

July 6, 2014



*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.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2014

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Please turn off your cell phones.

Gathering Music

Welcome

*ProceSSIONAL Hymn	<i>This is a Day of New Beginnings</i>	UMH 383
*Opening Praise	<i>I Will Call Upon the Lord</i>	TFWS 2002

A Service of Celebration and Welcome

Lay Leader: Dear friends, today we welcome Pastor Michelle Mejia, who has been appointed to serve as our pastor. We believe that Pastor Michelle is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop. Pastor Michelle, you have been sent to live among us as a preacher of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of love, order and discipleship of the people of God.

Pastor Mejia: Today I affirm my commitment to live faithfully among you as your Pastor, depending on God's grace and power.

Congregation: Blessed are those whose trust is in you, O Lord, our God, for in your presence is fullness of joy.

Lay Leader: People of God, will you do your part as we begin a new chapter of our ministry in this place?

Congregation: We reaffirm our commitment to support this congregation with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

ALL: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, O God, for a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Pastor Mejia: Let us pray. Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together. Give to all of us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ.

Help us to live together in love and offer our gifts and talents. In your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregation: Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church. We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us. Draw us together in one Spirit, that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body. May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness, and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only. We trust the future that rests in your hands, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Confession of Sins**

Jesus said: "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Now is a time in which to unburden ourselves in the presence of the great love of God. Let us pray.

O God, our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. And yet, we confess that too often, we fail to come to you. We try to save the world by ourselves, ending up only tired and frustrated. We try to do everything, even that which you have not called us to do. Busy, fatigued, and impatient, we are unable to respond when you do call us to action, for our schedules have become our excuses. Yet our pride keeps us from your rest and refreshment and guidance. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us see the good we should do, the time we should rest, and the way that we should trust. Grant to us endurance, patience, and wisdom.

[We will observe silence for the confession of our sins.]

***Assurance of Pardon**

The good news is that in Christ we find our rest. In Christ we are freed to begin again and again, and to live in his strength. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

Children's Time

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

God Bless America

Jim Wilcox, soloist

OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Thanksgiving
NEW BEGINNINGS

State, Country & World
PRAYERS FOR WORLD PEACE

Our Homebound Members

Lois Bliss, Edna Catterton, Katherine Leitch, Esther Gannaway, Eloise Gleason, Becky Dobrick, Gwynn Bowen, Neill Kinnamon, Ernie Mutschler



July Prayer List**



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

Pat Aldersley (member)

Alice King (Cade Clurman's grandmother)

Christine Pawlak (Dave Hill's niece)

Donna Nuckels (member)

Becky Dobrick (member)

Norman Jones (member)

Margaret Terry (member)

Betty Storton (member)

The U.S. Military (Berlyn Wheeler)

Nina Green (Barbara Schwarz's mother-in-law)

Donny Marco (Barbara Schwarz's nephew)

Ray Fox (Malamphy's extended family)

Jeff Lauer (friend of Val Devaris)

Ethel Ankeny (former member & pastor spouse)

Jennie Kulesza (JoAnn's Mom)

Lois Bliss (Tammy Lesley's Mom)



Birthdays this Week

July 9 – Carrie Vasquez, David L. Owen

July 12 – Kathleen Liedy

July 13 – Pat Parks, Libby Cain

Anniversaries this Week

July 10 – Jason & Shelly Wilcox

We welcome Pastor Michelle Mejia to the EUMC Family, and pray that our ministry together will be blessed and fruitful. Please greet her today, and make her feel truly welcome, as only EUMC can do. 😊

Welcome back, Leanne Passmore! We're glad you're here! Leanne will be with us for 3 of the 4 Sundays that JoAnn is away. Next Sunday Tom Eicher will accompany us 😊 Thanks to both of you.

Columbarium surveys – If you did not receive a survey in the mail last week regarding the possibility of building a columbarium for cremated remains, please contact the church office. One can be sent to you, or you can pick up a copy in the office.

Heads Up –Covered Dish Luncheon next Sunday, July 13th immediately following the worship service. Hosts are the Evangelism and Communications Teams. Main dish and beverages are provided by the hosts...everyone else who can... please plan to bring a dish or dessert to share. Let's show Pastor Michelle some real EUMC hospitality.

Fellowship Hour Signup is wide open through September. Even though attendance tends to be light in the summer, it's important to have refreshments and coffee after worship – for catching up with each other and getting to know new people. Please consider teaming up with someone and picking a Sunday to host. It doesn't have to be fancy...just some light finger foods. Thanks.



Peach Festival News. There are special **peach festival envelopes** in the back of the sanctuary should you wish to make a donation toward expenses for this event. Put your name on the envelope if you want credit for tax purposes. **Silent Auction items** are needed – gift items, gift certificates, services – see Harriet Newquist for info. Leave your **peach-colored volunteer sheets** with Bill Malamphy, Jean Strucko, or the office. Remember, this is an **all-church event** – members and friends alike. We need all of you to help.

Making Pickled Beets – the dates are Wednesday July 23 at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday July 26 at 9:00 a.m. We need lots of help both days. We are doing it on a Saturday also, so members that work will have a chance to help out. Thanks so much. ~Myrna Dobbs

Time is getting short, so – Please take a corporate sponsor packet from Fellowship Hall or download a packet from the church website (www.eastportumc.org) and approach your favorite local business about being a sponsor. All sponsor donations are tax-deductible and this is a great way to build a continued relationship with our local business community! Questions/comments, contact Mike or Lisa Stevens—443-822-9799, mwaynes8@hotmail.com or lisayonka@hotmail.com. *All corporate sponsor donations are due by July 23rd.*



Card Making Partnership. Our greeting card ministry, Gracious Greetings, and the John Wesley UMC scrapbooking ministry are partnering to make welcome-home cards for returning troops. This is an important opportunity to support our service men and women, as well as to join in fellowship with John Wesley UMC members. No experience needed! Mark your calendar and plan to join us on Saturday, July 12 at 10:30 a.m., at John Wesley United Methodist Church, 2114 Bay Ridge Avenue.

UMM to Hold Annual Navy Football Outing

The Eastport United Methodist Men will hold its yearly Navy Football Outing on Saturday, September 20, when Navy will tackle Rutgers. If there is sufficient interest, there also will be a tailgating party in the church parking lot prior to the game. Men, women and kids are invited to this event. Tickets are \$30 apiece, and payment must be received by Monday, July 28. A block of tickets is **NOT** being purchased in advance, so **reservations are necessary**. Contact Jim Wilcox for more details: 410-268-7458.

Seeking to Hire a "Cat Sitter"

A community volunteer with the Homework and Reading Ministry has sent the following message: "We've rented our house from July 25 to August 25, and need someone to take our declawed, indoor cat into their home. **We pay \$100 per week**. Our usual cat care person unexpectedly will also be out of town." Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Joyce Roper at joyce.roper@longandfoster.com.



ONE MORE TIME (by Audrey Howard)

The yard/bake sale is over

The peach trees are quakin'

It's time once again to get busy bakin!

Pound cakes 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!

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*
 Jeff Conley, *Bell Ringer* Kevin, Eric S, Brady, *The Treats Dudes*

THOSE SERVING TODAY
July 6, 2014

Greeters: Audrey Howard
 Ginny Davidson
 Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs
 Liturgist: Cyndi Cuncell
 Reader: Mary Jane Finkle
 Ushers: Sonny Owen, Mark Stevens
 Communion: Megan & Mike Wurst
 Bill Riggs
 Children's Time: Jill Peddicord
 Nursery: Christina & Michael Valentine
 Counters: Jerry & Tammy Lesley
 Paulette Schwallenberg

Fellowship Time
 The Staff Parish Relations Team

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK
July 13, 2014

Greeters: Barbara Schwarz
 Ruth Gibbons
 Prayer Leader: Bill Riggs
 Liturgist:
 Reader: Bill Riggs
 Ushers: Jeff Bauckman, Bob Emory
 Children's Time: Joanne Christofel
 Nursery: Megan & Mike Wurst
 Counters: Pud Schultz
 Bill Malamphy

Fellowship Time
 Covered Dish Lunch

You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor Michelle
 through the church office, 410.263.5490.

EUMC e-mail: eastportumc@verizon.net

Website: www.eastportumc.org

Readings for Next Week

Genesis 25: 19-34; Psalm 119: 105-112; Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Consider using John Wesley's Three Simple Rules

in your daily prayer and meditation:

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

Copies of ***Our Daily Bread*** and ***The Upper Room***
 are in Fellowship Hall.