

December 7, 2014



*"...behold, I bring you good news of great joy
which will be for all the people..."*

***Eastport United Methodist Church
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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.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Please turn off your cell phones.

Welcome

*Proclamation Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

UMH 196

*Opening Praise *How Great Is Our God*

Lighting of Advent Candle 2

Lisa, Russ, Molly, Vaughan, & Addie Parrish

Reading: Isaiah 9:3

**All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you,
trusting that this is how you made us:
you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.
Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained,
but must be shared.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

**Sung Response: We wait in Hope for the morning light,
for the Peace of Christ to illuminate the night.
We wait with Joy for the Savior's birth,
we prepare with Love for peace on earth.**

Children's Time

Presentation of Bibles

Anthem

Advent Message

Wesleyan Choir

Martin How

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Illumination

Jesus, Name above All Names (2x)

TFWS 2071

***Reading from Holy Scriptures**

Luke 1: 26-38, 46-56

Witness to the Word

“Great Expectations – Mary”

Pastor Michelle

[We will observe a minute of silence to reflect on the Word and its call and claim in our lives]

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, HOLY COMMUNION with OFFERTORY

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 8

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God

TFWS 2113

Here Is Bread, Here is Wine

TFWS 2266

Holy Communion *by the ancient method of intinction, dipping the bread in the cup.*

Sharing of Gifts *The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for the Parish Fund*

***Doxology**

Offertory Prayer

***SENDING FORTH**

***Closing Hymn**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, v.1,2

UMH 211

***Blessing**

Rejoice in God always, and again I say, rejoice
For God has created you with the capacity for joy.

We will find what makes us joyful,

And make that our gift to the world.

Trust in God's good will for all of creation
and open yourself to God's gentle, transforming love.

We will welcome new possibilities in our lives.

We will offer ourselves in God's goodness.

We will go forth in hope and joy.

Music to Send Us Forth

OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Thanksgiving

THE PROMISE OF OUR SAVIOR

State, Country & World

HOPE, JOY, PEACE, LOVE

Our Homebound Members

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



December Prayer List**

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



Lew Mason (the Councells' friend)

Pat Aldersley (member)

Lee Barrow-Jones (friend of JoAnn Kulesza)

Charles Brown (Lesley's extended family)

The U.S. Military (Berlyn Wheeler)



Our sympathy is extended to June Stevens and her family. June's brother, Phillip Bowler passed to the hands of the Lord on December 2nd. Phillip and other members of June's family reside in the UK. May they know God's peace in this difficult time.



Birthdays this Week

Dec 7 Andrew Stevens
Dec 8 Margie Hughes
Dec 9 Sherrie Ugolini
Sharon Owen



Dec 11 Lynn Goddard
Chelsea Snodgrass
Kristen Stevens
Dec 13 Natalie Somers

Anniversaries this Week

Dec 8 Carol & Bob Emory

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon, Dec 8	Heavenly Bells 7pm
Tue, Dec 9	Homework and Reading 4pm
Wed, Dec 10	Out to Lunch Bunch 12:15 pm; Kids Art Program 4pm
Thu, Dec 4	Homework and Reading 4pm; Choir rehearsal 7pm
Sun, Dec 14	Children's Pageant – "One Silent Night"

Christmas Toy Drive –The United Methodist Men are asking for your help in collecting new, or very gently used toys/gifts for boys or girls, ages 5-8. The value of the gift should not exceed \$20. And they need to have them no later than December 21 (which is 2 weeks from today.) Please place UNWRAPPED gifts in the beautifully decorated and marked box in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Please contact Eric Smaridge, coordinator. Thank you.

Save your plastic grocery bags for us.... EUMC will participate in the big "Potato Drop" December 20th. Grocery bags are needed to break down the big 50 lb bags into 10 lbs. Thank you!

Your dedications for poinsettias or food pantry will be collected TODAY and next Sunday. Poinsettias are \$10, food pantry donations can be any amount. Please get them to us as soon as possible.



Timothy House gift bags are available today for those who would like to participate – bringing Christmas joy to our sometimes forgotten friends.

Just a reminder of the Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. here at EUMC, the Arundel Vocal Arts Society will present an "**AVAS Holiday Present.**" Tickets are \$20 at the door....kids are free. Come and get your Christmas spirit on!!



All Counters are asked to meet briefly in the chapel immediately following worship on Sunday, December 21st in the Chapel.

Refrigerator magnet calendars are available in Fellowship Hall. Please take a few. You might even want to take extras to give away. We thank Bobby Stevens for this gift to us.

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
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Greeters: Audrey Howard
 Ginny Davidson
 Prayer Leader: Joan Dove
 Reader: Wendy Edstrom
 Ushers: Butch & June Stevens
 Children's Time: Barbara Krebs
 Communion Assistants: Joan Dove
 Neil & Dennis Bergsman
 Nursery: Mike & Anne Owen
 Counters: Jerry & Tammy Lesley
 Paulette Schwallenberg

Fellowship

Sharon Owen
 Hughes & Nasatka Families

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK
December 14, 2014

Greeters: Eunice Corse
 Barbara Pearson
 Prayer Leader: Sally Hight
 Reader: Richard Strucko
 Ushers: Bill & Sally Malamphy
 Children's Time: The Children
 Nursery: Jacqueline & Steve Ploof
 Counters: Bill Malamphy,
 Virginia Schultz, Harriet Macey

Fellowship

Myrna Dobbs & Sally Malamphy

You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor Michelle
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Readings for Next Week ♦ Third Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:18-25;

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126;

I Thessalonians 5: 16-24;

Consider using **John Wesley's Three Simple Rules** in your daily meditation:

Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God.