

*December 4, 2016*



*Unwrapping the Gifts of the Season*

*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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## **Second Sunday of Advent**

December 4, 2016

10:00 a.m.

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### **Gathering Music**

#### **Welcome**

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

Jill Peddicord and Eunice Corse

Let us pray: **Come, now O Spirit of God. Fill us with your gift of peace  
as we prepare for the child who will lead us toward love and justice.**

Sung Response: **Shine a candle into the darkness,  
breath 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.**

#### **Songs of Praise**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus – UMH 196*  
*Mighty to Save*

#### **Prayer**

#### **Passing of the Peace**

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

#### **Prayers of the People**

## **Special Music**

*Every Valley*

John Ness Beck

## **Hymn of Illumination**

*God Almighty, We Are Waiting, v. 2*

(to the tune of *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service, UMH #581*)

God Incarnate, we are waiting for the feast day of your birth.

Looking back and looking forward to the Christ's return to earth.

Help us to proclaim the gospel, 'til the world is reconciled.

Let us set your holy table for each woman, man, and child.

(written by Ann Bell Worley, in *New Hymns of Hope*. Words copyright © 2005 Hope Publishing Company)

## **\*Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:5-25

## **Witness to the Word**

*The Gift You Wanted*

Pastor Michelle Mejia

## **Communion Hymns**

*One Bread, One Body – UMH 620*

*O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread – UMH 613*

## **Sharing of Gifts & Prayer**

The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for the Parish Fund

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*

<b>THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK</b> <b>December 4, 2016</b>	<b>THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK</b> <b>December 11, 2016</b>
Greeters: Audrey Howard, Ginny Davidson Welcomer: Jean Strucko Ushers: Sonny & Shirley Owen Prayer Leader: Reader: Mike Keller Children's Time: Michelle Anderson Sunday School: Nursery: Nikki Finkle Kathleen Liedy Counters: Paulette & Tom Schwallenberg, Neil Bergsman  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fellowship Time</b> The Owen, Hughes &amp; Nasatka Families</p>	Greeters: TBD Welcomer: Pud Schultz Ushers: TBD Prayer Leader: Bill Malamphy Reader: Sherrie Little Children's Time: Lisa Parrish Sunday School: Michelle Anderson Nursery: Nikki Finkle Eric Edstrom Counters: Pud Schultz, Harriet Macey, Bill Malamphy  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fellowship Time</b> TBD</p>
You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor Michelle through the church office, 410.263.5490. EUMC e-mail: <a href="mailto:eastportumc@verizon.net">eastportumc@verizon.net</a> Website: <a href="http://www.eastportumc.org">www.eastportumc.org</a> Pastor Michelle: <a href="mailto:eastportumcpastor@gmail.com">eastportumcpastor@gmail.com</a>	

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low: and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain:  
<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.      Isaiah 40: 4, 5

## Thanksgiving

THE BLESSED SEASON OF ADVENT

## State, Country & World

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

### 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.**

**Harriet Macey** (member)

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

**Sue Finkle** (member)

**Margaret Terry** (member)

**Steve Duckett** (member)

**Tammy Lesley** (member)

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

**Meredith** (friend of Cierra Ploof)

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

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

**Chuck Ferrar** (regular attender)

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



### Birthdays this Week



December 1 – Leela Wurst

December 5 – Valerie Devaris

December 7 – Andrew Stevens

December 8 – Margie Hughes

December 9 – Sharon Owen, Sherrie Ugolini



### Anniversary this Week

December 8 – Carol & Bob Emory



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec 5	Heavenly Bells 7pm
Tuesday, Dec 6	Homework & Reading 4pm; NYE meeting 2pm
Wednesday, Dec 7	Advent Study 10:30am and 6:30pm; Tai Chi 1pm; Kids Arts Club 4pm; UMW Christmas Party 5:30
Thursday, Dec 8	Homework & Reading 4pm; Choir 7pm
Sun, Dec 11	Christmas Cantata

**All women of EUMC are invited** to attend the UMW Christmas party on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Advent Study schedule for Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** – On this date there will be one class session only—the morning session at 10:30am. The regularly scheduled evening session will resume on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Ushers needed!** Would you be willing to usher one or two Sundays every three or four months? Our list of ushers has been shrinking, and we need some people to fill the spaces. We also need 2 ushers for each of the Christmas Eve services. Even if you cannot usher on Sundays on a regular basis, you can volunteer for Christmas Eve. If you can help, please contact Shirley Owen or the church office. Thank you.



**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:** 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 preschool children selected by the school. School officials have told us 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) suitable for a child ages 4 or 5. The value of each toy or gift should not exceed \$20. 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 18**. The toys and gifts will be wrapped on **Monday, December 19 at 7 p.m. in Multipurpose Room A in the church basement** and delivered to the school the following morning. **Help is needed from members of the church, men and women, in wrapping the gifts.**

## **Arundel Vocal Arts Society**

JoAnn Kulesza, Conductor

### **Fall Concert**

Featuring

Mozart's Vesperae So/ennes de Confessore  
Conrad Susa's Christmas Garland  
and other Holiday favorites

**Sunday, December 4, 2016, 3:00 p.m.**

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Tickets: \$20 per person

Free to all students

Tickets can be purchased at the door

For more information, please go to

[www.arundelvocalarts.org](http://www.arundelvocalarts.org)

**Remember to turn in your Estimates of Giving for 2017. You may place them in the offering plate or in the office in an envelope marked appropriately.**

# 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