



# The Eastport Spire

## “Inspire Us to Great Things”

August 2016

*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.*

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### Pastor's Corner



**Welcome to the World  
Eli Mateo Mejia**

### Missions

Summertime usually means a time for rest and relaxation, but not for our Mission's Team. When the call goes out we "leap" into action and that is what happened when the floods hit West Virginia. UMCOR sent over 5000 flood buckets to aid homeowners in their clean-up effort, and because of that their supply needed to be replenished. And we answered the call – our team along with the congregation filled 25 flood buckets. While that might not seem like a lot, when it is teamed with other churches around the country the total adds up fast. Thanks to all of you for your help.

Preparations are beginning for backpacks for Bates Middle School. They will be filled and delivered Monday Aug.15, 2016 at 10:00 am. Please make plans to help. We will also be assisting Annapolis Middle School but instead of backpacks, they have given us a list of specific items needed.

~ Jackie Cunningham



### Gracious Greetings

Gracious Greetings, EUMC's card making ministry, will meet August 25, at 1:30 pm. We'll be crafting women's birthday cards using paper napkins and Saran wrap. Everyone is invited to come and learn this easy technique – no crafting experience required!

Hats off to **Jean Wilcox** who joined up with John Wesley UMC's scrapbook ministry on July 9 to make cards for U.S. troops coming home. Together they made 1760 cards!

~ Joyce Conley





## 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Peach Festival

At this writing we are just a few days away from the Peach Festival. Saturday August 6 is the day – noon to 5:00. Jelly and jam and pickled beets have been made, silent auction items collected, and corporate sponsors secured. Peeling peaches and the final preparations will take place this first week of August. See the schedule for all the days you want to be here to help.

As always Ann and Jackie thank you for your hard work and dedication to this annual event. Look in the September Spire for final totals.

~ Jackie Cunningham

### Peach Week Schedule July 31 thru August 6

Day	Activity
<b>Sunday July 31</b> Following worship	Move chapel furniture Move items from upstairs freezer and refrigerator to downstairs refrigerator and shed freezer
<b>Monday August 1</b>	Clean kitchen, clear all surfaces (scheduled July 30) Scrub Large Coolers
<b>Tuesday August 2</b>	Peach delivery and sorting 9:30 a.m. Put together cake/pie boxes 9:30 a.m. Roll silverware & Prepare Aprons
<b>Wednesday August 3</b>	9:30 a.m. Prep of celery & onions and make potato salad dressing Sort peaches 6:00 p.m. Bake pie shells
<b>Thursday August 4</b>	6:00 a.m. Cook potatoes 9:00 a.m. Peel and slice potatoes, make potato salad 11 a.m. Peel/slice peaches 12 noon Bake cakes (and again 8 a.m. Friday) 6:00 p.m. Bake pies

<b>Friday August 5</b>	7 a.m. Box pies 8 a.m. Bake cakes (continued from Thursday) 9 a.m. Peel/slice peaches Pick up chicken after 2 p.m. Noon – 4 p.m. Pre-sell cakes, pies, beets 5:00 p.m. Set up dining room/Scrub tables
<b>Saturday August 6</b>	8:00 a.m. BruMar delivers corn and tomatoes 8:00 a.m. Shuck corn 11:15 a.m. Bake sale opens 12 noon – 5 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m. Cleaners
<b>Following Week</b>	Clean up and reorganization of building

### Worship Team Request

Your Worship Team is seeking individuals who would like to learn how to do the overhead projection for church services. If you are interested, please see Audrey Howard or Jean Strucko; or call the church office.



### Our Church Grounds

A big thank-you to the volunteers who stepped forward, saw the need, and weeded, cut, trimmed and watered the areas around the church. The grounds look fantastic for Peach Festival. This summer has been challenging because of the constant heat and unpredictable rain, so the church members who worked in areas of need are especially appreciated. If you have not volunteered to help, please look at the picture board of the church grounds in the fellowship hall and sign up for a small area. If you already have adopted a particular spot, make sure you check on your area now and then. Even picking up a few pieces of trash will greatly help. If you have any questions you can contact Paulette Schwallenberg or the church office. Thank you all!

~ Paulette Schwallenberg

## One More Time for the Kids

On Saturday, August 13, at 8:00 p.m., we will show an outdoor movie on the church grounds. **Zootopia** is a fantastic, fun, and family-friendly movie. Bring your children and grandchildren, some blankets or chairs, and plan to enjoy another summer night before it's all gone. There will be popcorn and lemonade – everything is free! This will be the last of the summer 2016 special events for the children. A bunch of people put a lot of love and energy into making these things happen – many thanks to all of you!



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"Writing hymns is harder than I thought!  
I can't think of anything that rhymes with  
'Hallelujah' except 'glad I knew ya'  
and 'we'll tattoo ya!'"

## EUMC Columbarium News



We have started receiving requests to engrave names on the sides of the columbarium. This is different than the niches on front and back. There are many folks whose final resting place is elsewhere but their families want them remembered at Eastport United Methodist Church. The inscriptions on the sides are meant to honor and remember such individuals or families. The cost is \$300 for one name and \$500 for two. Please contact Margie Hughes or another member of the Columbarium Committee if you have questions.

## Calendar Items

- Homework & Reading – August 23
- Sunday School – September 11
- Bells Rehearsal – September 12
- Choir Rehearsal – September 15
- Church Picnic – September 18
- Mission Trip – October 5
- Charge Conference – October 29
- Church Planning Retreat – January 21

## Music at EUMC

We would love to have YOU join us as we praise God through music here at Eastport United Methodist Church. Our **Wesleyan Choir** rehearses on Thursdays at 7 pm and sings a wide variety of anthems during Worship on Sundays. Our **Prays Band** rehearses Sunday mornings at 9 am and leads the congregation with vocals, keyboard, guitar and drums. Our **Heavenly Bell Choir** rehearses on Mondays at 7 pm and plays special bell music throughout the year.

Please contact director JoAnn Kulesza for information about the Wesleyan Choir and Prays Band. Margie Hughes is the director of the Bell Choir. We won't ask you to write hymns, but we are inviting you to join the singing and ringing! Let's make beautiful music!

~ Jill Peddicord





### August Birthdays

- Aug 1 John Peret
- Aug 2 Adam Valentine
- Aug 3 Marty Dobbs
- Aug 8 Bill Malamphy
- Aug 17 June Stevens  
Colette Krebs
- Aug 19 Carole Williams
- Aug 20 Ruth Bowen
- Aug 21 Joyce Conley
- Aug 22 Jeff Conley
- Aug 23 Rawle Green
- Aug 26 Daniel Mejia
- Aug 27 Dave Wheeler
- Aug 28 Tammy Lesley  
Lisa Parrish  
Erin Connor
- Aug 29 Albert Stevens  
Tegan Kopp
- Aug 30 Linda Harrison
- Aug 31 Jean Strucko

### August Anniversaries

- Aug 4 John & Sue Peret
- Aug 5 Richard & Margie Hughes
- Aug 7 Bo & Debbie Morgan
- Aug 8 Jeff & Joyce Conley
- Aug 14 Bill Riggs & JoAnn Kulesza
- Aug 21 Tom & Elizabeth Eicher
- Aug 22 Ed & Sharon Owen

### Life Changes

#### Eli Mateo Mejia

Born July 18

Pastors Daniel & Michelle's Son

#### Morgan Leigh Beacom

Born July 14

Stacy Keith's Granddaughter

#### Brennan Hayes Generazio

Born July 12

Pud & Ernie Schultz's Great-Granddaughter

### August Fellowship Hour Hosts

- Aug 7 Peach Festival Leftover Crew
- Aug 14 Jill Peddicord, Eunice Corse
- Aug 21 Sonny & Shirley, Pud & Ernie  
Barbara Pearson
- Aug 28 Barbara Schwarz & the Parrishes

*Thanks to everyone for their spirit of willingness.  
We do love our fellowship time!*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 41st Annual Peach Festival 
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #fff9c4; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     Cleaning, scrubbing, baking, peeling, slicing, boxing, rolling, shucking - It's Peach Week!!                 </div>						
<b>7</b> Discussion 9am Worship 10am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Outdoor Movie 8pm ZOOTOPIA 
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e2efda; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     Relax, rest, recuperate, and renew!                 </div>						
<b>14</b> Discussion 9am Worship 10am	<b>15</b> Fill backpacks 10am	<b>16</b> Trustees 6:15pm	<b>17</b> Food Pantry 12pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Discussion 9am Worship 10am	<b>22</b> Anne Arundel County Public Schools Open	<b>23</b> Homework 4pm Admin Council 6:15pm	<b>24</b> Lunch Bunch 12pm Outreach 6:30pm	<b>25</b> Gracious Greetings 1:30 Homework 4pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Discussion 9am Worship 10am Prayer Team 1pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Homework 4pm	<b>31</b>	