



The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

October 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,

As many of you know, I recently stepped away for a time of rest and renewal. Ministry, like life, can only be sustained when we attend to our own spirits, bodies, and hearts. I am deeply grateful for the gift of this time, which allowed me to practice self-care and return to you with fresh energy and perspective.

During my time away, you—this faithful community—rose to the occasion. Worship was led with care and creativity, church operations went on smoothly, and the ministry of EUMC continued. For that, I want to express my heartfelt thanks. Your willingness to step forward and share your gifts embodies the truth that the church is not just built upon one person’s leadership, but upon the collective faith and service of many.

I reckon that this experience has reminded us all of two important truths: first, that God calls each of us to rhythms of rest and renewal; and second, that the *church* flourishes when we each take our part in the work of ministry.

Thank you for giving me the space to rest, and for carrying the light of Christ so faithfully in my absence. I am grateful to be back with y'all, and I look forward to all that God will continue to do in and through us together.

~ Grace and peace,
Pastor Chris



Autumn Church Party



As a church we said, “Hello, Fall” on September 21. The Autumn Church Party was held immediately following the Sunday worship. Lots of great fun, food, and fellowship was enjoyed. We plan our next church party on December 7 – EUMC Christmas Party!



Our sincere thanks to all who attended the autumn party and those who brought food to share. Extra special thanks to David, Brenda, and Liz!



A special note of thanks to Pastors Jenna, Julie and Trish, laity members Tom, Elaine and Michael, our musicians led by JoAnn, to Theresa, David, and everyone involved with helping to make our summer worship meaningful and seamless until the return of our Pastor Chris. ~ Jill Peddicord

Do you....

Know calligraphy or have nice handwriting?
We are looking for occasional help for certificates.

Have an interest in learning some basic sign language? On October 11th from 9:30 to 12:00, a church in Hanover is offering a free class about signing hymns.

Please let Jill Peddicord know if you are interested in either of these opportunities.

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Church Council Corner

The Administrative Council is busy taking care of the business of the church. Neil Bergsman organized a series of zoom listening sessions to help prepare next year's church budget. We had input from many areas of interest and will have the budget in place before the end of the year.

Our Finance team works diligently to use best practices as we strive to be good stewards of the gifts given to Eastport UMC.



United Women in Faith



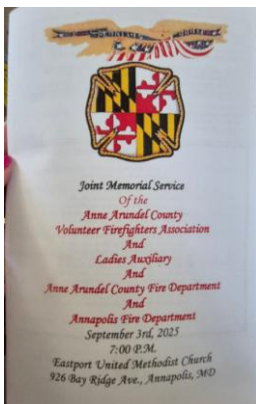
The United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith will hold their October meeting on the second Tuesday of the month since several members cannot be there on the first Tuesday. So, the next meeting will be on October 14 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a short business meeting followed by devotions based on John 15:4-7 (Abiding in Christ). All women of the church are invited to participate. You are welcome to bring a bagged meal and drink; dessert will be provided.

~ Kathy Duckett

Firefighter Memorial Service

On September 3rd, we hosted the annual Anne Arundel County and Annapolis City Firefighter Memorial Service for those who have served our community and passed away after years of dedication. We also remembered two Line of Duty deaths this year.

Thanks to Sharon Owen for her many years of service and for bringing this memorial to us.



Please put on your calendar....

Fall workday at Church... Sunday, November 16 after church service. Lots of leaves to rake and a little cleaning of signs, picnic tables, and windows.

Food Pantry – Special Donations

NOTE: DATE FOR OCT. PANTRY IS OCT. 25TH. The special focus item for **October is deodorant**. Pick up a couple at the grocery store, bring them to church Sunday morning or drop by the office Tues-Fri, 9:30-2:00. Our neighbors are always grateful for these special essentials they discover at our monthly pantry.



Last Month's Bounty

ESOL Classes Resume at EUMC

We are delighted to share that our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes have begun a new semester here at EUMC. Under the leadership of Eileen, Fran, and her teaching team, students from many different countries gather each week to strengthen their English skills and build community together.

Many returning students are expected, though the challenges of recent years have made participation more uncertain for some. Still, the classroom remains a place of welcome, encouragement, and growth. Our church's support has been an important part of helping these students and their families feel at home, and the teachers and students alike are deeply grateful for the hospitality and generosity of this congregation.

Please keep the ESOL program, its students, and volunteers in your prayers as they embark on this new season of learning.

Highlights

Rachel Goad is a familiar face to many people around EUMC, because her positive energy is so infectious. Rachel's "fan club" extends way beyond the church, where many of us see her frequently out and about around Annapolis, walking her canine clients. Rachel is a busy entrepreneur who runs her own pet care business; she has earned the trust of scores of local pet-owning families, plus the loyalty of many admirers who follow "Furkinsense & Purr" on social media for the cute fur baby photos taken at locations all around Naptown.

There is a lot more to know about Rachel. She is a "Johnnie" (St. John's College grad), who has an amazing interdisciplinary intellect that encompasses interests in literature from poetry to puns. Rachel loves and supports arts and culture in all forms. She is a talented vocalist, who sings in the choir and entertains the



crowd with flair at open mic night. Rachel is a published author who completed her first book, a story for children, as a high school assignment. She studied at the Center for Fine and Performing Arts at Woodbridge Senior HS in Northern Virginia.

Rachel devotes a huge amount of time and energy to all kinds of worthy causes. In 2023, Rachel organized the "Butterfly Brigade," and she ran a half marathon event at Quiet Waters Park to raise money for The Light House Shelter. She is our primary cheerleader for the community food pantry monthly special item collections, where Rachel has used her own birthday and other occasions to raise funds and to secure supplies from a wider audience to help meet the needs of our community.

Rachel, we couldn't do it all without you!



Join Us in Pride!



You may recall the Pride activities were postponed because of weather. **The new date is October 18.** Please fill out this interest form <https://forms.gle/j35oa9WxEJL4aJsy9> to let us know of your interest and we'll keep you up to date on planning details. We'll have a variety of ways to participate 1) celebrating on the sidelines spectating and cheering. 2) spending time at the affirming alliance of churches table at the festival (chairs, shade, chances to connect with others).

Parade: Come watch with us (in the shade)! The parade kicks off at 10am from St. John's College and works its way up to Maryland Hall, the new festival location.

Our group of spectators will gather at 209 West St. Across the street from Lighthouse Bistro/Sailor Oyster Bar at Southgate Ave and West St. This is equidistant between the Knighton and One Park Place garages. This is also a great spot because there is space for people to be dropped off (prior to the parade start) if the walk is a bit far. Bring your own lawn chair if you wish.

We hope to arrive around 8:30am to secure the spot; the streets close up around 9:40am. The parade begins at 10am and lasts just over an hour.

Festival: Same day, at Maryland Hall. We have secured a booth at the festival following the parade. There we will provide hospitality (water, coffee, etc.) and distribute information about our church and other churches in the area. It's also a great place to come and rest if you need a break from walking around visiting other displays and vendors.

Don't forget to grab a church t-shirt!

<https://www.bonfire.com/store/friends-of-eumc/>



Sunday School



Our Sunday School class (Sept 28) reviewed the different seasons. We used senses to recall memories, then documented them on papers using words or pictures. There are so many parts of the year that we wish would last forever, but as we learned in Ecclesiastes 3, that is not how God made the world. Some things, like my beloved irises, have a spectacular blooming session, but the rest of the year they have other purposes. I showed the kids what iris rhizomes look like in the fall – we all agreed they resemble a turd. The kids took some home to observe changes throughout the year. May we remember to honor where we are in the different seasons of our lives. ~ *Molly*

The Sunday School lesson (Sept 14) followed the sermon topic for this week. We talked about the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin from Luke 15. Older

students like Theresa were able to read the stories while younger ones listened. We talked about how we as God's people are the lost sheep, and how the Good Shepherd is always searching for us to bring us home to him. ~ *Elaine*



Building and Grounds

Much has been happening in and around our church building:



Jerry Christofel installed a new cover on the Little Free Library.



The parking lines were restriped by Jill and Steve.

The cast iron 100 lb. drainage grate, which was installed in 1959, finally broke during the summer. You may have seen the safety cones in the middle of the parking lot after Ed Owen noticed the danger. It was replaced with a new stainless-steel grate that we hope will last another 65 years!



Two large trees near the playground were trimmed to keep everyone safe.

Twice this summer, there has been a huge crane doing work on the T-Mobile equipment in our steeple. There also have been workers from the roofing company up there to protect our roof and steeple brickwork.



All of this work, in addition to routine filter changes, light repairs, door repairs and the pristine lawn maintenance has been overseen by the church trustees led by Joanne Christofel. Thanks for your leadership, Joanne!

Jazz & Roots Festival Returns



At EUMC:

Join us on Friday, November 14, for the **Unified Jazz Ensemble**, a group that settled in Annapolis after a decade of touring. 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 in spacious and beautiful Eastport U.M. Church at 7 PM. Attendees are welcome and encouraged to come dressed in the styles of clothing worn in the jazz heydays of the 1920s -1940s.

Greater Eastport Area:

The Chesapeake Bay and an historic city nestled along its shores form the perfect back drop for the Annapolis Jazz & Roots Festival held weekends November 7-16. Now in its fourth year, the musical feast was founded in the maritime neighborhood of Eastport. In 2025, the festival extends to surrounding areas and includes eight venues. Most events are free; two require admission. Reservations are strongly advised for all events.

For this year's complete performance schedule:

[Annapolis Jazz & Roots Festival](#)

Annual Charge Conference

Charge Conference 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. The 2025 Annual Charge Conference will be held at 11:00am November 15, 2025 at Calvary UMC. Groups are planning to gather for refreshment and fellowship before and after.

October Birthdays



Oct 2 Clara Jean Wurst
 Oct 3 Brooke Hughes
 Oct 4 Brady Duckett
 Oct 9 Barbara Krebs
 Dylan Liedy
 Oct 10 Lorie Rawlings
 Oct 11 Thomas Newquist
 Oct 12 Neil Bergsman
 Anne Heald
 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. 26 Emily Roney
 Oct 27 Nancy Swaray
 Oct 28 Thomas Eicher
 Michael Valentine
 Oct 29 Elizabeth De Groot



A fun look-back at EUMC's beginnings sent to us by Dawn Goodnow from her Mom's (Audrey Howard) files.

October Anniversaries



Oct 14 Carol Ann & Albert Stevens
 Oct 16 Sally & Kevin Hight



Children in the AfterSchool Learn and Play Program participated in a "field trip" to Back Creek where they engaged in crabbing and were assisted in this endeavor by the adult volunteers. A snack of crab and chips was enjoyed by all. ~ Mike Keller

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Prayer Time 7:30-8:30am Learn&Play 4pm Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	3 Friday Group 9am	4
5 Conversations in Faith 9:15am Service 10am	6	7 Learn&Play 4pm	8	9 Prayer Time 7:30-8:30am Learn&Play 4pm Men's Group 7pm Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	10 Friday Group 9am	11
12 Conversations in Faith 9:15am Service 10am Sunday School	13	14 Divine Diners Lunch 12pm @Sammy's Learn&Play 4pm United Women In Faith 5:30pm	15	16 Prayer Time 7:30-8:30am Learn&Play 4pm Creative Collective 7pm Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	17 Friday Group 9am	18 PRIDE PARADE 10AM
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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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