden Cleanup Day on Sunday, October 23 after services**. We hope many people will be able to help pull weeds, rake leaves, etc. Many hands make it easy.

If anyone has any extra time and can help with ongoing 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



BEFORE AND AFTER CLEANING/POWER WASHING.

October Birthdays



- Oct 2 Clara Jean Wurst
- Oct 3 Brooke Hughes
- Oct 4 Brady Duckett
- Oct 7 Brian Cunningham II
- Oct 9 Barbara Krebs
Dylan Liedy
- Oct 10 Lorie Rawlings
- Oct 11 Thomas Newquist
Colby Wurst
- Oct 12 Neil Bergsman
- Oct 16 Mimi Shaefer
- Oct 19 Eli Wurst
- Oct 20 Essie Broadwell
- Oct 21 Myrna Dobbs
- Oct 22 Dallas Jones
Dawn Moyer
- Oct 24 Lisa Stevens
- Oct 25 James Keller Sr.
- Oct 27 Nancy Swaray
- Oct 28 Thomas Eicher
- Oct 28 Michael Valentine
- Oct 29 Elizabeth Ford



There will be an Art Outreach Program each Wednesday in October at 4:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. All children elementary through high school are welcome.

We Said Goodbye to a Good Friend

Our good friend Charles Grayston passed away September 8, 2022 at the age of 94. Charley was known to us as a regular attendee at our Sunday morning chapel conversations. And of course we knew him as a dedicated volunteer in our Homework & Reading program where he was loved by the children, especially when he treated them to a visit from his beautiful dog Angel. We are grateful for our time with Charley and blessed to have known him.



October Anniversaries



- Oct 14 Carol Ann & Albert Ste
- Oct 16 Sally & Kevin Hight
- Oct 21 Catherine & Ryan Elliott

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship 10am Bells Rehearsal after service	3	4 Homework & Reading 4pm	5 Art Outreach 4pm - outside UMW 5:30pm Dinner Meeting Fellowship Hall	6 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	7	8
9 Worship 10am Bells Rehearsal after service	10	11 Homework & Reading 4pm Baby Pantry 4:30pm	12 Art Outreach 4pm - outside	13 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	14	15 Food Pantry 10:00 am 
16 Worship 10am Bells Rehearsal after service	17	18 Homework & Reading 4pm	19 Art Outreach 4pm - outside	20 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	21	22 
23 Worship 10am Bells Rehearsal Fall Church Yard Cleanup after Service. Any help is welcome!	24	25 Homework & Reading 4pm Baby Pantry 4:30pm	26 Art Outreach 4pm - outside	27 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	28	29
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