

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.

Second Sunday of Advent Cantata Sunday

December 8, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Praise Songs

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

He is Exalted

Beautiful One

Lighting of Advent Candles 1 and 2

Reading: Mark 1:4

**All: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our PEACE.
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness
to show us the way of salvation.
O come, O come, Emmanuel. Amen.**

Sung Response:

**We wait in peace for the morning light,
For the love of Christ to illuminate the night.
We wait in hope for the Savior's birth,
We prepare with joy for peace on earth.**

Children's Time with Blessing of the Chrismon Tree

Holy God, we come with joy as we prepare for the birth of your Son. He rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of light and life. May this tree arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ. May we always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts through him. Amen.

**Joys and Concerns
The Lord's Prayer**

Praise Songs

Cry of My Heart – 2165

Open Our Eyes – TFWS 2086

***Scripture Reading**

Witness to the Word in Song

[We will observe silence to reflect on the Word and its call and claim on our lives.]

"Sing Noel! – A Carol Service"

by Hal Hopson

This cantata is a mixture of familiar and unfamiliar carols, telling the Christmas story accentuated by vocal solos, handbells and percussion.

Reception of New Members:

David Hill

Carol Hill

Sharing of Gifts, Offertory Song and Prayer

[The Unified Budget and Heaven Cent Basket for Winter Relief Homeless Shelter

***Closing Praise**

O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1 & 3) – UMH 234

***Blessing**

*** Sharing God's Peace**

***Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: **135**

Readings for Next Week

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:47-55; **James 5:7-10**; Matthew 11:2-11

Consider using John Wesley's Three Simple Rules

in your daily prayer and meditation:

Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God.

Copies of ***Our Daily Bread*** and ***The Upper Room*** are in Fellowship Hall.

OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Thanksgiving
THE GIFT OF MUSIC

State, Country & World
PEACE FOR ALL

Our Homebound Members

Lois Bliss, Edna Catterton, Katherine Leitch, Esther Gannaway,
Eloise Gleason, Becky Dobrick, Gwynn Bowen



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.

Pud Schultz (member)

Erica Young (Jan Hopping's niece)

Norman Jones (member)

Mary Wooten (Harriet Newquist's mom)

Barbara Rees (Amanda Owen's friend)

Mary Jones (member)

Carly Hudson (Tyler Stewart's cousin)

Margaret Terry (member)

Lorie Rawlings (member)

Neill Kinnamon (member)



We congratulate the Wurst family and we celebrate the birth of Leela Jean, on December 1st at 7:07 pm. She weighs 8 pounds and is 20 3/4 inches long!

Birthdays this Week

Dec 8 – Margie Hughes **Dec 9** – Sharon Owen, Sherrie Ugolini

Dec 11 – Lynn Goddard, Chelsea Snodgrass **Dec 13** -- Natalie Somers

Anniversaries this Week

Dec 8 – Carol & Bob Emory

Altar Flowers



In Honor of Edgar Bowen Sr.'s 90th birthday given by
his children and grandchildren

The rose in Memory of our Mother and Grandmother Agnes M. Bowen



Rosebud on the altar is given by Kathy Volz to celebrate the birth, on 20 November 2013, of Ezra Walter Royal Fowler: Son of Dr. Wiley, III, and Meaghan Fowler, grandson of the late Dr. Wiley, Jr., and Kathy Fowler, great grandson of the late Wiley and Winifred Fowler, and great, great grandson of the late Theodore and Beulah Boettcher.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon, Dec 9	Heavenly Bells 7pm
Tues, Dec 10	Homework & Reading 4pm
Wed, Dec 11	Advent Study 10:15am & 6:45pm; Children's Art Program 4pm
Thu, Dec 12	Grief Class 10:15am; Homework & Reading 4pm; Choir 7:00pm
Sun, Dec 15	Blessing of the Crèche and Holy Communion



Poinsettias and Pantry donations will be taken this morning in Fellowship Hall following the worship service. Poinsettias are \$10.00 again this year, which will cover the cost of the plant. Pantry donations (food for the needy) are accepted in any amount.



The United Methodist Women need your help in filling Christmas bags for the Timothy House recipients, pick a man or woman. We have a suggested list of items you can purchase to put in the bag, or whatever you wish to put in it. We have done this for the last several years: our bag of goodies is sometimes the only thing the resident receives. Most of these residents are senior citizens. Please bring your bags in by Sunday, Dec. 22. The bags will be delivered on Dec. 23.

Gracious Greetings will not be meeting in the month of December.

2014 Calendars – If you have extra calendars at home, please consider donating them to share with others. Please place them on the table in Fellowship Hall in the box marked for these. Thank you.



SPOTLIGHT BEHIND THE SCENES



Thank you to all who came out last Saturday to take out the Christmas decorations, and make our church look so beautiful for this joyous season. Your help was very much appreciated!

Sign-Up sheet for Fellowship Hour for the 1st quarter of 2014 is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please begin to fill up those blank spaces!

Thanks! 😊

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

The Reverend MaAn H. Barcelo, *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*
JoAnn Kulesza & Jill Peddicord, *Worship Team Leaders*
Sally & Kevin Hight, Eric Smaridge, Brady Duckett, *PowerPoint Presenters*
Shirley Owen, *Ushers Coordinator* Audrey Howard, *Greeters Coordinator*
Jeff Conley, *Bell Ringer* Kevin, Eric S, Brady, *The Treats Dudes*

THOSE SERVING TODAY ***December 8, 2013***

Greeters: Ernie & Pud Schultz
Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little
Reader: Mitch Krebs
Ushers: Jerry & Tammy Lesley
Children's Time: Pastor MaAn
Nursery: Nicole Hughes, Audrey Howard
Counters: Marge Stevens, Pud Schultz,
Ginny Davidson

Fellowship Time

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK ***December 15, 2013***

Greeters: Edgar Bowen, Eric Edstrom
Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little
Liturgist: Jill Peddicord
Reader: Charlotte Kerns
Ushers: Art & Annabelle King
Children's Time: TBD
Nursery: Myrna & Marty Dobbs
Counters: Art & Annabelle King
Communion Assistants: Sherrie Little
Ruth Gibbons, Holly Ficca

Fellowship Time

You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor MaAn
through the church office, 410.263.5490.
Pastor MaAn may also be reached via email: pastormaan2005@gmail.com
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“A fundamental concern for others in our individual and community lives would go a long way in making the world the better place we so passionately dreamt of.” Nelson Mandela July 18, 1918 – December 5, 2013

Rest in Peace

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DECEMBER EVENTS

Sundays:

Worship & Sunday School 10am.

Bible Study: Based on the Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*.

Continues Dec 11, & 18.

10:15-11:45am or 6:45 – 8:15pm.

Children's Christmas Pageant:

Dec 22 during service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:

6 pm Family service

10 pm Music program

10:30pm Traditional service

Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Dec 29 during service

Interfaith New Year's Eve Service:

6:30pm Music program

7pm Service

Fellowship time follows.