

November 30, 2014
First Sunday of Advent



*“By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high
will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into
the way of peace.” ~ Luke 1:78-79*

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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.

First Sunday of Advent ♦ Homecoming Sunday

November 30, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Praise Songs

Here I Am to Worship

Jesus Messiah

There Is Joy in The Lord (Cheryl Keaggy)

Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Lighting of Advent Candle 1

David, Amanda & Nate Owen

Reading: Isaiah 9:2

All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
we open all the dark places in our lives
and memories to the healing light of Christ.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Sung Response: We wait in Hope for the morning light,
for the Peace of Christ to illuminate the night.
We wait with Joy for the Savior's birth,
we prepare with Love for peace on earth.

Children's Time

Anthem – Wesleyan Choir

African Psalm

Patrick M. Liebergen

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

Praise Song/Hymn of Illumination
As the Deer (2x) – TFWS 2025

***Scripture Reading**
Luke 1:67-80

Witness to the Word
"Great Expectations – Zechariah"
Pastor Michelle

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

Sharing of Gifts, Offertory Song and Prayer
Prays Band

The Unified Budget and Heaven Cent Basket for Winter Relief Homeless Shelter

***Closing Praise**
People, Look East, v. 1,4 – UMH 202

***Blessing**

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—
For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

**We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,
and set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

The good news of Advent is this:

Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

We will welcome Christ into our hearts.

We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.

We will go forth from this place in hope.

***Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 90

Readings for Next Week ♦ Second Sunday of Advent
Luke 1:26-38, 46-56; Isa. 40:1-11, Ps. 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Pet. 3:8-15

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

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

OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Thanksgiving
GOD'S ABUNDANT LOVE

State, Country & World
PEACE AND JUSTICE

Our Homebound Members

Lois Bliss, Edna Catterton, Katherine Leitch, Esther Gannaway,
Becky Dobrick, Neill Kinnamon, Norman Jones, Betty Owen
Betty Storton, Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler



December Prayer List**

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

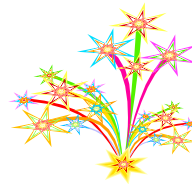


Lew Mason (the Councells' friend)
Rodecha Harvey (neighbor of Betty Moreland)
Taylor Jones (friend of Dallas & Brenda Jones)
Sonya Beard Tammy & Jerry Lesley's daughter)
Bernie White (Charlotte Kerns' brother-in-law)
Bill Kyle (friend of Lynne Rittenberg)
Charles Brown (Lesley's extended family)
Chelsea (Traci DuPlayee's daughter)
Bradford & June Semes (Kristin Harris' parents)
Stephanie Pedane (Debbie Chambers' friend)
Doug Urbaniak (the Hills' extended family)
Lellia Moody (Mei-Jen Hong's sister-in-law)

Pat Aldersley (member)
Oscar Grimes (Steve Duckett's uncle)
Kelly Sudell (friend of Pud & Ernie's granddaughter)
Donny Marco (Barbara Schwarz's nephew)
Kate Wiltz (JoAnn Kulesza's niece)
Ethan Wudyka (Conleys' friend)
Jennie Kulesza (JoAnn's Mom)
Ray Fox (Malamphy's extended family)
Jessica Stevens (Sharon & Mark's daughter)
Brian Stevens (Sharon & Mark's son)
The U.S. Military (Berlyn Wheeler)

Birthdays this Week

Dec 1 Leela Wurst
Dec 5 Val Devaris
Dec 7 Andrew Stevens



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Edgar Bowen on the death of his brother Owen Odell Bowen, Jr. May his family be surrounded by the love of friends, and the comfort and peace of the Holy Spirit.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today – Covered Dish Luncheon After Worship – Please Join us!

Mon, Dec 1	Heavenly Bells 7pm
Tue, Dec 2	Homework and Reading 4pm
Wed, Dec 3	Kids Art Program 4pm; Methodist Women 5:30pm
Thu, Dec 4	Homework and Reading 4pm; Choir rehearsal 7pm
Sun, Dec 7	AVAS Concert here at 3pm

EUMC thanks Fran & Joe Wilmer, and the folks at Keenwick, for the gift of clean windows throughout the church! Just in time for the holidays. Thank you, thank you!!



United Methodist Women: Please be here at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 3rd for a brief meeting, after which we will eat dinner together. Chicken will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a side dish to serve 8, if possible. For the “crazy” gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift valued at \$5. All women of the church are welcome! ~Ann Rawls



Save your plastic grocery bags for us.... EUMC will participate in the big “Potato Drop” December 20th. Grocery bags are needed to break down the big 50 lb bags into 10 lbs. Thank you!

Your dedications for poinsettias or food pantry will be collected next Sunday, December 7th, and the following Sunday. Poinsettias are \$10, food pantry donations can be any amount. Please get them to us as soon as possible.



Timothy House gift bags will be available next Sunday for those who would like to participate – bringing Christmas joy to our sometimes forgotten friends.

Christmas Concert.... “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That’s why it’s call the present.” (author unknown). Next Sunday, Dec. 7th at 3 p.m. here at EUMC, the Arundel Vocal Arts Society will present an “**AVAS Holiday Present.**” Tickets are \$20 at the door....kids are free. Come and get your Christmas spirit on!!



All Counters are asked to meet briefly in the chapel immediately following worship on Sunday, December 21st in the Chapel.

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 THIS WEEK
November 23, 2014

Greeters: Barbara Schwarz
 Lorraine Crouch
 Prayer Leader: Sally Hight
 Reader: Sue Nasatka
 Ushers: Cyndi & David Councill
 Children's Time: Valerie Devaris
 Nursery: Jean & Dick Strucko
 Counters: Jean Wilcox, Ann Rawls,
 Sally Hight

Fellowship
 Covered Dish Lunch
 Hosted by Worship Team

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK
December 7, 2014

Greeters: Audrey Howard
 Ginny Davidson
 Prayer Leader: Sally Hight
 Reader: Mike Owen
 Ushers: Butch & June Stevens
 Children's Time: Barbara Krebs
 Nursery: Mike & Anne Owen
 Counters: Jerry & Tammy Lesley
 Paulette Schwallenberg

Fellowship
 Sharon Owen
 Hughes & Nasatka Families

You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor Michelle
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EUMC HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

AVAS Concert – Dec. 7
 Children's Pageant – Dec 14
 Christmas Cantata – Dec 21
 Family & Candlelight Services – Dec 24
 New Year's Eve Interfaith Service – Dec 31

