

*December 20, 2015*



A Prelude to Christmas:

***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.

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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### GATHERING

*Please silence your cell phones.*

**Prelude**

Heavenly Bells

*Ring the Bells on Christmas Day*  
arr. by Jerry Westenkuehler

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** - The Wursts – Mike, Megan, Eli, Leela, & Colby

L: We light this fourth Advent candle, as we wait in love.

**A: Come Lord Jesus, Come.**

Sung Response: Here I Am to Worship, v.1

**\*Processional Hymn**

*Once in Royal David's City*

UMH 250

**\*Song of Praise**

*Jesus, Messiah*

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Children's Time**

**Prayers of the People**

**Children's Play**

“Just a Little Christmas”  
presented by the Sunday School children

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**\*Reading from Holy Scriptures**      Isaiah 9:2-7

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Witness to the Word**

Pastor Michelle

*[We will observe a moment 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**

TFWS 2257a-d

**Communion Hymns**

*Lamb of God  
Hungry*

TFWS 2113

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

**Sharing of Gifts** *The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Thanksgiving Baskets*

**Doxology**

What Child is This?

UMH 219, V. 3

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;**

**The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;**

**haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

### **\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*Closing Song**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

UMH 206

**Music to Send Us Forth**

\*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 108

This morning we recognize Art and Annabelle King for their many years of service as ushers and as counters. They are “retiring” from these two areas of service, and today is their last day. We won’t even try to guess how many years, but they have been ushers for well over 25 years. Such dedication is a blessing to all of us, and hope it has been a blessing for them as well. We thank you, Art and Annabelle ♥

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*  
Kevin, Eric S, Brady, *The Treats Dudes*

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**  
**December 20, 2015**

Greeters: Ruth Gibbons, Harriet Macey  
Ushers: Annabelle & Art King  
Prayer Leader: Sally Hight  
Reader: Paulette Schwallenberg  
Children's Time: Children's Play  
Sunday School:  
Nursery: Sally Colburn, Evie Swink  
Communion Assistants: Sally Hight (PL)  
  Lisa & Mike Stevens  
Counters: Art & Annabelle King

**Fellowship Time**  
**Worship Team**

**THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK**  
**December 27, 2015**

Greeters: Sharon & Mark Stevens  
Ushers: Carol & Bob Emory  
Prayer Leader: Sally Hight  
Reader: Richard Strucko  
Children's Time: Michelle Anderson  
Sunday School: NO Sunday School  
Nursery: Kathleen Liedy & TBD  
Counters: Ruth Gibbons, Audrey Howard,  
  Jackie Cunningham

**Fellowship Time**  
**The Congregation**  
*(Thank you!)*

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

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# Thanksgiving

A SEASON OF WAITING IN HOPE

# State, Country & World

HOPE FOR PEACE ON EARTH

## Our Homebound Members

Lois Bliss, Edna Catterton, Esther Gannaway  
Neill Kinnamon, Norman Jones, Betty Owen, Betty Storton  
Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler, Elaine Hollidayoke



## 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.**

**Rob** (Al Thorne's extended family)

**Dave Roberts** (Jason Armstrong's uncle)

**Jessica** (Jeff Bauckman's niece)

**Margaret Parks** (Steve's Mom)

**Pat Parks** (member)

**Lisa & Ricky Lord** (Steve Parks' sister & brother-in-law)

**Earl (Gene) King** (Art King's brother)

**JeNelle Moreland** (Dawn Moyer's Mom)

**Bill Shuman** (friend of Sue Peret)

**Jeff** (patient of Amanda Owen)

**Donna Nuckels** (member)

**James Brown** (friend of the Lesleys)

**Wanda Kauffman** (Annabelle King's sister)

**Shirley Koetting** (Art King's sister)

## Birthday this Week



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

Dec 21 – Michelle Anderson, Brian Duckett

Dec 22 – Audrey Howard

Dec 23 – Ryleigh South, Edna Catterton, Margaret Terry, Rylan Standiford

Dec 25 – Chris Pulley



Altar flowers today are in honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Audrey Howard

And are given by Harriet, Charles, and Jean





## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**TODAY -- Cookies with Santa in the Fellowship Hall after the service.**

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| Mon, Dec 21   | <b>UMM gift wrapping 7pm;</b> Heavenly Bells rehearsal 7pm                   |
| Tue, Dec 22   | Homework and Reading Program Christmas Party 5-7pm                           |
| Wed, Dec 23   | NO Companions in Christ (will resume after the New Year)<br>NO Yarn Ministry |
| Thurs, Dec 24 | Christmas Eve services (see schedule for times)                              |
| Fri, Dec 25   | Merry Christmas!   |

**Timothy House gifts-** Today we will deliver them to residents there. Plan to join us helping to deliver them. See Jackie Cunningham for details. This may be the only gift a person receives this Christmas. Let's be a blessing.

**Offering envelopes for 2016** are available in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up yours today. If you encounter a problem, or have a question, please see Russ Parrish or Wendy Edstrom. **Using your envelopes –filling in your name and the amount in the proper spaces makes the job of the counters much easier.**

**2016 Calendars** Each year, a very generous Bobby Stevens supplies us with small refrigerator magnet calendars. These are personalized with a re-usable magnet business card with our church name and information on it. Please take as many as you like and spread them around—they may be a good starting point to inviting someone to come to church!



**UMM Toy Drive.** The Eastport United Methodist Men The United Methodist Men will wrap the toys and gifts tomorrow night (Monday) and deliver them to the school this week. Help with wrapping is welcome

**January Newsletter** - Team leaders, please send meeting dates, announcements, etc. to Eunice for the January Spire as soon as possible. Any EUMC member who wants to contribute a reflection or a seasonal poem is welcome to do so. December 28th is the deadline. Send by email to [corseec@msn.com](mailto:corseec@msn.com)

**Fellowship Time schedule for 2016 sign up in Fellowship Hall.** The schedule for the entire year is on the bulletin board, and will remain there for a few weeks. After that, it will be displayed for each quarter, but if you find, at a later date, that you want to sign up for a particular Sunday, just call the office. There are some folks who like to host fellowship time on certain Sundays of the year, and/or in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend. (If this is the case, we can certainly put that dedication in the bulletin if you wish.) So, please try to make your decision soon so that we know where we need to fill in. Changes arise, and we can always make the adjustments.

Thank you.

### **Upcoming Worship Activities**

December 20

Children's Christmas Pageant  
Cookies with Santa after service

Last day to turn in Timothy House bags. They will be delivered today!

December 24

Christmas Eve Family Service, 5:30



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Pre-service music 10:00pm, service at 10:30

December 27

Regular service

December 31

7<sup>th</sup> Annual New Year's Eve Interfaith Worship Celebration  
Pre-service music 6:30pm, service 7:00-8:00

January 9

1:00pm take down Christmas decorations

