

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

May 2018

*A Vibrant Multi-Cultural Church*

*Our Mission: To share the light of Christ with all people*



Greeting!

I greet all of you in the name of the risen Christ, Jesus! I hope that all of you have been enjoying the change of season and are happy with the beautiful weather now-days.

On April 1, we celebrated Easter, the resurrection of Jesus. Our life is still full of the joy of

Easter. Every Sunday morning after Easter, we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. In terms of the church calendar, we are focusing on the life of Jesus during the 40 days he spent on earth with the disciples after his resurrection.

In May, there are many special dates on the church calendar. On May 13, the church will remember the ascension of Jesus into heaven. That day is also Mother's Day, and we will celebrate the love of mothers and acknowledge the importance of the Christian family. On May 20, we will observe Pentecost Sunday — the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and people. On May 27, the church will celebrate Trinity Sunday. Please plan to attend these special Sunday services.

May is the month of Family. I hope you will have great family time and reflect on the meaning of the Christian family during the month. I appreciate your continuing prayer, presence, support, and ministry for Emmanuel UMC.

I would like to conclude with the Easter Proclamation.

***Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
Sound the trumpet of salvation!***

***Rejoice O earth, in shining splendor,  
Radiant in the brightness of our King!  
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes forever.***

***May the Morning Star, which never sets, find this flame  
still burning:  
Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead,  
and shed his peaceful light on all creation,  
your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.***

I hope that everyone will continue to enjoy beautiful weather and have a wonderful spring season.

~ ~ ~ Pastor Jacob

## Community Outreach

***"I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36***

I usually volunteer a couple of times a month at Maryland Correctional Institution for Women (MCIW) in Jessup, MD. Last year, Emmanuel UMC and other churches around the Baltimore-Washington Conference answered the call for personal hygiene items. We provided much relief for the 600+ residents at MCIW.

I met with Chaplain Karen Hale several months ago, and she stated that there is a linen shortage. The women desperately need white face cloths and bath towels. The state usually provides these items, but they are experiencing a shortage. Chaplain Hale said, "Donations from the private sector would be greatly appreciated." A box will be placed in the narthex until the end of June for donations of new white face cloths and bath towels.

On **June 16, 2018**, Emmanuel United Methodist Women will host a "Meet and Greet" for the Deaconesses of the Baltimore – Washington Conference. We'll have a pot luck lunch at noon and the Deaconesses will share information about our order and various ministries. This gathering is open to everyone. We would love to have you join us.

Blessings,

~ ~ ~ Deaconess Jane Grays

## Mental Health Awareness

May is mental health awareness month. Each week, look for inserts in the weekly bulletin addressing various topics dealing with Depression and Bipolar Disorder. If you know or suspect someone is suffering from a mental disorder, reach out to him or her. They may need support or encouragement to contact a professional. Mental disorders are very treatable, but symptoms do not present as physical ailments do, making it more challenging to diagnose.

There will be brochures in the hallway outside the Sanctuary on various mental health topics. Feel free to take any that may be of interest to you. Check the bulletin board in the hallway for additional information, or contact Judy Diedrich ([judycatsanddogs@msn.com](mailto:judycatsanddogs@msn.com)) or Linda Hiner (301-641-6022).



This winter, the Karpal family went through what so many of you have gone through – a death in the family. I was overwhelmed by the love expressed in conversation, sympathy cards, and prayers.

I wanted to write a note thanking each of you, but thinking about sending so many notes was overwhelming. So I decided to place a note in the Lamplighter to express our deepest gratitude to each of you. You are family, and we love all of you dearly. May God continue to bless you individually and collectively as God's family on earth.

~ ~ ~ Dick Karpal

## REMEMBERING 'BAKER BILL'

The Raulin family cordially invites the congregation to enjoy a piece of cake in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:15 a.m. service on May 6th in memory of husband and father Bill Raulin, Beltsville's "Baker Bill," who passed away on November 23rd.

Bill was a longtime member of Emmanuel and sang in the Chancel Choir until health challenges necessitated a move to Riderwood.



## A LOOK BACK

*Taken from "Amid tumult of 1968, a church came together," by Heather Hahn, UMNS, March 29, 2018*



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"The year 1968 convulsed with assassinations, riots, war in Vietnam and student protests against that war. The Troubles revved up in Northern Ireland, and Soviet tanks rolled into Czechoslovakia.

"At a time when it seemed much of the world was violently splitting apart, a group of Wesleyan Christians peacefully and joyfully were coming together.

"On April 23, 1968, two bishops followed by two children, two youths, two adults, six ordained ministers, two church officers and finally all 10,000 people present joined hands and repeated in unison: "Lord of the church, we are united in thee, in thy church, and now in The United Methodist Church. Amen."

"With those words, the 750,000-member Evangelical United Brethren Church and the 10.3 million-member Methodist Church became one church. The merger also brought people together in another way: marking the official dissolution of the Methodist Church's racially segregated Central Jurisdiction.

"Amid a tumultuous year — just weeks after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. — a new United Methodist Church was born."



**Little-Known Black History Facts**  
**A. Philip Randolph**  
**Civil Rights Activist (1889—1979)**

Asa Philip Randolph was a trailblazing leader, organizer and social activist who championed equitable labor rights for African-American communities during the 20th century. He was born on April 15, 1889 in Crescent City, Florida, the second son of James Randolph, a Methodist minister, and his wife, Elizabeth. In 1891, the family moved to Jacksonville, Florida. Randolph attended the Cookman Institute there, one of the country's first institutions of higher education for blacks.

After graduating from Cookman, Randolph moved to the Harlem. He studied English literature and sociology at City College; held a variety of jobs, including elevator operator, porter and waiter; and developed his rhetorical skills. In 1912, Randolph and Chandler Owen — a Columbia University law student who shared Randolph's socialist political views — founded an employment agency called the Brotherhood of Labor. He began his efforts while working as a waiter on a coastal steamship, when he organized a rally against their poor living conditions.

During World War I, the two men founded a political magazine, *The Messenger*, which published articles calling for the inclusion of more blacks in the armed forces and war industry and demanding higher wages. Randolph also tried to unionize African-American shipyard workers in Virginia and elevator operators in New York City during this time. After the war, Randolph became a lecturer at the Rand School of Social Science. In the early 1920s, he unsuccessfully ran for offices in New York State on the Socialist Party ticket, and became convinced that unions would be the best way for African Americans to improve their lot.

In 1925, Randolph founded the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. As its president, he sought to gain the union's official inclusion in the American Federation of Labor. At that time, AFL affiliates frequently barred African Americans from membership. The BSCP met with resistance from the Pullman Company, which was the largest employer of blacks at that time, but Randolph battled on. In 1937, the BSCP won membership in the AFL, making it the first African-American union in the United States. Randolph withdrew the union from the AFL the following year, however, in protest of ongoing discrimination within the organization.

During the 1940s, Randolph twice used mass protest as a means of influencing the policies of the federal government. After the United States entered World War II, he planned a march on Washington to protest discrimination in the war industry workforce. Randolph called off the march after President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an executive order that banned racial discrimination at government defense factories and established the first Fair Employment Practices Committee. After World War II, Randolph organized the League for Nonviolent Civil Disobedience Against Military Segregation. That group's actions led President Harry S. Truman to issue an executive order in 1948 banning racial segregation in the U.S. Armed Forces.

In 1955, Randolph became a vice president of the newly-merged AFL-CIO (Congress of Industrial Organizations), but he continued to protest the systemic racial prejudice he found there and formed the Negro American Labor Council in 1959. Around this same time, Randolph began to devote his energies to broader civil rights work. In 1957, he organized a prayer pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to draw attention to the delayed implementation of school desegregation in the South. He also organized the Youth Marches for Integrated Schools at the end of the decade.

In 1963, Randolph was a principal organizer of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. He shared the podium with Martin Luther King, Jr., who delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Both men were among the civil rights leaders who met with President John F. Kennedy after the march.

For his civil rights efforts, Randolph was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964. Soon after, he founded the A. Philip Randolph Institute, an organization aimed at studying the causes of poverty. Randolph died in New York City on May 16, 1979, at age 90. His ashes were interred at the A. Philip Randolph Institute in Washington, D.C.

~ ~ ~ Submitted by Jane Grays



*Mother's Day 2018 is Sunday, May 13. Do you know how this holiday came about?*

### **History of Mother's Day**

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele. But the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday," when the faithful would return to their "mother church" — the main church near their home — for a special service. Over time, the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday when children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation.

#### **Ann Reeves Jarvis and Julia Ward Howe**

The origins of Mother's Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children. These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868, Jarvis organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

Another precursor to Mother's Day came from the abolitionist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe. In 1870, Howe wrote the *Mother's Day Proclamation*, a call to action that asked mothers to unite in promoting world peace. In 1873, Howe campaigned for a "Mother's Peace Day" to be celebrated every June 2. Other Mother's Day pioneers include Juliet Calhoun Blakely, a temperance activist who inspired a local Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan in the 1870s; and the duo of Mary Towles Sasseen and Frank Hering, who worked to organize a Mothers' Day in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some have called Hering "the father of Mothers' Day."

#### **Anna Jarvis**

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother's death in 1905, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. After gaining financial backing from a Philadelphia department store owner named John Wanamaker, in May 1908 Jarvis organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at a Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia. That same day also saw thousands of people attend a Mother's Day event at one of Wanamaker's retail stores in Philadelphia.

Following the success of her first Mother's Day, Jarvis—who remained unmarried and childless her whole life—resolved to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Arguing that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she started a massive letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood. By 1912, many states, towns and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday, and Jarvis had established the Mother's Day International Association to help promote her cause. Her persistence paid off in 1914, when President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Anna Jarvis had conceived of Mother's Day as a day of personal celebration between mothers and families. Her version of the day involved wearing a white carnation as a badge and visiting one's mother or attending church services. But once Mother's Day became a national holiday, it was not long before florists, card companies and other merchants capitalized on its popularity. While Jarvis initially had worked with the floral industry to help raise Mother's Day's profile, by 1920 she had become disgusted with how the holiday had been commercialized. She urged people to stop buying Mother's Day flowers, cards, and candies. Jarvis eventually resorted to an open campaign against Mother's Day profiteers, speaking out against confectioners, florists and even charities. She also launched countless lawsuits against groups that had used the name "Mother's Day," and spent most of her personal wealth in legal fees. By the time of her death in 1948, Jarvis had disowned the holiday altogether, and even actively lobbied the government to see it removed from the American calendar. Despite Jarvis's efforts, Mother's Day continues to be celebrated in the United States by presenting mothers and other women with gifts and flowers, and it has become one of the biggest holidays for consumer spending. Families also celebrate by giving mothers a day off from activities like cooking or other household chores.

#### **Mother's Day Around the World**

While versions of Mother's Day are celebrated worldwide, traditions vary depending on the country. In Thailand, Mother's Day is always celebrated in August on the birthday of the current queen, Sirikit. In Ethiopia, families gather each fall to sing songs and eat a large feast as part of Antrosht, a multi-day celebration honoring motherhood.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- May 6 — Lois Schulze
- May 13 —
- May 20 — Dottie Gilbert
- May 27 — Ernie Kilbourne
- June 3 — Kemi Oluwafemi
- June 10 —
- June 17 —
- June 24 — Madea Badio

The flower chart for 2018 is posted in the hallway next to the mailboxes at the end of the hall. Arrangements are \$30.

Please fill out a Flower Request Form when you sign up and leave it in the office mailbox. **Indicate on the form whether you will take the flowers home or leave them for a shut-in.** (Flowers that you take home are not tax-deductible). Thank you.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

1. Joelle Onukwubiri
3. Ada McGlynn
5. Pam Midkiff
6. Joel Tyler
8. Susan Gallo, Emmy Lear
12. Megan McNitt
13. Nancy Thrush, Jason Kresge
14. Diane Embrey
17. Scarlet Robertson, Doris Shirey
19. Kevin Kresge
20. JoAnne Blakley
22. Nancy McNealy, Roy White
23. Karl Norris
29. Preston Gregory, Sr.
30. Darwin Aguilera



**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

4. Lynne & Robert Miller
6. Karen & James Mackey
7. Nancy & Michael McNealy



**IN MEMORIAM**



Christian love and sympathy to:

The family of Rev. Dennis Dorsch, who passed away on March 30th. Rev. Dorsch preached at Emmanuel several times while Rev. Mejia was pastor here;

The family of Easton Pool, who passed away on April 10th;

Kathy Mellott and family on the death of her cousin's son, Jarod Finlay, on April 12th;

Charline Frederick and family on the passing of her husband, Bob, on April 13th;

Lois Schulze and family on the death of her sister, Ginny Schulze, on April 20th;

The family of Christine "Tina" Grodt, former church organist at Emmanuel, who passed away on April 19th.

May the Holy Spirit comfort these families and all who are mourning, and may the Lord surround them with love as they adjust to a "new normal" without their loved one.

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4*

**GUESTS** visiting Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in March included:

James Summers

We welcome you to our church family. Please worship with us again soon!



**BE A GREETER OR SCRIPTURE READER!**

Help make Emmanuel a friendly and welcoming congregation! Share the Word of the Lord!

**Greeters and Scripture Readers are needed for all services in May except the 9 am service on May 13th and May 27th!**

To volunteer to cover one or more Sundays as a Greeter or Scripture Reader, please put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.

*No experience necessary — we will train!*

To contact Lamplighter editor Bobbie Deegan with an article, suggestion, or story idea, please e-mail her at [BobbieDeegan@aol.com](mailto:BobbieDeegan@aol.com), or phone her at 301-937-7070.

**Contributions are always welcome!**



May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 pm ESOL	2	3 7 pm Bible Study	4	5 9 am Women's Communion Breakfast 5 pm NA
6 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:15 pm <b>Cake in memory of Bill Raulin</b> 12:30 pm UMW Executive Meeting 12:30 pm Youth Fellowship 12:45 pm Chancel Choir	7	8 10 am Prayer Fellowship	9	10 7 pm Bible Study	11	12 5 pm NA
13 <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School	14 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	15 7 pm Sisters In Spirit Circle	16 10 am Susanna Wesley Circle	17 7 pm Bible Study	18 11 am Community Place Café	19 5 pm NA
20 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:45 pm Chancel Choir	21 12 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle 7 pm SPRC	22 10 am Prayer Fellowship	23	24 7 pm Bible Study	25	26 10 am Food Distribution 5 pm NA
27 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School Blood Pressure Screening 12:30 pm Youth Fellowship	28 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group  <b>Church Office closed</b> 	29	30 7 pm Church Council  <b>Annual Conference</b>	31 7pm Bible Study  <b>Annual Conference</b>	June 1  <b>Annual Conference</b>	

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