

The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

January 2013

We share our experiences of God's Kingdom with all, through our faith, love, fellowship, and service. It is our vision to have everyone actively involved in worship that enriches, ministries that empower, and evangelism that embraces all.



Pastor's Corner

Church, as the Christmas season comes to a close, I greet you in the name of the One whose birth we just celebrated, Jesus Emmanuel (God with us): **Happy New Year!**

It is my fervent prayer that 2013 will be a good year for all of us as 2012 was. What this means for us members of the body of Christ at EUMC is that we continue to be attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in our effort to be the congregation that God desires us to be – open and welcoming of all whom God sends us to meet along life's way, open and receptive to different ways of being church in our time so that God's kingdom and the values it stands for prosper in our land.

Let us then be of one mind, one heart and one in our efforts to put into practice the goals your leaders shared with you at the congregational meeting, a copy of which you received that day or through the mail. Please look at those goals again and prayerfully consider how you (and your household) can effectively and fruitfully implement them.

Thank you for your dedication and love for God through the church. With you in the journey of discipleship this year,
~Pastor MaAn



Piano and Organ Fund Donations

We're happy to report that our Christmas card display resulted in \$115 being received. This

money is used for maintenance of our pianos and organ. We hope everyone took the opportunity to admire the all the lovely cards and read the good wishes extended by members of our congregation.
~ Joyce Conley

Poinsettias and Food Pantry Dedications

Once again, the beauty of Christmas was evident in our church this Christmas season. Our beautiful poinsettia tree brought smiles to many faces and “wows” were heard almost every time someone entered the sanctuary. The poinsettias and array of candles made our altar radiate beauty and helped draw us into spirit-filled worship. We thank all who purchased poinsettias. We also thank everyone who donated money to our food pantry fund; \$552 was collected.

~ Worship & Missions Teams



A Nostalgic End to an Era

After 53 years of service to the community, Stevens Hardware Store closed its doors in downtown Annapolis. Our hearts go out to the Stevens family, especially Marge and Mike, as they adjust to this huge change. They will be missed by many!



Covered Dish Schedule

We're experimenting with moving covered dish meals to Sunday luncheons, since some have suggested that works better for them. Mark your calendars and join us. If you're able, please provide a dish to share. Host teams are responsible for main dish, drinks, set-up and clean-up.

Sunday, January 13, Luncheon 11:45 am
Care of Members Team

Sunday, February 10, Luncheon 11:45 am
Finance & Stewardship Teams

Sunday, March 10, Luncheon 11:45 am
SPRT & Lay Leadership Teams

Antiracism Workshop

I attended an excellent two-day workshop, *Seeing the Face of God in Each Other*, hosted by St. Luke's Episcopal Church in November. The workshop, attended by approximately 40 people of faith from congregations in the Annapolis and Baltimore areas, explored racism and other forms of oppression and exclusion on the personal, interpersonal, institutional and systemic levels. The workshop was interactive and interesting, featuring exercises and discussions based on videos shown during the sessions.

Participants conversed about the concepts of prejudice, bigotry, discrimination, scapegoating and stereotyping; sought to fashion a definition of racism (which is different from these other terms); identified forms of racism; and talked about actions that can be taken to address both individual and institutional racism.

The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church and resolutions passed by the General Conference call on congregants to resist bias based on race and ethnicity as well as other attributes. The Call to Worship in the workshop included several lines that spoke to this commitment:

We come into this space,
To spend time with the Scriptures;
To learn about prejudice;
To become aware of privilege;
To explore cultures;
To encourage each other to action.

~Mike Keller

The Practice of Self-Discipline

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we are not imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

The experts say it takes twenty-one days to form a habit. After reading this, you may think, "Just 21 days of waking up early to read my Bible and then it will be easy!" Many others have thought that way too, but, it doesn't work like that. Spiritual self-discipline isn't a pursuit that we simply force into habit, for if that were the case, there would be little need for the Holy Spirit in our lives. Remember **Galatians 5** then, self-control is a fruit of the Spirit. We wouldn't have it without the Spirit, as it is His gifting and work in us. This realization begs the question then, how do we become more self-disciplined in our spiritual lives?

Consider what Jeff Iorg puts forth in his book The Character of Leadership, "*No fleshly effort will please God or build true discipline. Self-discipline refers to self as the object of discipline rather than its source. Even though discipline is learned, and self is the object of the discipline, the motivation and power to develop discipline comes from the Spirit.*" In order to become self-disciplined, we need to stop trying to take on the Spirit's role as the source of life-changing power, and rely on the strength He will faithfully work in us. Paul told Timothy to be strengthened by the Grace of Jesus (**2 Timothy 2:1**). If our motivation isn't coming from the Holy Spirit, then we will continue in vain and fail in the practice of self-discipline. Our motivation will be of an eternal scope when we press into the Holy Spirit, and He will give us the strength to "run with endurance the race that is set before us" (**Hebrews 12:1**).

Most of us have something in our lives that we struggle with that seems to hold us back from our potential. Mine has always been my weight because it made me self-conscious. So in April of 2005 I

underwent gastric bypass surgery and subjected myself to a nine hour surgery and several months of pain and recovery. It paid off because by July of 2007 I had gone from 365 lbs. to 218 lbs. However, my self-discipline was only in my head and it was all about me, so slowly the weight came back on, and as of the morning of November 6, 2012, I weigh 310lbs.

BUT WAIT THERE IS GOOD NEWS! I am finally on the right track this time around. My motivation is not to look good for others or even myself. Since I have rededicated my life to Christ I have realized that my body is a temple and I have to use it to honor GOD and I can't keep putting things into it that will eventually hurt me and cause me not to be able to carry out the plan he has for me. This means I am letting GOD guide me in the right way to go in order to reach my goals.

I'm not saying don't use some of the tools created by man that are on the market to help you accomplish a goal, but just pray and reflect on who really gives you the motivation, the will power and the discipline to accomplish the tasks that you set for yourself throughout the course of your life. *Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to motivate and sustain you in the practice of self-discipline.*

~Sally Hight



Stepping Out and Stepping Up

So what do I mean by that title? Basically, *step out of your comfort zone* and *step up to serve our Lord!*

Our lives are made up of choices—you can chose to serve God or you can sit on the sidelines and let others serve in the ministries of our church. What are YOU choosing to do with your God-given talents and gifts?

Some people say they have no special talents and gifts to offer. **WRONG!** Scripture states that we have each been given spiritual gifts from our Lord. Please read: 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12: 1-6; Ephesians 4: 1-16; or 1 Peter 4: 9-11. **NO EXCUSES HERE!** Some people say they don't have the time, but we tend to make the time for the activities we greatly enjoy. Has the Lord ever told you He doesn't have the time to hear your prayers! He's too busy!

Allow me share a story with you.

When Thomas Gallaudet graduated from seminary in 1814, he had planned on becoming a preacher. However, his call to the ministry took a different turn when he met Alice, a 9-year-old, hearing-impaired girl in his neighborhood. Gallaudet began to communicate with her by writing words with a stick in the dirt.

Helping Alice motivated him to help others too. After consulting with European and American experts in educating the deaf, he refined a system widely known today as "signing" (a person's hands spell out the message). Eventually, he established the American School for the Deaf.

Gallaudet's school for the hearing-impaired contained a Christian curriculum that shared the gospel and included Bible instruction. He had answered the call to preach—but it was to a very special group of people. Signing was the way he communicated the Gospel.

Now I'm not suggesting that you and I be a Thomas Gallaudet, but I am suggesting that each and every one of us needs to be a witness for our Lord through our actions and service. Like Gallaudet, we too should be sharing the Word of God with people in ways they can understand. Otherwise, "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14) How might God want you to reach out to those around you? Don't withhold from the world the best news that's ever come to it. As Christians we're called to witness to the love of God in our lives.

Our number one task as a church of God is to win souls for Christ. We must bring people in, help them become disciples and nurture them in the faith. That's why the leaders of our church are

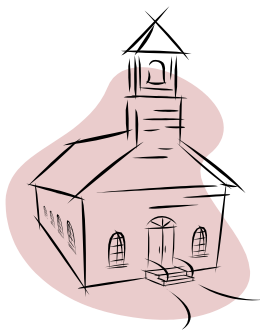
supporting our Hispanic Ministry. But you too can share your personal story and the ministries of our church with people in your family, your circle of friends, and others you meet. We are the ones to carry the Good News!

By acknowledging and using our God-given talents all Believers need to be in ministry to help our church achieve the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...” As Christians, we are responsible for carrying on Christ’s work by serving one another and glorifying God.

We have also acquired skills in our daily lives through education, careers, raising families, and volunteer positions. These acquired skills can also be used to serve others while glorifying our Lord.

Please! Step Out of Your Comfort Zone—Step Up to Serve our Lord through Eastport United Methodist Church—Commit to Serve in One of our Ministries—and Spread the Goods News to Others!!

You will be surprised to feel yourself grow spiritually by serving others.
~Jean Strucko



Community Dialogues

On January 17th at 7:00 p.m., EUMC will host a Community Dialogue on the subject of the Crystal Spring building project proposed for the Spa Road-Forest Drive vicinity. Presenters will address concerns on both sides of the issue. This event is open to the public.

United Methodist Women’s Soup Sale

The women will be bringing their famous homemade soups to Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 27th for tasting and ordering. Soup pick-up day is Sunday, February 10th. Mark your calendars!



New Year’s Eve at EUMC

If you weren’t at our church on New Year’s Eve, you missed an awesome event. We held our fourth annual New Year’s Eve Interfaith Service. We were graced with music to bring us to tears, and messages on peace that surely got everyone’s attention. We worshipped our God with many who walk a different path than we do, and found out that we all really want the same thing.

I was never more proud of Eastport United Methodist Church as I was sitting there on December 31st while the early fireworks were glowing outside the window and we were doing our part to bring people together in love, unity and peace.
~Eunice Corse



Life Changes

Ryleigh Lynn South
Born December 23
Parents – Christy & Jerry South
Grandparents – Tom & Paulette Schwallenberg



Gregory M. Colburn, Jr.
Passed to the Lord December 29



January Birthdays



- Jan 1 Cade Clurman
- Jan 4 Dennis Bergsman
- Jan 6 Virginia Earnshaw
- Jan 7 Cyndi Councell, Lauren Moyer
- Jan 11 Eunice Corse, Devin Clary
- Jan 12 Shirley Keller, Brian Edstrom
Eric Edstrom, Kathy Krain
- Jan 13 Charlotte Kerns
- Jan 14 Michael Valentine, Nathan Somers
- Jan 15 Mary Jane Finkle
- Jan 16 Thomas Outerbridge
Gerald Crouch
- Jan 18 Wendy Edstrom, Jeremy Gottwig
Michael Wurst, Robert Emory
- Jan 21 Ed Owen
- Jan 23 Stephen Duckett, Darrin Edstrom
- Jan 24 Pauline Basil
- Jan 26 Kimberly Wilcox
- Jan 27 Matt Ficca
- Jan 28 Virginia Schultz

January Anniversaries



- Jan 1 Mitch & Barbara Krebs
- Jan 3 Jerry & Joanne Christofel
- Jan 20 Richard & Jean Strucko
- Jan 30 Marty & Myrna Dobbs

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

– John 6:28-29 (NIV)

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2013 MINISTRY TEAMS LEADERS AND MEMBERS

EDUCATION & NURTURE

Church School

Team Leader: Valerie Devaris

Tweens & Teens: TBA

Children & Adult Education: Vern Renshaw, Pastor MaAn, Mike Keller

Youth

Team Leader: Megan and Mike Wurst (Eli)

Teens & Tweens: Parents

Care of Members Teams

Team Leaders: Pastor MaAn and Jean Strucko

Administrative Assistants: Wendy Edstrom, Eunice Corse

Membership Secretary: Administrative Assistants

Nursery Coordinator: Russ Parrish

Young Adults Coordinators: Evangelism Team

UMW Transportation Coordinators: Betty Storton & Harriet Macey

UMW We Care: Paulette Schwallenberg

UMW Bereavement Lunches: Jackie Cunningham

Visitation Teams members: Mary Jones & Pastor MaAn, Betty Tillack & Shirley Keller

Tom & Elizabeth Eicher, Bob & Donna McWilliams

MISSION OUTREACH

Missions/Outreach Team

Regular meeting: bi-monthly on 1st Tuesday @ 6:30pm

Team Leader: Jackie Cunningham

Joyce Conley, Joan Dove, Barbara Pearson, Carol Emory,

Jill Peddicord, Ann Rawls, Vern Renshaw

Homeless Shelter Coordinators: Jim Wilcox, Jackie Cunningham

UMW Representative: Audrey Howard

UMM Representative: Vern Renshaw

Gracious Greetings Card Ministry

Meeting: 3rd Thursday of each month @ 1:30 pm

Team Leader: Joyce Conley

Mryna Dobbs, Jan Harmon, Sally Malamphy, Pat & Steve Parks,
Paulette Schwallenberg, Dick Strucko, Betty Tillack, and other friends

Eastport Community Center Outreach

Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month @ 5:30pm

Outreach event: 4th Thursday of each month @ 5:30pm

Team Leader: Ann Rawls

Vern Renshaw, Pastor MaAn

Homework & Reading Ministry

Meeting: Every Tuesday & Thursday @ 4:00pm when school is in session

Special arrangements in the summer months

Team Leaders: Mike Keller and Joyce Conley
Vern Renshaw, Pastor MaAn, Ann Rawls, Dick Strucko,
Paulette Schwallenberg, Cindy Macey
And volunteers from the community

United Methodist Men

Meeting: 4th Monday of each month @ 7:30pm

Team Leader: Jim Wilcox
Assistant Team Leader: Bob McWilliams
Edgar Bowen, Mike Keller, Vern Renshaw, Kevin Hight,
Eric Smaridge, Brian Edstrom, Jeff Bauckman
All the Men of the Church

United Methodist Women

Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each month @ 5:30pm

Team Leader: Audrey Howard
Assistant Team Leader: Ann Rawls
Secretary: Paulette Schwallenberg
UMW Transportation Coordinator: Betty Storton and Harriet Macey
UMW We Care: Paulette Schwallenberg
UMW Bereavement Lunches: Jackie Cunningham
All the Women of the Church are members

EVANGELISM

Evangelism Team

Meeting: Every other month, or as called by team leader

Team Leader: Joan Dove
Assistant Team Leader: Harriet Macey
Brenda Jones, Mary Jones, Joyce Conley,
Jerry & Tammy Lesley, Harriet Macey, Anne Owen, Vern Renshaw

Communications

Team Leader: Joyce Conley
The Spire Editor: Eunice Corse
Office Liaisons: Wendy Edstrom, Eunice Corse
The Spire Interviewer: Lisa Parrish
Publicity: Joyce Conley
Face Book and Web "Spider Woman": Eunice Corse

WORSHIP

Worship Team

Meets Quarterly

Team Leaders: Jill Peddicord and JoAnn Kulesza

Music Director: JoAnn Kulesza

Director of Heavenly Bells: Margie Hughes

Director of Young at Heart Ensemble and Wesleyan Choir: JoAnn Kulesza

Director of the Junior Choir: Nicole Hughes

Lay Speakers: Bill Riggs, Sally Hight, Sherrie Little, Mike Keller

In charge of Acolytes & Ushers: Shirley Owen, Jill Peddicord

In charge of Greeters: Audrey Howard

In charge of Paraments: Paulette Schwallenberg, Pat & Steve Parks

Communion Set up: Evie Swink, Sally Colburn, Eunice Corse

Wedding Coordinators: Jean Strucko, Paulette Schwallenberg, Sue Nasatka

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Trustees

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:15pm

Team Leaders: Joe Nasatka

Secretary: Mike Wurst

Treasurer: Tom Schwallenberg

Facilities Use Coordinators: Wendy Edstrom, Eunice Corse

Garden Team members (see listing below)

Class 2012: Bob Emory, Tom Schwallenberg, Joe Nasatka,

Class 2013: Harriet Macey, David Hollidayoke, Edgar Bowen

Class of 2014: Butch Stevens, Kathy Volz, Ernie Schultz

Garden

Team Leaders: Joanne Christofel and Paulette Schwallenberg
Mary Jane & Jim Finkle, Tom Schwallenberg, Sonny & Shirley Owen,
Eric Edstrom, Brian Edstrom, Steve Duckett, Brady Duckett,
Joyce Conley, Marty Dobbs, Butch Stevens, Eric Smaridge

Scholarship

Meets in the spring

Team Leader: Anne Owen

Lisa Stevens, Valerie Devaris, Mary Jones, Pastor MaAn

Kitchen

Team Leader: Ann Rawls

Jackie Cunningham, Shirley Ford, Shirley Keller

Myrna Dobbs, Margaret Terry, Betty Storton, Betty Tillack

Occasional Volunteers

Finance/Stewardship

Meeting: as called by team leader

Team Leader: Vern Renshaw

Treasurer: Tom Schwallenberg

Financial Secretary: Dick Strucko

Administrative Council Chair: Bill Riggs

Lay Leader: Wendy Edstrom

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Jean Strucko

Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference: Harriet Macey

SPRT Representative: Sherrie Little

Trustees Representative: Joe Nasatka

Members at Large: Paulette Schwallenberg, Jerry Lesley, Mike Stevens

Staff Parish Relations Team (Sprt)

Meets Quarterly

Team Leader: Sherrie Little

Lay Leader: Wendy Edstrom

Class 2012: Sally Malamphy, Mike Owen, Myrna Dobbs

Class 2013: Sherrie Little, Cyndi Councell, Debbie Morgan

Class 2014: Ruth Gibbons, Eric Smaridge, Mike Stevens

Lay Leadership

Team Leader: Pastor MaAn

Assistant Team Leader: Jean Strucko

Class 2012: Ann Rawls, Audrey Howard, Lorie Rawlings

Class 2013: Sue Peret, Brian Edstrom, Virginia Schultz

Class 2014: Eric Edstrom, Richard Hughes, Betty Tillack

Administrative Council

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, and Nov @ 7:30pm

Chairperson: Bill Riggs

Secretary: Eunice Corse

Lay Leader: Wendy Edstrom

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Jean Strucko

Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference: Harriet Macey

Worship Team: Jill Peddicord, JoAnn Kulesza

Music Director: JoAnn Kulesza

Treasurer: Tom Schwallenberg

Finance & Stewardship Team Representative: Vern Renshaw

Financial Secretary: Dick Strucko

Mission Outreach Team Representative: Jackie Cunningham

SPRT Representative: Sherrie Little

Trustees Team Representative: Joe Nasatka

UMW Representative: Audrey Howard

UMM Representative: Jim Wilcox

Evangelism Team Representative: Joan Dove

Church School Representative: Val Devaris

Ex Officio Member: Pastor MaAn Barcelo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 UMW Dinner 5:30pm	3 Homework- Reading 4pm ECCT Mtg 5:30pm Choir 7pm	4	5
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0f0e0;"> <p>MAY YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE PEACEFUL IN THIS BRAND NEW YEAR, AND MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT ALWAYS BE YOUR GUIDE.</p> </div>						
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27 •Conversations 9am-Chapel •Worship 10am •SundaySchool 10:15am •WorshipTeam Meeting after Service	28 Bells 7pm UMM Prayer & Pizza 7pm	29 Homework- Reading 4pm	30	31 Homework- Reading 4pm Choir 7pm		

← Soup Tasting after Service

Information subject to change – we will do our best to keep you informed.