

February 7, 2016



Deep Questions for the Scriptures:
Reading the Bible with Head & Heart

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.

Transfiguration Sunday

February 7, 2016

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Please silence your cell phones.

Gathering Music

Welcome

*Opening Hymn	<i>O Word of God Incarnate, v.1,2,3</i>	UMH 598
*Song of Praise	<i>Majesty</i>	UMH 176

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(We will observe a moment of silence for individual prayer.)

*Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love for us. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

***Renewing Our Covenant**

***Passing of the Peace**

Children's Time

Prayers of the People

Anthem

Old Time Religion

Wesleyan Choir

"Five American Gospel Songs" by Luigi Zaninelli

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Illumination

Wonderful Words of Life, v. 1, 2

UMH 600

***Reading from Holy Scriptures** 1 Timothy 2:11-15 & Galatians 3:25-29

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Witness to the Word "The Bible Says it, I believe it, that settles it?" Pastor Michelle

[We will observe a moment of silence to reflect on the Word and its call and claim in our lives]

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, HOLY COMMUNION with OFFERTORY

The Great Thanksgiving

TFWS 2257a-d

Communion Hymns

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast

UMH 616

Holy Communion *by the ancient method of intinction, dipping the bread in the cup.*

Sharing of Gifts *The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for the sound system*

***Offertory Prayer**

***SENDING FORTH**

***Closing Song**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

TFWS 2129

Music to Send Us Forth

*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 104

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*
 JoAnn Kulesza & Jill Peddicord, *Worship Team Leaders*
 Sally & Kevin Hight, Eric Smaridge, Brady Duckett, *PowerPoint Presenters*
 Shirley Owen, *Ushers Coordinator* Audrey Howard, *Greeters Coordinator*
 Kevin, Eric S, Brady, *The Treats Dudes*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK
February 7, 2016

Greeters: Audrey Howard, Ginny Davidson
 Ushers: Butch & June Stevens
 Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs
 Reader: Anne Owen
 Children's Time: Paulette Schwallenberg
 Sunday School: Jacqueline Ploof
 Lisa Parrish
 Nursery: Michelle Anderson, Sherrie Ugolini
 Communion Assistants: Bill Riggs (PL)
 Wendy & Eric Edstrom
 Counters: Jerry & Tammy Lesley
 Paulette Schwallenberg
Fellowship Time - Thank you!
Lisa Parrish & Kathleen Liedy

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK
February 14, 2016

Greeters: Myrna & Marty Dobbs
 Ushers: Kathy Volz, Jean Strucko
 Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs
 Reader: Dennis Bergsman
 Children's Time: Lisa Parrish
 Sunday School: Lisa & Mike Stevens
 Nursery: Anne & Mike Owen
 Counters: Virginia "Pud" Schultz,
 Harriet Macey

Fellowship Time
Covered Dish Lunch
Hosted by the Finance Team

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Our Homebound Members

Lois Bliss, Esther Gannaway, Neill Kinnamon, Norman Jones, Betty Owen,
Betty Storton, Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler, Elaine Hollidayoke



February Prayer List



A new list will start on March 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.**

Bill Anderson (Michelle Anderson's Dad)

Thomas Leitch (Eric Smaridge's father)

Pat Parks (member)

Margaret Parks (Steve's Mom)

Lisa & Ricky Lord (Steve Parks' sister &
brother-in-law)

Louise Coleman-Brown (Ann Rawls friend)

Earl (Gene) King (Art King's brother)

Wanda Kauffman (Annabelle King's sister)

Shirley Koetting (Art King's sister)

James Brown (friend of the Lesleys)

Betty Hamlin (the mother of David Councill's
co- worker)



Birthdays this Week

Feb 9 – Anne Owen
Feb 13 – Earl Macey, Jr



EVENTS THIS WEEK

SOUP TASTING (and ordering ☺) TODAY

Tue, Feb 9	Homework and Reading Program 4-5 pm; Evangelism meeting 6:30pm
Wed, Feb 10	Ash Wednesday: Imposition of Ashes at Noon and 7pm Companions in Christ 10 – 11:30am; Yarn Ministry 2-4pm; Kids Art 4pm
Thur, Feb 11	Homework and Reading Program 4-5 pm; Choir rehearsal 7pm

LENT – EASTER 2016

Eastport United Methodist Church

ASH WEDNESDAY service

February 10

(Chapel)

12:00 PM and 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT services

(Chapel)

12:00 PM

Followed by light lunch

PALM SUNDAY

March 20

10 AM

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday

6:00 Shared Meal

7:00 The Last Supper remembrance

Good Friday

March 25

12 noon

Holy Saturday

March 26

Day of Personal Prayer and Reflection

EASTER SUNDAY

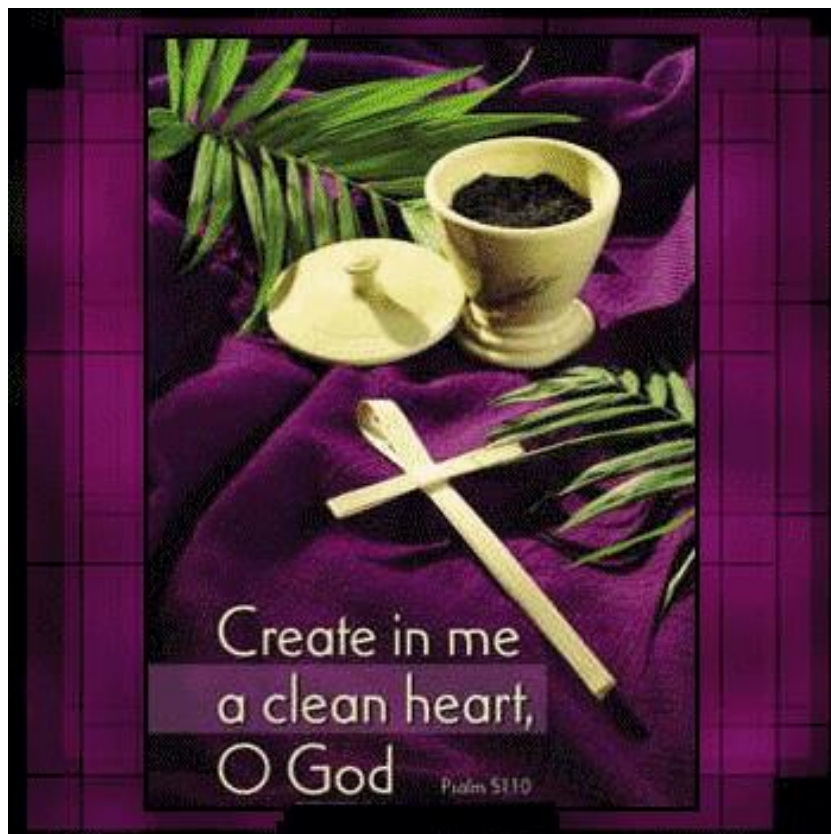
March 27

Sunrise service @ Thomas Point Park
[time to be determined]

Worship Service with Communion
Eastport UMC on Bay Ridge Avenue
10 AM

Fellowship Time and Easter Egg Hunt
11:30 AM

Ash Wednesday
February 10, 2016



Adam Hamilton on Ash Wednesday:

“Today marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a 40-day season of repentance, fasting, praying, and giving, which prepares us to rightly commemorate Christ’s death and to joyously celebrate his resurrection. If you do the math, you’ll find that we’re actually 46 days away from Easter right now, but Sundays are considered feast days within the season of Lent, hence there are 40 days of fasting.

Ashes were used in the Old Testament to represent several things: humility, repentance and mortality. When an individual was repenting before God for their sin, they would roll in ashes, or sit in ashes, or place ashes on their head, a sign that they were humbling themselves before God and publicly expressing their grief, sorrow, repentance, and need for forgiveness. Ashes were also a sign of one’s mortality. Abraham noted that he was nothing but “dust and ashes.”

As we come forward on Ash Wednesday to receive the ashes, we are acknowledging our sin and our mortality. In receiving the ashes we are humbling ourselves before God and expressing our need for what Christ offers in his death and resurrection. God’s answer to our sin and mortality is Jesus death and resurrection. Christ dies to address our sin and to convey God’s grace and forgiveness. He rose from the dead, triumphing over death and promising, “because I live, you shall live also.”

So Ash Wednesday marks the first step in preparing our hearts to rightly commemorate Christ’s death and to celebrate his resurrection. It points to why we need what Christ offers. The statements made by the pastors or priests at the imposition of the ashes point towards this dual emphasis of Ash Wednesday and Lent. They say, “Remember from dust you came and to dust you shall return,” or “Repent and believe the good news.” The first statement points to our mortality. The second to our sin and need for grace. By the way, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are typically created by burning the previous year’s palms from Palm Sunday.

The 40 days of Lent unite us with Christ’s 40 days of fasting as he began his public ministry (and other periods of 40 days in the Scriptures). Fasting from something that you enjoy during this time is a way of spiritually focusing your attention on Christ and uniting with him. Every time you hunger for the object you’ve fasted from you are reminded of Christ, of your desire to unite with him in his fast, and to serve him with your life.”

In addition, consider “taking up” something positive and beneficial for Lent...and creating a habit that lasts beyond this holy season.