

*December 10, 2017*  
*Advent 2*



*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.

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## **Second Sunday of Advent**

December 10, 2017

10:00 a.m.

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### **Welcome**

*Song of the Manger*

*Dan R. Edwards*

The Heavenly Bells

### **Opening Hymn**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v. 1, 2, 5* UMH 211

### **Praise Song**

*Days of Elijah*

### **Prayer**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Children's Time**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

### **Lighting the Advent Candle**

*Light A Candle Bright and Tall*

To the tune of "As with Gladness"

Light a candle bright and tall  
For a Love which knows no end.  
Love that comes to one and all.  
Fear and hatred to upend.  
Shine within our hearts today  
Come, O Love, to us, we pray.

**Christmas Cantata**  
***“The Power of One”***

***Comfort, Comfort, O My People***

Johannes Olearius and Catherine Winkworth; arr. Hal Hopson

***Every Valley***

Arr. John Ness Beck

***A Maiden Most Gentle***

Arr. Andrew Carter

***Why Have You Chosen Me?***

Rodger Strader

***How Should a King Come?***

Jimmy Owens

***Baby, What You Goin' To Be***

Natalie Sleeth

**Sharing of Gifts & Prayer**

The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for

**The Blue Ribbon Project**

A 100% volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit community organization based in Annapolis, Maryland. It is committed to both the prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect and as a support network for survivors of Child Abuse, Foster Care, and Child Sexual Assault.

[www.blueribbonproject.org](http://www.blueribbonproject.org)

(See flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway)

**\*Closing Praise**

*I Will Follow Him*

**\*Blessing**

**\*Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

\*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 82

Adults & Youth 71

Children 11

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*  
 Audrey Howard, Jean Strucko, *Worship Team Leaders*  
 Sally & Kevin Hight, *PowerPoint Presenters*  
 Shirley Owen, *Ushers Coordinator*    Audrey Howard, *Greeters Coordinator*

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**  
**December 10, 2017**

Greeters: Paulette & Tom Schwallenberg  
 Welcomer: Pud Schultz  
 Ushers: Valerie Devaris & Neil Bergsman  
 Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs  
 Children's Time: Wendy Edstrom  
 Sunday School:  
 Nursery: Nikki Finkle  
               Eric Edstrom

Counters: Pud Schultz, Harriet Macey,  
               Bill Malamphy

**THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK**  
**December 17, 2017**

Greeters: Carol & Bob Emory  
 Welcomer: Anne Owen  
 Ushers: Jean Strucko, Kathy Volz  
 Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs  
 Reader: Sherrie Little  
 Children's Time: Lisa Parrish  
 Sunday School:  
 Nursery: Nikki Finkle  
               Jean Strucko

Communion Assistants: Bill Riggs (PL)  
                               Ruth Gibbons, Myrna Dobbs

Counters: Lisa Parrish, Mike Stevens,  
               Jennifer Smith

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

EUMC e-mail: [eastportumc@verizon.net](mailto:eastportumc@verizon.net)

Website: [www.eastportumc.org](http://www.eastportumc.org)

Pastor Michelle: [eastportumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:eastportumcpastor@gmail.com)

**Want to join EUMC?**

The membership vows of the Methodist Church invite us to join a community of Christians and live out our commitment to follow Jesus with one another through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. if you are interested in membership please reach out to Pastor Michelle at [eastportumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:eastportumcpastor@gmail.com) or call the church office to speak with her.

# OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

## Thanksgiving

THE BLESSED SEASON OF ADVENT

## State, Country & World

FREEDOM FROM FEAR IN THE U.S. AND THE  
WORLD

## Our Homebound Members

Leona Bergsman, Norman Jones, Betty Storton, Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler



## December Prayer List



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

**Please be aware: we will print concerns in the bulletin only if that box is checked on prayer card, or if you have notified us. We want to respect the privacy of individuals. \*\*Please let the office know if there is someone that you want kept on the prayer list, otherwise the names will be removed at the end of each month.**

**Lee Horton** (former member)

**Dick Strucko** (member)

**Audrey Howard** (member)

**Ann Rawls** (member)

**Ron Baradel** (friend of Eric & Wendy)

**Kellie Bridges Lind** (EUMC friend)

**Pete Cullison** (Pud's brother)

**Les Sandman** (Charlotte Kerns' sister's  
fiancé)



## Birthdays this Week

Dec 15 – Joanne Christofel, Addie Parrish

Dec 18 – Ernie Mutschler

## Events at EUMC This Week

Mon, Dec 11	Heavenly Bells 7pm
Tues, Dec 12	Homework & Reading 4pm
Wed, Dec 13	Arts Program 4-5pm; <b>Advent Vigil 7pm</b>
Thurs, Dec 14	Homework & Reading 4pm; Choir rehearsal 7pm
Sun, Dec 17	<b>Children's Service and Cookies with Santa</b>

**Poinsettia and Pantry donations** are being taken in Fellowship Hall. The cost for poinsettias is \$10 each; pantry donations are accepted in any amount. Contributions for the pantry go toward purchasing food for our monthly distribution.



**December 17<sup>th</sup>** following the worship service.

**Gift bags for Timothy House** are available, as well as a list of suggested gift items to fill them. They will be distributed to residents on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please consider helping with this distribution after worship on that Sunday.

**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 40 pre-K children; half are boys and half are girls. 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 child ages 4 or 5. The value of each toy or gift should not exceed \$20 and should fit into a child's backpack. 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 17.**

The toys and gifts will be wrapped on **Monday, December 18 at 7 p.m. in Multipurpose Room A in the church basement** and delivered to the school the following Wednesday. **Help is needed from members of the church, men and women, in wrapping the gifts.**

# Advent Vigils

## “The World is About to Turn”

The people that we will be watching, waiting, and praying with and for this week will be victims of gun violence, as it relates to our local community, our nation, our world.

## Advent ♦ Christmas ♦ New Year Schedule

Advent Vigils

Wednesdays, 12/6 – 12/27 at 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 10

Cantata

Sunday, December 17

Children’s Service

Cookies with Santa (following worship)

Sunday , December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. – Family-centered service – **Please note time change**

Sunday, December 31

New Year’s Eve

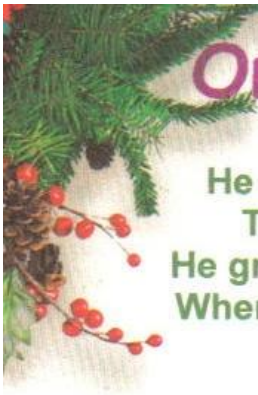
Interfaith Service

6:30 p.m. – Pre-service music

7:00 p.m. – New Year’s Eve Service

(refreshments following)





# One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village  
The child of a peasant woman  
He grew up in another obscure village  
Where he worked in a carpenter shop  
Until he was thirty

He never wrote a book  
He never held an office  
He never went to college  
He never visited a big city  
He never travelled more than two hundred miles  
From the place where he was born  
He did none of the things  
Usually associated with greatness  
He had no credentials but himself

He was only thirty three

His friends ran away  
One of them denied him  
He was turned over to his enemies  
And went through the mockery of a trial  
He was nailed to a cross between two thieves  
While dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing  
The only property he had on earth

When he was dead  
He was laid in a borrowed grave  
Through the pity of a friend

Nineteen centuries have come and gone  
And today Jesus is the central figure of the human race  
All the armies that have ever marched  
All the navies that have ever sailed  
All the parliaments that have ever sat  
All the kings that ever reigned put together  
Have not affected the life of mankind on earth  
As powerfully as that one solitary life

*Adapted from a sermon by Dr James Allan Francis in  
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