

August 16, 2015



**Eastport United Methodist Church
926 Bay Ridge Avenue
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Welcome to Eastport United Methodist Church

where we share our experiences of God's Kingdom with all,
through our faith, love, fellowship, and service.

Our vision is to have everyone actively involved in worship that enriches,
ministries that empower, and evangelism that embraces all.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2015

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Please turn off your cell phones.

Gathering Music

Welcome

*Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

TFWS 2236

*Song of Praise

Draw Me Close to You

*Prayer of Confession

Patient God,

We wait all year for the summer months when we can rest and relax.

But often we have redefined leisure and sabbath to mean a flurry of activities.

We need some time to rest,

to sit quietly and listen to the beautiful sounds of the world,

to reconnect with our own souls, with You, and with our neighbors.

**Forgive us when we are determined to crowd every moment of our lives
with activity.**

Help us to find a quiet center with you.

Help us to remember the value of community,

of simply being present to listen and support one another.

Refresh our souls so that we can truly serve you,

not just out of exhaustion but out of enthusiasm.

Send us your peace and your presence. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

God's love awaits you. It has been lavished upon you as a gentle summer rain,
refreshing your souls, opening your hearts, healing your wounds. Rest in God's eternal
love. Amen.

The Reverend Michelle Mejia, *Pastor*
 Nicole Hughes, *Junior Choir Director* Margie Hughes, *Heavenly Bells Director*
 JoAnn Kulesza, *Music Director & Organist*
 Bill Riggs, Sherrie Little, Sally Hight, Mike Keller, *Lay Speakers*
 JoAnn Kulesza & Jill Peddicord, *Worship Team Leaders*
 Sally & Kevin Hight, Eric Smaridge, Brady Duckett, *PowerPoint Presenters*
 Shirley Owen, *Ushers Coordinator* Audrey Howard, *Greeters Coordinator*
 Jeff Conley, *Bell Ringer* Kevin, Eric S, Brady, *The Treats Dudes*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK
August 16, 2015

Greeters: Virginia & Ernie Schultz
 Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs
 Reader: Charlotte Kerns
 Ushers: Bob & Donna McWilliams
 Children's Time: Barbara Krebs
 Nursery: Andy & Sally Smith
 Communion Assistants: Bill Riggs (PL)
 Ruth Gibbons, Sue Peret
 Counters: Art & Annabelle King

Fellowship Time
Harriet Macey & Audrey Howard

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK
August 23, 2015

Greeters: Tammy & Jerry Lesley
 Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs
 Reader: Barbara Krebs
 Ushers: Sally & Bill Malamphy
 Children's Time: Paulette Schwallenberg
 Nursery: TBD
 Counters: Ruth Gibbons, Audrey Howard
 Jackie Cunningham

Fellowship Time
JoAnn Kulesza, Bill Riggs
& Barbara Krebs

You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor Michelle
 through the church office, 410.263.5490.

EUMC e-mail: eastportumc@verizon.net

Website: www.eastportumc.org

Pastor Michelle: eastportumcpastor@gmail.com



There are some copies of the August Spire in Fellowship Hall. You will also find copies of the EUMC Directory. Call the church office if you need more.

Peach Festival photos have been put on the church website (eastportumc.org).
 Be sure to check the site occasionally for photo updates.

OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Thanksgiving

VACATIONS (EVEN BACK-YARD STYLE!)

State, Country & World

ALL WHO STRUGGLE WITH ADDICTIONS

Our Homebound Members

Lois Bliss, Edna Catterton, Katherine Leitch, Esther Gannaway
Neill Kinnamon, Norman Jones, Betty Owen, Betty Storton
Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler



August Prayer List

A new list will start on September 1st. Please use the yellow prayer cards in the pews for your prayer requests, or call/email the church office.



Al (friend of Wendy & Eric)

Chris Barrett (Sally Hight's brother)

Lee Bergsman (Neil's Mom)

Mason, and family: Lisa, Scott &

Sydney Scherer - (friends of Bill Riggs' family)

Norma & Marc (friends of Lynne Rittenberg)

Lil & Wayne (friends of Lynne Rittenberg)

Charles Williams (brother of Audrey, Harriet,
and Jean)

Darren Williams (nephew of Audrey, Harriet,
and Jean)

Fran & Harry (friends of Lynne Rittenberg)

Family of Joanna Kaskasian (see below)

Steve White (friend of Jim Wilcox)

Brian Stevens (son of Sharon & Mark)

Tracy Dinh (co-worker of Sharon Stevens)

Jennie Kulesza (JoAnn's Mom)

The U.S. Military (Berlyn Wheeler)

Chelsea (daughter of Traci DuPlayee)

James Brown (friend of the Lesleys)



Birthdays this Week

Aug 17 – June Stevens, Colette Krebs
Amanda Somers

Aug 19 – Peggy Roper, Carole Williams

Aug 20 – Ruth Bowen

Aug 21 – Joyce Conley

Aug 22 – Jeff Conley

Anniversaries this Week

Aug 21 – Tom & Elizabeth Eicher

Aug 22 – Ed & Sharon Owen

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon, Aug 17	Columbarium meeting 7pm
Tue, Aug 18	Trustees meeting 6:15pm
Wed, Aug 19	Food Pantry 12 to 2pm (set-up 10:30am) Peach Festival close-out meeting 7pm
Thu, Aug 20	ECCO meeting 5:30pm
Sat, Aug 22	Bowie Baysox v. Altoona 6:35pm

Pastor's Office Hours out in the Community at Zu Coffee Tuesday August 25th 10am-12pm

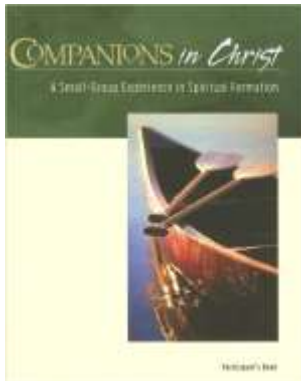
As always, you are welcome to contact the office or her email eastportumcpastor@gmail.com if you would like to set up a personal meeting that is not at this time.



Starting the week of Sept. 13th

Companions in Christ

Want to grow your relationship with God? Want to build community with others at EUMC? Come, join our new small group study starting this fall - *Companions in Christ*. Information will be available in the fellowship hall after church today! Dates and times depend on participant's schedules, so please let Pastor Michelle know if you are interested! eastportumcpastor@gmail.com This study is broken into 5 week sections throughout the school year. We are also seeking people to either help facilitate the study or host a group.



Go to the game with the United Methodist Men to see Bowie Baysox vs. Altoona and enjoy the fireworks after the game. 6:35 pm on Saturday August 22nd. UMM would like to purchase tickets in advance so that we can sit together as a group. You can contact Jeff Bauckman by cell [443-758-4841] or email jeffdb51@hotmail.com for tickets.

Tickets are \$10 with a processing fee of \$1.50.



Children's Sunday School, beginning September 13, 2015 is still in need of some servants!



We are looking for a coordinator of the children's Sunday school. This person would not necessarily have to teach, but would help maintain the schedule and the volunteer list. We are also looking for 5 more people that are willing to teach a total of 4 weeks throughout the year. Those four weeks could consist of two in the fall/winter and two in the spring, or four consecutive

weeks. Please let Pastor Michelle know as soon as possible if you are willing to serve God, our church, and our children in this way. We already have 10 of the 15 people we need. So consider joining Michelle Anderson, Lisa & Mike Stevens, Sherrie Ugolini, Lisa Parrish, Amanda Owen, Christina Valentine, Harriet Newquist, Cyndi Councill, and Jean Strucko as they serve our children for the 2015-2016 Sunday School year!

You're Invited...

To join the Adult Conversation Class, Sundays at 9am beginning Sunday September 13th for a special 12-week series called "*Passionately Christian, Compassionately Interreligious.*" We have been invited to preview a future course at Wesley Theological Seminary by Dr. Sathi Clarke that includes discussion on some of the world's major religions, including Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, and Atheism, as well as discussions about Christian mission in an interreligious world. Sunday morning conversations will be enhanced by short video clips that you can watch during the week. You are welcome to come for all 12 weeks or drop in as you are able. ***If you would like to participate in this class, please register with the office or the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall, leaving your email address, so that we may email you the video clips during the week.*** This class will conclude on November 29th, after which the adult conversation class will resume their traditional way of choosing topics and discussion.



