



The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

April 2013

We share our experiences of God’s Kingdom with all, through our faith, love, fellowship, and service. It is our vision to have everyone actively involved in worship that enriches, ministries that empower, and evangelism that embraces all.

Bishop’s Message (Pastor’s Corner)

Greetings in the Name of our Savior:

This Easter, I invite you to join me in reflecting on the Gospel of John, the 20th Chapter, beginning with the first verse.

The Gospel writer and our own faith tell us that Easter is all about love. Easter and the resurrection hope for humankind is an undeserved sign of God’s love for us all. God’s love for the world of humankind moved our Creator to give his only begotten son that billions who love and serve can have this hope and encouragement to faithful endurance, even in the face of death.

Yet we know that there is so much that we wonder about, so much uncertainty and change that occurs. We wonder what life has to offer and we look for some sense of certainty. What is it that we can believe? What is it that we can hold onto? What is it that we know to be true?

What Easter does for us, of course, is to remind us of God’s promise to us, that promise of hope, a promise of love, a promise that something has already happened to assure our eternal life. So we come this Easter morning wondering.

I am sure about the future. But what will happen in our neighborhoods? What will happen in our schools? What will happen so we can live in a safe world? What will happen in our government? So many questions; we try to reason.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, once said that reason can only go so far, but we should employ it as far as it goes. Reason cannot assure faith, hope, or love, for that, says Wesley, we must look to a higher source.

So, at Easter we come and we look to a higher source. We look for light in darkness; we look for meaning where there is meaninglessness. And out of the Easter faith, comes God’s promise that God will have the final word, that God says, “yes,” to all the world’s “no’s.”

What “no” has the world said to you? No because of gender, no because of race, no because of social class, no because of too little education obtained. Among these no’s is there also a “yes”? Is there something about which we can be utterly sure? Our Easter faith comes then as that promise. It is God’s yes that we can depend upon.

This is the message of Easter. We sing our alleluias. We sing our praises to God and we give thanks that God in this miraculous way has changed history and, in changing history, God made a place for us.

And so, sing your alleluias and give thanks to God for all that God has already done on our behalf.

God bless each of you and have a joyous and happy Easter!

Bishop Marcus Matthews

*Bishop, Baltimore-Washington Conference
United Methodist Church*

Easter Wishes



To all who participated in the events of this holy season, EUMC thanks you! We hope your personal journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday has been rich and meaningful. May the Light of Easter stay with you throughout the whole year.

Easter Generosity



Once again we were blessed with beautiful lilies adorning our sanctuary on Easter morning. We thank everyone who purchased and dedicated the lilies. In addition, our food pantry fund was increased by \$470.00 and we thank all those who made donations and dedications. EUMC is truly blessed with a caring congregation.

~ *Missions and Worship Teams*



Faith-Building Decision Making Part II

“In ALL things, give thanks unto the Lord.” (Eph. 5:20) Give Him thanks and praise when you find that lost shoe; or when you stub your toe, thank Him that it isn’t broken! When you arrive on time for a meeting, etc., thank Him for bringing you there safely and on time. Thank Him for blessing your vehicle’s safe operation. On the other hand, praise the Lord anyway for unwanted things that happen, because that’s putting him in charge of the situation and letting Him handle whatever it is that’s happened or gone wrong. Leave your problems at “God’s altar.” We must not restrict God from acting in our lives by “taking back” what we pray for. Leave everything in God’s Hands and He will take care of you. Praise the Lord!!

~ *Joan Dove, Evangelism Team*



Spring Concert

The Arundel Vocal Arts Society will present their 30 Anniversary Concert at Eastport UMC on Sunday, April 28th, at 3pm in the Sanctuary. This group will present favorites from 1983 until the present and honor its Charter Members and directors at this performance. Please join us for an afternoon of tuneful choral music, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults; children are free when accompanied by an adult. They may be purchased from any AVAS member or at the door. ~ *JoAnn Kulesza*



GreenScape 2013

This is a city-wide event that happens every spring. This year GreenScape takes place on April 20th. At the church we will be doing yard work from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. With lots of mulch to spread, bulbs to plant and general trimming and cleanup, there is something for everyone to do. Put it on your calendar and dust off those garden tools!

~ *Paulette Schwallenberg*



EUMC’s New Riding Mower

The grass cutting team of the garden committee would like to thank the members of the Board of Trustees for their time and effort relative to buying a new riding mower. We will put it to good use!

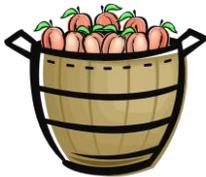
~ *Marty Dobbs*



UMW Annual Spring Tea

May 5, 2013, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Tickets will be available in the church fellowship hall on April 7th. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for girls age 10 and under. This popular event sells out quickly so be prepared. **Hostesses are needed** – contact Jean Strucko if you will host a table.



Peach Festival News

The date is August 3rd. Eric Edstrom and Bill Malamphy have volunteered to coordinate this event. **Thank you Eric and Bill!!** Stay tuned for updates as they develop. Mark your calendars!



Children's Art Enrichment

Beginning Wednesday, April 17th, art, music, and creative writing will be offered weekly to the children of the congregation and the Homework & Reading Ministry between the ages of 5 and 13 years. (4 to 5:30 p.m.) There is no cost. Students will receive a simple, free take-home dinner. This program is sponsored and operated by Creating Communities, a small non-profit arts service organization in Annapolis. Learn more about them at www.creatingcommunities.net. Mike Keller and Joyce Conley of EUMC can answer any questions you might have.



EUMC Yard Sale

Thanks to Myrna Dobbs, Sally Malamphy, and Joyce Conley, we will have a church-wide yard sale on June 8th. Thanks Ladies!! We hope you'll start putting aside your gently used items for sale. There is no room to store things in the church so we're asking you to hold onto them until the week of June 2nd when you can begin bringing them to the fellowship hall.



EUMC Recycles

We need your help in making a renewed effort to recycle as much paper and plastic products as we can. Please take a minute to read the two new signs posted over the waste container, and recycle bins located in the fellowship hall. A recent study indicated that this part of Anne Arundel County has a 49% recycle rate. I know that EUMC can beat that! ~Marty Dobbs

Sunday Covered Dish Luncheons After Worship Services

- April 14** - Hosted by Administrative Council
- May 12** - Scholarship & Church School Teams
- June 9** - Board of Trustees & Garden Team
- July 14** - Evangelism & Communications Teams

As you are able, please provide a dish or dessert to share; however, everyone is welcome with or without a dish. Host teams are responsible for main dish, drinks, set-up and clean-up (*please stay to clean-up*).



John Stuntz agreed to share with us his 90th birthday party speech! Here it is:

I've led three amazing lives and I've been blessed with this extraordinary family

I'M A VERY LUCKY GUY!

The lucky streak began early -- in my DEVELOPMENT life. I got to grow up on two dairy farms, with cows and horses, pigs and chickens. One even had some dumb turkeys! What an experience! The second farm was at Gallaudet College for the Deaf and was right in the middle of Washington, DC, where all of the best schools were located back in the '30's. How lucky was that?

Then, after I studied Electrical Engineering at the University of Maryland, the Navy schooled me on new and secret "RADAR" and I had lots of adventures using that radar on a SUBMARINE in the Pacific, but without getting shot! ...And then, as soon as I got back to school, how lucky was I to meet the SWEDISH BOMBSHELL you came to know as "Mom" or "Mumu" ?

Our marriage just before Christmas of '47 started me on my SECOND LIFE: the amazing, productive middle years. How about five dynamite kids in just a decade! Growing up took a couple more decades as they benefitted hugely from their world class Mom.

But, in parallel with the family eruption, there were two more fortuitous events. In '52, I lucked into a job with Westinghouse at BWI Airport that turned out to be just the right place (geographically), in just the right business (aerospace electronics), at just the right time (the unprecedented eruption of electronics technology!) And, to cap it off, local management assembled an astonishingly talented team!

All of this led to a 31-year career that I never dreamed of. Sandy and I worked our buns off, she on the home front and me on the job ... but in BOTH arenas, the satisfaction that comes with

success, coupled with opportunity for world travel and interaction with some really special people, made those middle years amazing and memorable for BOTH of us.

Oh, and one more thing: In 1955 I just stumbled onto Hillsmere, so the '61 move to this special place called Annapolis was yet another stroke of good luck. It seemed so right for all 7 of us!

Which, of course, leads me to the 30 lucky RETIREMENT years. In early 1983, Rick noted that I was 60 and could retire. He suggested that I could get a suitable sailboat and he and Mike and I could sail to Australia. So we did, more-or-less. And thus I "launched" an amazing THIRD life: different, challenging ... full of sailing oceans and The Bay. Sandy authorized (but hated) the Sabbatical year (except for the two times she joined us), but she loved the rest of the cruising. And we joined in lots of other travel: by small cruise ship in the Caribbean and New England; by air to more far places like Israel and Greece and Istanbul ... and Hawaii multiple times. We drove all over the U.S., often to places like Erie, Charlottesville, Boston, Carolina and Texas, where interaction with the NEXT generation(s) was the joy of our lives. And in May, I'll be traveling to some NEW graduations at some OLD universities.

So here I am today... 90! ... the last of my generation of Stuntzes. Yet I'm walking and talking and driving! I'm surrounded by our great family of 40 (sadly, missing Bill and Sandy), but joined by some from the extended Stuntz family plus a number of fine friends from career and church and community. And when I'm in FLORIDA in a few weeks I'll see some REALLY old friends and sail with Mike ...and maybe see an Orioles game.

I am truly a LUCKY OLD GUY!

For this capstone moment, for coming together today as a FAMILY, I thank you ALL from the bottom of my heart. You give meaning to my life.

I LOVE YOU ALL!

John W. Stuntz (Dad, Grandpa, Uncle John, John, always "Johnny" to "Sandy"). Born Feb. 25, 1923



An Interfaith Picnic

GAIN (the Greater Annapolis Interfaith Network) and the Islamic Society of Annapolis are sponsoring an Interfaith Family Picnic on April 21 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Mekkah Learning Center at 814 Brandy Farms Lane, Gambrills, MD 21054, which is near the intersection of Rt.3 and St. Steven's Church Rd. Please come and enjoy good food, meet other members of GAIN and have fun. Croquet, horseshoes, soccer, kite flying, henna hand painting, face painting, cupcake decorating, a moon bounce and a craft contest are among the many activities that will be available. Please bring a lawn chair and beach umbrella. This event is free. Please RSVP the number of adults and children who will be attending to zakiiyams@gmail.com. Rain date to be announced.



Sharing Lifesaving Information

Contributed by Dianne Crews of St. Luke's Episcopal Church – Thank you Dianne!

FEMALE HEART ATTACKS (MI/Myocardial Infarction)

Did you know that women rarely have the same dramatic symptoms that men have when experiencing a heart attack (MI) ... you know, the sudden stabbing pain in the chest, the cold sweat, grabbing the chest and dropping to the floor ...that we see in the movies? It can happen with no prior exertion or prior emotional trauma. MI's are usually caused by long-term stress and inflammation in the body, which dumps all sorts of deadly hormones into your system to sludge things up in there.

You can be sitting, all snugly and warm, watching television or reading a good book. Then, you feel this awful sensation of indigestion ...extreme discomfort. It is like you have swallowed a hurried bite of a sandwich and a gulp of water that is now caught in your esophagus ...like a golf ball being swallowed in slow motion. Only difference, you may not have eaten in many hours. Your instinct would be to drink some water and it might temporarily subside. The next sensation is a squeezing sensation, up and down your spine, then under your sternum/breast bone (This may be your aorta in spasm.) This process continues into your throat and branches into both jaws. 'AHA!! NOW you might think you are having a heart attack! After all, we all have read and/or heard about pain in the jaws being one of the signals of an MI happening, haven't we? Pain in the jaw can wake you from a sound sleep, too.

DON'T - take some antacid and go to bed or attempt to call your physician.

DO - Tell your house mate to CALL 911, describe the symptoms and follow directions.(They may instruct you to take an aspirin before the ambulance arrives.) If you are alone, CALL 911 yourself. Let the professional emergency responders determine the seriousness of your condition. It is better to have a 'false alarm' visitation than to risk your life guessing what it might be!

DON'T - attempt to get to the hospital or your doctor's office yourself. That is wasting valuable time and **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!** Your physician will be notified later.

DO - CALL 911. Paramedics and the ambulance have all the necessary equipment to save your life. Principally, they carry **OXYGEN** that you need **ASAP**.

DON'T - assume it couldn't be a heart attack, because you had a recent normal cholesterol count and EKG.

DO - CALL 911 if ANYTHING unpleasant is happening that you've not felt before. Your symptoms might be different than those described.

Let's be careful and be aware. The more we know, the better chance we could survive.

April Birthdays



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| April 2 | Joe Nasatka Butch Stevens |
| April 3 | Ricardo Vasquez |
| April 7 | Jim Bradford Florence Conley Jason Wilcox |
| April 12 | Jessie Keller |
| April 13 | Esther Gannaway |
| April 14 | Tom Schwallenberg |
| April 19 | Scott Hughes |
| April 20 | Sonny Owen |
| April 23 | Nadine Clark |
| April 26 | Liam Smith |
| April 27 | Jim Finkle |
| April 29 | Evie Swink Guy Goddard |
| April 30 | Mary Jones |

April Anniversaries



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| April 1 | Scott & Rebecca Bailey |
| April 6 | Dave & Berlyn Wheeler |
| April 5 | Hillard & Linda Harrison David M. & Lindsey Owen |
| April 7 | Jim & Mary Jane Finkle |
| April 12 | Jerry & Tammy Lesley |
| April 23 | Steve & Kathy Duckett |

LIFE CHANGES

Born March 3, 2013
Katherine Carmen Wilcox
to Jon & Kim Wilcox

Baptized March 3, 2013
Carter Monroe Clurman
Parents – Jason & Cade Clurman

Married March 31, 2013
Barbara Schwarz & Rawle Green



"Our Lord has written the promise of
the resurrection, not in books alone,
but in every leaf in spring-time."
~Martin Luther

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April 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Reader 4pm Bells 7pm | 2 ESL-Neighborhood Women 1pm Homework-Reading 4pm | 3 UMW Dinner 5:30pm | 4 Homework-Reading 4pm Choir 7pm | 5 | 6 |
| 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Conversations 9am-Chapel ▪Worship 10am ▪SundaySchool 10:15am ▪SoulSearchers 2pm | 8 Reader 4pm Bells 7pm | 9 ESL-Neighborhood Women 1pm Homework-Reading 4pm | 10 | 11 Homework-Reading 4pm Choir 7pm | 12 | 13 Game Night 5:30pm  |
| 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Conversations 9am-Chapel ▪Worship 10am ▪SS 10:15am ▪Covered Dish 11:45am ▪SoulSearchers 2pm | 15 Reader 4pm Bells 7pm | 16 ESL-Neighborhood Women 1pm Homework-Reading 4pm Trustees 6:15pm | 17 Food Pantry Distribution 1 to 3pm Children's Art 4pm | 18 Homework-Reading 4pm Choir 7pm | 19 | 20 GreenScape 9am to noon  |
| 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Conversations 9am-Chapel ▪Worship 10am ▪SundaySchool 10:15am ▪SoulSearchers 2pm | 22 Reader 4pm Bells 7pm | 23 ESL-Neighborhood Women 1pm Homework-Reading 4pm | 24 Children's Art 4pm | 25 Homework-Reading 4pm Choir 7pm | 26 | 27 |
| 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Conversations 9am-Chapel ▪Worship 10am ▪SundaySchool 10:15am ▪SoulSearchers 2pm | 29 Reader 4pm Bells 7pm UMM Prayer & Pizza 7pm | 30 ESL-Neighborhood Women 1pm Homework-Reading 4pm | | | | |
| | ← Arundel Vocal Arts Spring Concert 3pm | | | | | |