



The Eastport Spire

“Inspire Us to Great Things”

February 2021

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

A Lenten Experience of Scripture, UMC Social Principles and Antiracist Action to Build Beloved Community:

Each Sunday during Lent, the sermons we hear will be more of a study, that is, an opportunity to deepen and grow our faith during this holy season of preparation for Easter. We will begin each week's lesson with Scripture followed by exploring United Methodist Social Principles, learning from the witness of United Methodist ministries around the world, and reflecting on how God is calling each of us to faithful action in the face of evil forces that seek to divide and demean the human family. While this evil has many names, we name racism as one of these manifestations. This study is full of invitations to draw on each of the above resources as you navigate God's calling to address the brokenness forged by racism.

Administrative Council Updates: During the month of January the church administrative council received several new additions. Sherrie Little will serve as the chair of the worship team. Barbara Krebs will serve as an at-large member. The Board of Trustees, at their January meeting, elected Bill Schneider as the chairperson for 2021. We thank Dawn Moyer for her service as Trustee chairperson and are grateful that she will remain on the board.

The next meeting of the Administrative Council will be February 16th at 7 p.m. via zoom. Please email Pastor Chris, Council Chair Jill Peddicord, or Nancy Williamson in the office for the link to the meeting.

Notes from the Food Pantry: We give thanks for the many volunteers from the church and community who have joined us in the last month or so. It is quite the event to participate in and connect with so many neighbors. Our next food pantry will be Saturday,

February 20; set up begins at 10:30 a.m. Packing is the day before in the fellowship hall at noon.

Very special thanks to Grump's Cafe, Storm Brother's Ice Cream, and Dangerously Delicious Pies for their support!

PS: While we were packing boxes for the food pantry, we had a special visitor from The Capital Gazette. While he wasn't on official assignment, he heard about the great work of EUMC and wanted to celebrate it. Here is the link:

<https://www.capitalgazette.com/photos/ac-cn-eastport-umc-food-20210115-73rq5c6bqrgjffspl7iqywrysa-photogallery.html>

Our goal isn't to make the papers, nowhere near it, but it is nice that Christ's light shines through this work and is seen by so many (Matthew 5:16).

Remember you can check eastportumc.org/news for updates and recaps and other features!

~ Grace and Peace, Pastor Chris

Black History Month

Each Sunday during February we will introduce and celebrate an influential Black Christian and a description of their work for us to meditate on. Be sure to tune in on eastportumc.org/worship



Sock Drive

Hit us with your best socks!



Our friend in the neighborhood, Colin (age 10), is organizing a sock drive to help folks in need. We are joining with him to provide fresh socks for our neighbors through our monthly food pantry on February 20. Will you help us collect new socks? We especially need socks for women and girls. (His goal is 1000 socks, let's beat it!)

You can bring them by the church on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 a.m. - noon.

EUMC Women

The United Methodist Women will hold their next meeting online via Zoom on Wednesday, February 3, at 5:30 p.m. We will have a short business meeting followed by a program from the 2020-2021 UMW book entitled *Knitted Together for God's Good Work*. All women of the church are invited to participate. I will send out a Zoom meeting invitation to all who have attended meetings over the past year and would be happy to send one to anyone else who is interested – just let me know! ~ Kathy Duckett



End of Year Giving Statements

For individuals who wish to maintain their giving statements, they are distributed via email through our finance system. If you don't receive a statement by the end of January, then an email is not on file. Please send me an email at pcavonruth@netscape.net so I can update your profile.

Thanks from your Finance Team.
~ Ruth Gibbons



Special Thank You

A very special thank you to Nancy Williamson for volunteering in the office while we undergo a search for a new administrative assistant. She's whipping the office into shape and is incredible at responding to various needs from the church and community. If you need to speak with her, call her or email her. She's at the office most Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon.

From the Edstroms

Happy New Year EUMC Family. I know we are all hoping that this year will be better than last year. May it be so! It was a difficult year for all of us, but we persevered. Not only that, though; we did a good job of it. I am especially proud of EUMC and how the outreach to the Annapolis community grew as a result of the need during pandemic, and I pray that this work will continue and that it will even expand.

Most of you know that Eric and I had a particularly difficult last few months (my Mom's passing, and then a month later my own health problem). But again, a bright side. We want to thank everyone who sent Christmas cards, messages online, and called on the phone to express your love and support. Many of you know from your own experience what a blessing it is to have this love and care from our church family. Even though the physical distance between us is great, you all are always close to our hearts. We look forward to the day that we can safely travel that distance and be able to be with you once again. What a great day that will be! Until then, stay safe, and be well.

*Love & Blessings,
Wendy & Eric*

Behind the Scenes

When church has to be electronic, these dedicated souls make it happen!



April Bible Study

Join Pastor Chris in an online Bible study of the eighth century prophets, beginning Thursday evenings in April at 7 p.m. on zoom.



Epiphany 2021



On January 6 we gathered in front of the church for an Epiphany Bonfire and Service of Lights, an old church tradition marking the conclusion of the full twelve days of Christmas.

Potato Project

Jim Wilcox coordinated with the United Methodist Men to receive enough potatoes to supply 50 churches' food pantries throughout the region. It was an incredible sight to see the truck pull in. We give thanks for Jim's tireless effort in coordinating this project; his Christ-like cheerfulness and generosity resounds throughout our community.



February Birthdays

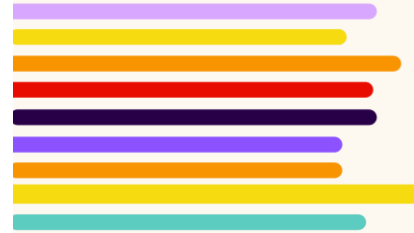
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Feb 2 Sally Hight
Evan Ugolini
Christina Hataway
Feb 4 Richard Miller
Feb 5 Thomas Smith
Feb 9 Anne Owen
Sam Coates
Feb 13 Earl Macey, Jr.
Feb 14 Jackie Cunningham
John Allen Wilcox
Luke Wilcox
Feb 15 Harriet Macey
Feb 23 Jacqueline Ploof
Feb 24 Sue Finkle
Feb 25 Mark Stevens
Feb 28 Justin Ford

The Connection

The Connection is a community group to foster connection, conversation, and resources for LGBTQ people, their partners and family who are exploring the Christian faith. The group will meet virtually twice a month starting in March. If you or someone you know may be interested in participating, please contact Pastor Chris at chris@eastportumc.org.

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February Anniversaries

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

Feb 14 Richard & Betty Miller
Feb 19 Jim & Jean Wilcox
Feb 22 Scott & Nicole Hughes

Watch our services on EUMC's YouTube channel every Sunday. You can go back and see any you missed or any you want to repeat. Another way to listen to EUMC Sunday services is by phone at 1-410-233-3163 any time.

Jesus will always sit with the outcast, the lonely, the estranged.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 History of Hymns Online 7:30pm	3 UMW Meeting 5:30pm Zoom	4 Virtual Hymn Sing 7:00pm	5	6 
7 Online Worship	8	9 History of Hymns Online 7:30pm	10	11 Virtual Hymn Sing 7:00pm	12	13
14 Online Worship	15	16 History of Hymns Online 7:30pm Admin Council Zoom Mtg 7pm	17 	18 Virtual Hymn Sing 7:00pm	19 Pickup & sort food for tomorrow's food pantry	20 FOOD PANTRY 10:30 AM 
21 Online Worship	22	23 History of Hymns Online 7:30pm	24	25 Virtual Hymn Sing 7:00pm	26	27
28 Online Worship						

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**Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery 10:15 a.m.
Office Hours 9:30-3:30 Monday-Friday
Office Closed 12-1 p.m. for Lunch**



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