

December 17
Advent 3



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.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Gathering Music

"Linus & Lucy"

Alaina Ugolini

Welcome

Dylan Liedy

Opening Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230

Praise Song

There Is Joy in the Lord

Prayer

Cierra Ploof

Passing of the Peace

Cierra Ploof

Children's Time

Pastor Michelle

Prayers of the People

Alaina Ugolini

The Lord's Prayer

Evan Ugolini

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

Light A Candle Bright and Tall

To the tune of "As with Gladness"

Light a candle bright and tall
For the Joy this season brings.
Joy like fountains brimming full.
Through our world now let it ring!
Shine within our hearts today
Come, O Joy, to us, we pray.

Anthem

Song of Mary

Richard Shephard

Hymn of Illumination

"The Little Drummer Boy"

Taylor Stevens

Scripture Reading

Luke 1: 26-38

Brooke Hughes

Witness to the Word

EUMC's Sunday School Presents

"A Simpler Christmas"

Introduction by Dylan Liedy

Sharing of Gifts & Prayer

Away in a Manger UMH 217

The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for

The Blue Ribbon Project

***Closing Praise**

Joy to the World – UMH 246

***Blessing**

Taylor Stevens

***Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

Please stand as you are able.

Thanksgiving

THE BLESSED SEASON OF ADVENT

State, Country & World

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

What a blessing we have in our EUMC Family,

to have such a beautiful group of young people, who delivered the message of Christmas to us this morning! They not only participate in the life of EUMC, they take a lead, and WANT to contribute. We thank them, their parents & grandparents, Jacqueline Ploof, and Pastor Michelle, for the gift of this worship service.

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Our Homebound Members

Leona Bergsman, Norman Jones, 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.

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 18 – Ernie Mutschler

Dec 19 – Jonathan Wilcox, Anita Andrews

Dec 20 – Russ Parrish, Leona Bergsman, Mark Goodnow

Dec 21 – Michelle Anderson, Brian Duckett

Dec 22 – Audrey Howard

Dec 23 – Ryleigh South



Events at EUMC This Week



Cookies with Santa - Today following worship service.

Mon, Dec 18	Heavenly Bells 7pm
Tues, Dec 19	Homework & Reading Christmas Party 4 - 7pm No Homework December 21, 26, 28. Sessions resume January 2
Wed, Dec 20	Arts Program 4-5pm; Advent Vigil 7pm
Thurs, Dec 21	Choir rehearsal 7pm
Sun, Dec 24	Worship at 10am. Christmas Eve Service at 5pm

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.

UMM Toy Drive. Please place all toy donations in the specially marked box in the fellowship hall **today**. The toys and gifts will be wrapped **tomorrow (Monday) evening at 7 p.m. in Multipurpose Room A in the church basement** and delivered the following Wednesday. **Help is needed from members of the church, men and women, in wrapping the gifts.** All materials will be supplied, but we do need your assistance. Thanks.

Reminder to turn in **2018 Financial Commitment Cards**. These will be available today. If you want to update your giving, you will need to fill out a new ACH form. Mitch Krebs will be available in Fellowship Hall after the service to hand out forms.

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 those experiencing grief and loss around the holidays and those in our community struggling with addiction and homelessness.

This vigil will happen near the winter solstice, the day with the longest amount of darkness in the year. The name the “longest night” describes the feeling that a number of people have during this season. In the long, dark winter nights, memories of past experiences and the pain of the present situations can become overwhelming. We will also focus some of our prayers and our act of love on those struggling with addictions (especially the opioid crisis) and homelessness.



Advent ♦ Christmas ♦ New Year Schedule



Advent Vigils

Wednesdays, 12/6 – 12/27 at 7:00 pm

Sunday , December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. – Family-centered service

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)



The Song of Mary

My Lord and Saviour is my song, He fills my spirit with delight.
To raise me up, his arm is strong. The lowly, precious in his sight.

Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat animamea Dominum.

(My soul doth magnify the Lord.)

My name shall live from age to age, and every tongue his servant bless,
For mercy is their heritage, whose hearts the Holy One confess.

Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat animamea Dominum.

The proud beguiled by dreams of power, divided and degraded lie.
He casts them down from throne and tower, and stoops to lift the humble high.

Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat animamea Dominum.

He feeds the hungry at his board, and sends the rich unfilled away,
And mindful of his promised word, has answered Israel's prayer today.

Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat animamea Dominum.

With all the elders of our race, and those unborn who seek this birth,
I sing the glory of his grace, who brings eternity to earth.

Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat animamea Dominum.