

December 23, 2018



“Let Us Sing”

*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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting – Hope

Michael and Adam Valentine, and Ruth Gibbons

Reader 1: The season of waiting is almost over. We light the fourth candle, anticipating the coming light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Reader 2: God of our future, we open ourselves to hear your call today – the call to keep hope alive no matter the troubles we face. Help us to never lose hope and to offer hope to all around us -- making our lives our families, our communities, and our world a brighter place.

All: **Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.**

Opening Songs

There is Joy in the Lord

Over My Head There is Music in the Air – v. 1 & 3 – TFWS 2148

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Cantata
Christmas Around the World
The Wesleyan Choir

POLAND

- CAROL #1 *Christmas Hosanna*—traditional Polish carol
words by Alta C. Faircloth, arr. Keith Christopher
Wesleyan Choir and The Heavenly Bells

ITALY

- CAROL #2 Tu Scendi Alle Stelle – old Italian carol / MaryJane Finkle, soloist

GERMANY

- CAROL #3 O Tannenbaum/O Christmas Tree - Bill Riggs, soloist

FRANCE

- CAROL #4 IL EST NÉ, LE DIVIN ENFANT – Jill and Charlotte

MEXICO

- CAROL #5 A la nanita nana – The Women of the Choir

POLAND

- CAROL #6 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly – JoAnn Kulesza, soloist

SICILY

- CAROL #7 O Sanctissima

- CAROL #8 O Come, Little Children

Sharing of Gifts & Prayer
The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Seeds 4 Success

***Closing Praise**
Joy to the World UMH 246

***Blessing**

***Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 109
Adults: 90
Children: 19



Thank you, Wesleyan Choir and Heavenly Bells,
for your gift of music for us today.
We wish all of you a joyous Christmas!



**Our sympathy and prayers go to the
family of
Mary Rankin.**



**Mary & Maurice, and their children,
Ray and Nancy were members of EUMC quite a few years ago, until
Mary and Maurice retired to their Arkansas home.
Mary passed away on Wednesday, December 19, 2018.
Please keep her family in your prayers.**

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.**

Ethel Ankeny (wife of former pastor)
Sam Cullota (Emory's extended family)
Iona Dorn (friend of Mike and Anne Owen)
Jason Wilcox (member)
Abby Fitzsimmons (friend of Jack & Sherrie Little)
Libby Goodwin (Jennifer Smith's student)
Christine Macey (Earl & Harriet's grandchild)
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)

Mr. Magnus (father of Joanne Christofe's friend)
Henry Moreland (former EUMC member; cousin to the Williams family)
Henry Hadaway (the Strucko's brother-in-law)
John Walsh (Erin Conor's uncle)
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 23 – Ryleigh South,
Rylan Standiford
Dec 25 – Chris Pulley
Dec 27 – Lorraine Crouch
Dec 31 – Dick Strucko,
Jack Little
Jan 4 – Dennis Bergsman



Happy Anniversary!

Dec 27 – Donna & Bob McWilliams
Jan 1 – Barbara & Mitch Krebs
Jan 3 – Joanne & Jerry Christofel
Jan 5 – Sherrie & Jack Little

This Week at EUMC

Mon, Dec 24

Christmas Eve Services at 5:30pm and 9:00 pm

Tues, Dec 25

A Merry Christmas to you all!

Wed, Dec 26

Office closed; NO Out to Lunch Bunch

Thurs, Dec 27

NO Homework & Reading until after the New Year

Mon, Dec 31

New Year's Eve Inter-Faith Service –

Musical Offerings at 6:30 p.m.

Program at 7:00 p.m.



Christmas Eve Services: Please join us at one or both of our Christmas Eve services – 5:30 and 9:00. Both services will be candle lighting services; the later service will also be a Communion service.

New Year's Eve Interfaith Service - Many varieties of faith groups gather to celebrate peace, unity and hope. The Rev. Dr. Carletta Allen, Asbury United Methodist Church, Annapolis, will give the message this year. Pre-service music begins at 6:30 p.m. The service starts at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 8:15. All are welcome – We hope you will spread the word about this special event. Flyers are available in Fellowship Hall.



A January Sermon Series..Four Essential Questions

Do you ever feel scattered? Overworked? Overwhelmed? Like your energy is going in too many different directions or like you are not making as much progress as you hope to on any one thing, even your spiritual life? When Martha was feeling this way and complained about it, Jesus told her: “One thing only is essential.” Come, join us as we practice discernment and as we learn to separate the essential (the one thing needful) from the many. We’ll be asking ourselves: What do I feel deeply inspired by? What am I particularly talented at? What meets a significant need in the world?”

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*
 Audrey Howard, Jean Strucko, *Worship Team Leaders*
 Sally & Kevin Hight, *PowerPoint Presenters*
 Shirley Owen, *Ushers Coordinator* Audrey Howard, *Greeters Coordinator*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK
December 23, 2018

Greeters: Pat & Steve Parks
Welcomer: Sally Hight
Ushers: Pud & Ernie Schultz
Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little
Reader: Mike Owen
Children's Time: Lisa Stevens
Sunday School: Jacqueline Ploof
Nursery: Krista Stone, Myrna Dobbs

Counters: Ruth Gibbons, Audrey Howard,
 Jackie Cunningham

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK
December 30, 2018

Greeters: Marty & Myrna Dobbs
Welcomer: Sherrie Little
Ushers: Jean Strucko, Kathy Volz
Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little
Reader: Eunice Corse
Children's Time: JoAnn Kulesza
Sunday School: Jacqueline Ploof
Nursery: Krista Stone, TBD

Counters: Jean Wilcox, Erin Connor

You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor Michelle
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Want to join EUMC?

The membership vows of the Methodist Church invite us to join a community of Christians and live out our commitment to follow Jesus with one another through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Some of you have recently joined us and are already living this out but have not made the formal covenant with our congregation. If you are interested in membership, please reach out to Pastor Michelle at eastportumcpastor@gmail.com or call the church office to speak with her.

