



HOPE

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.

First Sunday of Advent Homecoming Sunday

December 1, 2013

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Please turn off your cell phones.

Gathering Music

Joy to the World
arr. Kevin McChesney

Heavenly Bells

Welcome

***Processional Hymn**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed – v. 1,3,4

UMH 203

***Opening Praise**

Here I Am To Worship

***Call to Confession of Sins**

Advent is a season of waiting that is anything but passive. As we prepare to make room for Christ to dwell within us, we acknowledge our own sin which stands in the way of living the fullness of life God promises us through Christ. In the presence of God and one another, let us give God the gift of our honest and humble confession.

[We will observe silence for the confession of our sins]

***Assurance of Pardon**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear and believe this good news. In the mercy and love of God, whose Son we eagerly wait for, you are forgiven.

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Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Renewing our Covenant and Sharing God's Peace**

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him. That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love,

Come, Lord Jesus.

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin,

Come, Lord Jesus.

That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ,

Come, Lord Jesus.

That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we wait for the coming of Jesus among us,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Advent Candle Lighting Service

This morning we light the **first** Advent candle. The first candle reminds us that, as we wait with hope upon the Lord, God's light never ceases to shine, God's will never ceases to unfold, and God's grace never ceases to be felt. As we begin the journey of Advent, may we learn to wait upon the Lord with hopeful expectation by celebrating all God has done and anticipating all he will do.

Reading: Isaiah 60:2-3

**All: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness
to show us the way of salvation.
O come, O come, Emmanuel. Amen.**

Sung Response:

**We prepare in hope for the morning Light,
For the love of Christ to illuminate the night.
We prepare with joy for the Savior's birth;
We prepare in hope for peace on earth.**

Children's Time

Anthem

Every Valley
John Ness Beck

Wesleyan Choir

**Joys and Concerns
The Lord's Prayer**

OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Thanksgiving

FOR LOVING PEOPLE WILLING
TO SERVE OTHERS

State, Country & World

ALL THOSE LIVING IN SHELTERS &
THOSE WITH NOWHERE TO GO

Our Homebound Members

Lois Bliss, Edna Catterton, Katherine Leitch, Esther Gannaway,
Eloise Gleason, Becky Dobrick, Gwynn Bowen



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.

Margaret Terry (member)

Dorothy Finkle Goddard (Mary Jane
Finkle's sister-in-law)

Raymond (Bud) Finkle (Mary Jane
Finkle's brother-in-law)

Lorie Rawlings (member)

George Shenk (Edstrom's friend)

Neill Kinnamon (member)

Bunny Gaither (Tammy Lelsey's friend)



Birthdays this Week

Dec 1 – Dahlia Edstrom

Dec 5 – Valerie Devaris

Dec 7 – Andrew Stevens

Readings for Next Week ♦ Second Sunday of Advent with Cantata

Mal. 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Phil. 1:3-11; **Luke 3:1-6**

Also, consider using John Wesley's Three Simple Rules in your
daily prayer and meditation:

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon, Dec 2	Heavenly Bells 7pm
Tues, Dec 3	Homework & Reading 4pm
Wed, Dec 4	Advent Study 10:15am & 6:45pm; Children's Art Program 4pm UMW Christmas Pot Luck 5:30pm
Thu, Dec 5	Grief class 10:15am; Homework & Reading 4pm; Choir 7pm
Sun, Dec 8	Cantata at worship service; AVAS concert 3pm



Luminaries- pick up your instructions for the luminaries in Fellowship Hall from Paulette Schwallenberg today.

2014 Calendars – If you have extra calendars at home, please consider donating them to share with others. Please place them on the table in Fellowship Hall in the box marked for these. Thank you.



The United Methodist Women need your help in filling Christmas bags for the Timothy House recipients, pick a man or woman. We have a suggested list of items you can purchase to put in the bag, or whatever you wish to put in it. We have done this for the last several years: our bag of goodies is sometimes the only thing the resident receives. Most of these residents are senior citizens. Please bring your bags in by Sunday, Dec. 22. The bags will be delivered on Dec. 23.

UMM Toy Drive. The Eastport United Methodist Men are conducting again a Christmas gift and toy drive for needy children at Eastport Elementary School. This year, we will help 25 children selected by the school. School officials have told us that the presents we provide represent the only ones received by many kids because of the economic circumstances of their families. We are asking **all men** of the church to donate a new toy or gift (or a used item that is in good condition) that would be suitable for a boy or girl between the ages of 5 and 8. The value of each toy or gift should not exceed \$15. For those who wish to take part in this endeavor to make Christmas a happier time for a local child, please place the item **unwrapped** in the specially marked box in the church fellowship hall no later than **Sunday, December 15**. The United Methodist Men will wrap the toys and gifts and deliver them to the school that week.



WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

The Reverend MaAn H. Barcelo, *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 TODAY

December 1, 2013

Greeters: Marie Sims, Ginny Davidson
Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little
Liturgist: Bob Emory
Reader: Richard Hughes
Ushers: Neil Bergsman, Jeff Bauckman
Children's Time: Mike Keller
Nursery: Audrey Howard, Dawn Goodnow
Counters: Jerry & Tammy Lesley
Betty Storton

Fellowship Time
Covered Dish Lunch
Hosted by the Worship Team

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

December 8, 2013

Greeters: Ernie & Pud Schultz
Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little
Reader: TBD
Ushers: Jerry & Tammy Lesley
Children's Time: Pastor MaAn
Nursery: Nicole Hughes, Libby Cain
Counters: Marge Stevens, Pud Schultz,
Ginny Davidson

Fellowship Time

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

Pastor MaAn may also be reached via email: pastormaan2005@gmail.com
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SPOTLIGHT BEHIND THE SCENES

To all who had a hand in making Winter Relief Homeless Shelter a success once again—a great big THANK YOU! You supported it financially, you donated clothing and toiletries, chaperoned, cooked and cleaned up, and so much more. You are the face of EUMC serving our community.

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NOVEMBER & DECEMBER EVENTS

Sundays:

Worship & Sunday School 10am.

Bible Study: Based on the Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*.

Nov. 27, Dec 4, 11, & 18.

10:15-11:45am or 6:45 – 8:15pm.

Homecoming Sunday: Dec 1.

Potluck luncheon following service.

Christmas Cantata:

Dec 8 during service.

Children's Christmas Pageant:

Dec 22 during service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:

6 pm Family service

10 pm Music program

10:30pm Traditional service

Interfaith New Year's Eve Service:

6:30pm Music program

7pm Service

Fellowship time follows.