



The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

November 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.

The Pastor’s Corner

Friends of Eastport United Methodist,

With the tricks and treats and thrills of All Hallows Eve behind us, we now look forward to many special days ahead. I invite each of you to join us in worship, whether you are a regular or it’s been a while, as we gather in the months ahead.

On Sunday, November 5th at 10am, we will celebrate All Saints Day, a day to remember and honor all of the saints who have gone before us. We will remember their faithfulness and courage, and we will be inspired by their example.

On Sunday, November 19th at 10am, we will hold a special Service of Thanksgiving. This is a time to come together as a community and give thanks to God for all of the blessings in our lives. We will also be reminded of the importance of serving others and giving back to our community.

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation for the coming of Christ. We will have special Advent services on Sunday mornings, and I encourage everyone to participate in this meaningful season of preparation.

On Thursday, December 21st at 7pm, we will hold a special Christmas service for those who may be struggling during the holiday season. This service is for anyone who is feeling sad, lonely, or grieving. We will come together as a community to support each other and to find hope and comfort in the midst of difficult circumstances.

A slight shake up to our usual Sunday routine, we will not have a Sunday morning service on Sunday, December 24th; instead we will gather as one body at a 5pm Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion

service. This is a beautiful and moving service that is perfect for the whole family. We will have guest musicians joining us as we celebrate the birth of Christ and reflect on this gift of love.

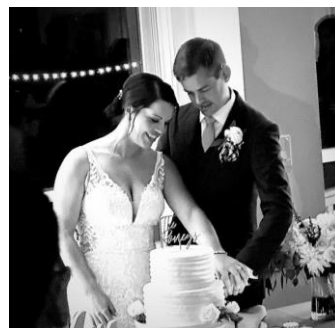
See y'all Sunday,
Pastor Chris

Wedding Bells

Emily (nee Gale) and Frank Roney were married on October 29 with Pastor Chris as the officiant. You've likely met the two in church on Sunday mornings or with the young adults at Forward Brewing. Pastor Chris and Smith, Pastor Jenna and Rachel, Will and Garrett each attended the beautiful occasion at Historic London Town. The scripture from their wedding was from Colossians 3:

"Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

Congratulations Emily and Frank!



Newest Members

We're happy that these folks chose to formalize their membership at Eastport United Methodist Church, and we want you to remember their names and faces. Welcome to the family!



David Emenheiser



Tim Williamson, Molly Estabrook, Tony Fowler



Tom & Carol Morgeson

UMW/Women in Faith



The United Methodist Women/Women in Faith will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, November 7, at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a short business meeting followed by a program from the 2023 United Women in Faith book entitled *Exercising Faith: Spiritual Practice in Action*. 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 that 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 10 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

Garden & Maintenance News



Thanks to everyone who has helped with our work this month. Donna Armstrong continues to work on two of the gardens. Jill Peddicord, Jerry, and I have installed the new AED unit and signs in the upstairs hallway near the water fountain. Hopefully we will never need it but it's comforting to know it is there in case of an emergency. Thanks to Sam for filling in the potholes in the driveway with asphalt patch. We finished painting the new wood on the exterior windows and installed plastic wood molding and sealant on driveway windows of the hall. Another bookcase full of books was painted for the Homework and Reading room. Blinds were installed in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Molly Estabrook, David Emenheiser, and Tony Fowler for their work on the bulletin boards.

One window well drain was cleared of debris. The outside box for the office air conditioner was installed for the winter. New batteries were installed

in the kitchen and hall clocks. Tubing was installed in the air handler room to drain properly. Two Crepe Myrtle trees and another bush were trimmed and leaves were mulched. Thanks to Steve Duckett for trimming the cross hedge too.

And thanks to the mystery person who decorated the front banner at the street with Halloween and Thanksgiving decorations. It looks very festive.

Our Fall Yard Clean Up day is on **Sunday, November 12** after the service. We need people to clean picnic tables, parking lot signs, outside window and door frames. Also, we need help with edging sidewalks, raking leaves, and pulling a few weeds in the gardens.

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 gardens, lawns, and maintenance, we would greatly appreciate it. Contact Joanne or Jerry Christofel at msjohara@yahoo.com or 410-295-5474.



EUMC Thanksgiving Basket Mission

At EUMC, we are committed to providing extra assistance to needy families during the holidays. Please 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 leaving a clearly marked donation in the offering basket on Sunday mornings. You may also mail a check to the church at 926 Bay Ridge Ave, Annapolis, MD 21403. Specify "Thanksgiving" on your check.

Costs are up, so we've raised our goal to forty \$40 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

EUMC is in need of a person or service to take over our monthly bookkeeping functions. Experience with Quick Books is required.

Small Gifts with Great Love

October was for toothpaste; November is for toilet paper. Sometimes it's hard for folks to scrape up enough to buy the necessities that we take for granted. Thank you for your help in supplementing our food pantry.





AVAS joins with the choir of Calvary United Methodist Church for a performance of Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria." The program continues with holiday carols from near and far, as well as the enchanting musical setting of "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 3 p.m.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
461 College Parkway
Arnold, MD 21012

JoAnn Kulesza, Conductor
Diane Kinsley, Pianist / Organist

Tickets (\$25) available at the door with cash, check or card or online (processing fees apply) at:
<https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/arundelvocalarts/7363/event/1353728>

Students are FREE!



Celebrating the Season with AVAS

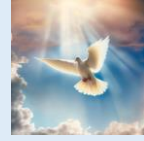
Celebrate is something we all love to do, whatever the occasion or catalyst. Well, you are all invited to a concert, Celebrating the Seasons of Advent, Christmas and New Year's on Sunday, November the 19th, 3pm, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Arnold. Too early, you say? Pshaw, I say! Celebrating with singing and the music of the Holidays is a 'warm up' for all of the preparations and concerts that will flood December. The Arundel Vocal Arts Society aims to 'beat the crowds' and get you 'pumped' for the Season.

Vivaldi's GLORIA is the centerpiece, along with Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Five Christmas Carols, arranged by David Willcocks (where you'll have the opportunity to 'warm up' your own voice!). We are collaborating with the Calvary UMC choir and a real LIVE orchestra (none of this pre-recorded stuff) for those works. Add in 'Twas the Night Before Christmas and a few other gems and you'll escape into the glorious world of heavenly music. Tickets are \$25 for adults, children enter FREE. I hope you'll celebrate with us. 'Twould be lovely to see you in the audience. Remember: it's PARTY TIME!!!

~ JoAnn Kulesza, Director, AVAS
Music Director, EUMC

Sally Colburn
Sept. 26, 1935 – Oct. 26, 2023

*Please lift Sally's family to
the Light, especially her
devoted sister Evie.*



Pastor Appreciation Celebration

On a beautiful Sunday in October the congregation showed their appreciation for Pastor Chris and his family. The Sunday School children gave him a beautiful card made by them; the rest of us presented him with a fun basket of gift cards.



A Prayer for Clergy
Rabbi Menachem Creditor

Holy One, thank you for those who serve as our religious leaders.

Bless those who stand in the breach, tend to our hidden wounds, channel the riches of our tradition, remind us where we come from and how to imagine a brighter path forward.

May the hearts of those who hold ours in their tender embrace be held in turn by You, but please, Holy One, remind us to be kind to those who humbly work to stand as messengers, conduits, vessels, of Your Gentleness.

Bless the families and beloved friends of our clergy, who hold them in quieter spaces, often unseen, often absorbing some of the heaviness as they care for the caregivers among us.

May we find strength together, knowing we truly are one, called to stand together in support of one another, especially those who dedicate their lives to teaching this affirming sacred message.

Amen.



Sunday School Happenings

Molly's group made the thank you card for Pastor Chris that was presented for Pastor Appreciation Month.

Then the kids worked with Elaine & Mimi learning about Moses, the tablets, and "God's Rules." They "wrote" on clay tablets and learned about how writing was done in ancient times, before glitter markers and gel pens. 😊 Theresa and Hattie actually used the Cuneiform alphabet to write on their clay tablets.



Pumpkin Carving



This was a lot of fun!

Thanks to all who participated.



Annapolis Jazz & Roots Festival

EUMC will host two performances of the Annapolis Jazz & Roots Festival this November. The Festival is November 3 - 12. Concerts are held on two weekends at four locations including two shows at Eastport United Methodist Church! They feature international and top regional performers from many countries and cultures. Some events are free; some require admission.

EUMC Shows: On November 5, at 4pm, Grammy-nominated Lutenist Ronn McFarlane & Ayreheart play music from the British Isles. **On November 11, at 4pm**, jazz star Hazel Mitchell-Bell performs a Veterans Day concert featuring Annie Award-winning saxophonist Terry Koger. For information, venues and tickets visit:

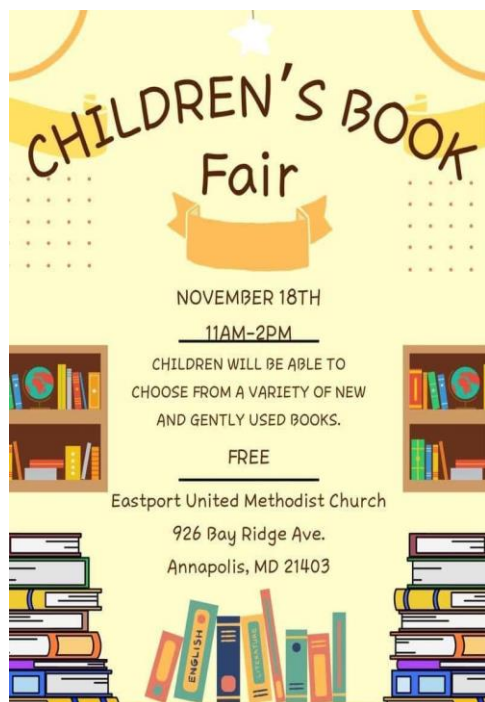
<https://www.annapolisjazzandrootsfestival.com/>



Ronn McFarlane



Hazel Mitchell-Bell



November Birthdays



- Nov 4 Christina Valentine
Nov 7 Sally Malamphy
Nov 9 Mei-jen Hong-Hillary
Nov 10 Steve Ploof
Nov 12 Curtis Clary
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



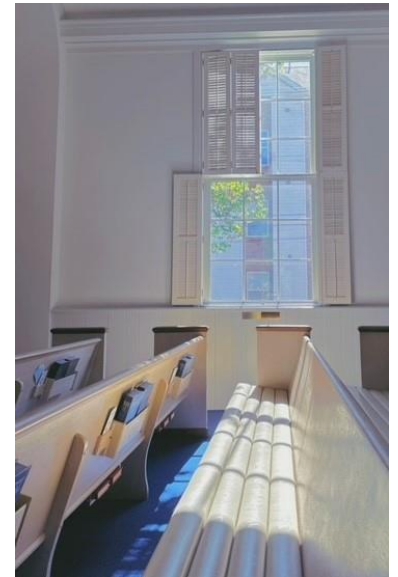
- Nov 14 Guy & Lynn Goddard
Nov 27 Stephen & Sherrie Ugolini
Nov 30 Chris & Smith Broadwell

Mark Your Calendars



- Nov 5** All Saints Day service @ 10am; Lutenist Ronn McFarlane & Ayreheart @ 4 pm
Nov 9 Divine Diners - Sammy's @ noon.
Nov 11 Jazz singer Hazel Mitchell-Bell & saxophonist Terry Koger @ 4 pm
Nov 12 Fall Yard Cleanup after church
Nov 18 Food Pantry 11am; and
Nov 18 Children's Book Fair 11am -2 pm
Nov 21 Community Thanksgiving Dinner @ 6 pm
Nov 28 Divine Diners - Jack's Fortune @ 5 pm
Dec 3 Advent begins
Dec 21 A Not-So-Merry Christmas Service for the Not-so-Holly and Jolly @ 7 pm
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Family Friendly Candlelight/Communion Service @ 5 pm
Dec 31 Cozy Christmas Carols and Coffee in the Chapel

*How good it is to center down!
To sit quietly and see one's self pass by
The streets of our minds seethe with endless traffic;
Our spirits resound with clashings, with noisy silences,
While something deep within hungers and thirsts for the still moment and the resting lull.
With full intensity we seek, ere the quiet passes, a fresh sense of order in our living;*



*A direction, a strong sure purpose that will structure our confusion and bring meaning in our chaos.
We look at ourselves in this waiting moment – the kinds of people we are.
The questions persist: what are we doing with our lives? what are the motives that order our days?
What is the end of our doings?
Where are we trying to go?
Where do we put the emphasis and where are our values focused?
For what end do we make sacrifices?
Where is my treasure and what do I love most in life?
What do I hate most in life and to what am I true?
Over and over the questions beat in upon the waiting moment.
As we listen, floating up through all the jangling echoes of our turbulence, there is a sound of another kind –
A deeper note which only the stillness of the heart makes clear.
It moves directly to the core of our being.
Our questions are answered,
Our spirits refreshed, and we move back into the traffic of our daily round
With the peace of the Eternal in our step.
How good it is to center down!*

~ Howard Thurman, Boston University School of Theology
Dean and founder of the first major interracial, interdenominational church in the United States.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	3	4 Eastport-Annapolis Tug O' War 12 noon Set Clocks Back One Hour
			5 All Saints Service 10am Jazz & Roots @ EUMC 4pm	6	7 Homework & Reading 4pm UMW Women in Faith 5:30pm	8
12 Service 10am Fall Cleanup after church - Many hands needed!	13	14 Divine Diners Lunch Bunch 12 noon @ Sammy's Homework & Reading 4pm	15	16 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	17	18 Food & Diaper Pantry 10:00 am Children's Book Fair 11am to 2pm
19 Service 10am	20	21 Community Thanksgiving Dinner 6pm	22	23 	24	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Gratitude is the best Attitude</i></p>
26 Service 10am	27	28 Homework & Reading 4pm Divine Diners Supper Club 5:30 Adam's Admin Mtg 7pm	29	30 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> UMW Women in Faith next meeting: December 5, 5:30pm </div>	