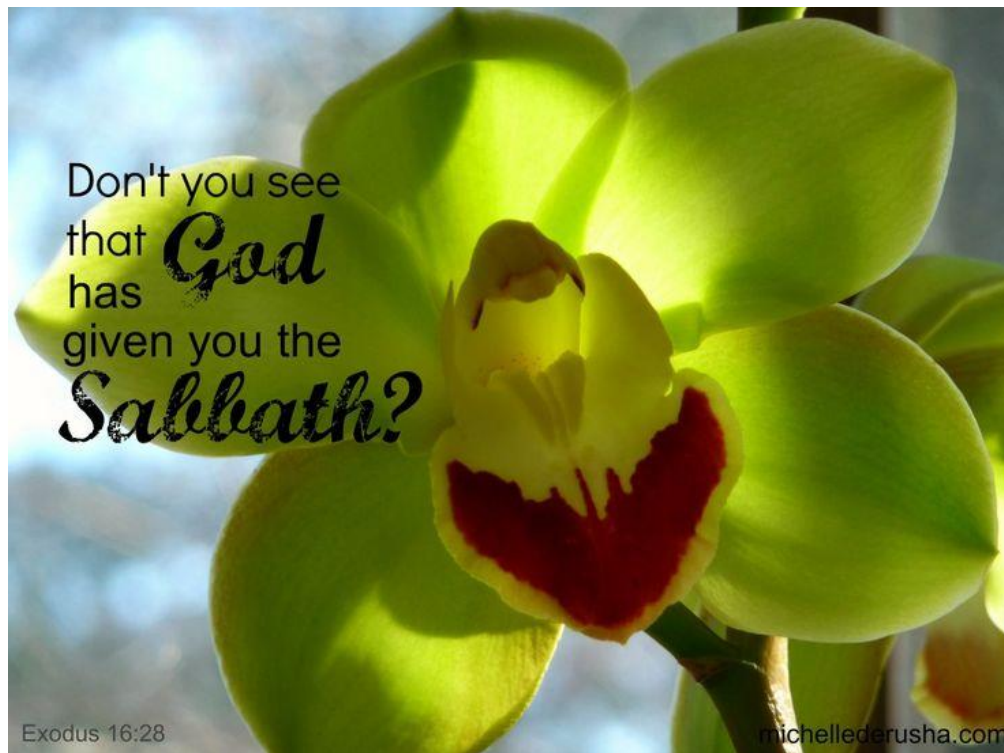


January 4, 2015

## The Gift of the Present



*Sabbath*

**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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## Epiphany Sunday

January 4, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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### GATHERING

*Please turn off your cell phones.*

**Gathering Music**

*God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

Heavenly Bells

*By Dale Wood, arranged by Douglas Wagner*

**Welcome**

**\*Processional Hymn**

*We Three Kings*

UMH 254

**\*Opening Praise**

*There Is Joy in the Lord*

**\*Call to Confession of Sins**

Let us pray.

**God of starlight,**

**Shine your love into the darkness of our lives.**

**Preoccupied with ourselves, we forget the needs of others;**

**We participate in systems that oppress;**

**We accept violence as a way of life;**

**We fail to respond to the cry of others.**

**May your love fall upon us like rain on the mown grass.**

**May your love wash away our indifference,**

**And water the tender shoots of our care and compassion.**

**Nourished in the sunlight of your love,**

**May we grow into people who live in righteousness**

**And who work for justice for all your children. Amen.**

*[We will observe a moment for the silent confession of our sins.]*

**\*Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, God has revealed the mystery that brings grace and forgiveness. The light of God's love transforms us so that we may act with boldness and confidence. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Renewing our Covenant and Sharing God's Peace**

**Children's Time**

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

**Special Music**

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**\*Reading from Holy Scriptures** Exodus 20:8-11 and Mark 2:23-28  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Witness to the Word** *"The Gift of the Present – Sabbath"* Pastor Michelle  
*[We will observe a moment of silence to reflect on the Word and its call and claim in our lives]*

**Hymn of Response** *Come and Find the Quiet Center* TFWS 2128

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, HOLY COMMUNION with OFFERTORY**

**The Great Thanksgiving** TFWS 2257a-d

**Communion Carols**  
*Sing We Now of Christmas, v. 1,4,5* UMH 237  
*There's a Song in the Air* UMH 249

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

**Sharing of Gifts** *The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Parish Fund*

**\*Doxology** *(Tune – O Tannenbaum)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Let all creation praise the Lord, with love and adoration. Amen.**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

# \*SENDING FORTH

\*Closing Carol

*It Is Well With My Soul*

UMH 377

\*Blessing

## Music to Send Us Forth

\*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 58

### Readings for Next Week

Exodus 5:6-14, Exodus 20:1-3 & 8, Luke 12:13-21

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon, Jan 5	Heavenly Bells 7pm
Tue, Jan 6	Homework & Reading 4pm; Columbarium Meeting 7pm
Wed, Jan 7	Kids Art 4pm; United Methodist Women 5:30pm
Thu, Jan 8	Homework & Reading 4pm; ECCO meeting 5:30pm Choir rehearsal 7pm
Sun, Jan 11	Covered Dish Luncheon after service

### THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK January 4, 2015

Greeters: Audrey Howard  
Ginny Davidson  
Prayer Leader: Sherry Little  
Liturgist: Ruth Gibbons  
Reader: Jill Peddicord  
Ushers: Eric Edstrom, Eric Smaridge  
Children's Time: Lisa Stevens  
Nursery: Christina & Mike Valentine  
Counters: Paulette Schwallenberg  
Jerry & Tammy Lesley  
**Fellowship Time**  
The Leftover Crew

### THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK January 11, 2014

**TO BE  
DETERMINED**

**Fellowship Time**  
Covered Dish Luncheon  
Hosted by Care of Members Team

You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor Michelle  
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## OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

### Thanksgiving

NEW BEGINNINGS

### State, Country & World

UNDERSTANDING, COMPASSION AND PEACE

### Our Homebound Members

Lois Bliss, Edna Catterton, Katherine Leitch, Esther Gannaway,  
Becky Dobrick, Neill Kinnamon, Norman Jones, Betty Owen  
Betty Storton, Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler



### January Prayer List\*\*

\*\*A new list will start on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please use the yellow prayer cards in the pews for your prayer requests, or call/email the church office.



**Bill Malamphy** (member)

**Chris Barrett** (Sally Hight's brother)

**Janice Jackson** (Sherrie Little's mother)

**Pat Aldersley** (member)

**Ethan Wudyka** (friend of the Conleys)

**The U.S. Military** (Berlyn Wheeler)

### Birthdays this Week

Jan 4 – Dennis Bergsman

Jan 7 – Cyndi Councell, Lauren Moyer

**A New Members Class** will meet over the course of 4 weeks in January and February. If you would like more information, are interested in this class, and/or becoming a member of Eastport UMC, please contact Pastor Michelle.

**Sincere thanks** to all who participated in our Christmas and New Year's Eve Services. In spite of rampant sickness, attendance was good and spirits were high.

**Fellowship Hour** continues to be a favorite time on Sunday mornings. Please take a look at the sign-up sheet in the hall and pick a date to host. We encourage you to team up with one or two others, and to keep it as simple as you like. We're all just happy to gather round the table.





**Wishing you a New Year filled with new  
hope, new joy and new beginnings.....**