

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

August 2018

*Our Mission: To share the light of Christ with all people: All God's Children Are Welcome!*

Editor's Note: Pastor Jalene Chase does not have an article this month. She will have some thoughts to share in the September *Lamplighter*.

## Deaconesses/Home Missioners - Who We Are

Deaconesses and Home Missioners are laywomen and laymen who are called by God to be in a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service. Together we form a covenant community that is rooted in Scripture, informed by history, driven by mission, ecumenical in scope, and global in outreach. We are an order of love, justice and service. It is a lifetime commitment.

We strive to live into God's calling. The Order of Deaconesses and Home Missioners is under the umbrella of United Methodist Women (UMW). We are appointed by the Bishop and ask the church to affirm our call/ministry. We secure our own employment. The ministry we are engaged in is vast and wide. We often serve the poor, the least and the last. Our work is at the intersection of the church and the world. Deaconesses and Home Missioners are part of the Ecumenical World Diaconate.

Our discernment process gives us the opportunity to listen for the call of God on our lives and to explore God's call to vocational ministry as a Deaconess or Home Missioner of The United Methodist Church.

Currently there are 140 active Deaconesses, 12 Home Missioners and 6 missionaries, 109 retired Deaconesses, and 55 Home Missioners. In the Baltimore-Washington Conference (BWC), there are six Deaconesses: Logan Alley, Carolyn Anderson, Gertrude Dailey, Irene DeMaris, Jane Grays, and Patricia Marks. Jeffrey Murrell is the only Home Missioner.

I was consecrated by the United Methodist Church in 2014 at the UMW Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky. At the 2014 BWC Annual Conference, the Bishop appointed me to serve as Secretary of the Conference Board of Global Ministries, where I continue to work with missionaries itinerating in our area.

My ministries to the marginalized include prison ministries, the sick and elderly in care facilities, Peer Coach with the Deaconess/Home Missioner community, Business Manager with Mission U, Epworth House Committee.

***"We serve neither for gratitude nor reward, but from gratitude and love; our reward is that we may serve."***

*United Methodist deaconess and home missioner motto*

~ ~ ~ ***Deaconess Jane Grays***

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/dhm](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/dhm) (website)

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/dhm/events](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/dhm/events)(discernments event)

## Annual Back-to-School Community Cookout will take place on August 26



Emmanuel will hold its annual Back-to-School Community Cookout on August 26 from 2-4 pm. We will be looking for volunteers to help prepare food, set up and clean up, serve others, greet and interact with the community, and more. The most important thing we need, though, is YOU!

Your presence is more important than anything else. We want the Beltsville community to see Emmanuel as a warm and welcoming family. Remember our mission is to "share the light of Christ will all people." We will have activities for children, food, music, a school supply giveaway and more! We hope that you can join us and make this year's event even more successful than last year's!

## What's Happening in United Methodist Women



The United Methodist Women will have its September General Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. The date will be announced in the church bulletin. Debbie McNitt is in charge of this meeting.

The meeting will begin at 12:00 Noon with a pot luck lunch, so please bring something for everyone to share. The beverage will be provided. After lunch, we will have a speaker from The Shenandoah Women's Center in Martinsburg, WV. This is one of the facilities that our UMW Conference supports.

We would like to have a shower for them. There will be a box in the hall outside the Sanctuary for donations. Items that are needed include ethnic hair products, lotion, tampons, deodorant, razors, brushes, shampoo, body wash, laundry detergent, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pens, note pads, etc.

All ladies are invited to UMW meetings. You do not have to be a member of EUMC to attend. PLEASE COME! WE WELCOME YOU!!!

~ ~ ~ Ernie Kilbourne

On June 16, the United Methodist Women hosted a "Meet and Greet" with Deaconesses in the Baltimore - Washington Conference. Jane Grays, Pat Marks, and Gertrude Dailey spoke about their vocation and various ministries.

The Susanna Wesley Circle provided lunch and the Fellowship Hall decorations were lovely. Karen Mackey made certain the event was well-advertised and 30 women from Emmanuel and the community were in attendance. Many thanks to the church, community, friends, and residents at Victoria Falls for their generous donation of white face cloths and white towels for our inside sisters at MCI-W. When I delivered approximately 60-80 lbs. of linen, Chaplain Karen Hale was overcome with emotion by the outpouring of support for the least and the last.

If you missed the opportunity to provide new white face cloths and white bath towels, I can include them in my next distribution to MCI-W in mid-August.

The Mission U Committee has chosen the *Linen Project* as their mission outreach and participants will bring items when they attend, July 27-29, 2018.

Blessings,

~ ~ ~ **Deaconess Jane Grays**

## Sunday School News and Updates

by Rick Bergmann

Thank you to everyone who joined the youth and Sunday School children as they celebrated Youth and Promotion Sunday on June 17<sup>th</sup>! It was wonderful to have everyone together worshipping and rejoicing. The Sunday School and Bible Study will be taking a break for the month of August. There won't be any classes between services. Our teachers are taking the time off to rest and relax as well as plan our upcoming Sunday School season. Sunday classes will resume on September 9 at 10:15 am for children, youth and adults. Thursday Bible Study will resume on September 6 at 7 pm. We will be doing a 12-week study on discipleship.



With back-to-school time getting closer, we have two very special events coming up on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The first will be our annual blessing of the backpacks and school supplies. This will take place during the Children's Moment at both services. Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks and school supplies that morning so that Pastor Jalene may bless them for the upcoming school year.

Also on the 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual back-to-school cookout from 2-4 pm. Although this is an event sponsored by the Sunday School, it is for the entire congregation. For more information, see the article on page 1.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**The annual Blessing of the Animals will be Sunday, October 7th at 2 pm.**





Little-Known Black History Facts  
**Mae Jemison**  
 Astronaut—Physician (1956 — )

When the space shuttle *Endeavour* blasted off on its second mission, it carried the first African-American woman into space. But Mae Jemison is more than an astronaut – she's also a physician, a Peace Corps volunteer, a teacher, and founder and president of two technology companies.

Born in Decatur, Alabama, on October 17, 1956, Mae Carol Jemison moved to Chicago, Illinois at the age of 3 and considers the city her hometown. The youngest of three children born to a maintenance worker and an elementary school teacher, she had a fascination with all things science from an early age. Once, after developing an infection, she performed an extended experiment on pus. Jemison's parents supported her desire to be a scientist.

"My parents were the best scientists I knew, because they were always asking questions," Jemison said in a 2005 press release.

Jemison did well in high school and attended Stanford University on scholarship at the age of 16. There, she attained her Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in African and African-American studies. She went on to earn her doctorate in medicine from Cornell University in 1981.

After working as a general practitioner, Jemison served two and a half years as a volunteer in the Peace Corps, spending time in the African countries of Sierra Leone and Liberia. In addition to English, she speaks Russian, Japanese, and Swahili.

Although employed as a general practitioner again following her return to the United States, Jemison decided to pursue a childhood dream. After the historic flight of Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, Jemison applied to NASA's astronaut program, feeling that more opportunities had opened up. The explosion of the *Challenger* shuttle put a hold on applicants, but in 1987, she became one of the fifteen candidates selected out of more than 2,000 people. After a year of training, she became the first female African-American astronaut.

On September 12, 1992, Mae Jemison became the first African-American woman in space when the space shuttle *Endeavour* carried her and six other astronauts on 126 orbits around the Earth. A mission specialist, Jemison was a co-investigator of two bone cell research experiments, one of 43 investigations that were done on mission STS-47. The shuttle landed at Kennedy Space Center in Florida on September 20th. Over the course of her only off-planet voyage, Jemison logged 190 hours, 30 minutes, and 23 seconds in space.

Jemison left NASA in March 1993. She went on to teach at Dartmouth College. She also founded her own company, the Jemison Group, seeking to encourage a love of science in students and bring advanced technology around the world. She is a strong advocate for science, establishing an international science camp for high school students and working on the 100-Year Starship program.

The Food Distribution Committee is again collecting school supplies to distribute to children and youth in Beltsville. We will distribute these at the August Food Distribution, the Community Picnic at the church on August 26, and at local schools. The following items are needed:

Pencils	Pink erasers	Pens	Scissors
24-pack crayons	Colored pencils	Bottles of glue	Glue sticks
Composition books	Wide-ruled notebook paper	2-pocket folders	Highlighters

Our goal is to have 100 of each to distribute. Please know that we cannot do this without you! There will be bins in the hallway outside the Sanctuary to collect the supplies. The school supplies sales have already started. Please have all donations to the church **by August 15** so we can assemble the packs for distribution. The Food Ministry appreciates your ongoing support.

~ ~ ~ Mary Ann Vaughan

## 2018 Fall Sign Language Classes

Beginning- and intermediate-level sign language classes will be offered this fall. Ten-week classes will begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September and end the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November.

The paperback text entitled "Sign Language Made Easy" will be used. It costs around \$13.00. The same textbook also will be used in intermediate classes so that what's learned will be reviewed.

The previous class was held between worship services. It became too small in size, which limited the learning environment. It appears that that day and time was inconvenient for many people who want to learn sign language. Therefore, it has been suggested that classes be held on Tuesday or Wednesday evening at 7 PM.

The survey below will let us know how many people are interested. Please indicate your preferred meeting day. Complete the survey by **September 2, 2018** and place it in the Deaf Ministry mailbox at the end of the hallway. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Level:            \_\_\_ Beginning            \_\_\_ Intermediate

Preferred Day:   \_\_\_ Tuesday            \_\_\_ Wednesday            Other Day \_\_\_\_\_

Textbook Needed:   \_\_\_ Yes            \_\_\_ No

Questions? Please contact Roy White via [rwhite8088@aol.com](mailto:rwhite8088@aol.com).

## Fall Thursday Night Bible Study Will Begin September 6

by Rick Bergmann

On September 6, our Thursday Night Bible Study will begin its fall program. We will be studying the basics of discipleship for 12 weeks. We will be using 3 Discipleship Studies - Citizens of Hope, The Road to Amazing, and Get in the Game. All three are authored by Mary Brooke Casad and Clayton Oliphint.

The Basics Series consists of three four-week basic discipleship studies that provide a foundation for spiritual growth. With a focus on three aspects of Christian life: who we are, what we do, and how we serve, and through "holy conversation" in small groups, participants will increase their spiritual knowledge and grow as Jesus' disciples. The books that we will be using are:

- Citizens of Hope - Hope is central to our identity as Christians. Just as our bodies need food, our souls need hope, and the supreme hope is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. How does that relationship become real to us? In this book and 4-week study, readers are guided on a formative path of understanding who God is and who they are as God's children.
- The Road to Amazing - After we invite Christ into our lives, then what? What do we do differently? How do we live out our faith? How do we move from being to doing? In this book and 4-week study, readers will learn to recognize God at work in their lives through the presence of Jesus Christ.
- Get in the Game - Living in Christ brings us joy and fulfillment. But true Christian discipleship involves more. Following the example of Jesus, we are called to serve others through Christian service. In this book and 4-week study, readers will discover the joyful service that results when faith is put into action.

This will be a great study for everyone, whether you have been a Christian for 30 plus years, less than a year or you haven't decided to commit your life to Christ yet. The wonderful thing about this study is that it will give us a chance to learn and grow together as we strive to be strong, faithful members of the body of Christ!

## Faith in Action

Between being a Methodist in my youth and joining Emmanuel, I was a pledge-paying member of an Episcopal Church. At one church I attended, the Rt. Rev. Michael Marrett served as the church priest, and the abbreviated version of one of my favorite sermons went like this:

Jesus Christ visited an elderly lady one evening while she slept, and promised He would visit her the following day. She awoke all excited and spent the rest of the night cleaning. As dawn approached, she was sitting in her rocker located in the front room so she wouldn't miss His visit. Suddenly, a knock was heard on the door and the smiling, elated elderly lady ran and opened the door as wide as she could.

"Good morning to you, lass. I was wondering if you could spare some loose change for a man down on his luck," said the older man with his ragged and tattered hat in hand.

The elderly woman was so outraged at this interruption that she said nary a word, but slammed the door in his face. She hadn't been sitting down long after this encounter when she heard a gentle knock on the door. Again she went running. Opening the door, she saw to her horror a dirty-looking young woman standing before her.

"Could you be so kind as to lend me a coat or heavy cape? It is so cold out here," she cried as her tiny body shivered from the cold.

The elderly woman couldn't understand what was happening, and informed the woman that she was expecting someone very important and did not have any extra time to deal with the likes of her. She shut the door and went back to her rocker. Several hours went by with nothing but silence. Then she finally heard the sound of bare feet approaching her door. "This must be Him," she said out loud. But upon opening the door, she found only a wee small child, who did not speak a word but laid his open palms out to her and with sad and thin eyes begged for some food. "I can't now," she screamed. "Can't you see how busy I am? Now go away." The slamming of the door was the only sound she heard as she went back to her rocker to await the Lord's coming.

But nothing happened and no one else came - until just before midnight, when she heard a gentle voice call out her name. "Is that you, Lord? Where have you been? I've waited all day and night for you," she begged with barely a whisper.

"I was here," she heard Him say. "I asked you for help, but you said no and sent me away. Then I came again and asked you to help me keep out the cold, but you said no again and sent me away. Finally, I came a third time and asked you for food. You didn't even bother to say anything to me; you just slammed the door in my face."

Then there was only silence. The elderly woman sat back down, alone, in her rocker, never to hear from Him again.

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Fellow parishioners, you see, we don't know when the Lord will visit us or what form He might take. However, He always keeps His promises and will visit our small church - Emmanuel - that is, if He hasn't already.

This is why I feel **Greeters at the beginning of each service are necessary**. God has given us all the responsibility of welcoming everyone, at all times, during all situations, without fail. Being a Greeter does not cost anything, takes no time for training, and only takes a few minutes to accomplish. Will you give God a few minutes of your time? If enough parishioners volunteer to be a Greeter, it would only be a few Sundays a year for each of us.

Will you please think about being a Greeter at Emmanuel? There is a sign-up sheet to the left of the first door into the Sanctuary. You can even choose which service (9:00 am or 11:15 am) to be a Greeter for, as well as the date(s).

~ ~ ~Lois Schulze

***"And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"***

*Matthew 25:40*

**Emmanuel now has Online Giving!**

And it's easy to use. Just go to our website — [www.EUMCBeltsville.com](http://www.EUMCBeltsville.com) —and follow the prompts. You also can scan this QR to go to a secure Online Donation page hosted by Vanco Services, LLC.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE TAKING A BREAK IN AUGUST.**

**SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**

There will be **NO SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH** in August.



Enjoy your summer! Then plan to bring a lunch dish to share with the rest of the congregation following the 11:15 service on **September 9th!**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1. Chris Butcher, Preston Elliott II
- 4. Jeanette Vannoy
- 7. Brennan McGlynn, Hannah Butcher
- 8. Michael Belshay, Jr., Adam Levine
- 9. Carmen Amaya Barahona, Gregory Stiggers
- 10. Elmo Webb, Lynette Wray
- 13. Aidan Cruz
- 17. Doris Wray
- 18. Grant Midkiff
- 22. Lynn Miller
- 23. Andrea Onukwubiri
- 25. Christopher Pavelka
- 26. Katie Kaufmann, Alice Mabry
- 29. Helen Akers, Cheryl McBride Hoch
- 31. Justin Huneycutt

**ALTAR FLOWERS**



- August 5 —
- August 12 —
- August 19 — Beverly Huneycutt
- August 26 —

The flower chart 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.

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10. Patricia & Ralph Guynn
- 31. Rebecca & John Cavallo



Persons visiting Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in June included:

- Naffisatu Morou
- Shane Plantholt
- Vera Wineglass
- Lillian
- James Summers
- Frances Notley
- Dale Secules



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

**IN MEMORIAM**



Christian love and sympathy to:

Mary Lou Bernota and family, on the death of her husband Matt on July 5th.

May the Holy Spirit comfort this family 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*

**THE LAMPLIGHTER IS A TEAM EFFORT!**



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**August 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7 pm Bible Study	3	4 5 pm NA
5 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services	6	7 6 pm Beltsville Night Out 	8	9	10	11 5 pm NA
12 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services	13 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group 7 pm Trustees	14 10 am Prayer Fellowship	15	16	17 11 am Community Place Café	18 5 pm NA
19 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services	20	21	22 7 pm Emory Grove Hymn Sing 	23	24	25 10 am Food Distribution 5 pm NA
26 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 11 am & 12:15 pm Blood pressure monitoring in Powell Parlor 12:30 pm UMW Executive Board 2 pm Community Picnic	27 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	28 10 am Prayer Fellowship	29 7 pm Church Council	30		



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