



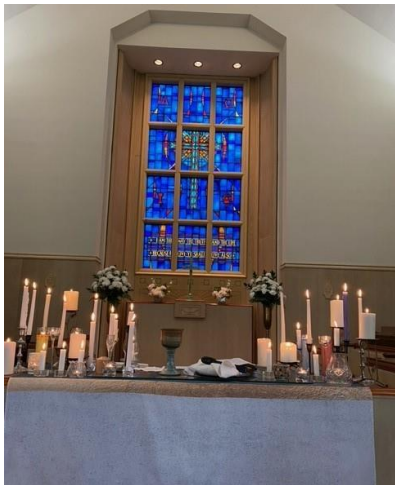
The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

October 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



On All Saint’s Day we remember and honor those who have passed away in the last year. We will light candles, ring a bell of remembrance, and say the names as a way of honoring their impact on our lives.

For the second year, we will symbolically add the candlelight of our dear ones to the “great cloud of witnesses.” Hebrews 12 reminds us of all the faithful people who have paved the way for us to the life of faith we now live.

EUMC will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 5th. Please contact the church office with the birth and death dates and a picture of your loved ones, no later than November 1st.

UMW/Women in Faith

The United Methodist Women/Women in Faith will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, October 3, at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will have a short business meeting followed by devotions. 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

Calling all Music Enthusiasts!

Join our harmonious journey as we ring in the joy of music together! Our vibrant handbell choir is seeking new members to fill our ranks. Are you looking for a melodic escape on Sundays?



Starting October 8th, we invite you to join us after church for an enchanting musical adventure. Give JoAnn Kulesza a ring if you’re interested!

Welcome New Members

We welcomed Mae and Les Johnson to our congregation in September. They’ve been joining their voices to the choir and praise team since Easter and we’re glad to have them make it official!

David Emenheiser (not pictured) also formalized his membership at EUMC in September. For some time David has been contributing to the work of EUMC, and we’re grateful for his commitment.



Sunday School News

Sunday School classes for children have moved to Room A downstairs! Twice a month the children, Mrs. Mac, or Molly will learn a story from the Bible and do a related activity in the newly decorated room. Feel free to come downstairs before or after a service to see the new set up!



The Sunday School kids put together little bags of school supplies for the Homework kids.



New & Improved Room A



Everyone is welcome. Please contact Pastor Chris or Admin Council Chair Jill Peddicord if you have any questions or you would be willing to help with hospitality.

Thank You!



Last month, our community coordinator shared with us that there were some basic necessities we were not getting for our monthly food pantry. We asked for toothbrushes and you delivered! Thank you!

This month we're collecting toothpaste for the food pantry on the 21st. Rachel Goad made a suggestion that you might buy at least one flavorless and/or mild flavor so that sensory-averse folks can benefit. A basket will be in the narthex entrance for your gifts to our neighbors.



Charge Conference October 14

What is a United Methodist Charge Conference?

[The primary responsibilities of the charge conference in the annual meeting are to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church³.](#)



Our charge conference with the District Superintendent will be held here at EUMC on Saturday, October 14th at 1:00 p.m. There will be four other local churches attending with us, so we are asking for volunteers to help greet and direct our visitors.

Garden & Maintenance News

Thanks to Donna Armstrong for pulling weeds in two of the gardens. Thanks to my husband, Jerry, who has been picking up all the trash and doing all the mowing alone since my back injury.

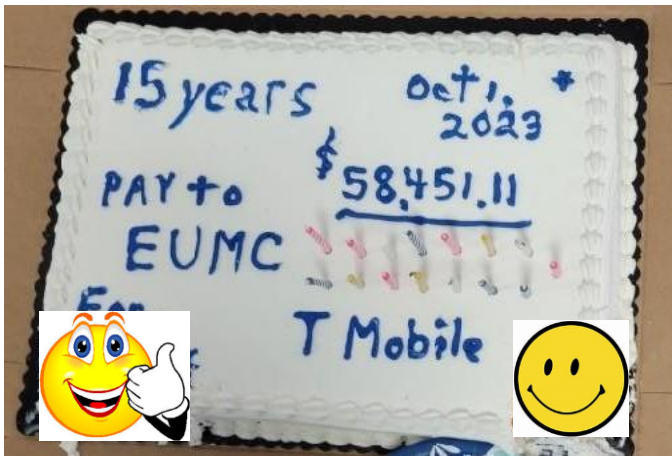


And thanks to Jill Peddicord for helping me fix up the new Homework and Reading group classroom downstairs. I am sure they and our Sunday school children will enjoy it.

We have been working on getting estimates for an accessibility ramp or wheelchair lift for the basement. We want all our non-profit groups, as well as ourselves, to be able to support those with mobility issues in the future. Pastor Chris, Jill, and I are

working on a grant to cover the cost of these improvements.

Our exciting news is that T Mobile, who rents our steeple for their cell phone tower, has agreed to a settlement for the last 15 years of their electricity use. We will receive a check for \$58,451.11 in a week or two to save for future maintenance work needed on the church. Special thanks to my engineer husband for figuring out that our high electric bills were the result of T Mobile never putting their own meter in 15 years ago. They will install a new meter in October and start paying their electric bill monthly along with paying their rent.



Joanne & Jerry treated us to celebration cake!

Thanks to the Eastport Fire Department for giving us an AED unit (automated external defibrillator) for our building. They have provided training and we hope to install it in the next month in case of a medical emergency.

Please keep all our workers and volunteers in your prayers to stay safe while they do repairs on our church. If anyone has any extra time and can help with church gardens, lawns, and maintenance, we would greatly appreciate it. We can really use the help while I recuperate. Please contact Joanne or Jerry Christofel at msjohara@yahoo.com or 410-295-5474. ~ Joanne Christofel



Keep your eyes peeled for new signage popping up around our facility. We're hoping to make it a bit easier for guests and visitors to navigate our labyrinth of a church building!

#BooksOfLove

Have you seen a few nice books laying around? We've been hiding books around town, kind of like strange Easter eggs. We then post photos on our social media platforms along with a caption introducing the "book of the week" and inviting the community to come and collect a free book. The catch is, you have to use the context clues in the photo to find the book.



This is just a fun little project to share diverse and important books with the community, encouraging a love for reading, fostering dialogue about diverse voices, and demonstrating our commitment to uplifting unique authors. It provides an opportunity for us to actively spread love, promote literature written by underrepresented authors, and encourage people to explore our church and its values. We've already made a few friends on the adventure.



Pumpkin Carving October 29

When was the last time you carved a pumpkin for Halloween? Too messy? No one to show your pumpkin masterpiece to afterwards?



We would like to change that! On October 29th, immediately after church, you are invited to a pumpkin carving in Fellowship Hall. Bring a pumpkin and your favorite carving tools. Come carve away and leave the mess with us! At the end we'll have a Grand Illumination while enjoying pumpkin fellowship!

Markers and stickers will be supplied for any little pumpkins who want to be creative. You and your pumpkin are invited to join in the fun!

~ Jill Peddicord

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**, Grammy-nominated Lutenist Ronn McFarlane & Ayreheart play music from the British Isles. On **November 11**, 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

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

A Lifesaving Gift



On September 13th, members of EUMC, Mt Zion UMC and Peerless Rens were presented with an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). The organizations that made it possible are:

Eastport Volunteer Fire Company
The Rotary Club of Annapolis

Peggy Stewart Tea Party Chapter, NSDAR
Fidelity Charitable

Pastor Chris remarked that the significance of this gift cannot be overstated, as it has the potential to save lives in critical moments of need. While we hope and pray we never have to utilize this life-saving device, we are comforted by the fact that it is available should an emergency arise.

We are very grateful for the kindness and generosity that will be a positive difference in the lives of our Eastport community. ~ Jill Peddicord

EUMC Heroes

Rachel Goad completed the Run for the Light House on September 17th and raised \$6,162, the highest amount of any individual participant! Wow Rachel, just Wow!!!



Congratulations Will Cunha on your completion of the Berlin Marathon! Will was in the top 2% of finishers with a time of 2 hours, 43 minutes and 48 seconds (his personal best). Incredible feat. We're glad to see you accomplish this and raise support for <https://stopsoldiersuicide.org/>



Divine Diners enjoying lunch at Sammy's in the Eastport Shopping Center. Check out our schedule on the Spire calendar and plan to join us.

Each Sunday morning at 9:15 in the chapel we offer Conversations in Faith, a time in which we gather to study scripture and learn from one another. Our discussions are lively and thought-provoking. Everyone is welcome to join us or just drop in when you can.

October Anniversaries

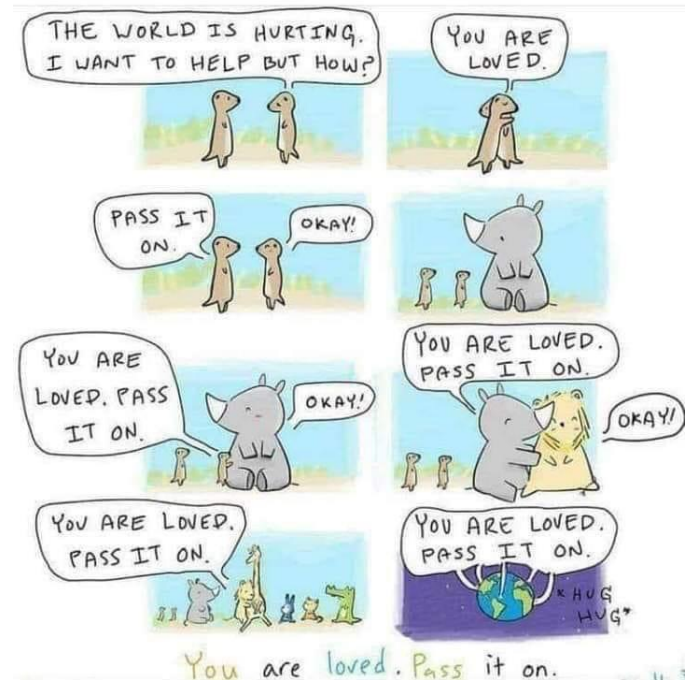


- Oct 14 Carol Ann & Albert Stevens
- Oct 16 Sally & Kevin Hight
- Oct 21 Catherine & Ryan Elliott

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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Service 10am	2	3 Homework & Reading 4pm UMW Women in Faith 5:30pm	4	5 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	6  Power Boat Show Oct 5-8	7
8 Service 10am	9	10 Homework & Reading 4pm Divine Diners Lunch Bunch 12 noon @ Sammy's	11	12 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	13 Sailboat Show Oct 12-15	14 Charge Conference 1:00pm 
15 Service 10am	16	17 Homework & Reading 4pm	18	19 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	20	21 Food & Diaper Pantry 10:00 am 
22 Service 10am	23	24 Homework & Reading 4pm Divine Diners Supper Club 5:30pm Jack's Fortune Admin Mtg 7pm	25	26 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	27  World Series Begins	28
29 Service 10am Pumpkin Carving after Church 	30	31 Homework & Reading 4pm HALLOWEEN 			All Saints Sunday is Nov. 5th Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 5th	UMW Women in Faith next meeting: November 7, 5:30pm