

November 27, 2016



Unwrapping the Gifts of the Season

*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.

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Let us pray: **Come, now O Spirit of God. Fill us with your gift of hope
as we wait and watch for God with us, Emmanuel.**

Sung Response: **Shine a candle into the darkness,
breath new hope into our lives.
Wind your blessed peace around us
till the day when Christ arrives.
Shine a candle in the darkness,
wind your blessed peace around us.**

Songs of Praise

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

I Am

Made to Worship

Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

Prayers of the People

Special Music

Comfort, Comfort Now, My People

Arr. Hal Hopson

Hymn of Illumination

God Almighty, We Are Waiting, v. 1

(to the tune of *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service, UMH #581*)

God Almighty, we are waiting for a savior to appear.

Meet us in our desert journey; give a sign that you are near:
burning bushes, parted waters, food aplenty in the wild.

As we look for signs and wonders, help us see you in a child.

(written by Ann Bell Worley, in *New Hymns of Hope*. Words copyright © 2005 Hope Publishing Company)

***Scripture Reading**

Luke 3:1-18

Witness to the Word

The Gift You Were Expecting

Pastor Michelle Mejia

Sharing of Gifts & Prayer

The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Thanksgiving Baskets

Prays Band

***Closing Praise**

The King of Glory Comes, TFWS 2091

***Blessing**

***Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: 109

Thanksgiving

THE BLESSED SEASON OF ADVENT

State, Country & World

PEACE AND UNITY

Our Homebound Members

Leona Bergsman, Esther Gannaway, Norman Jones
Betty Storton, Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler, Elaine Hollidayoke, Mary Jones



November Prayer List



A new list will start on December 1st. 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.

Dr. Killian (Joanne Christofel's doctor)

Chuck Ferrar (regular attender)

Sue Finkle (member)

Raymond Finkle (Mary Jane's brother in law)

Margaret Terry (member)

Steve Duckett (member)

Tammy Lesley (member)

Holly Newquist (Harriet & Tom's daughter)

Patty D. (Amanda Owen's friend)

Edelin Giovi (Barbara Pearson's friend)

Debbie Cox (the Edstroms' friend)

Joe Pitruzzella (Neil Bergsman's friend)

Jessica & Ben Pardew (Valerie's family)

James Brown (the Lesleys' friend)

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

Wanda Kauffman (Annabelle King's sister)

Shirley Koetting (Art King's sister)

Birthdays this Week



November 27 – Kathy Duckett
Finn Smith



November 28 – John "Bo" Morgan



Anniversary this Week

November 27 – Sherrie & Stephen Ugolini



EVENTS THIS WEEK

The EUMC Prayer Team meets today in the sanctuary after coffee hour.

Monday, Nov 28	Heavenly Bells 7pm; Spire deadline!
Tuesday, Nov 29	Homework & Reading 4pm; SPRC meeting 7pm
Wednesday, Nov 30	Advent Study 10:30am and 6:30pm; Tai Chi 1pm; Kids Arts Club 4pm
Thursday, Dec 1	Homework & Reading 4pm; Choir 7pm
Sun, Dec 4	AVAS Concert 3pm

It is not too late to join the Advent study beginning this coming Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. The group will tackle ***“The Redemption of Scrooge”*** from Matt Rawle’s *The Pop in Culture Series*, showing us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens’ Christmas classic. Please let Pastor Michelle know today if you’d like to join us; there are books available.



Poinsettia and Pantry donations will be taken, beginning today and continuing until December 18. Poinsettias are \$10, and pantry donations are accepted in any amount.

Gift bags for Timothy House will be available beginning this Sunday, as well as a list of suggested gift items to fill them. They will be distributed to residents on Sunday, December 18th. Please consider helping with this distribution after worship on that Sunday.



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 40 preschool children selected by the school. School officials have told us 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) 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 18**. The toys and gifts will



be wrapped on **Monday, December 19 at 7 p.m. in Multipurpose Room A in the church basement** and delivered to the school the following morning. **Help is needed from members of the church, men and women, in wrapping the gifts.**



A BIG THANKS to our small but mighty garden group who dug out the front garden. We had beautiful weather for it. Thanks to Joyce, Sonny, my husband Jerry (he loves to pull out bushes with his truck), and the best dressed gardener ever, Sam, for all their hard work. If you would like to help dig out the other garden, please contact me at msjohara@yahoo.com. ~ Joanne Christofel

Arundel Vocal Arts Society

JoAnn Kulesza, Conductor

Fall Concert

Featuring

Mozart's Vesperae So/ennes de Confessore
Conrad Susa's Christmas Garland
and other Holiday favorites

Sunday, December 4, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

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Tickets: \$20 per person

Free to all students

Tickets can be purchased at the door

For more information, please go to

www.arundelvocalarts.org

Don't forget to turn in your Estimates of Giving for 2017. You may place them in the offering plate or in the office in an envelope marked appropriately.

Advent ♦ Christmas ♦ New Year Schedule

Advent Study

Wednesdays, 11/30 – 12/21 at 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 4
AVAS Concert 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11
Cantata

Sunday, December 18
Children's Pageant
Cookies with Santa (following worship)

Saturday, December 24
Christmas Eve
5:30 p.m. – Family-centered service
8:30 p.m. – Pre-service Christmas concert
9:00 p.m. – Communion & Candlelight service

Sunday, December 25
Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. – Worship, a Service of Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 31
New Year's Eve
Interfaith Service
6:30 p.m. – Pre-service music
7:00 p.m. – New Year's Eve Service
(refreshments following)

Sunday, January 1, 2017
New Year's Day
10:00 a.m. – Worship, a Service of Reflection and Renewal

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,
 Bill Malamphy, Steve Parks, Joan Dove
Lay Speakers/Prayer Leaders
 Audrey Howard, Jean Strucko, *Worship Team Leaders*
 Sally & Kevin Hight, *PowerPoint Presenters*
 Shirley Owen, *Ushers Coordinator* Audrey Howard, *Greeters Coordinator*
 Kevin, *The Treats Dude*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK
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Greeters: Sonny & Shirley Owen
 Welcomer: Sherrie Little
 Ushers: Barbara Schwarz
 Barbara Pearson
 Prayer Leader: Sherrie Little
 Reader: Mike Owen
 Children's Time: Bill Riggs
 Sunday School: **Children in Worship**
 Nursery: Nikki Finkle
 Sally Colburn
 Counters: Ruth Gibbons, Audrey Howard
 Jackie Cunningham

Fellowship Time
 The Congregation

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK
December 4, 2016

Greeters: Audrey Howard, Ginny Davidson
 Welcomer: Jean Strucko
 Ushers: Carol & Bob Emory
 Prayer Leader: Bill Malamphy
 Reader: Mike Keller
 Children's Time: Michelle Anderson
 Sunday School:
 Nursery: Nikki Finkle
 Kathleen Liedy
 Counters: Paulette & Tom Schwallenberg,
 Neil Bergsman

Fellowship Time
 The Owen, Hughes & Nasatka Families

You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor Michelle
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