

*September 23, 2018*



*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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**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 23, 2018

10:00 a.m.

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**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

**Songs of Praise**

*Everlasting God*

*Welcome*

*Give Thanks*

**Prayer**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Children's Time**

**Blessing of the Pray-Ground**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn of Illumination**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, v.1,2 – UMH 89*

**\*Scripture Reading**

Nehemiah 12:27-31, 40-43

## **Witness to the Word**

### ***Celebrate***

Pastor Michelle

### **Anthem**

*This Little Light of Mine*

Wesleyan Choir

### **Sharing of Gifts & Prayer**

The Unified Budget & Heaven Cent Basket for Winter Relief

### **\*Closing Praise**

*There Is Joy in The Lord*

### **\*Blessing**

### **\*Praise Song to Send Us Forth**

\*Please stand as you are able.

Participation last Sunday:91

Adults: 75

Children:16

### **New Pray-ground Sanctuary Space!**

At EUMC, as Jesus did, we welcome children of all ages as integral members of the body of Christ, and we welcome the sounds and activity that accompany them! Today we are beginning an experiment for a couple months with a pray-ground space in the sanctuary. What's a pray-ground, you might be wondering? Well, it's a simple space, designed for parents and children 3 and under to quietly engage in age-appropriate activities while experiencing worship in the sanctuary along with their families. This doesn't take the place of our nursery which begins faith formation for preschoolers. It is an additional offering. Parents are welcome to keep their little ones in this space the whole service, or send them to nursery after the children's time. If this two month experiment is working, we will create a more permanent pray-ground space in the sanctuary so that our handicap accessible space also remains open for persons with disabilities and the elderly. Let us join together in blessing and praying over and welcoming the families who try out this new space.

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*  
 Audrey Howard, Jean Strucko, *Worship Team Leaders*  
 Sally & Kevin Hight, *PowerPoint Presenters*  
 Shirley Owen, *Ushers Coordinator*    Audrey Howard, *Greeters Coordinator*

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**  
**September 23, 2018**

**Greeters:** Myrna & Marty Dobbs  
**Welcomer:** Pud Schultz  
**Ushers:** Jean Strucko, Kathy Volz  
**Prayer Leader:** Mike Keller  
**Reader:** Megan Wurst  
**Children's Time:** TBA  
**Sunday School:** Jacqueline Ploof  
**Nursery:** Krista Stone  
                   Nicole Hughes  
**Counters:** Jackie Cunningham  
                   Ruth Gibbons, Audrey Howard

**THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK**  
**September 30, 2018**

**Greeters:** Lisa & Mike Stevens  
**Welcomer:** Anne Owen  
**Ushers:** Jerry Lesley, Mike Wurst  
**Prayer Leader:** Mike Keller  
**Reader:** Mary Jane Finkle  
**Children's Time:** Valerie Devaris  
**Sunday School:** Jacqueline Ploof  
**Nursery:** Krista Stone  
                   Myrna Dobbs  
  
**Counters:** Jean Wilcox, Erin Connor

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# OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

## Thanksgiving

THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE

## State, Country & World

PEACE IN OUR HEARTS AND IN OUR LAND



### Our Homebound Members

Leona Bergsman, Norman Jones, Betty Storton,  
Nadine Clark, Ernie Mutschler



### 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 or 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.  
\*\*Please let the office know if there is someone that you want kept on the prayer list, otherwise the names will be removed at the end of each month.

**Paul Layaw** (Charlotte Kerns' uncle)

**Art King** (member)

**Jim Wilcox** (member)

**Tegan Kopp** (son of Sharon & Tavis)

**Mike Pearson** (Barb Pearson's son)

**Joe Chaney** (Friend of EUMC)

**Mark Cobb** (Shirley Keller's nephew)

**Danny Ostrowski** (Carole Williams' son-in-law)

**Derek Schaeffer** (Mimi's son)

**Tony Dalton** (Friend of Carol & Bob Emory)

**Shavella Miles** (Kevin Hight's co-worker)

**Jennifer Benson** (fiancé of Eric Smaridge)

**Charles Brown** (Jerry Lesley's extended family)

**Eleanora Tolliver** (Sherrie Little's grandmother)

**Peggy Beaumont** (Friend JoAnn Kulesza)

### Happy Birthday

Sept 23 – Sherrie Little  
Catherine Daywalt

Sept 26 – Sally Colburn  
Allen Macey

Sept 27 – Barbara Schwarz  
Cierra Ploof

Sept 28 – Bob McWilliams



### Happy Anniversary

Sept 23 – Harriet & Earl Macey

## Upcoming Events at EUMC

### Prayer Team meets today

Monday, Sept 24	Heavenly Bells 7pm
Tuesday, Sept 25	Homework & Reading Program 4-5pm;
Wednesday, Sept 26	<b>Out to Lunch Bunch @ Noon</b> ; Bible Study 7pm;
Thursday, Sept 27	Bible study 10am
	Homework & Reading Program 4-5pm; Wesleyan Choir 7pm
Sunday, Sept 30	<b>Lay leadership meeting after service</b>

Bible study has begun but it's not too late to join in. Read Galations, chapters 1 & 2 and choose to attend the Wednesday evening study at 7pm, or the Thursday morning study at 10am.



## Spaghetti Dinner PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT UMW MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES

October 13, 2018

4-6pm

Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and beverage

( *meat sauce and meatless sauce available* )

**DINE-IN and CARRY-OUT**

**Adults and All carry-outs: \$12**

**Children under 10: \$5**

**Advance purchase of tickets is appreciated.**

**Tickets are on sale in Fellowship Hall**

## CHILDREN AT EUMC

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14*

At Eastport United Methodist Church, as Jesus did, we welcome children of all ages as integral members of the body of Christ, and we welcome the sounds and activities designed for children to experience and participate in worship according to their needs; we trust families to work out the best option(s) for them and their child(ren) on any given day.

We also understand that it takes a village to raise a child. A few tips for engaging our families with small children include:

- Greeting/learning the names of the young children who sit near you in worship.
- Offering to read or color with one child during worship, especially if another child in the family is especially fussy or upset.
- Helping preschoolers and elementary-aged kids to navigate the liturgy, locate the hymns, etc. (Children learn to worship by participating!)
- Inviting kids to serve alongside you in worship, as greeters, as ushers, etc.
- Recognizing that certain conditions or disabilities don't present physically, and some children (and adults) may make noises or act in ways that seem strange or upsetting, but are perfectly normal for their situation.
- Celebrating that God put the wriggle in children and that children's "mode of being" in worship is intrinsically more vocal and more physical than that of adults.

## **EUMC Kids' Ministries**

### Pew Pals

Located in the back of the Sanctuary, pew pals are stuffed animal friends kids can take to their pews to play with. Scribble Cards are also located in the pew racks.

### \*Eastport Sunday School

Eastport Sunday School is the core of children's education at Eastport. Students (Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) worship with their families through the children's sermon, then attend Sunday School through the end of the service. A youth class (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up) will happen monthly during worship.

### The Pray-Ground

This experimental space in the middle of the sanctuary is intended especially for families of infants and toddlers, recognizing that small kids are often more engaged when they can see what's going on and have more wriggle in them than the rest of us. Small tables and chairs, baby bouncers and seats, and soft toys help to keep our littlest ones occupied while experiencing worship with their families.

### The Chapel

While the sounds that children make are most welcome in the Sanctuary, we recognize that concerns about disturbing others can hinder parents' ability to focus on worship. The Chapel is located behind the back glass wall of the Sanctuary. Sound is piped in, so parishioners can both see and hear what's happening in worship, while children can play freely.

### \*Nursery

Our nursery is staffed every worship service by a child care professional and second volunteer adult for children from birth to 5 years of age. Nursery is downstairs. This time is geared towards play and learning the faith for toddlers and preschoolers. Children will listen to stories, sing, be active, and still have time for free play with all the toys they know and love.

\*(To comply with our Safe Sanctuary Policy, parents and guardians are asked to pick up their own children from both the nursery and Sunday School classrooms. Thanks for understanding.)