

September 6, 2015



Fighting Like Jesus, part II

**Eastport United Methodist Church
926 Bay Ridge Avenue
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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.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2015

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Please turn off your cell phones.

Gathering Music

Welcome

*Opening Hymn

God Is Here

UMH 660

*Song of Praise

My Life is In You, Lord

TFWS 2032

*Prayer of Confession

God, forgive us.

Our communion is not always visible to the world.

Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church,

Making it hard to see that we are your community.

We act as though we do not need each other.

We do not always love one another.

We do not know and bear one another's burdens.

We fail to build each other up.

We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another.

Forgive us, and strengthen us

So that we may live in the unity that you grant us.

*Words of Assurance

One: By Christ's work we are reconciled and united with God and with one another.

Thanks be to God for the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

*Renewing Our Covenant

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
September 6, 2015

Greeters: Audrey Howard, Ginny Davidson
 Prayer Leader: Mike Keller
 Reader: Jean Strucko
 Ushers: Butch & June Stevens
 Children's Time: Paulette Schwallenberg
 Nursery: Jacqueline & Steve Ploof
 Counters: Jerry & Tammy Lesley
 Paulette Schwallenberg
 Communion: Marty Dobbs, Harriet Macey
 Mike Keller (PL)

Fellowship Time
Jackie Cunningham
Eric Smaridge, Jeff Bauckman

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK
September 13, 2015

Greeters: Sally Colburn, Evie Swink
 Prayer Leader: Mike Keller
 Reader: Dennis Bergsman
 Ushers: Mike Keller, Eric Edstrom
 Children's Time: Anne Owen
 Nursery: TBD
 Counters: Virginia Schultz, Harriet Macey
 Bill Malamphy

Fellowship Time
Shirley Owen
Amanda Owen

You may contact Worship Ministry Team Leaders and Pastor Michelle
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Pastor Michelle: eastportumcpastor@gmail.com



SPOTLIGHT BEHIND THE SCENES

Brian Cunningham, who is always there with a helping hand 😊

OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Thanksgiving

VOLUNTEERS IN OUR HOMEWORK
AND READING PROGRAM

State, Country & World

EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN IN THE WORLD

Our Homebound Members

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



September Prayer List

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



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

Pat Parks (member)

Al (friend of Wendy & Eric)

Lee Bergsman (Neil's Mom)

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

Larry Hogan (Governor of MD)

James Brown (friend of the Lesleys)

Shanna Lindblad (a member of the Finkle family)

Christina Valentine (member)

Sonya Beard (Tammy & Jerry's daughter)

Dave Swafford (friend of Jean Strucko
and other members)

Jennie Kulesza (JoAnn's Mom)

The U.S. Military (Berlyn Wheeler)

Sincere sympathy goes out to two families this week:

Jeff Bauckman's mother, Mary Barbara Bauckman passed to the hands of the Lord on Tuesday. We pray for peace and comfort for Jeff, and for Barbara's whole family.



Daniel Krain, who "grew up at EUMC," died suddenly last week. We extend our sympathy to Kathy & Bruce Krain, his parents and to his brothers, who many of you may know. Daniel was married to Robin. We wish her, and the entire family, comfort and peace in this difficult time. The funeral will be here at EUMC on Tuesday afternoon at 4:00.

Please hold these families in prayer.



Birthdays this Week

Sep 8 – Neill Kinnamon

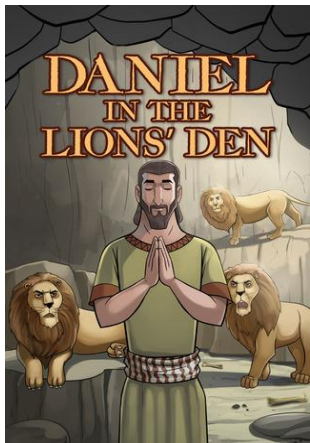
EVENTS THIS WEEK

TODAY --- WINTER RELIEF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

Mon, Sept 7	Labor Day – Office closed
Tue, Sept 8	NO Pastor's office hours at Zu Coffee today (next week-yes) NO Homework and Reading Program (due to memorial service)
Wed, Sept 9	Lay Leadership meeting 5:30pm; Evangelism meeting 6:15pm; Missions meeting 7pm
Thurs, Sept 10	Homework and Reading Program 4-5 pm; ECCO meeting 5:30pm CHOIR rehearsals begin 7pm – all are welcome!

Lay Member to Annual Conference - Jean Strucko is stepping down as our long time lay member to Annual Conference, and our lay leadership committee is looking for someone who would be willing to represent our congregation and attend the Baltimore Washington Annual Conference this year, June 1-3, 2016. If you are interested in serving or learning more information about what Lay Member to Annual Conference entails, please contact Pastor Michelle.

Children's Sunday School starting Sept. 13th! Back to school time is exciting, and back to Sunday School is just as exciting! We have succeeded in recruiting several



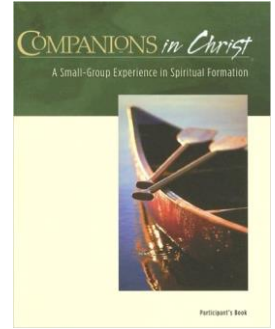
Sunday School teachers and a person to coordinate the program. Thank you! Your dedication to our children and youth is great! This year the children will begin in the Old Testament with Daniel in the Lion's Den. How exciting is that! They will learn through music, storytelling, art, science, and cooking. Bring all the children you know to church on that Sunday. After Children's Time they will go to the Sunday School classrooms to start their adventure. It's not too late to sign up to help with Sunday School classes!

The Heavenly Bells will start ringing again (in rehearsal) on Monday evening, September 23rd ! We would love to have more people join us. You do not necessarily have to be able to read music, and it is a lot of fun. Have questions? Call Margie Hughes or see a bell choir member.



Companions in Christ – Starts the Week of Sept. 13th

Want to grow your relationship with God and build community with others at EUMC? Come, join our new small group study starting this fall. **Sign up in the fellowship hall today.** Dates and times will be determined by participant's schedules, so please indicate your interest. You can read the article in the August Spire for details, or email Pastor Michelle at eastportumcpastor@gmail.com. This study is broken into 5 week sections throughout the school year. We are also seeking people to either help facilitate the study or host a group. **Participants should plan to stay after worship on Sun. Sept. 13th to get their books and groups.**



Please come and sit in with the Sunday 9:00 adult conversation group for a special 12-week series – “*Passionately Christian, Compassionately Interreligious,*” beginning Sept. 13th. This is a discussion on some of the world's major religions, including Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, and Atheism, as well as discussions about Christian mission in an interreligious world. Sunday morning conversations will be enhanced by short video clips that you can watch during the week. Come for all 12 weeks, or drop in as you are able. This series will conclude on November 29th, after which the adult conversation group will resume their traditional way of choosing topics and discussion. Please add your email address to the signup sheet in fellowship hall.



UMM to Hold Annual Navy Football Outing - The Eastport United Methodist Men



will hold its yearly Navy Football Outing on Saturday, September 19, when Navy will tackle East Carolina. Men, women and kids are invited. The United Methodist Men has purchased a block of 15 tickets for the game – first come, first served. The cost is \$28 apiece. See Jim Wilcox at church or call him at 410-268-7458.

Save these Dates:

September 15th – Board of Trustees (6:15) and Administrative Council (7:30)

The annual EUMC church picnic is September 20 at the Bay Ridge clubhouse starting at 2pm.



The annual fall planning retreat is
Saturday, September 26
9:00am – 2:30 pm
At the home of David and Amanda Owen

And looking WAY ahead, our Charge Conference will be on Saturday, October 31st.

BTW... (That's "text-speak" for by the way)

We still have beets and jelly available for purchase, we are just not taking them out of the refrigerator on Sunday mornings – see Myrna Dobbs or Shirley Owen to purchase yours. (think Thanksgiving 😊) Thank you.