



The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

July 2015

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

Dear Church,

I want to thank you in advance for your prayers and support this July as I head to South Korea with 8 other young adult clergy for 10 days. I know this will be a wonderful opportunity to learn from Christians in another culture. The Korean Methodist Church is known for sending many missionaries all over the world, and for a deep culture of prayer. Many Korean churches have early morning prayer services at or before dawn every day. I’m sure we will get to experience that while we are there. And because I’m not an early morning person, I invite you to pray for me, as I’m told those services are in the 5am hour.

Theologian Karl Barth is reported to have said, “We should read the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.” It wasn’t that he believed the newspaper was more important than the Bible, but he believed that it was so important to know, understand, and pray for what was going on in the world.

So for the month of July, as I am deepening my own prayer life at 5am every morning in South Korea, I invite you to join me in this prayer journey. I invite you to find three things in the newspaper every day – local, national, or world, to pray for. Our world is in desperate need of our care. But there are times when all we can do is pray. And prayer will be enough, until the time God leads us to do more. Very often, our prayer life can become very self-focused. Using current events in the newspaper is a way to help us move beyond ourselves to also pray for the needs of our community as well. One of my favorite writers, Henri Nouwen, writes the following about prayer:

“When I really bring others into my innermost being and feel their pains, their struggles, their cries in my own soul, then I leave myself, so to speak, and become them; then I have compassion. Compassion lies at the heart of our prayer for our fellow human beings. When I pray for the world, I become the world; when I pray for the endless needs of the millions, my soul expands and wants to embrace them all and bring them into the presence of God. But in the midst of that experience I realize that compassion is not mine but God’s gift to me. I cannot embrace the world, but God can. I cannot pray, but God can pray in me.” In *Seeds of Hope* by Henri Nouwen

Let’s let God pray in us throughout July for the needs of our community and world!

Grace & Peace, Pastor Michelle

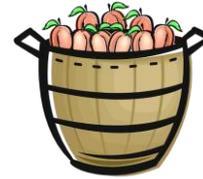


Congratulations Pastor Michelle, on the completion of your long journey toward ordination! We are proud of you and blessed to have you with us.
~ Members & Friends of EUMC

Greeting Cards for our Troops



Our card making group, Gracious Greetings, and The Scrapbook Ministry of John Wesley UMC are having the Second Annual Card Making Marathon on Saturday, July 11, at John Wesley UMC, 2114 Bay Ridge Ave. Drop in between 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. and stay as long as you like! Cards will be made for Operation Welcome Home Maryland for their distribution to our military troops arriving at BWI. Last year's get together was enjoyed by many of us. Everyone is welcome! Supplies will be provided and kits and templates will be available for folks who believe they are not creative. Bring your own adhesives and supplies if you wish. This is for a very good cause; it's a fun opportunity to make new friends; and the snacks are wonderful! Please let Joyce Conley know if you plan to participate!
~Joyce Conley



40th Peach Festival Update

This Festival is an “all worshippers” undertaking. We ask that each individual make their presence felt by attending, working and supporting this year’s Festival in your own unique way. Bring a friend...remind your family members...ask neighbors...we would love to have them all.

Reserve Wednesday July 22nd and Friday, July 24th to join us in the kitchen at 9:30 a.m. to can our famous pickled beets. Many hands make light work – plus it’s a fun day of fellowship. Men and women are needed for this task. Note – if you have canning jars to bring back, you can leave them in the kitchen.

Silent Auction...Please collect donations for our Silent Auction. Restaurants, hair salons, stores, services that you may use, are good places to approach for a donation. Speak with Harriet Newquist for information and for letters to present to businesses. You are personally invited to donate baseball tickets and/or services such as baking a cake or cooking a meal. The Silent Auction tables are always a big attraction. Use your imaginations for a unique donation and/or practical donation.

Corporate Sponsors...Do you own, work for, or know a local business that would like to partner with EUMC as a sponsor for our 40th Annual Peach Festival? If yes, grab a corporate sponsor packet in the Fellowship Hall or download a packet from the church website (www.eastportumc.org) and approach the business for a Sponsorship. Remember, all sponsor donations are tax-deductible, and this is a great way to build a continued relationship with our local business community! Questions/comments, please contact Mike or Lisa Stevens at 443-822-9799 or

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Corporate sponsor donations are due by July 23rd.

Volunteers on Peach Festival Day – Please Note:

► If you are eating dinner in the Fellowship Hall, you will receive priority seating by contacting our Hostess in the Chapel. Please do not sit down at a partially empty or completely empty table because

JULY COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

Sunday, July 12 – 11:45 a.m.



Hosted by
Evangelism & Communications Teams

Main dish and beverages will be provided. If you are able, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. You're encouraged to invite family & friends – everyone is welcome!!



Welcome!
Dixie Lee Reichel
Baptized and Received
into Membership
June 14, 2015

we are usually preparing then for a large party of guests. ► If your dinners will be carry-outs, please place your order with Pat and Steve Parks before 12 noon or after 3:00 p.m. on Peach Festival day. The hours between 12 noon and 3:00 p.m. are extremely busy for other carry-outs.

July 15th at 7:00 PM... You are welcome to join us for our next planning session. All are welcome to attend and give input to this major project.

~ Jean Strucko



One More Time

The yard/ bake sale is over
 The peach trees are quaking
 It's time once again to get busy bakin!
 Pound cake and pies, brownies and muffins
 Cupcakes and cookies
 Whew! We're all huffin and puffin!
 Bake when you can - put in the freezer
 All people can bake, even the "Ole Geezers"
 Make what you wish and as much as you can,
 For frosted cakes and candy
 there's always a fan!

~Audrey Howard



Many thanks to everyone who participated in the yard sale. It was a great success and went very smoothly thanks to so many excellent helpers!

Schedule for Peach Festival Week



Day	Activity
Sunday Following worship	Move chapel furniture Move items from upstairs freezer and refrigerator to downstairs refrigerator and shed freezer
Monday	Clean kitchen, clear all surfaces Scrub Large Coolers
Tuesday	Peach delivery and sorting 9:30 a.m. Put together cake/pie boxes 9:30 a.m. Roll silverware & Prepare Aprons
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. Prep of celery & onions and make potato salad dressing Sort peaches 6:00 p.m. Bake pie shells
Thursday	6:00 a.m. Cook potatoes 9:00 a.m. Peel and slice potatoes, make potato salad 11 a.m. Peel/slice peaches 12 noon Bake cakes (and again 8 a.m. Friday) 6:00 p.m. Bake pies
Friday	7 a.m. Box pies 8 a.m. Bake cakes (continued from Thursday) 9 a.m. Peel/slice peaches Pick up chicken Noon – 6 p.m. Pre-sell cakes, pies, beets 5:00 p.m. Set up dining room/Scrub tables
Saturday	7:30 a.m. BruMar delivers corn and tomatoes 7:30 a.m. Shuck corn 11:15 a.m. Bake sale opens 12 noon – 5 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m. Cleaners
Following Week	Clean up and reorganization of building

We are grateful for the following people and teams and their willingness to host our very popular fellowship times on Sundays at EUMC. This covers the third quarter of 2015. Note: the church office needs to know as soon as possible if there are any changes.

July 5	Jean & Dick Strucko
July 12	Covered Dish Lunch – Evangelism & Communications
July 19	Sue Peret & Pud Schultz
July 26	Sally Malamphy & Myrna Dobbs
Aug 2	Margie Hughes & Joan Dove
Aug 9	Kathy & Steve Duckett
Aug 16	Harriet Macey & Audrey Howard
Aug 23	JoAnn & Bill and Barbara Krebs
Aug 30	Wendy & Eric Edstrom
Sept 6	Jackie Cunningham, Jeff Bauckman & Eric Smaridge
Sept 13	Shirley Owen & Amanda Owen
Sept 20	Church Picnic – Worship Team
Sept 27	Carol & Bob Emory



EUMC Announces.....

Ryan K. Allen graduated from Southern High School on May 20th. Ryan is grandson of Sonny & Shirley Owen and son of Karl & Debbie Allen. His sister is Karlee Allen. Ryan plans to attend Salisbury University.

Victoria Jayne Jordan, granddaughter of Butch & June Stevens, graduated with honors on May 30, 2015, from University High School in Florida. She has plans to join the military.

Christine and Rachel Macey graduated from Bishop Ireton High School (in VA) on June 2. The ladies are the twin daughters of Allen & Leah Macey, and the granddaughters of Harriet & Earl Macey. **Rachel** had the highest GPA of her class which had 50 summa cum laude graduates. She received medals for Excellence in Physical Sciences, and for Religious Studies. **Christine** graduated fifth in the class. She received an award for Excellence in Religious Studies, and was also voted MVP for Field Hockey. Christine played on Ireton's lacrosse team, which won two state championships. Both young ladies are planning to attend the University of Virginia in the fall.

Jaclyn Paige Nuckels graduated from Queen Anne High School in Centerville, MD on May 28, 2015. Jaclyn is the granddaughter of Donna Nuckels, and daughter of Duane and Lynna Nuckels, of Chestertown, MD and former members of EUMC.

Heather Michelle Ostroski graduated from Broadneck High School on May 29. Heather is the granddaughter of Carole Williams. Heather graduated with honors, achieving a 4.5 GPA. She was accepted at several colleges, and chose to attend Hunter College in New York. Although she played softball and was eligible for a sports scholarship, she chose to accept an academic scholarship.



Missions Team Reminder

Jackie Cunningham donned her hardhat and work belt in church recently to remind us that it's time to be thinking of our **Annual Mission Trip**. Again this year we will be going to the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) in Brenton, WV. All skills are welcomed. The dates are Wednesday, Oct. 7 to Sunday Oct. 10. If you have thought about going in years past but haven't, this is the year to go. For more info see Jackie Cunningham.

Mission meeting date change – We will meet Monday July 20 at 7:00 p.m. ~Jackie Cunningham



A BIG THANK YOU to the Garden Team for the appearance of the church grounds. There are many hands that keep our Eastport United Methodist Church looking fantastic. Silently the grass is being cut, weeds are whacked and rounded up, trash gets picked up, all by volunteers. Thank you one and all for what you do and for giving your time during the summer. Anytime...the Garden Team can use help, just pulling weeds and cutting back plants. With all the rain this year, everything is growing like there is no tomorrow. Thank you volunteers!

~The Garden Team



EUMC Columbarium Update

In the May issue of this newsletter we presented details of the Columbarium Ministry taking place at EUMC. We are happy to report at this time that the project is moving forward – a number of niches have already been sold. The following is repeated here for your information:

The columbarium will be constructed of solid granite, double sided, with twenty four niches on each side, and will be placed at the head of the prayer garden in line with, and under the stained glass window in the front of the church. The columbarium will include a total of forty eight niches, each 12 inches square, providing space for two human remains. The granite face plate on

each niche will be engraved with names and dates of birth and death for those inurned. The sides of the columbarium will provide memorial spaces for names and dates of birth and death for church members buried elsewhere. The area will be landscaped with ornamental trees and benches will be placed on both sides to provide a place of prayer and reflection for all those who visit the columbarium. Niche purchase will be limited to church members and their immediate family members, as well as clergy who have served this church.

The columbarium will be self-sufficient, and will not require support from regular church funds. Niches will be selected and assigned in order of purchase. A preconstruction discount is currently being offered for a niche price of \$1800, which includes inurnment of up to two human remains. This price will increase to \$2000 in September 2015. This is considerably less than the price of a cemetery lot or niche in a public cemetery. A memorial listing on the side wall will be \$300.

Consider being among the founding members of this ministry by purchasing a niche at the pre-construction price before the September deadline. There are packets in the church office containing information and forms.

Any of the following Columbarium Committee members will be happy to answer your questions: Edgar Bowen, Margie Hughes, Richard Hughes, Jackie Cunningham, Holly Green Ficca, Eunice Corse, Mike Keller, Charlotte Kerns, Dawn Moyer, Joe Nasatka, Bill Riggs, Virginia Schultz, and Tom Schwallenberg.



**Put This on Your Calendar:
EUMC PICNIC
September 20, 2015
2:00 p.m.
Bay Ridge Clubhouse
Featuring a Moon Bounce for the Kids!**

July Birthdays

July 2	Dawn Goodnow
July 4	Richard Hughes
July 5	Pat Parks Libby Cain
July 6	Judy Bradford Michelle Outerbridge
July 7	Ryan Elliott
July 9	David L. Owen Carrie Vasquez
July 12	Kathleen Liedy
July 13	Annabelle King
July 16	Shirley Owen Nicole Hughes Debbie Morgan
July 18	Harriett Newquist
July 20	Megan Wurst Molly Parrish
July 22	Alexandra South Kevin Heinz
July 24	Nathan Vasquez
July 25	James Wilcox
July 26	Joyce Chesney
July 27	Samuel Clurman Nikki Scott
July 29	Tyler South Evan Wilcox
July 30	Jerry South

July Anniversaries

July 5	Mike & Lisa Stevens
July 10	Jason & Shelly Wilcox
July 19	Russ & Lisa Parrish
July 24	David & Cyndi Councell
July 26	Gene & Lynn Swanner
July 28	Jon & Kim Wilcox
July 29	Michael & Christine Valentine



A Sunday school teacher asked her class "What was Jesus' mother's name?"
Little Susan answered, "Mary."
The teacher then asked, "And who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"
Little Burt called out, "The Verge."
Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that, Burt?"
The little boy smiled and responded, "Well, you know they are always talking about 'the Verge 'n Mary.'"



Plans are in the works for a "Movie Night" on the grounds of EUMC on August 8th. Put it on your calendar (8 p.m.) and stay tuned for details. Sounds like lots of fun!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Office Closed	4  Happy 4th of July!
5 Conversations 9am Worship 10am Nursery 10:15am	6	7 Finance Meeting 6:30pm	8 Literacy Board 7pm	9	10	11 Card-making for troops @ John Wesley UMC between 10:30 & 5:00
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26 Conversations 9am Worship 10am Nursery 10:15am	27 UMM Prayer & Pizza 7pm	28	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #fff9c4;"> <p>See you at the 40th Annual Peach Festival on August 1st!</p>  </div>	

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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery 10:15 a.m.
Office Hours 9:30-3:30 Monday-Friday
Office Closed 12-1 p.m. for Lunch



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