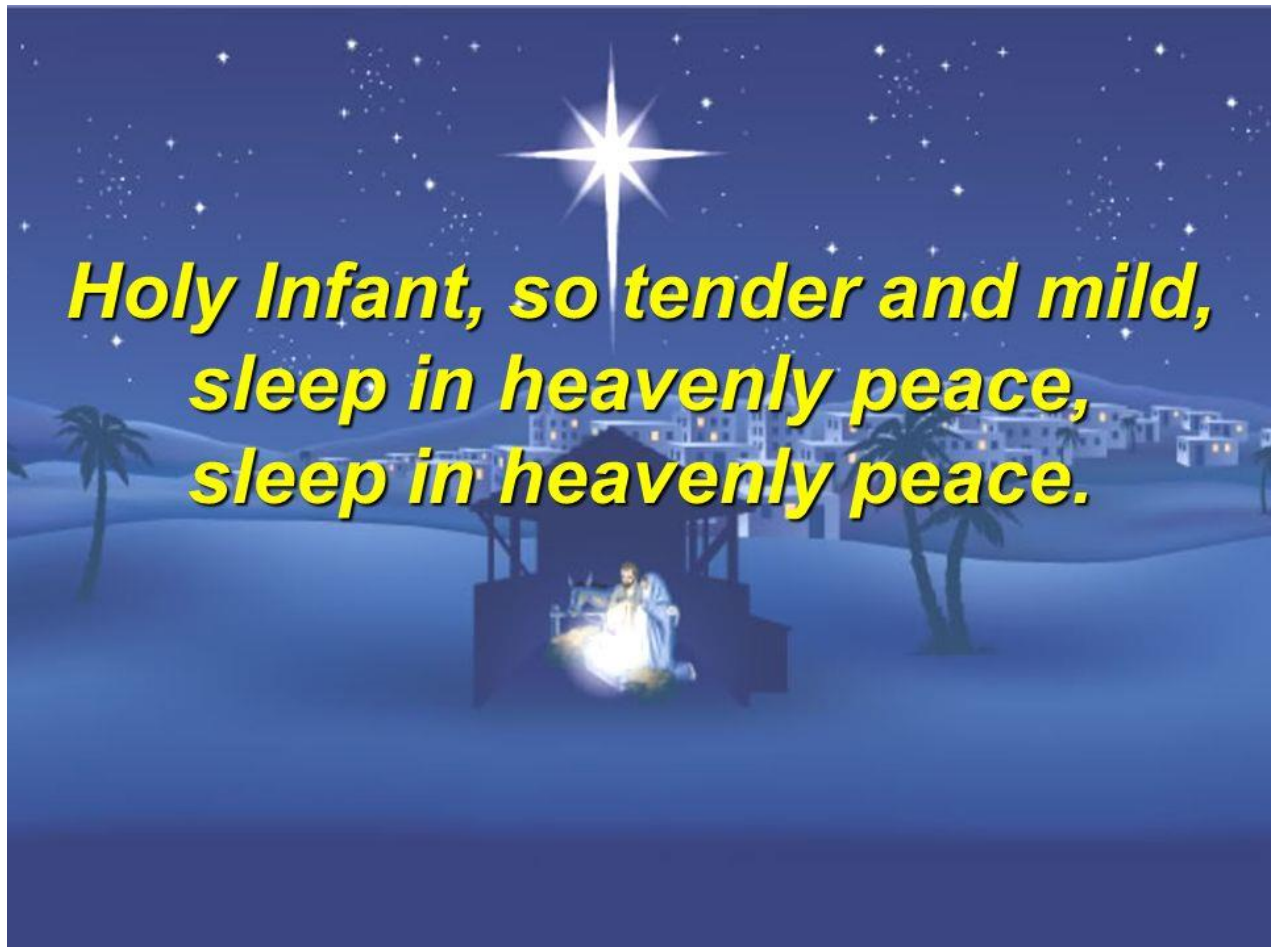


December 2, 2017



Sleep in Heavenly Peace

***Eastport United Methodist Church
926 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403
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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.

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting – Peace

Abdulai, Nancy, Divine, and David Swaray

Reader 1: We enter this season of waiting, by lighting this first candle, anticipating
the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Reader 2: Advent God, we open ourselves to hear your call today to become those
who not only wait, but also work, for peace in our lives, our families, our
communities, and our world.

Spoken Response of the People: Fill us with your peace and light, make the world
so calm and bright.

Opening Songs

O God of Every Nation UMH 435

O Come O Come Emmanuel UMH 211 (vs 1 & 2)

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230

Hymn of Illumination

Come and Find the Quiet Center TFWS 2128 (vs 1 & 2)

***Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 2:1-4 & Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Witness to the Word

"Sleep in Heavenly Peace"

Pastor Michelle

Anthem

We Need a Silent Night in Here

Marsha J. Moors-Charles arr. Chuck Bell

The Wesleyan Choir

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy Communion

Here at EUMC we offer an Open Communion Table. You don't need to be a member of this church, or of any, to share in this meal of love. All are welcome at God's table. In order that everyone may feel welcome we use grape juice and invite you to receive a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

Communion Songs

Come, Share the Lord TFWS 2269

Draw the Circle Wide

Sharing of Gifts, Candle Lighting & Prayer

The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Parish Fund

***Closing Praise**

Let There Be Peace on Earth UMH 431

***Blessing**

***Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 81

Adults: 69

Children: 12

OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Thanksgiving

A SEASON OF PEACE, JOY, LOVE, HOPE

State, Country & World

THOSE AFFECTED BY THE
CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES



Our Homebound Members

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



December Prayer List

Please use the yellow prayer cards in the pews for your prayer requests, or call or 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. **A new list will start on January 1st. 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.**

Libby Goodwin (Jennifer Smith's student)

Tom Eicher (member)

Lou Krebs (Mitch's Dad)

Art King (member)

Kate Wiltz (JoAnn's niece)

JoAnn Kulesza (member)

Jennifer Russell (friend of Michelle)

Judy Peifer (Mitch Krebs' Mom)

Mike Smith (Deb Chambers' brother)

Barbara Miller (Barb Pearson's friend)

Tony Dalton (Friend of Carol & Bob Emory)

Ray & Jeannette Gutkowski (The Emory's
extended family)

Jack Bussard's family (JoAnn Kulesza's
Friends)

Margaret & Dave Mason (JoAnn Kulesza's
friends)

Happy Birthday!

Dec 5 – Valerie Devaris
Dec 7 – Andrew Stevens
Dec 8 – Margie Hughes



Happy Anniversary!

Dec 8 – Carol & Bob Emory

This Week at EUMC

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| Mon, Dec 3 | Heavenly Bells 7pm |
| Tues, Dec 4 | Homework & Reading 4pm |
| Wed, Dec 5 | Advent Small Group meeting 6:30pm (see below for details) |
| Thurs, Dec 6 | Homework & Reading 4pm; Choir 7pm |

For our **Advent small group** this year, we are planning to gather to create kits that bring hope, **light, love, joy, and peace** in the world. Our United Methodist Committee on Relief has asked for three particular kits in order to respond to the unprecedented devastation caused by the wildfires in California. The California Conferences of the UMC have asked for cleaning buckets, hygiene kits, and school kits. We will be gathering on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, have a time of reflection around a scripture and the word of the week, and then assemble the kits together. All ages are welcome!!



Cookies with Santa takes place on Sunday, December 16th, after church in the fellowship hall. Bring your children, grand-children, and neighbor's children – and a plate of cookies!

Gifts for Bowman Place (formerly known as Timothy House).

As in the past, we are planning to provide Christmas gifts for the folks in Bowman Place. Gift bags are available in Fellowship Hall for you to fill in the coming weeks, as well as a list of suggested gift items to fill them. We usually deliver the gifts on the Sunday before Christmas. Stay tuned for more details.



UMM Toy Drive. This year, we will help 38 pre-K children (20 boys and 18 girls) at Eastport Elementary School. 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. Gifts must fit into a child's school backpack. Please place the item in the specially marked box in the church fellowship hall no later than **Sunday, December 16.** **In a change from previous years, all toys and gifts MUST be wrapped and marked as appropriate for a boy, a girl, or either one. Stickers will be provided for the purpose of marking the gifts.** The gifts will be delivered to the school on December 17.
(See expanded article in the December Spire.)

We Need a Silent Night in Here

It's the season of the year we come to celebrate.
In all our ways, from different paths we come to be.
Yet when we look around us,
We see division everywhere.
Even friends and family can't seem to agree.

There are empty chairs for some around the table now.
Loved ones gone, others just can't find their way.
But we lift our hopeful eyes,
With open hearts, and soul, and mind,
In whatever way we know you, and however we might pray.

We need a silent night in here.
We need your presence to be near.
Give us the hope we need and the peace we seek.
We need a silent night in here.

Now we pray that we can find our shared humanity,
Knowing what affects just one affects us all.
When the darkness hides the light,
it is the star that shines so bright.
With the courage to be change, lift us up before we fall.

We need a silent night in here.
We need your presence to be near.
Give us the hope we need and the peace we seek.
We need a silent night in here.

In the silence, renew our sight.
Help us see you shining in the night.
Still the noise the world can give.
Come teach us how to live.

We need a silent night in here.
We need your presence to be near.
Give us the hope we need and the peace we seek.
We need a silent night, we need a silent night,
We need a silent night.

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