

December 3, 2017



Advent 1

*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 3, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, v.1-3 – UMH 213

Praise Song

Draw Me Close to You

Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Light A Candle Bright and Tall

To the tune of "As with Gladness"

Light a candle bright and tall
For the Hope within our world
Hope that heard the ages' call
As the stars and planets whirled.
Shine within our hearts today
Come, O Hope to us, we pray.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Illumination

Come and Find the Quiet Center, v 1,2 – TFWS 2128

***Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:5-20

Witness to the Word

Slow Down & Listen

Pastor Michelle

Song of Reflection & Consecration of Commitments

In the Calm

Scott Krippayne, Tony W. Wood

Wesleyan Choir

The Great Thanksgiving

TFWS 2257a-d

Holy Communion

By the ancient method of intinction, dipping the bread in the cup.

Gluten free wafers available on request

Communion Songs

Broken for Me – TFWS 2263

Here is Bread, Here is Wine – TFWS 2266

Sharing of Gifts & Prayer

The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Parish Fund

***Closing Praise**

People, Look East, v.1,2 – UMH 202

***Blessing**

***Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 85

Adults & Youth 69

Children 16

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*
 Kevin Hight, *The Treats Dude*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK
December 3, 2017

Greeters: Michelle Anderson, Sandy Anderson
 Welcomer:
 Ushers: Carol & Bob Emory
 Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs
 Reader: Mike Wurst
 Children's Time: Michelle Anderson
 Sunday School:
 Nursery: Nikki Finkle,
 Myrna Dobbs
 Communion Assistants: Bill Riggs (PL)
 Mary Jane Finkle, Kathy Duckett

Counters: Neil Bergsman & Val Devaris
 Tom & Paulette Schwallenberg

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK
December 10, 2017

Greeters: Jean & Dick Strucko
 Welcomer: Pud Schultz
 Ushers: Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs
 Reader: Children's Time: JoAnn Kulesza
 Sunday School:

 Nursery: Nikki Finkle
 Eric Edstrom

Counters: Virginia [Pud] Schultz,
 Harriet Macey, Bill Malamphy

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OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Thanksgiving

THE BLESSED SEASON OF ADVENT

State, Country & World

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

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.

Audrey Howard (member)

Bill Malamphy (member)

Ann Rawls (member)

Dick Strucko (member)

Kellie Bridges Lind (EUMC friend)

Pete Cullison (Pud's brother)



Birthdays this Week

Dec 1 – Leela Wurst

Dec 5 – Valerie Devaris

Dec 7 – Andrew Stevens

Dec 8 – Margie Hughes

Dec 9 – Sharon Owen, Sherrie Ugolini

Dec 11 – Kristen Stevens, Lynn Goddard

Anniversaries this Week

Dec 8 – Carol & Bob Emory

Events at EUMC This Week

Mon, Dec 4	Heavenly Bells 7pm
Tues, Dec 5	Homework & Reading 4pm
Wed, Dec 6	Arts Program 4-5pm; United Methodist Women 5:30pm
Thurs, Dec 7	Homework & Reading 4pm; Choir rehearsal 7pm

All women of EUMC are invited to attend the UMW Christmas party on Wednesday, December 6th at 5:30pm. It will be a TRUE pot-luck—Just bring a dish to share, and take pot-luck! We will have a gift exchange, so if you wish to participate, bring a gift worth \$5.00 and prepare to have fun! We hope to see you then.

Gift bags for Timothy House are available, as well as a list of suggested gift items to fill them. They will be distributed to residents on Sunday, December 17th. Please consider helping with this distribution after worship on that Sunday.

UMM Toy Drive. The Eastport United Methodist Men are conducting again a Christmas gift and toy drive for needy children at Eastport Elementary School. This year, we will help 40 pre-K children; half are boys and half are girls. School officials have told us that the presents we provide represent the only ones received by many kids because of the economic circumstances of their families. 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 and **should fit into a child's backpack**. For those who wish to take part in this endeavor to make Christmas a happier time for a local child, please place the item **unwrapped** in the specially marked box in the church fellowship hall no later than **Sunday, December 17**.

The toys and gifts will be wrapped on **Monday, December 18 at 7 p.m. in Multipurpose Room A in the church basement** and delivered to the school the following Wednesday. **Help is needed from members of the church, men and women, in wrapping the gifts.**



December 17th following the worship service.

An Advent Invitation - Instead of a traditional Advent study this year, you are invited to a series of Advent vigils centered around Mary's song and the theme: The World is About to Turn.

Join us on Wednesdays in Advent at 7pm. We will gather to wait, watch, and awaken, by praying, lighting candles, and participating in a specific, intentional act of love for a vulnerable population each week. The people that we will be watching, waiting, and praying with and for relate to issues to our local community and include: victims of addiction, victims of gun violence, migrants and refugees, those weighed down with grief and loss in this season, and victims of human trafficking. Hope to see you at one or all. Begins THIS WEDNESDAY December 6 at 7pm in the chancel area of the sanctuary.

Advent ♦ Christmas ♦ New Year Schedule

Advent Vigils

Wednesdays, 12/6 through 12/20 at 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 3

AVAS Concert 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10

Cantata

Sunday, December 17

Children's Service

Cookies with Santa (following worship)

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

10:00 a.m. – Advent & Christmas Communion

5:30 p.m. – Family-Centered Candlelight Service

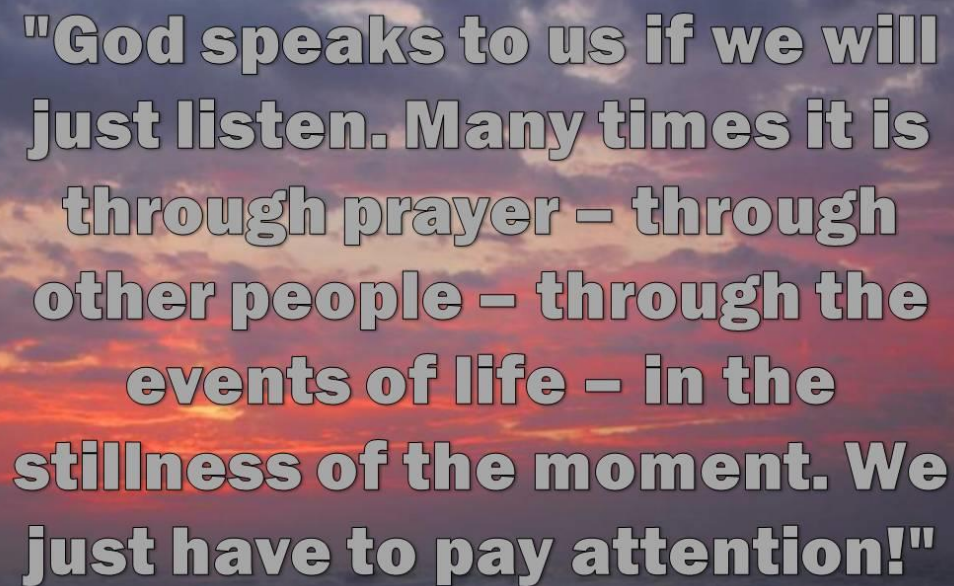
Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve Interfaith Service

6:30 p.m. – Pre-service music

7:00 p.m. – New Year's Eve Service

(refreshments following)

A sunset over the ocean with a quote about listening to God. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and the sun is setting on the horizon, creating a vibrant orange and red glow. The ocean waves are visible in the foreground, reflecting the colors of the sky.

**"God speaks to us if we will
just listen. Many times it is
through prayer – through
other people – through the
events of life – in the
stillness of the moment. We
just have to pay attention!"**

~Chris A. Gillespie

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