



The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

October 2024

We share our experiences of God’s Kingdom with all, through our faith, love, fellowship, and service. It is our vision to have each person engaged in worship that enriches, ministries that empower, and missions that embrace and affirm all people.

From the Pastor

This October, during our Sunday services, we will embark on an unusual journey together. As we approach All Saints Day, we will delve into the often uncomfortable topic of death and dying. This series is not about fear or anxiety, but about finding comfort, hope, and practical guidance. We will explore the meaning of life, the power of faith, and the importance of living well. Join us as we navigate this sacred and personal journey together.

~ Pastor Chris



Pastor Chris' sermon on September 22 took the form of a talk show a la Letterman's Top Ten. Thanks to resident nurse Emily Roney for being the special guest expert!

Heroes Memorial Park Dedication

Our community came together to honor the brave men and women of our local fire department at the grand opening of Heroes Memorial Park. Led by our Pastor Chris Broadwell, the ceremony began with a heartfelt invocation. Captain Dallas Lister served as the master of ceremonies, and speeches were delivered by Annapolis Fire Chief Douglas Remaley, Joe Pilat of Local 1926 Annapolis Professional Firefighters, and Lee Wisniewski Downing of the Eastport Volunteer Fire Company.



The park was originally conceived to honor Lieutenant Josh Snyder, a dedicated professional firefighter who tragically lost his battle with cancer. As the project grew, we invited our community to join us in honoring all of our local heroes, creating a lasting legacy that will inspire generations to come.

"May this memorial park serve as a lasting tribute to their courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment. May it be a place of reflection, where we remember the lives they touched and the legacy they leave behind.

Let us invite peace and hope to dwell within. May it be a sanctuary of solace, a gathering place for those who grieve, and an inspiration for all generations."

Thank you, Eastport Volunteer Fire Company & Annapolis Fire for all of your hard work. Please do stop by and visit this beautiful place to reflect.

United Methodist Women



The United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, October 1, at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a short business meeting followed by devotions. You are welcome to bring a bagged meal and drink; dessert will be provided. All women of the church are invited to participate.

~ Kathy Duckett

Divine Diners

Pull up a chair with the **Divine Diners!** We will meet for lunch at Sammy's on the *second* Tuesday at 12 pm; and for dinner at Adam's (both across the street) on the *fourth* Tuesday at 5:30 pm.



Vacation Bible School 2024

Eastport UMC, St. Anne's Episcopal, St. Luke's Episcopal, and First Presbyterian of Annapolis partnered



together to provide a vacation bible school in the last week before school started. We were the primary host site and our location and facility were perfect. I got a lot of joy out of leading the music and games for the program and look forward to us hosting it in the years to come!

Here's what I loved about our VBS curriculum:

- **Biblical Foundation:** The curriculum is firmly grounded in Scripture, using the parable of the sower as a central theme. This provides a strong spiritual foundation for the lessons.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** The focus on environmental stewardship is timely and relevant. It encourages children to be active participants in caring for the planet. Something that can begin at an early age.
- **Hands-On Activities:** The ReNew activities offer practical ways for children to engage with environmental issues and make a positive impact. Nearly every bit of the vbs was something being reused, recycled, repurposed, and even something that would eventually be composted.



~ Pastor Chris



Eastport Elementary School

Our ongoing partnership with Eastport Elementary School is a testament to our commitment to serving our community. By hosting their support services in our church fellowship hall, we've provided a convenient and



welcoming space for families to access essential resources. Offering assistance in both English and Spanish ensures that our neighbors can receive the support they need, regardless of language barriers. We're proud to collaborate with Eastport Elementary School to make a positive impact on our community.

~ Pastor Chris



Future Community Lecture Series

In the coming months we hope to provide a schedule of monthly informational offerings for 2025. **The Community Lecture Series** aims to strengthen our connection with the surrounding community by providing valuable information on important topics through presentations by local experts. We hope to offer our church as a resource hub, fostering community engagement, to empower individuals with knowledge, while also building relationships and reinforcing our mission to serve the community.

Pumpkin Carving October 27th

Mark your calendar for some Halloween fun with half the mess and stress!

On October 27th, immediately after church, you're invited to a pumpkin carving in Fellowship Hall. Bring a pumpkin, your favorite carving tools and your creativity. Come carve away and leave the mess with us! At the end we'll have a Grand Illumination while enjoying pumpkin fellowship!



Markers and stickers will be supplied for any little pumpkins who want to be creative. You and your pumpkin are invited to join in the fun!

~ Jill Peddicord

Homework & Reading



In recognition of the coming of fall, children in the Homework and Reading Program engaged in a pumpkin painting exercise during one session. Pictured is fifth grader Hannah, who painted her pumpkin in the colors of the Mexican flag. ~ Mike Keller

Finance

Our Finance team and Pastor Chris have offered three listening sessions on our budget financial life and two separate narrative mailings have been sent out to inform everyone about where we stand financially. The following information about our church's financial life can be found at eastportumc.org/inside The "secret" code is 0926.



- 2024 Budget: An overview of the church's finances.
- Finance Report: Annual financial reports.
- Policies: Policies related to church finance.
- Information about church membership.

Special thanks to Elaine, Steve, Neil, Ruth, David, Jill, Michael, Peanuts, for all their work on the finance team.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

We appreciate Pastor Chris and Rev. Jenna.

- In his care for family, friends, and neighbors.
- In his shepherding of the EUMC congregation and community.
- In his compassion for everyone he meets.
- In his answering the needs of those in the community without spiritual support.
- In his service to the United Methodist Church, Baltimore-Washington Conference, Annapolis District.
- In his leadership among Annapolis-area community organizations.



Pastor Chris imitates Christ and we say, “How splendidly he has done it all!”

- In her steadiness and compassion.
- In her mindfulness and presence.
- In her decisiveness and clarity.
- In her willingness and volunteerism.
- In her vocation and leadership.
- In her teaching and innovation.
- In her creativity, study and reflection.

Rev. Jenna imitates Christ and we say, “Wonderfully done!”

There is another way to express our gratitude and appreciation for Pastor Chris and Rev Jenna. We have reserved the left front bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please share your thanks and appreciation by placing brief notes onto that board. There are supplies available for your convenience.

~ *EUMC Administration Council*

October Garden & Maintenance

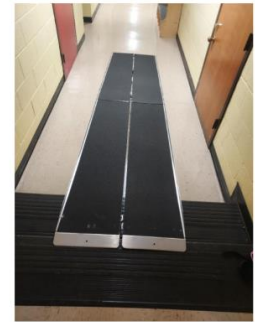


Many thanks to Pastor Chris for replacing the broken swings in the children’s playground and Barbara Krebs for helping cut back the gardens. Thanks to Rusty and Pastor Chris for getting the AC back on. We

cleaned off the clogged outside drain in the driveway again and trimmed bushes in the children’s garden. Jerry added sealant in the crack by the front doors. We unpacked and set up dividers, 12 tables, an inside hallway ramp (see below), and 48 chairs in the two downstairs classrooms.

We are excited about the Naval Academy midshipmen helping us outside this fall with raking leaves and other chores starting next week. If someone can volunteer on Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 4 to 5:30 to just supervise the midshipmen (Jerry and I have another commitment), please let us know.

Please keep all our workers and volunteers in your prayers to stay safe while they do repairs on our church. If anyone has any extra time and can help with church gardens, lawns, and maintenance, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact Joanne or Jerry Christofel at msjohara@yahoo.com or 410-703-0159.



~ *Joanne Christofel*



Shirley Owen

July 16, 1938
~
Sept. 30, 2024

We mourn the passing of this beautiful soul. Shirley had a long history of love and service to Eastport United Methodist Church. In this picture, she was crowned Miss Peach at EUMC’s Peach Festival.

Sunday School Activities

Six of our regular kids did their warm-up coloring sheets on Ephesians 4:29 about the power of words, and how we should always choose words for building others up.

They played Jenga as we talked about how carefully we work to build relationships up, and how easily things can fall apart with careless words. Then they did a team phrase matching activity where they chose better, more encouraging words that could be used in place of some statements that might come across as more negative or critical.



Happy News



Another Sunday we continued our discussion about how, as Christians, we can build others up by making the card basket for Tony.



Our friends Will and Garrett finally tied the knot! Congrats!

November 17th is a work day after church service. Joanne & Jerry Christofel would love to have any help you're able to give. Put it on your calendar and stay tuned.



Church Spirit Wear!
5 different designs,
endless colors & styles.

Shop at our shop:
bonfire.com/store/friends-of-umc

Food Pantry News

Because of your generosity we were able to provide our neighbors with so many helpful items. We had loads of canned goods and frozen meat from the county food bank. Incredibly fresh produce and flowers from the local gardening cooperative - Grow Annapolis. Best of all? We had a huge success in distributing the children's underwear to so many appreciative caregivers. Thank you to Rachel Goad for your efforts in coordinating this outpouring of love!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS OF CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR

Now that we're into October, we're collecting tooth paste and tooth brushes for the Oct. 19th pantry. Bring them to church, drop by the office, or use Rachel's easy Amazon link:



<https://tinyurl.com/octoberpantrycollection>.



Churches begin relief efforts following devastating hurricane

Our hearts and prayers are with the people of Western North Carolina and the entire Southeast in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Site evaluations following storm damage are in progress. We will be notified when it is safe to provide in-person support.

"The hurricane, tornadoes, and floods have ravaged North Carolina. Thank you for supporting neighbor to neighbor, packing cleaning kits, and offering financial gifts for unfolding needs," said Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton. *"Our Western NC Conference family's flooding is treacherous. We trust God is near as we enter into the suffering of our neighbors."*

As we wait to learn more about the needs in western North Carolina and beyond, here are a few ways you can help support disaster relief efforts:

Help Now

- Give to [UMCOR](#)
- [Build UMCOR Kits](#) – View this [short video](#) on how to assemble a kit.
- [Assemble Hygiene Kits](#) – Assembly [video](#)
- Pray

Partner Volunteer Request

Crisis Cleanup (<https://www.crisiscleanup.org>) is a website tool and hotline used throughout the US. It connects disaster survivors who need property cleanup assistance with volunteers who can help. The hotline is staffed by volunteers like you who work from home as they have time.

Baltimore-Washington Conference churches, as Maryland VOAD members, were notified to help fill an immediate need for [Phone Center Volunteers](#).

Stay Connected

Please visit the Conference [disaster website](#) for updates. You can also share your willingness to help on the forms below:

- I am interested in [volunteering](#)
- Our church will make [kits](#)

Direct questions may be sent to BWC Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, Thea Becton at disasterresponse@bwcumc.org.

October Anniversaries



- Oct 14 Carol Ann & Albert Stevens
- Oct 16 Sally & Kevin Hight
- Oct 21 Catherine & Ryan Elliott

October Birthdays



- Oct 2 Clara Jean Wurst
- Oct 3 Brooke Hughes
- Oct 4 Brady Duckett
- Oct 7 Brian Cunningham II
- Oct 9 Barbara Krebs
Dylan Liedy
- Oct 10 Lorie Rawlings
- Oct 11 Thomas Newquist
Colby Wurst
- Oct 12 Neil Bergsman
- Oct 16 Mimi Shaefer
- Oct 19 Eli Wurst
- Oct 20 Essie Broadwell
- Oct 21 Myrna Dobbs
- Oct 22 Dallas Jones
Dawn Moyer
- Oct 24 Lisa Stevens
- Oct 25 James Keller Sr.
- Oct 27 Nancy Swaray
- Oct 28 Thomas Eicher
- Oct 28 Michael Valentine
- Oct 29 Elizabeth De Groot



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Homework & Reading 4pm UMW 5:30pm	2	3 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	4 Study with Rachel Luna 9am POWER BOAT SHOW OCT 3-6	5
	6 Conversations in Faith 9:15am Service 10am	7	8 Divine Diners Lunch 12pm @Sammy's Homework & Reading 4pm	9	10 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm SAILBOAT SHOW OCT 10-14	11 Study with Rachel Luna 9am
13 Conversations in Faith 9:15am Service 10am Sunday School	14	15 Homework & Reading 4pm	16	17 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	18 Study with Rachel Luna 9am	19 Community Food & Diaper Pantry 11am (Setup 10am)
20 Conversations in Faith 9:15am Service 10am	21	22 Homework & Reading 4pm Divine Diners Supper Club Adam's 5:30pm Admin Council 7pm	23	24 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm	25 Study with Rachel Luna 9am	26
27 Conversations in Faith 9:15am Service 10am Sunday School Pumpkin Carving after Church 	28	29 Homework & Reading 4pm	30	31 Homework & Reading 4pm Choir 7pm Happy Halloween 		

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY



CONVERSATIONS IN FAITH 9:15 AM
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 2ND/4TH 10:15 AM
COFFEE HOUR 11 AM

MONDAY



AFTER SCHOOL W/ CHARTING CAREERS 3PM
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS 7 PM

TUESDAY



ESL CLASSES W/ CENTRO DE AYUDA 10 AM
HOMEWORK & READING PROGRAM 4 PM
DIVINE DINERS 2ND TUES, 12 PM;
DIVINE DINERS 4TH TUES, 5:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY



ESL CLASSES W/ CENTRO DE AYUDA 10 AM
AFTER SCHOOL W/ CHARTING CAREERS
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 8:30 PM

THURSDAY



ESL CLASSES W/ CENTRO DE AYUDA 10 AM
HOMEWORK & READING PROGRAM 4 PM
ARTS & ROBOTICS W/ MD HALL 5 PM
EUMC CHOIR REHEARSAL 7 PM

FRIDAY



SMALL GROUP W/ RACHEL 9 AM
EUMC BAND REHEARSAL 10 AM
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 7 PM
MY BROTHER'S KEEPER MENTORING 6 PM

SATURDAY



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY 3RD SAT, 10 AM

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