



The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

November 2012

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

It has been part of our congregation's tradition to take part in the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service. Participating churches take turns hosting it at their place of worship and their members take part in different aspects of it.

This year, our neighbor St. Luke's Episcopal Church will host the service. Some of you will be called to serve in one capacity or another. I hope you will respond enthusiastically; grateful for the opportunity to serve our Lord at this special worship time. Everyone is invited to this wonderful solidarity of congregations here in Eastport. We come together that night to thank God for continuing to sustain life on earth to this day and for gifts and blessings received every day. It is also a great opportunity to know brothers and sisters with whom we are united as one in Christ despite our denominational differences. So please plan to come. Come with your family, neighbors and friends – local or visiting.

A pre-service musical program will start at 6:45 p.m. The actual worship service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Come bearing the following gifts to share and to tangibly express the gratitude we say in words: (1) non-perishable goods for St. Luke's Food Pantry; (2) financial donation in check or cash for the Lighthouse Shelter (indicate this in the memo); and (3) finger food or cookies or fruit, etc. to share at the fellowship time after the service.

Come, let the rafters of St. Luke's church resound with our combined voices as we praise and thank God for being gracious to all of us.

~ Pastor MaAn

UNICEF

Once again our congregation answered the call and filled those little orange boxes. All monies contributed help UNICEF fight childhood diseases and assist in providing clean water and food to millions of children around the world.

~ Joyce Conley, Missions Team

Christmas Cards

It's never too early to start thinking about your Christmas card list and you are reminded that EUMC makes it easy and very economical to send greetings to your church family. Simply calculate costs involved for purchasing cards and postage that you would normally use for sending cards to church members and donate that amount of money to the church's organ and piano fund. Write one card to your church family that will be displayed on a bulletin board. Cards and checks should be given to Joyce Conley or the church office.



Winter Relief

Winter Relief for area homeless men begins November 19 - 25. Volunteers are needed to stay with the men at night and prepare meals. Signup sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall. We are also requesting toiletries to stuff bags for the men. Please join us in this important ministry as we reach out to those less fortunate.

~Jackie Cunningham

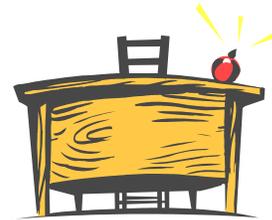
Food Pantry

Food Pantry is scheduled the week before Thanksgiving. *This is a change from the usual schedule.* We will distribute food on Wednesday, November 14. Hope to see you at 10:00 a.m. for set up and 1:00 p.m. to assist with food distribution.

~Jackie Cunningham

Remembering School Days

Enjoy a bit of nostalgia! Purchase a restored 1950's wooden children's school chair. They are delightfully hand painted in different themes. There are several sizes available and they are located at the church. If you interested in purchasing please call the church office at 410-263-5490 or Paulette Schwallenberg at 410-268-5975 to view the chairs.



Called into Service

The Evangelism Team has been busy throughout this year. We are committed to making disciples for Jesus Christ and to establish God's Kingdom here on earth. We need the help of our entire congregation to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. This work is not carried out by someone else – but by you. God is calling you to exercise your spiritual gifts and talents and not to be a “Sunday Christian.”

Each of us has pledged our resources to EUMC by our times, our talents and our gifts. As more of us are called into service our ministries will grow. In your worship to the Lord, tell Him you do care about the future of EUMC and together in His service our church will continue to be vibrant and Spirit-filled!

During this time of reflection do you know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? If you don't, invite Him in to your heart today and make Him the Lord of your life. Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord; invite Him in and ask for forgiveness of your sins. “For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16. Your name is written into the Lamb's Book of life when you “Confess Him before men and He will confess you before the angels of God.” Luke 12:8. Praise the Lord!

~Joan Dove

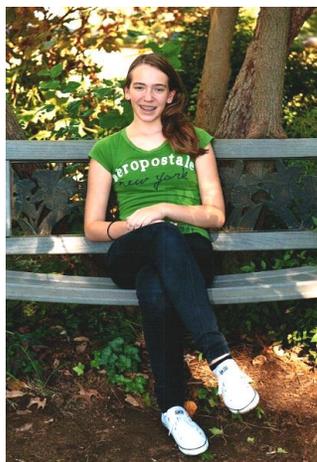
Mission Trip

Pastor MaAn, Ann Rawls, Jeff Bauckman and Jackie Cunningham headed off to Appalachian Service Project (ASP) in Brenton, WV October 17 - 21 on the annual missions trip. This team worked to ensure homes were safer; warmer; and drier for homeowners.

Doing the work for the homeowners is the main purpose of the trip, but the additional reward is the fellowship with mission teams from other areas of the country - all joining forces for the same cause and praising God together! Please consider joining this team next year.

~Jackie Cunningham

Confirmed October 14, 2012



Angela Colette Krebs



Dennis Devaris Bergsman



Gage Randolph Savoy

LET ME BE PURE

Written by Dennis Bergsman

Offered on the Day of His Confirmation

Let me hear your Word,
So that I may be pure.
Let me read the Holy stories,
And let them be my compass,
Guiding me through stormy waters and cloudy nights.
May I never fall off this righteous path.
May I not let the winds of lust, and greed, and pride blow
me from my path.
Let me be strong and stalwart and loyal to you.
And may your words forever be embers in my soul,
Warming it when all is cold and dark.
Let me do your Work,
So that I may be pure.
May I be like a cobbler
And mend the broken souls of this world.
Like a cobbler let me be humble.
Let me travel among the common man
So that on deaf ears their pleas fall not
May I walk as an angel,
A servant of the Lord.
And let me ask for nothing in return,
Not riches, not fame or glory, not gratitude, not even a
bed to sleep in.
Let me ask for nothing but the opportunity to do more of
your work.
Let me embrace your Love,
So that I may be pure.
Let it blow through me like a warm autumn breeze.
Let it blow away the cold tendrils of loneliness and
despair wrapped around my heart.
Let your love be the sun on my back.
May it rejuvenate me with its warmth,
May it seep deep inside me and wake my soul
From its nightmare filled slumber.
Let me see your Light,
So that I may be pure.
Let your light be the sun in the sky
Let it wipe away all darkness and chase away the night.
May every face be illuminated
So that we can see everyone as a brother or a sister.
Let it melt the ice of lies and deceit
So that the Holy water of love and trust may run unto us
May your light show the blood on our blades
And make all men realize the folly of our wars.
Let your light shine into the darkness of our hearts,
And let it fill us with hope and love.
Let me be pure, Lord,
So that I may stand by you. ■

We Honor and Thank the Veterans Among Us

Charlie Card – U.S. Air Force
Marty Dobbs – U.S. Air Force
Tom Howard – U.S. Air Force
Norman Jones – U.S. Air Force
Neill Kinnamon – U.S. Air Force
Ed Owen – U.S. Air Force
Sonny Owen – U.S. Air Force
Butch Stevens – U.S. Air Force

Ron Fann – U.S. Army
James Finkle – U.S. Army
Michael Keller – U.S. Army
Art King – U.S. Army
Jerry Lesley – U.S. Army
Tom Outerbridge – U.S. Army
Bill Riggs – U.S. Army
Ernie Schultz – U.S. Army
Tom Schwallenberg – U.S. Army
Marie Sims – U.S. Army
Jerry South – U.S. Army
Richard Strucko – U.S. Army
Dave Wheeler – U.S. Army

Eric Smaridge – U.S. Air National Guard

Steve Parks – U.S. Coast & Army Reserve
Frances Wilmer – U.S. Coast Guard

Eric Edstrom – U.S. Marines
Kevin Hight – U.S. Marines
Bill Malamphy – U.S. Marines
David Moreland, Jr. – U.S. Marines
James Wilhelm – U.S. Marines

Edgar Bowen, Sr. – U.S. Navy
Greg Colburn – U.S. Navy
Florence Conley – U.S. Navy
L. Jeffrey Conley – U.S. Navy
Greg MacDonald – U.S. Navy
Earl Macey – U.S. Navy
Steve Ploof – U.S. Navy
Charles Radcliffe – U.S. Navy
John Stuntz – U.S. Navy
Joseph Wilmer – U.S. Navy



♥Serving from the Heart♥

Advent Classes will begin Wednesday, November 7th. This study, *Serving from the Heart: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service*, will be offered both mornings and evenings each Wednesday through Advent, culminating in participants offering their “discovered gifts” as their Christmas gifts from our Lord. Please join us.

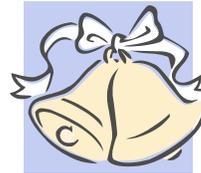
Received Into Membership October 28, 2012

Rebecca Bailey
Jim Bradford
Judy Bradford



Married October 6, 2012

George E. Bowen & Linda Shanks



Baptized October 7, 2012

Ryleigh Aaron Jones
Stephen Jones & Brittney Linton, Parents



November Birthdays



- 04 Christina Valentine
- 07 Sally Malamphy
- 08 Patricia Aldersley
- 10 Steve Ploof, David Hollidayoke
- 11 David Sumrall
- 12 Bruce Krain, Curtis Clary
- 14 Bill Riggs
- 15 Robert Gibbons
- 16 Holly Green Ficca
- 17 Kevin Hight
- 20 Charles Radcliffe, Joseph Wilmer
- 22 Berlyn Wheeler
- 27 Kathy Duckett, Finn Smith

***Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, December 2***

***Join us for lunch and a very
special guest!***



November Anniversaries



- 10 Jason and Cade Clurman
- 14 Guy and Lynn Goddard
- 24 Gwynn and Ruth Bowen
- 27 Stephen and Sherrie Ugolini
- 28 Neil and Hazel Kinnamon

*Enter his gates with **thanksgiving** and
his courts with praise; give thanks to
him and praise his name.
~Psalm 100:4*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Homework-Reading Program 4pm ECCT 5:30pm Choir 7pm	2	3 Set your clocks back! 
4 •Conversations 9am-Chapel •Worship 10am •SS10:15am •Winter Relief Mtg 11:45am	5 Bells 7pm	6 Homework-Reading Program 4pm VOTE !!	7 Advent Study 10:15am UMW Dinner Advent Study 6:45pm	8 Homework-Reading Program 4pm Choir 7pm	9	10 Game Night 5:30pm
11 •Conversations 9am-Chapel •Worship 10am •SS 10:15am •Anniv. Team 11:45am •Worship Team 11:45am	12 Bells 7pm	13 Homework-Reading Program 4pm	14 •Advent Study 10:15am •Food Pantry 1 to 3pm •Advent Study 6:45pm •Creating Comm 4:30pm	15 Gracious Greetings 1:30pm Homework-Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	16	17
18 •Conversations 9am-Chapel •Worship 10am •Sunday School 10:15am	19 Covered Dish 6pm Bells 7pm	20 •Homework-Reading 4pm •Trustees 6:15pm •Advent Study 6:45(?)	21 •Advent Study 10:15am •Ecumenical Service St.Luke's 6:45pm	22 Thanksgiving 	23	24
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25 •Conversations 9am-Chapel •Worship 10am •Sunday School 10:15am	26 Bells 7pm UMM 7pm AVAS Rehearsal 7:30pm	27 Homework-Reading 4pm	28 •Advent Study 10:15am •Advent Study 6:45pm •AVAS Rehearsal 7:30pm	29 Homework-Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	30	

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