

*September 21, 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.

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## **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 21, 2014

10:00 a.m.

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### **GATHERING**

*Please turn off your cell phones.*

#### **Gathering Music**

#### **Welcome**

**\*Processional Hymn**

*Gather Us In*

TFWS 2236

**\*Opening Praise**

*Draw Me Close to You*

#### **\*Call to Confession of Sins**

**Liberating God, You are the One who parted the waters,  
setting your people on the path toward freedom.**

**With cloud and fire You guided Israel on a journey to wholeness.**

**But like your people Israel, too often, we suffer amnesia,  
forgetting Your gracious acts of redemption.**

**Too often, we live our lives failing to trust  
in your divine provision for us.**

**Forgive us for the times that we, like the Israelites,  
out of hunger and thirst and fear, have grumbled in the desert,  
forgetting that we are Yours and that You will take care of us.**

**Remind us this morning of your generosity toward us.**

**Feed us with your manna, the bread of heaven,  
so that by being filled with your compassionate grace,  
we might offer it to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news. God hears our complaints, and God hears our prayers. God has kept the covenant. In God's infinite love for us, and in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new! Amen.

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

### **Children's Time**

**Anthem**

Wesleyan Choir

**Joys and Concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer**

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Hymn of Illumination**

*People Need the Lord*

TFWS 2244

**\*Reading from Holy Scriptures Exodus 16:2-15**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Witness to the Word**

*"Bestow"*

Pastor Michelle Mejia

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

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, HOLY COMMUNION with OFFERTORY**

**The Great Thanksgiving &**

UMH 9

**Communion Hymns**

*Hungry*

*You Who Are Thirsty*

TFWS 2132

**Holy Communion** *by the ancient method of intinction, dipping the bread in the cup.*

**Sharing of Gifts** *The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Thanksgiving Baskets*

**\*Doxology**

**Offertory Prayer**

## **\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*God Will Take Care of You, v. 1,3*

UMH 130

**\*Blessing**

**Music to Send Us Forth**

\*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday: **123**

## OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

### Thanksgiving

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### State, Country & World

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

### Our Homebound Members

Lois Bliss, Edna Catterton, Katherine Leitch, Esther Gannaway,  
Becky Dobrick, Neill Kinnamon, Norman Jones



### September Prayer List\*\*



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

**Natalie Somers** (Brenda Jones' granddaughter)

**Bob Zuber** (friend of Bill & JoAnn)

**Butch Stevens** (member)

**Pat Aldersley** (member)

**Norman Jones** (member)

**Betty Storton** (member)

**Tom Eicher** (Prays Band member)

**Maria Gomez** (EUMC friend)

**The U.S. Military** (Berlyn Wheeler)

**Maxine Trauger** (Edstrom's extended family)

**Gene Berry** (Jackie Cunningham's friend)

**Denyce** (JoAnn Kulesza's friend)

**Betty Jane Finkle** (family of several members)

**Matt Oechsle** (Barbara Schwarz's nephew)

**Jennie Kulesza** (JoAnn's Mom)

**Owen Odell Bowen** (Edgar's brother)

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

**Donny Marco** (Barbara Schwarz's nephew)

**Ray Fox** (Malamphy's extended family)

***Eloise Gleason, one of our homebound members, passed into the hands of the Lord last Sunday. Eloise was 98 years young.***

***Please keep her family in your prayers.***



***Altar Flowers are placed today by Ruth Bowen in loving memory of her husband Emory Gwynn Bowen, Jr.***

### Birthdays this Week

Sept 21 Joan Dove, Taylor Stevens

Sept 23 Sherrie Little, Catherine Daywalt

Sept 26 Sally Colburn, Frances Wilmer

Allen Macey

### Anniversaries this Week

Sept 23 Harriet & Earl Macey

Sept 25 Sharon & Mark Stevens

### SPOTLIGHT BEHIND THE SCENES

**A big THANK YOU to Dick Strucko, Allen Macey, and Rick Strucko for removing and hauling away the large accordion track curtain that was in our kitchen.**



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Today – Church Picnic in Bay Ridge 2pm – See you there!

Mon, Sept 22	Heavenly Bells 7 pm; United Methodist Men Fellowship
Tue, Sept 23	Lay Leadership Team 2pm; Homework and Reading 4pm
Wed, Sept 24	Exodus Study, 12pm
Thu, Sept 25	Homework and Reading 4pm; ECCO 5:30pm; Choir 7 pm
Sat, Sept 27	Fall Retreat 8:30 – 4:00

**No Coffee Hour Today.** Instead, we want you to get ready for our **Annual Church Picnic, 2:00pm** at the Clubhouse, 80 East Lake Drive in Bay Ridge. Bring a lawn chair, food to share if you can, (there will be plenty) and plan to enjoy a couple hours of good company, food and fun, not to mention beautiful surroundings.



**Speaker at UMM Meeting.** Larry Griffin, executive director of *We Care and Friends*, will talk about the work of his organization and its efforts to assist the homeless at the monthly meeting of the Eastport United Methodist Men this coming **Monday, September 22, at 7pm.** Pizza will be served. All in the church are invited to attend, especially the men.



**EUMC Fall Planning Retreat** is Saturday, September 27, 8:30 to 4:00, at the home of Jackie Cunningham. We will have continental breakfast and lunch. Each team leader is expected to share accomplishments for 2014 and plans for 2015. All EUMC members are welcome to attend.

**Kids Art Program.** For various school and church scheduling reasons, the Creating Communities Arts Program at EUMC is delayed until Oct. 1 at 4:00pm.

**Time for the October Spire.** Team leaders are asked to send calendar items, articles, announcements, and any other pertinent information to Eunice at [corseec@msn.com](mailto:corseec@msn.com) to include in the October newsletter.

**The Wednesday Lunch Bunch** September event will be October 1st since a lot of the folks are attending Pastor Michelle's class on the regularly scheduled day. This means Lunch Bunch will meet twice in October...on the 1st and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Meet at Sammy's in the Eastport Shopping Center, 12:15pm.

The Reverend Michelle Meija, *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**  
**September 21, 2014**

Greeters: Eric Smaridge, Mei-Jen Hong  
 Prayer Leader: Mike Keller  
 Liturgist: Pastor Michelle  
 Reader: Pastor Michelle  
 Ushers: Kathy Volz, Jean Strucko  
 Children's Time: Pastor Michelle  
 Nursery: Lisa & Russ Parrish  
 Counters: Art & Annabelle King  
 Communion Assistants: Mike Keller,  
 Sally Colburn, Evie Swink

**NO Fellowship Time**  
**See you at the picnic!!!**

**THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK**  
**September 28, 2014**

Greeters: Pat & Steve Parks  
 Prayer Leader: Mike Keller  
 Reader: Cade Clurman  
 Ushers: Carol & Bob Emory  
 Children's Time: Barbara Krebs  
 Nursery: Sally Colburn, Evie Swink  
 Counters: Jackie Cunningham,  
 Ruth Gibbons, Audrey Howard

**Fellowship Time**  
**Pud Schultz, Carol Hill, Sue Peret**  
**(Thanks!!)**

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

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**Readings for Next Week ♦ September 21**

Exodus 16:2- 15; Psalm 105:37-45 or Psalm 78;  
 Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

**Consider using John Wesley's Three Simple Rules**  
 in your daily prayer and meditation:

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