

December 16, 2018



“Redeeming Grace”

*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 16, 2018

Led by our Youth

10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Alaina and Evan Ugolini

Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting – Love

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

Reader 2: Uplifting God, we open ourselves to hear your call today to recognize your love all around us, and also see the potential to add to the love all around us – making our lives our families, our communities, and our world a brighter place.

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

Opening Songs

Jesus Loves Me – UMH 191

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Passing of the Peace

Eli Wurst

Children's Time

O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230

Cierra Ploof and Pastor Michelle

Prayers of the People

Adam Valentine and Pastor Michelle

The Lord's Prayer

Kristen Stevens

Hymn of Illumination

Love Came Down at Christmas, v.1,3 – UMH 242

***Scripture Reading**

John 1: 1-5, 14, 16-17

Taylor Stevens

Witness to the Word

Sticky Jesus

The EUMC Church School

Special Music

Joy to the World

Taylor Stevens

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.

Assistants Today

Adam and Michael Valentine, Dylan Liedy

Communion Songs

Put a Little Love in Your Heart

Pass It On – UMH 572

Sharing of Gifts, Candle Lighting & Prayer

The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Seeds 4 Success

***Closing Praise**
Congregation: Sings the text in bold

**Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen**

(Sing it over)

**Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen**

(see the little baby) Amen

(wrapped in a manger) Amen

(on Christmas morning) Amen, Amen, Amen

(Hallelujah) Amen

(He came to save us) Amen

(and He lives forever) Amen, Amen, Amen

**Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen**

***Blessing**
Abby Wilcox

***Praise Song to Send Us Forth**
I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas
Alaina Ugolini

*Please stand as you are able.

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.

Ethel Ankeny (wife of former pastor)

Scott Edwards (friend of Elizabeth & Tom
Eicher)

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)

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)

Mr. Magnus (father of Joanne Christofel's friend)

Henry Moreland (former EUMC member; cousin to
the Williams family)

Henry Hadaway (Jean & Dick 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)

Prayers & Sympathy to the family of

Jackson Linderman, Barb Pearson's friend's
infant, who was taken off life support this week and
is now with the Lord.

Happy Birthday!

Dec 18 – Ernie Mutschler

Dec 19 – Jonathan Wilcox, Anita Andrews

Dec 20 – Russ Parrish, Mark Goodnow, Leona Bergsman

Dec 21 – Michelle Anderson, Brian Duckett

Dec 22 – Audrey Howard



This Week at EUMC
Cookies with Santa today

Mon, Dec 17
Tues, Dec 18
Wed, Dec 19
Thurs, Dec 20

Heavenly Bells 7pm
Homework & Reading Christmas Party 4 - 6pm
Advent Small Group 6:30pm
NO Homework & Reading until after the New Year; Choir 7pm

The Christmas Cantata will be performed next Sunday morning.

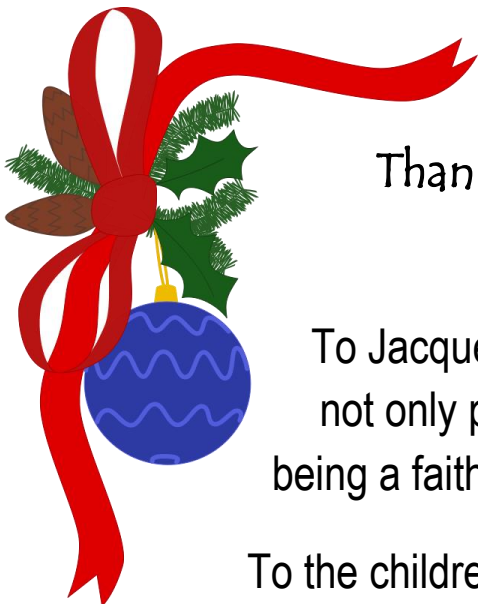


Christmas Eve Services: Pastor Michelle will need a few helpers, especially at the 5:30 service. If you can help, please speak with her. In addition, we need ushers and greeters at both the 5:30 and the 9:00

services, in order to be sure to provide a warm welcome to all who come to worship with us on this special night. You may call the church office to let us know if you are willing to help. Thank you.

Gifts for Bowman Place

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 will deliver the gifts on the Sunday before Christmas, December 23. You should consider helping with this delivery—you will be blessed.



Thank you to the EUMC Church School for leading our
worship this morning.

To Jacqueline Ploof, a special thank you for all the work she puts into, not only planning and preparing the special, youth-led service, but for being a faithful leader for our children and youth each and every Sunday.

To the children and youth, thank you for your willingness to share with your church family. Your dedication is a blessing to all of us.

A Merry Christmas to you all!

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

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Led by our youth

Greeters: Lisa & Mike Stevens
Welcomer: Harriet Macey
Ushers: Cyndi & David Councill
Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little
Reader: Taylor Stevens
Children's Time: Cierra Ploof, Pastor Michelle
Sunday School: Jacqueline Ploof
Nursery: Krista Stone, TBD
Communion Servers: Adam Valentine,
 Michael Valentine, Dylan Liedy
Counters: Mike Stevens, Jennifer Smith

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

December 23, 2018

"Christmas Around the World"

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

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. We will be having some new members join soon, and if you are interested in membership or joining on a day when others will be joining also, please reach out to Pastor Michelle at eastportumcpastor@gmail.com or call the church office to speak with her.

