

*November 29, 2015*



A Prelude to Christmas:  
Songs of Isaiah

***Eastport United Methodist Church  
926 Bay Ridge Avenue  
Annapolis, MD 21403  
410.263.5490***

# **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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## **First Sunday of Advent**

November 29, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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### **Gathering Music**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Lighting of the Advent Candle - Betty Tillack**

L: We light this first Advent candle as we wait in hope.

**A: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

**Sung Response: Here I Am to Worship, v.1**

#### **Opening Worship**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus – UMH 196*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel, v. 1,2,3 – UMH 211*

#### **Prayer**

#### **Passing of the Peace**

#### **Children's Time**

#### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Special Music**

*Fred, a guest at EUMC  
Piano*

**Praise Song / Hymn of Illumination**

*Prepare the Way of the Lord – UMH 207*

**\*Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 40:1-11

**Witness to the Word**

*[We will observe a moment of silence to reflect on the Word and its call and claim in our  
lives]*

**Sharing of Gifts and Prayer**

*The Unified Budget  
and Heaven Cent Basket for Thanksgiving Baskets*

**\*Closing Praise**

*People Look East – UMH 202*

**\*Blessing**

**\*Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

\*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 120

Consider using John Wesley's Three Simple Rules in your daily meditation:  
***Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God***

## Thanksgiving

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

## State, Country & World

THOSE WHO NEED FOOD AND SHELTER

### Our Homebound Members

Lois Bliss, Edna Catterton, Esther Gannaway  
Neill Kinnamon, Norman Jones, Betty Owen, Betty Storton  
Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler, Elaine Hollidayoke



### November Prayer List



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

**Please be aware: we will print concerns in the bulletin only if that box is checked on Prayer card, or if you have notified us. We want to respect the privacy of individuals.**

**Lisa & Ricky Lord** (Steve Parks' sister & brother in law)

**Barbara Allen** (Megan Wurst's Mom)

**Mark Grigsby** (friend of Barbara Nutwell)

**Shirley Koetting** (Art King's sister)

**Hank Beard** (the Lesley's son-in-law)

**Wanda Kauffman** (Annabelle King's sister)

**Earl (Gene) King** (Art King's brother)

**Pat Parks** (member)

**Charles Williams** (Audrey, Harriet & Jean's brother)

**Bill Malamphy** (member)

**Vonda Dorsey** (Kevin High's friend)

**Bill Noack** (friend of Jeff & Joyce Conley)

**Jeff** (a patient of Amanda Owen)

**Bob Scruggs** (friend of Melissa Curry)

**Sidney Milton** (friend of Melissa Curry)

**Karen Yaniga** (Joan Dove's daughter)

**Earl Kutcherman's wife** (Kevin High's friend)

**Ethel Ankeny** (former pastor's wife)

**Gene Walp** (Carole Williams' son-in-law)

**Mary Church** (Jean Wilcox's sister)

**Sherry Luckett** (Sally High's sister)

**Terry Leopold** (JoAnn Kulesza's friend)



**Birthday this Week**

Dec 5 – Valerie Devaris



**Sincere thanks** to the faithful folks who came in on Saturday to decorate our beautiful church and get us ready for this special season.



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon, Nov 30	Heavenly Bells rehearsal 7pm United Methodist Men's Prayer and Pizza Fellowship 7pm
Tue, Dec 1	Homework and Reading Program 4-5 pm
Wed, Dec 2	Companions in Christ 10 – 11:30am; Yarn Ministry 2-4pm; Kids Art Program 4pm
Thurs, Dec 3	Homework and Reading Program 4-5 pm; Choir rehearsal 7pm
Sat, Dec 5	UM Women cluster meeting and Christmas celebration 1pm
Sun, Dec 6	Arundel Vocal Arts Society Concert in our sanctuary 3pm

**UMM Toy Drive.** The Eastport United Methodist Men are conducting again a Christmas gift and toy drive for needy children at Eastport Elementary School. This year, we will help 22 preschool children (12 girls and 10 boys) selected by the school. School officials have told us that the presents we provide represent the only ones received by many kids because of the economic circumstances of their families. We are asking **all men** of the church to donate a new toy or gift (or a used item that is in good condition) that would be suitable for a child ages 4 or 5. The value of each toy or gift should not exceed \$20. For those who wish to take part in this endeavor to make Christmas a happier time for a local child, please place the item **unwrapped** in the specially marked box in the church fellowship hall no later than **Sunday, December 20**. The United Methodist Men will wrap the toys and gifts and deliver them to the school that week.



**Heavenly Bells** will ring out Christmas carols at Sunrise Assisted Living on Bestgate Road on Saturday afternoon, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. There are three members of our congregation currently residing there. We are happy to be sharing with them some of our lovely Christmas music.

**Please use the enclosed form** to purchase poinsettias or make food pantry dedications to honor or memorialize your friends and loved ones. Dedications will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Poinsettias are \$10; food pantry donations can be in any amount. Deadline for submission is Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.



## Upcoming Worship Activities

### December 6

AVAS Concert, 3:00pm "Through the Eyes of a Child"  
Tickets \$20/adult, one child admitted free per paying adult

### December 13

Christmas Cantata  
Last day to order poinsettias

### December 20

Children's Christmas Pageant  
Cookies with Santa after service  
Last day to turn in Timothy House bags. They will be delivered today!

### December 24

Christmas Eve Family Service, 5:30



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Pre-service music 10:00pm, service at 10:30

### December 27

Regular service

### December 31

7<sup>th</sup> Annual New Year's Eve Interfaith Worship Celebration  
Pre-service music 6:30pm, service 7:00-8:00

### January 9

1:00pm take down Christmas decorations

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**John Wesley United Methodist Church**, 2114 Bay Ridge Avenue, invites you and your friends to their **Christmas Bazaar**, Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 1pm where they will offer new and slightly used Christmas items and decorations, jewelry, and baked goods. Chicken and fish dinners will be sold from 11am to 3pm (\$10).

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*  
 Kevin, Eric S, Brady, *The Treats Dudes*

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**  
**November 29, 2015**

Greeters: Jean & Dick Strucko  
 Ushers: Cyndi & David Councill  
 Prayer Leader: Joan Dove  
 Reader: Tammy Lesley  
 Children's Time: Pastor Michelle  
 Sunday School: No Sunday School today  
 Nursery: TBD  
 Counters: Jean Wilcox, Ann Rawls,  
                   Sally Hight

**Fellowship Time**  
**The Congregation**  
*(Thank you!)*

**THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK**  
**December 6, 2015**

Greeters: Audrey Howard, Ginny Davidson  
 Ushers: Butch & June Stevens  
 Prayer Leader: Sally Hight  
 Reader: Dennis Bergsman  
 Children's Time: Valerie Devaris  
 Sunday School: Nicole Hughes  
   Lisa Stevens  
 Nursery: Sally & Andy Smith  
 Communion Assistants: sally Hight (PL)  
   Valerie Devaris & Neil Bergsman  
 Counters: Paulette Schwallenberg,  
                   Jerry & Tammy Lesley

**Fellowship Time**  
**Owens, Hughes, Nasatkas**  
*(Thank you!)*

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

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Pastor Michelle: [eastportumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:eastportumcpastor@gmail.com)



**“Christmas Is for Children”**  
**Holiday Concert**

Presented by  
**ARUNDEL VOCAL ARTS SOCIETY**  
*JoAnn Kulesza, Conductor*

Featuring **Mozart’s Coronation Mass in C**  
& Songs of the Season

**Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015 at 3:00 pm**

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Tickets: Adults \$20 (tax deductible), Children Free with Adult

[www.arundelvocalarts.org](http://www.arundelvocalarts.org)