

***December 14, 2014
Third Sunday of Advent***



But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord,
I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

Micah 7:7

***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.

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10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Praise Songs

*Rise & Shine/I've Got That Joy/Day by Day
Days of Elijah*

Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Lighting of Advent Candle 3

Mike, Megan, Eli, & Leela Wurst

Reading: Isaiah 9: 4-5

**All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning,
We thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ.**

**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

One Silent Night

The Children of EUMC

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

Praise Song/Hymn of Illumination

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine, v.1,3 (no refrain) TFWS 2099

***Scripture Reading**

Matthew 1: 18-25

Witness to the Word

"Great Expectations – Joseph"

Pastor Michelle

[We will observe silence to reflect on the Word and its call and claim on our lives.]

Sharing of Gifts, Offertory Song and Prayer

We are an Offering

The Unified Budget and Heaven Cent Basket for Winter Relief Homeless Shelter

***Closing Praise**

He Came Down TFWS 2085

***Blessing**

Take your encouragement from Christ,
that your joy may be complete.

We will share in the Spirit;

We will find consolation in love.

Practice a ministry of humility and compassion

For God is at work in you, empowering you

We will welcome Christ into our hearts.

We will live lives worthy of the Gospel.

We will go forth in hope, joy, and peace.

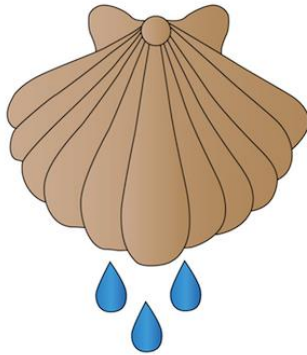
***Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: **121**

Baptism

December 14, 2014



The Baptismal Covenant is found on page 39 in the United Methodist Hymnal

Tyler Thomas Burton South

(born July 29, 2014)

Christy and Jerry South, parents

Alexandra and Ryleigh, sisters

Rudi & Mesha Reichel, godparents

Tegan Ryder Kopp

(born August 29, 2014)

Travis and Sharon Kopp, parents

Scotty Marshall, godparent

*With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as members of the family of Christ.*

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.



Joyce Owens (friend of Barbara Nutwell)
Lew Mason (the Councells' friend)
Pat Aldersley (member)
Lee Barrow-Jones (friend of JoAnn Kulesza)

David Clark (Amanda Owen's cousin)
Charles Brown (Lesley's extended family)
Ethan Wudyka (friend of the Conleys)
The U.S. Military (Berlyn Wheeler)

Birthdays this Week

Dec 15 Joanne Christofel
Addie Parrish
Dec 19 Jonathan Wilcox
Anita Andrews

Dec 20 Leona Bergsman
Russ Parrish
Edgar Bowen, Sr.
Mark Goodnow



Thank you to the children of our Sunday School and to their leaders, Nicole Hughes and Valerie Devaris. We also thank others who pitched in, to help make the Christmas Pageant such a wonderful experience for all. Again, thank you for adding another dose of JOY to our celebration of Christ's birth.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon, Dec 15	Heavenly Bells 7pm
Tue, Dec 16	Homework and Reading 4pm; Trustees 6:15pm; NO Finance meeting
Wed, Dec 17	Food Pantry 1:00 -3:00pm; Kids Art Program 4pm
Thu, Dec 18	Gracious Greetings 1:30pm Homework and Reading 4pm; Choir rehearsal 7pm
Sun, Dec 21	Catata: "Savior of the Nations, Come" Counters' meeting following the service

Christmas Toy Drive – Please remember to help The United Methodist Men 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. Please place UNWRAPPED gifts in the decorated and marked box in Fellowship Hall no later than December 21. 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!

Family Luminaries



We hope you all will give this a try. It would be nice to have lots of these luminaries gracing the entry to our church on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, as well as lighting your home's entrance. There is an example for you to see on a table in Fellowship Hall.

Your dedications for poinsettias or food pantry will be collected TODAY. Poinsettias are \$10, food pantry donations can be any amount. There will be a dedications insert in Christmas bulletins.

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

Gracious Greetings meets December 18 at 1:30 to make Christmas cards for Timothy House residents. Everyone is invited!

There will be New Members Class that will meet over the course of 4 weeks in January and February. If you would like more information, are interested in this class, and/or becoming a member of Eastport UMC, please contact Pastor Michelle.

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

Fellowship

Myrna Dobbs, Sally Malamphy'
 & Jacqueline Ploof

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK
December 21, 2014

Greeters: Ruth Gibbons, Edgar Bowen
 Prayer Leader: Sally Hight
 Liturgist: Mike Keller
 Reader: TBD
 Ushers: Annabelle & Art King
 Children's Time: Anne Owen
 Nursery: Russ & Lisa Parrish
 Communion: Sally Hight
 Lisa & Mike Stevens
 Counters: Art & Annabelle King

Fellowship

Carol & Bob Emory

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

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Luke 1: 47-55; Romans 16: 25-27;

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

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