

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.

Epiphany Sunday ♦ Holy Communion

January 6, 2013

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

[Please turn off your cell phones.]

Announcements

Prelude

Welcome

ENTRANCE

***Opening Hymn**

We Three Kings

UMH 254

*** Praise Song**

How Great Is Our God

***Call to Worship**

All around the world,

People rise to greet the morning and sing praise to the Creator.

All over the earth,

People hold hands around a table and offer thanks.

All around the globe,

Some cry for food, some are filled with laughter, all search for truth.

All around the world,

Hearts hear a sacred melody and yearn for peace.

Throughout this day, across many lands,

Sisters and brothers touch the bread of life and drink the cup of joy.

All around the world,

People sing, and we join the unending chorus of praise.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Let us pray.

Holy God, you are the great inviter, always extending a welcome to us. We respond with caution, fearful of what may be required of us. We respond

hesitantly, not trusting or believing that you really want and invite us. We respond with excuses, waiting to make a full commitment, waiting to give more until we feel ready. Tender God, release us from the grip of our fears and anxieties. Enable us to respond to your invitation to pray, to give, to serve. Make us open to receiving what you give and to risking something new for you. And help us to follow the example of Jesus in all areas of our lives. Amen.

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

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Hear the good news! God says to us: You are my chosen ones, I love you. I call you by name; you are mine. I have entered into covenant with you and will stand by you in all times and all places. Listen and dare to live fully the life of love, hospitality, generosity and service to which I have called you. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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***Renewing our Covenant & Sharing God's Peace**

Children's Time

Anthem

Follow the Star

Robert W. Briggs

Prayers of Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Hymn of Illumination

I Exalt Thee

***Scripture Reading**

Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Witness to the Word

Pastor MaAn

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

Sharing of Gifts *The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Sound System Upgrade*

Offertory

Prays Band

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Communion Hymns

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

UMH 248

Sing We Now of Christmas, v.1,4,5

UMH 237

* SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn**

There's a Song in the Air, v. 1,3

UMH 249

***Blessing**

Music to Send Us Forth

*Please stand as you are able.

Participation Last Sunday: 88

Participation New Year's Eve: 115

Readings for Next Week ♦ Baptism of the Lord

Isa 43:1-7; Ps 29 (UMH 761); Acts 8:14-17; Lk 3:15-17, 21-22

Consider using John Wesley's Three Simple Rules

in your daily prayer and meditation:

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

Other devotional materials are ***The Upper Room***

and ***Our Daily Bread*** located in Fellowship Hall.

OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

THANKSGIVING

CHRIST, OUR LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

STATE, COUNTRY & WORLD

PEACE ON EARTH

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

**Lois Bliss, Virginia Earnshaw, Edna Catterton, Katherine Leitch
Esther Gannaway, Eloise Gleason, Jessie Clark**



OUR CONCERNS

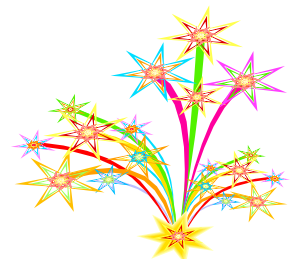
Barbara Allen (Megan Wurst's mother)
Jim Connor (Joanne Christofel's cousin)
Margaret Parks (Steve's mother)
Dexter Hultgren (Russell's son)
Greg Colburn (Sally's husband)
Connie Rund (Joyce & Jeff Conley's friend)
Kathy Fasciano (Jeff Conley's cousin)
Becky Dobrick (member)
Chunyen Hsieh (Edgewater P.O. employee)
Helen Cain (Libby Cain's daughter-in-law)
Pete Cullison (Virginia Schultz's brother)
Pat Myers (Nicole Hughes' uncle)
Barbour Family (Nicole Hughes' friends)
Dave Brinks (Charlotte Kern's co-worker)
Judy (Moreland) Pitko (Cyndi Councill's sister)
Karen Dove Yaniga (Joan Dove's daughter)
Susan Bauer (Joyce & Bo Chesney's friend)
Joel Riley (Joyce & Bo Chesney's friend)
Simon Theriot (Barbara Schwarz's friend)
Noack Family (Jeff & Joyce Conley's friends)
Ceil & Jeff Bast (Pat & Steve Parks' friends)
Linda Nixon (Sherrie Little's aunt)

Charles Brown (the Lesleys' relative)
Kathy (Brodie) Lambert (former member)
Bobby Stone (Barbara Pearson's friend)
Phil Bailey (Head of Winter Relief Shelter)
Phillamena Brennan (Darcy Schultz's grandmother)
Becky Owens (Amanda Owen's friend)
Evie Spohn (aunt of several members)
Betsy Kaetzel (Jones family friend)
Jessica Hall (Amanda Owen's friend)
Dottie Mann (member)
Sonny Owen (member)
Tip Clifton (Lisa Parrish, Kathleen Liedy's friend)
Chuck Kinnamon (Neill's son)
Frank Hoge (Neill Kinnamon's friend)
Jessica (Jeff Bauckman's friend)
Joan Palmer (Virginia Gill's daughter)
George Shenk (Eric & Wendy Edstrom's friend)
Brett Malamphy (Sally & Bill's grandson)
Frank Howard (Bill Riggs' friend)
Mae Plyler (Berlyn Wheeler's mother)
Marielle Ford (Shirley Ford's granddaughter)
Barbara & John Miller (Barb Pearson's friends)

Please contact the office to update the prayer list.

Birthdays this Week

*Jan 6 – Virginia Earnshaw
Jan 7 – Cyndi Councill, Lauren Moyer
Jan 11 – Eunice Corse, Devin Clary
Jan 12 – Shirley Keller, Eric Edstrom,
Brian Edstrom*



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon, Jan 7	Bells Rehearsal 7pm
Tue, Jan 8	Homework & Reading Ministry 4pm
Thu, Jan 10	Homework & Reading Ministry 4pm; Choir 7pm
Fri, Jan 11-13	ROCK in Ocean City (Youth)
Sat, Jan 12	Game Night 5:30 pm

*Our love and sympathy go out to Sally Colburn as she mourns the loss of her husband **Greg Colburn** on December 29th. Please hold Greg's family and friends in prayer.*

*Also to the Schwallenberg family on the sudden death of **Jason Schwallenberg** on January 2nd. He was Tom's nephew. Prayers for strength and comfort are asked especially for Jason's young family as they grieve his loss.*

*Another loss on January 3rd was **Shirley Peacock**. Shirley and Phil were active members of EUMC in years past. Prayers of comfort go out to Phil, the family, and friends. There will be a funeral service January 12th at 11 a.m. at College Parkway Baptist Church, Arnold, MD*



Prayers are requested for both adults and youth who will attend **ROCK 2013** in Ocean City January 11 to 13. The theme this year is *Transformed from the inside out*. Romans 12:2 – *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

Plan to attend the Covered Dish Luncheon on Sunday, January 13, immediately following the service, hosted by the Care of Members Team. This replaces the evening covered dish dinner. We will do the same thing in February and March. Put it on your calendar, and those who can, please bring a dish or dessert to share. All are welcome with or without food to share – we love having everyone here!

The United Methodist Women will sell their famous soups on February 10th. Official Soup Tasting Day is Sunday, Jan. 27th after the service. Put this on your calendar too!



WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

The Reverend MaAn H. Barcelo, *Pastor* Betty Tillack, *Church Crier*
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 THIS WEEK **January 6, 2013**

Greeters: Marie Sims, Ginny Davidson
Liturgist: Wendy Edstrom
Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs
Reader: Michelle Anderson
Ushers: Margie & Richard Hughes
Children's Time: Anne Owen
Nursery: Kathleen Liedy, Nicole Hughes
Counters: Jerry & Tammy Lesley
Betty Storton

Fellowship Time
David & Cyndi Councill

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK **January 13, 2013**

Greeters: Sally Colburn, Evie Swink
Liturgist: Mary Jane Finkle
Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs
Reader: Jeff Bauckman
Ushers: Bob & Carol Emory
Children's Time: Barbara Krebs
Nursery: Sherrie Ugolini, Michelle Anderson
Counters: Marge Stevens, Pud Schultz
Ginny Davidson

Fellowship Time
Congregational
Covered Dish Luncheon

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Sherrie Little is stepping down as Spire Editor after nearly six years. She took the job from Barbara Krebs in 2007. Many, many thanks Sherrie, for your good and faithful labor in this worthwhile ministry!

Everyone who attended this year's New Year's Eve Interfaith Worship Service had great things to say about it. What a positive, upbeat way to end the old year and celebrate the new! And what better way to foster peace and unity among people from different religious traditions.



All who supported this event and participated in any way... you have our sincere gratitude!!