



# Glad Tidings

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church Newsletter

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## Mark Your Calendar!

- Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Book Sale 4:00-8:00pm
- Aug 18<sup>th</sup> Book Sale 9:00am-4:00pm
- Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Book Sale (\$5 per bagful)  
4:00-8:00pm
- Aug 21<sup>st</sup> Book Sale Clean Up  
Admin Board Meeting 7:00pm
- Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Bangor Block Party 4:00pm-  
7:00pm
- Aug 26<sup>th</sup> "Back to School" Sunday  
After Church Fellowship
- Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
- Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastie Orders Due
- Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Pastie Pickup 3:30pm
- Sept 12<sup>th</sup> UMW Meeting 7:00pm
- Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Admin Board Meeting 7:00pm
- Sept 25<sup>th</sup> Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup> After Church Fellowship  
Pastie Orders Due

### Every Week

#### Tuesdays

Girl Scouts 7:00pm

#### Wednesdays

Girl Scouts 5:30pm

#### Thursdays

Bazaar Committee 6:30pm  
Choir Practice 7:00pm

#### Saturdays

AA Meeting 8:00pm

#### Sundays

Worship 9:15am  
Church School (during Worship)  
Adult Forum (after Worship)

*Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ  
through the ministry and mission of East Bangor United  
Methodist Community Church*



## "Back to School" Sunday

It's hard to believe, but our students will be returning to school soon! Gather with us on Sunday, August 26 as we pray for students from our congregation and all students as they return for new adventures in the classroom.

## August & September Servants

### Ministers

All the People

### Pastor

Rev. Dave Goss

### Organist

Jane Ann Reimer

### Acolytes

Children of the Church

### Greeter

Shirley Cline (August)  
**Needed** (September)

### Ushers

Tom & Betty Josephson (August)  
**Needed** (September)

### Congregation

Those with a mission to "Reach  
Teach and Share God's Love."



## Come and Eat Cake!

As part of After-Church Fellowship on **the last Sunday of the month**, we'll be having a party for everyone with a birthday in that month! Come on out and join in the joyful noise as we sing "Happy Birthday!" to our birthday celebrants.

# Celebrations in the Church

## Happy Birthday!

<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Andrea Avery	2 <sup>nd</sup> Melissa Grube
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dale Miller	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shannon Hanlon
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jordan Mae Ott	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pat Kern
9 <sup>th</sup> Jackie Bartosh	4 <sup>th</sup> Sharon Avery
10 <sup>th</sup> Dylan Deloye	4 <sup>th</sup> Emily Ceraul-Kling
13 <sup>th</sup> Brad Landon	4 <sup>th</sup> Julie Gilbert
15 <sup>th</sup> Gail Frantz	4 <sup>th</sup> Tyler Honey
16 <sup>th</sup> Rachel Orner Gayle	7 <sup>th</sup> Kylee Wickett
17 <sup>th</sup> Lisa Schwartz	12 <sup>th</sup> Alexander Landon
18 <sup>th</sup> Rosenda Wilson	14 <sup>th</sup> Doris Onjack
21 <sup>st</sup> Ella Mae Bartosh	15 <sup>th</sup> Kevin Hower
26 <sup>th</sup> Kathy Krauss	16 <sup>th</sup> Rebecca Benincasa
27 <sup>th</sup> Curtis Tucker	17 <sup>th</sup> Briana Malachowski-Fraunfelter
28 <sup>th</sup> Lorraine Parry	17 <sup>th</sup> Diane Orner
28 <sup>th</sup> Leroy Shuster	20 <sup>th</sup> Brianna Benincasa
	21 <sup>st</sup> Stacy Pysher
	22 <sup>nd</sup> Pastor Dave Goss
	26 <sup>th</sup> Jane Newton
	29 <sup>th</sup> Patty Mountjoy
	29 <sup>th</sup> Amy Hanna
	29 <sup>th</sup> Pete Zazulak

## MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 10

We'll be embarking on a new season of adult study with a 6-week adventure, "Joy: What Happens When You're Full of It." Please let Pastor Dave know if you'll be participating so that we have enough study guides. Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the materials.

We will begin each week with a short video presentation at 7:00 p.m. before moving into the study guide. We usually wrap up our sessions about 8:00 p.m. or a little after.

If you haven't participated in a study group in a while, we're sure you'll find much to gain in this 6-week presentation. The coffee pot will be on and snacks will be served.



## CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES – And You're Invited to Join!



The Choir will begin Thursday night practices on August 30 at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome to join and be part of the worship team while enjoying the fellowship and spiritual growth opportunity provided in a small group setting. Our first Sunday to sing in worship will be September 7. Please see Laura Goss if you have any questions.

## Happy Anniversary

August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Miller
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Buskirk
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Krauss
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. & Mrs. David Parsons
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. & Mrs. David E. Ott II
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Orner
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cichowski
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. & Mrs. Jason Heald
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. & Mrs. Scott Saltern
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. & Mrs. Ty Bartosh

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>!



Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.



Christmas in July VBS - Photo by Laura Antonov

## Pastor's Page

*I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.*

----- Romans 11:1 – 2a NRSV

### Life In the Tribe



A couple of weeks ago I was in Washington, DC for the United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities (UMAMD) for the Disabilities Leadership Academy at Gallaudet University.

The workshop was great; one of those events where each great segment was topped by the segment that followed. I was grateful to glean much from our gifted presenters, but even more blessed just to be able to gather, once again, with my UMAMD tribe. In this tribe I have found welcome, hospitality, grace, and empowerment.

Like you, I belong to many “tribes” as I go about living my life. Different ones influence me at different times and, truth be told, there might even be times when we struggle to figure out which of our tribes calls for our greatest loyalty. The Apostle Paul certainly knew this struggle well.

In his theological treatise to the Romans, Paul is sharing how membership in one tribe doesn’t necessarily threaten membership in another. In celebrating his relationship with Jesus Christ he continues to identify himself with his roots in the tribe of Benjamin.

But he also offers some further clarification in his Epistle to the Galatians where he offers up that famous observation of “There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” (3:28 NRSV). Even though we may belong to a variety of different spiritual tribes, our oneness in Jesus somehow celebrates them all. Progressives, liberals, moderates, conservatives, fundamentalists and the like can be tribal in nature, yet are still part of the Oneness in Christ. Even if particular tribes don’t see eye to eye, the eyes of all can be focused on our Togetherness in Christ.

Are you and I spiritually mature enough to be tribal yet together? Are you and I willing to embrace that we have much to learn from those of different tribes? Or is ignorantly living in the arrogant hope that our “tribe” is the one that possesses all truth?

Our tribes have much to share with one another. May we find a common table at which to sit and discuss our common bond to Jesus Christ.

Straight Ahead!

Pastor Dave

# Announcements

## BOX TOPS & WEIS SLIPS

\$10.20 worth of box tops were sent to the St. Josephs Indian School. Thanks to all who saved them. Thanks also to the people who saved Weis slips. I was able to take \$254.83 worth of slips in. Keep them coming. - Lois

## PASTIE SALE

Pastie sale was on Aug. 7. We sold 109 pasties with a profit of \$115.50. Next sale will be Sept. 4. Thanks to all who bought them. - Lois

## MAKE SLEEPING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

We're invited to join with our brothers and sisters from Richmond United Methodist Church in a project of making sleeping mats for the homeless. You'll recall this project if you were one of the folks who donated plastic shopping bags to the cause. These bags are cut into strips and then tied together to make "plarn" (plastic yarn). The plarn is then crocheted into mats that the homeless put between the ground and their bedroll for extra protection.

The group meets the first Thursday of each month (next date is September 6) from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Everyone is invited to meet at Richmond Church and join in this mission project that benefits the marginalized of our local areas.

## UMW/ESTHER CIRCLE NEWS

UMW will begin meeting again on the second Wednesday of every month, starting September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We look forward to another year of ministry, fellowship, and fun!

## TREASURER'S REPORT, JULY 2018:

<b>CHECKING BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD:</b>	<b>\$8,345.22</b>
<b>DEPOSITS:</b>	<b>13,072.85</b>
	<b>\$21,418.07</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	<b>14,905.00</b>
<b>CHECKING BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$6,513.07</b>
<b>MEMORIAL FUND BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$7,459.45</b>
<i>(\$5,000 TRANSFERRED FOR KITCHEN)</i>	
<b>BUILDING FUND BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$36,993.78</b>

Peggy Hower, Treasurer

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our church will be having a table at the Historic Bangor Business Association Block Party on Saturday, August 25. We will be handing out fresh popped corn and some other goodies. We need to provide a couple of folks to help set up the overall block party, table staff from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., and help cleaning up. Please let Laura Antonow or Pastor Dave know if you would like to help.

## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT INSTALLATION WEEKEND

The Rev. Steve Morton will be officially installed as the North District Superintendent with three events. On Saturday, September 6, there will be a prayer service at St. John's UMC in Shamokin and on Sunday, September 7 there will be a service at 2:30 p.m. at Neola UMC and 6:30 p.m. at Salem UMC in Shoemakersville.

The installation liturgy will be led by Bishop Peggy Johnson. Rev. Morton will provide the message, and the host churches will bring special music. Everyone is invited to join in one of these services.

## 2018 CHARGE CONFERENCE

"Charge Conference" is the term for our congregation's annual meeting. Among the major agenda items are a report on the state of the congregation, election of servant-leaders for 2019, and removing inactive members from our rolls. This year's Charge Conference will be held on Saturday, October 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Pen Argyl. Rev. Steve Morton, our new District Superintendent will provide devotions before we break into our individual church meetings.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**"Messiah in the Passover"**: Program on the connection between the Passover and Jesus' death and resurrection. Saturday, August 25, 6:30 p.m. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Presented by Chosen People Ministries. For more information: [www.popbangor.org](http://www.popbangor.org).

**St. John's Lutheran Church 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pet Expo**: Saturday, September 29, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Donations taken for local shelters and rescues. Pet Rescue/Adoptions, Pet Contests, Pet Blessings, Demonstration of Therapy Dogs, and a Pet Parade. For more information, call Clint at 610-863-7261.

## Our August & September Sponsors

### Worship Bulletins

Worship bulletins for *August* are presented to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of **Dale Albert** by **Shirley Cope & Family**.  
Worship Bulletins for *September* are presented to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of **Joyce Pysher** by **Family**.

### Dial-A-Message

Dial-A-Message for *August* is presented to the Glory of God in Loving Memory **Dale Albert** by **Shirley Cope & Family**.  
The Dial-A-Message for *September* is presented to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of **Ray McFall, Sr.** by **David & Chris Ott**

### Altar Flowers

#### The Altar Flowers for the month of August are presented to the Glory of God:

8/5: In Loving Memory of **Patricia Achenbach, Ruth Lamson, & Lonnie Schuster** by **Brenda Wartana**  
8/12: In Loving Memory of **Dale Albert** by **Shirley Cope & Family**.  
8/19: *OPEN*  
8/26: In Loving Honor of **Lorraine Parry's 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday** by **Brian, Jane & Julie**

#### The Altar Flowers for the month of September are presented to the Glory of God:

9/2: *OPEN*  
9/9: *OPEN*  
9/16: In Loving Honor of **Doris Onjack** by the **Onjack Family**  
9/23: In Loving Memory of **Ray & Cora McFall Mengel** by **David & Chris Ott**  
9/30: In Loving Honor of **Al & Kitty Konya's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** by **Sandy Konya**

### **SPONSORS & VOLUNTEERS**

Sponsors are needed for Altar flowers (\$40), Worship Bulletins (\$20), & Dial-A-Message (\$20). Sign the charts on the bulletin

## Annual Book Sale!



<b>Friday August 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00 to 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>*</b>	<b>4:00 to 8:00 p.m.</b>

**\*\$5.00 per bagful**

**There will also be baked goods for sale on Friday and Saturday.**



East Bangor United Methodist Church  
136 W. Central Avenue (Route 512) in East Bangor, PA

## Prayer Page

Please keep our Church Family members in your thoughts for prayers & healing:

Jackie Bartosh (hip replacement 7/3)

Sharon Cichowski (SENRRC)

Shirley Horn

Pat Kern

Jim Malachowski

Eugene Miller, Jr.

Jane Newton

Lorraine Parry

Ruth Saltern

Mary Anne Wetherich (Gracedale)

Janet Wilson

Bonnie Buskirk

Pete Heard

Lesley Bellis Jones

Mavis Lang (SENRRC)

Linda Malachowski (foot surgery 1/23)

Pamela Miller

Diane Orner

Rohn Reimer

George Shafer (Episcopal Apt)

David Williams

*Please keep these family members & friends in your thoughts for prayers & healing:*

A.S. (Team Hope in SE Asia)

Natasha Bush (needs kidney ASAP)

Denise Domotor (Friend of the Schwartz Family)

Marlin Evans (Healing, Betty Josephson's nephew)

Bernie Gist (Jane Gilbert's Cousin)

MaryAnn Josephson (Tom & Betty J.'s D-I-L)

Will McLaughlin (Friend of the Goss Family)

Pat Michaels (Healing)

Angela Patterson (Bob & Trudy's granddaughter)

Prayers for Family members of Sandy Barnes.

Madeline Diorio (Peace Corp in the Ukraine)

Airman first class Kyle Maldonado, grandson of Jane Newton serving in the US Armed Forces. He made it back safe from Afghanistan.

All the Military Servicemen & Servicewomen serving in the Middle East.

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Sunday WORSHIP begins at 9:15 a.m.

Children's Church is available for young children during Worship.

AMPLE OFF STREET paved parking is provided just behind our church building. Wheelchair accessible.

A covered dish Fellowship Hour is held the last Sunday of each month following worship.

Pasties are sold for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month. Cost is \$5.50.

Manna Ministry: Sundays 10:45 am-11:30 am/  
Free Community Dinners 4-5:30 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

Visit our Web Site: [www.ebumc.org](http://www.ebumc.org)  
Dial-A-Message: (610) 588-3896

*We send this along with our best wishes and God's blessing to you.*

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