

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

June 2017

*A Vibrant Multi-Cultural Church*

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



## Greetings!

I hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful weather. The weather is gorgeous. I encourage you to go out and enjoy the weather.

May was a busy month in the church. Every Saturday, there were meetings and church events. On May 6, UMW held its annual

Women's Communion Breakfast. I was invited to lead Holy Communion. The theme was a garden party. There were introductions and explanations of a variety of flowers. It was very interesting, because I am not good at gardening and I have no knowledge of flowers. I learned a lot. Each participant was given a flower name. I was given Sweet William. I googled it. Sweet William is a beautiful flower.

The UMW held its annual rummage sale on May 13 in the church. I helped in the setting up and cleaning of tables. It was hard work. I was amazed by the hard work the ladies do for the rummage sale. It helped me see how devoted church members are for church ministry.

I have good news. Emmanuel has collected around \$1,000 to support the conference's Native American ministry. On April 30, the worship service was geared toward celebrating Native American Sunday. Bryant Davis and Becky Cavallo shared information about this ministry, a video clip regarding Native American ministry was shown, and I shared my mission trip to Rosebud ministry in South Dakota for Native Americans. Thank you, Bryant and Becky, for planning this special service, and thanks to all of you for giving so generously.

On May 20, there was a church work day. Several church members gathered and cleaned, painted, and repaired the church buildings.

On May 6, I attended a district clergy meeting in West River.

Soon, I will take a continuing education class hosted by a Korean United Methodist Church. I will share what I learn with you next time.

On May 19, there was a Christian memorial service for George Kilbourne. He was one of the church members when I was appointed to Emmanuel. We talked in the sanctuary or hallway, eating doughnuts and drinking coffee. But I formed a special relationship with him when Ernie first got sick. Since then, Ernie has been to various hospitals and rehab centers. As pastor, I would visit and give pastoral care to Ernie. As pastor, I am glad that I was able to visit George on his last day before his departure. I visited him and we had a nice conversation for about 30 minutes. He said he was scheduled to have surgery in the middle of June. After our conversation, we prayed together and said farewell. The next day, he was called by God to the permanent home. It was a shock, but it was a peaceful departure. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Lastly, I ask you to pray for the Baltimore - Washington Conference's annual conference, which will take place from May 31 to June 2. There will be many issues and agenda items for various ministries. I will share my experiences at the annual conference in the next Lamplighter.

I encourage you to enjoy the beautiful weather and continue to have a blessed month!

Praise the Lord!

~ ~ Pastor Jacob



*From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

*(Psalm 113:3)*

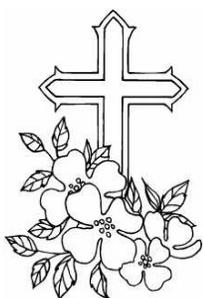
### Join Us As We Go “Digging for Treasure!”



We are excited to announce our upcoming Vacation Bible School Program, “Digging for Treasure!” During this week-long program, participants (both children and adults) will explore Jesus’ parables and the treasure to be found in his words. At first, Jesus’ parables seem simple. It takes listening and digging deeper to discover the treasures of the kingdom of heaven.

This program will explore the parables through drama, music, playing games, making crafts, sharing snacks, and other fun activities. The program will include activities and classes for children of all ages, as well as adults. Vacation Bible School at Emmanuel is an all-inclusive experience for everyone.

Vacation Bible School is free and open to the public. It will run in the evenings during the week of **August 7 through August 11, from 6 pm to 8 pm**. Talk to one of the VBS coordinators, Rick Bergmann, Ann Rowland or Bryant Davis, if you have any questions. Then come on out and join Emmanuel as we go digging for treasure!



The Hoover Circle thanks all of the volunteers who helped prepare food, serve, and clean up for the reception that followed George Kilbourne’s funeral service.

We couldn't have done it without you.

~ ~ Barbara Butcher

### Thank You!

Because of the volunteers who came to the Work Day, many jobs around the church were completed. Parking lot stenciling, tree trimming, weed spraying, and window washing were among the tasks that were done.

Thanks to Paul, Frances, and Aiden Cruz; Dean; Pastor Jacob; Todd Reitzel; Lynne Miller; Mike Hutton; Cale Fuller; and Barbara Butcher.

~ ~The Trustees

### Sunday School & Second Sunday Pot-Luck Lunch June 11 12:30 PM

After a short break, the Second Sunday Pot-Luck Luncheon is back!

The Sunday School members will be joining us for their annual picnic, and will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. But we still will need all the rest of the food for our meal, such as a vegetable, salad and a dessert.

To ensure a successful get-together, everyone who attends is asked to bring a dish large enough to feed six persons. As always, beverages will be provided.



I hope you can join us!  
Everyone is welcome.

Any questions? Please call  
Emmy Lear, 301-937-7341.

### NO CLOTHES, PLEASE!

Due to an overwhelming response in clothing donations, the Food Distribution Ministry is suspending the acceptance of clothing. They hope to begin accepting donations again in September.



*Thank you* for your continued support of the Food Distribution Ministry.



To get in touch with Pastor Jacob, please call the Church Office at 301-937-7114, or email the Pastor at [Jacob.Young@eumcbeltsville.com](mailto:Jacob.Young@eumcbeltsville.com).

To contact Lamplighter editor Bobbie Deegan, please email her at [BobbieDeegan@aol.com](mailto:BobbieDeegan@aol.com) or phone her at 301-937-7070. Additional material gladly accepted!

## SERVERS NEEDED

*The King will reply, "I tell you the truth. Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)*



CPC is in need of volunteers to help serve food to "the least of these brothers" of the King on the third Friday of the month. This does not necessarily have to be a monthly commitment. Our goal is to have enough volunteers to be able to schedule different teams for different months. You could choose the month most convenient for you.

You do not have to be retired to help during the day with this mission. This is a great opportunity for all of you stay-at-home moms/dads. The hours are especially accommodating if you have school children. We leave Emmanuel at 11:30 a.m. to take the meal to First UMC in Hyattsville, and return to Emmanuel at 2:00 p.m.

Sallie and I continue to extend our heartfelt thanks to so many of you who have found it in your hearts to make it possible to continue this mission. Please give prayerful consideration to joining all the other angels who are serving the Lord through the Community Place Café.

*Whatever you do, work it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (Col. 3:23-24)*

God Bless.

Hugs,

~ ~Elsie Cline

## CHURCH ARCHITECTURE, Part 1

*Why is the worship area of our church a rectangle?*

*Why do some churches have domes? Why are some shaped like crosses?*

The very early Christian worship services were held in homes. There were several reasons for this. Christianity was new and there were no separate buildings. It was dangerous to be a Christian, so you did not want to call attention to yourself. Most Christians were poor and could not afford a fancy building. After Emperor Constantine made Christianity a state religion, churches sprang up all over the Middle East and in the West as far as Christianity had spread.

The shape of a church depends on the prevailing culture and the period of history in which it was built. However, there are two basic shapes – crosses and domes.

In this area, we are lucky to have quite a few very different types of architecture represented. The National Cathedral on Wisconsin Avenue is shaped like a cross. The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Catholic University is a basilica with a dome. The Ukrainian Orthodox Church on New Hampshire Avenue is an example of Russian architecture, with several "Onions."

Every section of a church has a special name and a special purpose. Every part of a church is meant to remind you not only of the presence of God, but also of the responsibility of the worshipers. Christian churches are traditionally built to face east, toward Jerusalem, so that when the pastor and congregation face the cross, they are facing Jerusalem together.

In future Lamplighters, I will describe the typical parts of a church.

~ ~Kathryn Griffin



## 150 Years of Emory Grove

About ¼ mile off busy Butler Road in the historic town of Glyndon, MD, is a small but vibrant community that this summer is celebrating 150 years of offering religious services. Named to honor the memory of Bishop John Emory, Emory Grove was founded as a camp meeting ground, and still stresses its religious connection. The 47 cottages have been a haven of serenity whose purpose is “to promote Christianity through summer religious services and seasonal activities, to preserve and maintain the natural and historic environment through the active and progressive community spirit of participation, and to provide a calm and lovely refuge for the soul.”



During the early decades, guests arrived by train, bus, or carriage. Three hundred tents would be erected on wooden platforms during the summer season. Water was pumped by hand; light came from coal oil lamps; and outhouses were called “retreats.” Cottages began to replace the tents in 1910.

Some guests stayed in Emory Grove hotels. The only remaining hotel has not taken overnight guests since the 1940s, but it is still used for Grove events and may be rented for such occasions as weddings, showers, and family reunions. It is believed that the open-air Tabernacle was brought piece-by-piece from Hanover, PA, where it had been an outdoor market. Today, it is the center of religious activities.

The *raison d’être* of Emory Grove was the offering of religious services. Preachers came from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but prominent ministers from around the country also were invited to preach. On the afternoon of August 6, 1932, the famous evangelist Billy Sunday preached at Emory Grove.

The Abercrombie Memorial Temple was built in 1909 for children’s activities, and serves the same purpose today.

Here are some of the activities scheduled for the 150<sup>th</sup> season:

- An old-fashioned Lawn Fete for the whole family is scheduled for June 10, 11am — 3pm. It will feature games and activities for children, craft vendors and a picnic lunch.
- During July and August, ecumenical worship services are scheduled at 7pm every Sunday evening and hymn sings at 7pm every Wednesday evening. On July 2, the Sunday evening worship service will feature a re-enactment of Billy Sunday’s appearance in 1932. There also will be a Sunrise service at 7am on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- A Cottage Tour, Vintage Car Show and Blueberry Bake Sale are scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>, from noon until 3pm.
- Weekly concerts and talks are scheduled at 7pm throughout July and August.
- A “Through the Years” Gala (period costume optional) is scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>, with a catered dinner of “surf and turf,” a live “oldies” band, a photo booth, and more.

Emory Grove has 501(c)(3) tax status, so contributions to Emory Grove are tax-deductible. Funds collected help preserve historic Emory Grove for both present and future generations.

Over the course of a century and a half, there have been changes at Emory Grove. The cottages are privately owned, although from time to time there are cottages for sale or that may be rented from individual owners. But the Christian spirit, natural beauty and peacefulness that this community has offered from its inception are still available to all who enter its stone gates.

Directions to Emory Grove and the full summer schedule, including a reservations page, can be found at [www.emorygrove.net](http://www.emorygrove.net).

For more information, please contact Kathy Mellott, President of the Emory Grove Association of Baltimore, Inc., at [301-706-4122](tel:301-706-4122) (cell) or [Emorygrove1868@gmail.com](mailto:Emorygrove1868@gmail.com).





# Spiritual Retreat

Sponsored by United Methodist Women  
 "Women of the Bible"

August 19, 2017, 9 AM-3 PM Fellowship Hall

Continental breakfast served at 8:30 AM

\$20 registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch



Contact – Karen Mackey  
 Registration is July 23 thru August 13  
 Between Services in the Narthex

(Registration form is on Page 6)

## A suggestion from Cale Fuller

I spend a good deal of time daily wondering how things work; how they came to be; how we can do more, better; and/or why it does not work. What seems simple can be complicated, and what seems complicated can be simple.

It has been asked before, and here it will be asked again: How can we help those at Riderwood get to EUMC? Do people commute by Riderwood on their way to church, and if so, do they know that there is a need there? What means of communication needs to be set up to allow EUMC, drivers and riders to get in touch with each other? Might the church van be used for that purpose, or is it too hard for people to get in and out of the van for it to be used? Who can operate the van? Should we just focus on Riderwood, or might we help others in our EUMC Family? These are just a few of the questions that come to mind. Again, what seems simple can be complicated, and what seems complicated can be simple.

If you are interested in helping to find some solutions, please contact me, Cale Fuller, at 301-931-8196.



## SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Sponsored by Beltsville United Methodist Women

### *Women of the Bible*

**August 19, 2017**

**9 AM – 3 PM**

Continental Breakfast 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Registration fee: \$20 per person (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

You can register July 23 through August 13 in the narthex, or you can mail the registration form, together with a check payable to EUMC/UMW, to:

Emmanuel UMC  
11416 Cedar Lane  
Beltsville, MD 20705  
Attn: Karen Mackey

Name of Attendee(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify any special needs \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Karen Mackey through the church office (301-937-7114).

### UMW Happenings - Mark Your Calendar

June 3: UMW General Meeting, 12 Noon, Fellowship Hall, Potluck salad lunch. Program by Social Action Coordinator Logan Alley.

July 28 — 30: Mission u, Pooks Hill Marriott, Bethesda, MD.

August 19: Spiritual Retreat, Women of the Bible, 9 AM to 3 PM, Fellowship Hall. \$20 registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.

*Faithful Emmanuel member Edith Marcus sent me a story from her church newsletter in Tennessee to share with you in The Lamplighter. Edith noted, “We never know when just a small action can make a big difference.”*

### **“The Pastor and His Son”**



Every Sunday after church, a pastor and his young son would go out into their town and hand out Bible tracts. One Sunday when it was time to go out, it was very cold and pouring down rain. The boy got all bundled up in his warmest clothes and said, “OK, it’s time, Dad. I’m ready.”

Dad responded, “Son, it’s very cold outside and it’s pouring rain. I am not going out in this weather today.” The boy gave his dad a surprised look, asking, “But Dad, don’t people still need to hear the Good News, even though it’s raining?” The father hesitated for a moment. Then he said, “Son, you can go if you want to. Just be careful.”

“Thanks, Dad.” And with that, the eleven-year-old boy was off and out in the rain. He walked up and down the streets of town, going door to door and handing everybody he met in the streets a Bible tract. After two hours of walking in the rain, the boy was soaking wet and chilled to the bone. But he was down to his VERY LAST TRACT. He stopped on the corner and looked for someone to hand a tract to, but the streets were totally deserted.

The boy turned toward the first house he saw, walked up to the door, and rang the doorbell. He rang and rang and rang, but nobody answered. He kept ringing the bell, but still no one answered. Finally, he knocked as hard as he could. Nobody answered. Finally, this eleven-year-old trooper turned to leave, but something stopped him. He rang the bell again, and slowly, the door opened just a crack. Standing in the doorway was a very sad-looking elderly lady. Softly she asked, “What can I do for you, son?”

With radiant eyes and a smile that lit up her world, this little boy said, “Ma’am, I’m sorry if I disturbed you. But I just want to tell you JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE YOU and I came to give you my very last Bible tract. It tells you all about JESUS and his great LOVE. He handed her the last tract, and as he turned to leave, the lady called out to him and said, “Thank you, son, and God bless you!”

The following Sunday during church, Pastor Dad asked, “Does anybody have a testimony or want to say anything?” Slowly, in the back row, an elderly lady rose and began to speak. A look of glorious radiance came from her face. “No one in this church knows me. I’ve never been here before. You see, before last Sunday, I was not a Christian. My husband passed away some time ago, and I was so alone and sad, I no longer had the will to live. So I took a rope and chair up to the attic of my home. I tied the rope around a rafter in the roof, then stood on the chair and put the other end around my neck. I was so sad, I was about to jump off. Suddenly, the loud ringing of my doorbell startled me. I thought, “I’ll wait a minute and whoever it is will go away.” But the bell kept ringing and getting louder, and then that person knocked hard on my door. I could not imagine who on earth it could be. No one ever came to visit me! I loosened the rope from my neck and started for the front door. All the while, the bell rang louder and louder.

When I opened the door, I could hardly believe my eyes. There on my front porch was the most radiant, angelic little boy I had ever seen in my life. His smile – oh, I could never describe it to you. The words that came from his mouth caused my heart to LEAP FOR JOY as he gave me this Bible tract that I now hold. As the little angel disappeared back out into the rain, I closed my door and slowly read every word of this Bible tract. Then I went up and got my rope and chair. I wouldn’t be needing them anymore.

Your church address was on the back of this tract. I have come here to personally say THANK YOU to God’s little angel, who came just in the nick of time.” Pastor Dad took his son in his arms and sobbed uncontrollably. What a glorious day!

***Thank you, Edith, for sharing this story. Truly, we never know the impact our words and actions may have when we do God’s work and spread God’s word!***

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- June 4 — Olivia Heath
- June 11 — Lorna Marselas
- June 18 — Madea Badio
- June 25 — Beverly Ward



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!

**June Anniversaries**

- 3. Olivia & Gary Heath
- 4. Frances & Paul Cruz
- 21. Mary Ann & Michael Vaughan
- 24. Beverly & C. J. Huneycutt
- 25. Mary & Richard Plantholt, Bob & Jean Rodeffer
- 28. Jim & Debbie McNitt
- 29. Ester & Michael Hatton

**Make Emmanuel a welcoming congregation!**

**Greeters and Scripture Readers** are needed at ALL the 9 AM and 11:15 AM services in June.

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

*Thank you* for helping to share God's love and His Word with the people in His Church!



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

- Pamela Lindley
- Judith Waddell
- Ken Preston
- Ryan Preston

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

**June Birthdays**

- 2. Megan Wesley
- 3. Lori Midkiff
- 4. Linda Hiner
- 5. Angela Hatton
- 8. Ikenna Onukwubiri, Patrick Mackey
- 9. Katherine Faulkner
- 10. Ann Ladd
- 14. Tia Dorsey, Janet Reed, Nancy Shiplett
- 18. Ruth Smith
- 24. Bob Frederick, Ralph Guynn
- 26. Rick Zerbe
- 28. Bonnie McBride
- 29. Olivia Heath, Beverly Urick
- 30. Emma Claye

**CONGRATULATIONS....**

.....to Patrick Elliott, who was recently named Harford Community College's newest Associate Vice President. Patrick and wife Sarah are former members of Emmanuel. The Elliott family now worship in Aberdeen, where Sarah is pastor of the Susquehanna Charge.

Well done, Patrick. Best of luck in your new position!



**IN MEMORIAM**



*Christian love and sympathy to:*

*The family of Loyal Stewart, who passed away on April 20th;*

*Scarlet Robertson and family, on the passing of her mother, Elfa Jean Smith, on May 1st;*

*Beth Adle and family, on the death of her uncle, Dick McManus. Beth is one of Emmanuel's administrative assistants.*

*Ernie Kilbourne, on the death of her husband, George, on May 14th.*

May God's love and happy memories comfort these families, and everyone who is struggling with the loss of a loved one.

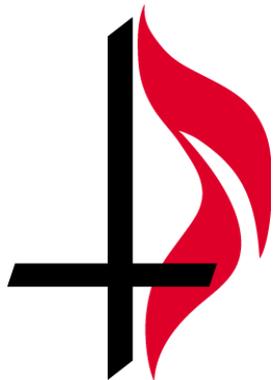
## June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 pm Bible Study	2	3 12:00 Noon UMW General Meeting 5 pm NA
4 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School	5	6	7 4 pm Chick-fil-A fundraiser	8 7 pm Bible Study	9	10 5 pm NA
11 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch & Sunday School Picnic 12:30 pm Youth Fellowship	12 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	13 10 am Prayer Fellowship	14	15 6 pm Stewardship Committee 7 pm Bible Study	16 11 am Community Place Café	17 10 am Church Goals 5 pm NA
18 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School	19 12:00 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle 7 pm SPRC Committee	20 7 pm Sisters in Spirit Circle	21 10 am Susanna Wesley Circle	22 7 pm Bible Study	23 7 pm Food Preparation	24 10 am Food Distribution 5 pm NA
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