

# 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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## Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2013

10:00 a.m.

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## GATHERING

*Please turn off your cell phones.*

### Gathering Music

#### Welcome

\*Processional Hymn      *The King of Glory Comes*      TFWS 2091

\*Opening Praise      *Days of Elijah*

#### \*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.

**In the mercy and love of God, whose Son we eagerly wait for, you are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

## **Advent Candle Lighting Service**

This morning we light three Advent candles: the first candle of hope, the second candle of peace. The third candle reminds us that, as we wait with joy 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 these candles as symbols of Christ our Hope,  
Peace and Joy.  
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 with the Blessing of the Creche**

**God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love. When our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger. May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen**

(BOOK OF BLESSINGS, U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> CENT., ALT)

**Anthem**

*Gaudate*  
*arr. Robert Batastini*

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

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**Hymn of Illumination**     *Prepare, Ye, the Way of the Lord*  
Godspell

**\*Reading from Holy Scriptures**     **Matthew 1:18-25**  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Witness to the Word** Pastor MaAn  
*[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**  
**Communion Hymns**

<i>Like a Child</i>	TFWS 2092
<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	UMH 206
<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	UMH 216

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

**Sharing of Gifts** *The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Homeless Shelter*

**\*Doxology** *(Tune – O Tannenbaum)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.**  
**Praise Him, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.**  
**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**  
**Let all creation praise the Lord, with love and adoration. Amen.**

**Offertory Prayer**

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymn**     *Joy to the World, v. 1,2,4*     UMH 246

**\*Blessing**  
**Music to Send Us Forth**

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

Participation last Sunday: 122

## OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

**Thanksgiving**  
THE GIFT OF OUR SENSES

**State, Country & World**  
THE PEOPLE OF THE UKRAINE

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Please use the yellow prayer cards in the pews for your prayer requests, or call/email the church office.

**Lillia Moody** (Mei-Jen's sister-in-law)

**Ray Fox** (Malamphy's extended family)

**Nancy Bassford** (Libby Cain's friend)

**Patrick Thorne** (Christina Valentine's friend)

**Pud Schultz** (member)

**Erica Young** (Jan Hopping's niece)

**Norman Jones** (member)

**Mary Wooten** (Harriet Newquist's mom)

**Barbara Rees** (Amanda Owen's friend)

**Mary Jones** (member)

**Carly Hudson** (Tyler Stewart's cousin)

**Margaret Terry** (member)

**Lorie Rawlings** (member)

**Neill Kinnamon** (member)



### Birthdays this Week

**Dec 15** – Joanne Christofel, Addie Parrish

**Dec 19** – Anita Andrews, Jonathan Wilcox

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

**Dec 21** – Michelle Anderson, Brian Duckett



**Congratulations** to parents Lisa & Mike and “big sister” Taylor Stevens on the birth of Kristen Marie Stevens on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Kristen weighed 7 lbs 10 oz.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon, Dec 16	Heavenly Bells 7pm
Tues, Dec 17	Homework & Reading 4pm; Board of Trustees 6:15pm
Wed, Dec 18	Advent Study 10:15am & 6:45pm; Children's Art Program 4pm
Thu, Dec 19	Grief Class 10:15am; Homework 4pm; Choir 7:00pm
Sun, Dec 22	Children's Christmas Pageant during Worship



**Poinsettias and Pantry donations** will be taken this morning in Fellowship Hall following the worship service. Poinsettias are \$10.00 again this year, which will cover the cost of the plant. Pantry donations (food for the needy) are accepted in any amount.



**You are invited to participate in our Christmas greeting card display** benefitting EUMC's piano and organ maintenance fund. Write one card, calculate the cost of postage and cards that you would send to your church family and donate that amount! Please give cards and checks to Joyce Conley.

**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.

**Sign-Up sheet for Fellowship Hour** for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014 is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please begin to fill up those blank spaces! Thanks! 😊

**Year-end charitable tax deductible donations:** As you think about this, please remember your congregation. Thank you very much.



**Congratulations and thanks** go out to all the members of the choir, JoAnn Kulesza, director, Joan Dove & Kathy Volz of the handbell choir, and to Richard Hughes and Eric Edstrom, readers, for a wonderful Christmas Cantata last Sunday!

## WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM LEADERSn

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 15, 2013***

Greeters: Sonny & Shirley Owen Prayer  
Leader: Sherrie Little  
Liturgist: Jill Peddicord  
Reader: Charlotte Kerns  
Ushers: Art & Annabelle King  
Children's Time: Pastor MaAn  
Nursery: Russ & Lisa Parrish  
Counters: Art & Annabelle King  
Communion Assistants: Sherrie Little  
Ruth Gibbons, Holly Ficca

### ***Fellowship Time***

### ***THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK*** ***December 22, 2013***

Greeters: Edgar Bowen, Eric Edstrom  
Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little  
Reader: Bill Malamphy  
Ushers: Kathy Volz, Jean Strucko  
Children's Time: Michelle Anderson  
Nursery: TBD  
Counters: Mary Jones, Ruth Gibbons  
Audrey Howard

### ***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](mailto:pastormaan2005@gmail.com)  
EUMC e-mail: [eastportumc@verizon.net](mailto:eastportumc@verizon.net)

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

### **Readings for Next Week ♦ Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; **Romans 1:1-7**; Matthew 1:18-25

**Consider using John Wesley's Three Simple Rules** in your daily prayer  
and meditation: ***Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God.***

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## DECEMBER EVENTS

### **Sundays:**

Worship & Sunday School 10am.

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

Continues Dec 18.

10:15 – 11:45am or 6:45 – 8:15pm.

### **Children's Christmas Pageant:**

Dec 22 during service.

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:**

6 pm Family service

10 pm Music program

10:30pm Traditional service

### **Christmas Carol Sing-Along**

Dec 29 during service

### **Interfaith New Year's Eve Service:**

6:30pm Music program

7pm Service

Fellowship time follows.