

*December 11, 2016*



*Unwrapping the Gifts of the Season*

*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.

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## **Third Sunday of Advent**

December 11, 2016

10:00 a.m.

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### **Gathering Music**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Let us pray: **Come, now O Spirit of God. Fill us with your gift of joy  
as we celebrate and reflect on your good news for all people.**

Sung Response: **Shine a candle into the darkness,  
breathe new hope into our lives.  
Wind your blessed peace around us  
till the day when Christ arrives.  
Shine a candle in the darkness,  
wind your blessed peace around us.**

#### **Carols of Praise**

*A Wilderness Wandering People  
People, Look East – UMH 202*

#### **Prayer**

**Passing of the Peace**

#### **Children's Time**

**Prayers of the People**

# **Christmas Cantata**

Wesleyan Choir & Heavenly Bells

*The Jesus Gift*

Gilbert Martin

*My Gift, My Offering*

by Sally DeFord

*Little Drummer Boy*

Arr. Tammy Waldrop

Heavenly Bells

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

*There Is A Great Joy a' Comin'*

by Buryl Red

*The Work of Christmas*

Arr. Dan Forrest

**Sharing of Gifts & Prayer**

The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for **TBD**

Prays Band

**\*Closing Praise**

*The King of Glory Comes, TFWS 2091*

**\*Blessing**

**\*Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

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,  
 Bill Malamphy, Steve Parks, Joan Dove  
*Lay Speakers/Prayer Leaders*  
 Audrey Howard, Jean Strucko, *Worship Team Leaders*  
 Sally & Kevin Hight, *PowerPoint Presenters*  
 Shirley Owen, *Ushers Coordinator*    Audrey Howard, *Greeters Coordinator*  
 Kevin, *The Treats Dude*

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

**December 11, 2016**

Greeters: TBD  
 Welcomer: Pud Schultz  
 Ushers: Barbara Schwarz  
           Barbara Pearson  
 Prayer Leader: Bill Malamphy  
 Reader: Sherrie Little  
 Children's Time: Lisa Parrish  
 Sunday School: Michelle Anderson  
 Nursery: Nikki Finkle  
               Russ Parrish  
 Counters: Pud Schultz, Harriet Macey,  
               Bill Malamphy

**Fellowship Time**

Joanne Christofel, Lisa & Mike Stevens  
 Jean & Dick Strucko, Mike & Anne Owen  
 Eunice Corse, Myrna Dobbs

**THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK**

**December 18, 2016**

Greeters: Carol & Bob Emory  
 Welcomer: Anne Owen  
 Ushers: Cyndi & David Councill  
 Prayer Leader: Bill Malamphy  
 Reader: Kevin Hight  
 Children's Time: Nicole Hughes  
 Sunday School: Children's Pageant  
 Nursery: Nikki Finkle  
               Jean or Dick Strucko  
 Communion Assistants: Bill Malamphy (PL)  
                                   Kathleen and Dylan Liedy  
 Counters: Lisa Parrish, Mike Stevens,  
               Jennifer Smith

**Fellowship Time**

Cookies with Santa  
 Worship Team & Congregation

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

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Pastor Michelle: [eastportumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:eastportumcpastor@gmail.com)

JOY...

...is a gift from God.

“Joy is the steadfast assurance that God is with us.”

from *The Redemption of Scrooge*, by Matt Rawle

## Thanksgiving

THE BLESSED SEASON OF ADVENT

## State, Country & World

THE GIFT OF TRUE PEACE

### Our Homebound Members

Leona Bergsman, Esther Gannaway, Norman Jones  
Betty Storton, Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler, Elaine Hollidayoke, Mary Jones



### 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.**

**Amy** (Kathleen Liedy's sister)

**Bobbi Stewart** (Steve Parks' aunt)

**Harriet Macey** (member)

**Sue Finkle** (member)

**Margaret Terry** (member)

**Steve Duckett** (member)

**Tammy Lesley** (member)

**Chuck Ferrar** (regular attender)

**Jeannie, Julian & Children** (friends of JoAnn Kulesza)

**Andy Stuntz** (John's grandson)

**Meredith** (friend of Cierra Ploof)

**Virginia Freeland** (Justin & Liz Ford's aunt)

**Ken Bergsman** (Neil Bergsman's cousin)

**Joke Jansen** (Lizabeth Ford's mother)

**Edelin Giovi** (Barbara Pearson's friend)

**Lisa Jeanes and Family** (Barbara Krebs' cousins)



### Birthdays this Week

December 11 – Lynn Goddard

Kristen Marie Stevens

December 15 – Joanne Christofel



We thank JoAnn and the Wesleyan Choir for the “Gifts of the Season” Cantata, so beautifully performed this morning. An additional thank you to the Heavenly Bells for adding their special touch, and again to JoAnn and to Pastor Michelle for creating another unique and meaningful original cantata (not a pre-arranged, published one). Thanks to Sally & Kevin Hight, all this creativity is made available to us on our “big screen” in the sanctuary. Many hours went into the preparation of this multi-media gift to our church family. Thank all of You!

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec 12	Heavenly Bells 7pm
Tuesday, Dec 13	Homework & Reading 4pm
Wednesday, Dec 14	Advent Study 10:30am and 6:30pm; Tai Chi 1pm; Kids Arts Club 4pm
Thursday, Dec 15	Homework & Reading 4pm; Choir 7pm
Sun, Dec 18	Children's Christmas Pageant

**Tai Chi will not meet on 12/ 21 & 28.**

Trustees and Administrative Council will meet on Tues., Dec 20.

Next Sunday –Children's Pageant and Cookies with Santa after worship. If you are able, please bring a plate of cookies to share. Hosted by the Worship Team, this a fun event for children of all ages.



**Poinsettia and Pantry donations** are being taken until December 18. Poinsettias are \$10, and pantry donations are accepted in any amount.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>. Please consider helping with this distribution after worship on that Sunday.



**UMM Toy Drive:** Men, please remember to bring in your gift for needy children at Eastport Elementary School. The gift should be a new toy or gift (or a used item that is in good condition) suitable for a child ages 4 or 5. The value of each toy or gift should not exceed \$20. Place the item **unwrapped** in the specially marked box in the church fellowship hall no later than **Sunday, December 18.**

The toys and gifts will be wrapped on **Monday, December 19 at 7 p.m.** **Help is needed from members of the church, men and women, in wrapping the gifts.**

# Advent ♦ Christmas ♦ New Year Schedule

Advent Study

Wednesdays, 11/27 – 12/21 at 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 4

AVAS Concert 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11

Cantata

Sunday, December 18

Children's Pageant

Cookies with Santa (following worship)

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m. – Family-centered service

8:30 p.m. – Pre-service Christmas concert

9:00 p.m. – Communion & Candlelight service

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. – Worship, a Service of Lessons & Carols

Saturday, 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)

Sunday, January 1, 2017

New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. – Worship, a Service of Reflection and Renewal

