

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

July 2014



*Pastor Jacob Young*

Brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

I greet all of you in the name of Jesus Christ.

I am pastor Jacob Young. I have been appointed to Emmanuel UMC and start my ministry on July 1 2014. I have been asked to write this pastor's letter, which is my first one for the members of this church. I have reflected for awhile on what would be good for my first pastor's letter, because it is my first official communication with you. I hope it makes a good impression. So, it has delayed my writing a little bit because I have been a little nervous in writing. But I have made up my mind that I will write it from my heart.

In July and August, I am sure that I will be very busy with settling down, introducing myself and getting familiar with church

offices, officers, committees, church programs, and staff members. I have already met some of you. During both months, I would like to meet each of you if possible. Let me briefly introduce myself and my family. First of all, I was ordained at the Baltimore-Washington Conference in 1999. Since then, I have been serving a couple of churches as a full-time pastor. I am an Elder pastor. I have a wife and two boys. My wife is Grace Song. My two sons are Eric and Patrick. This spring, Eric got admission from the University of Maryland in College Park. My family is very happy with the admission. Also, we like the location of the church because he will be able to commute from the parsonage to the school without a big problem. It is a short distance.

I heard that you are making an improvement on the parsonage for my family before our move-in. I would like to give a special thanks for the participants in the work and those who prayed for me and my family. The other day, I happened to see inside the parsonage. It is spacious and will fit my family well. In particular, I am very happy to have a two-car garage in the parsonage because it is going to be my favorite place where I can enjoy freedom. There, I can check up and fix my cars. My hobby is to fix and maintain my cars. So, having the

garage is beneficial to me because it is going to be my place.

I would like to start my ministry in the church with prayer and thanksgiving to our Savior, Jesus Christ. I pray that God will use me as the good and capable pastor for the church. I ask Him to give me leadership, spirituality, integrity, love and compassion for the church. I look forward to your hospitality by which my family and I can adjust to the new environment well. I hope that we will get comfortable with the community, soon go out and introduce ourselves to the neighbors.

As I am writing my first pastor's letter to you, I am once again deciding to do my best for serving Jesus through Emmanuel Church and loving my brothers and sisters as much as I can. I will lead the church as pastor and leader of the church. I will try to be a good role model for the congregation. Once again, I am very happy to have you as part of my life and journey. I would like to conclude my letter by sharing an African proverb, which is, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Life is a long journey. So, I need your presence in the travel. Will you come with me?

Shalom,  
Pastor Jacob Young



## Gangway to Galilee VBS

Registration is open for all ages who will attend VBS from July 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm till 8 pm. Dinner provided free at 5 pm. Don't miss the boat! Set sail with us to sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy food, and *more*. Plus, you'll learn all about Jesus our Savior and His amazing grace! Can't wait to see you there! Register online at <http://www.eumcbeltsville.com/vbs>,

\$10 per person, with a maximum of \$40 per family.

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## Words of Thanks

The Over Family would like to express thanks to friends and family for the many letters, cards, flowers and phone messages we received following the sudden death of our dear mother, Lynn.

It was such a comfort to know that she had touched so many lives in her special way. Your support helped us to cope at this sad time. We all appreciate these condolence messages more than we can say.

EUMC and Ernestelle Kilbourne, I have such wonderful memories of EUMC of Beltsville. Thank you for your loving support.

Love,  
The Overs

## Food Closet Items Needed

Thanks to all who brought in food items requested in the last Lamplighter. We still could use some items to round out the food closet.

Specifically, these items include potatoes, soups, breakfast items, more boxed Jell-O, canned tuna and chicken, macaroni, mini-cereal boxes, packaged or canned milk, juice boxes, peanut butter and jellies.



## New Emmanuel United Methodist Church T-Shirts For Sale

New T-Shirts are available and will be available in the Narthex following church services. The cost is \$10 each and they come in sizes ranging from Small to 3XL. The shirts will help us make a unifying presence when we are representing our church in the community.

## News from Staff-Parish Relations Committee

By Bobbie Deegan

Pastor Daniel Mejia is scheduled to move to Bowie on June 18<sup>th</sup>. He begins his ministry at St. Matthew's UMC on July 1. I hope you were able to attend the going-away festivities for Pastor Daniel! On Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, he was "roasted." I had the idea for a roast soon after we learned Pastor Daniel would be leaving us, but never found the time (with all the other staff-parish things going on) to put something together. So, many many thanks to Rick Bergmann for making it happen! The Roasters were Rick Bergmann, Byron Bobo, David Butterfield, Charlie Deegan, Patrick Elliott, Doug Galloway, Mike Hatton, Debbie McNitt and Patrick McGroarty. They did a great job! At the roast, Lay Leader Ann Rowland gave Daniel a check for \$1500, thanks to the generosity of all of you! We also gave Daniel \$20 gift cards to Panera Bread and Starbuck's and a journal in which Daniel and Michelle can record all the "happenings" in their new house. Sensing the extent of Daniel's "Harry Homeowner" knowledge, Charlie gave Daniel a copy of How to Fix Everything for DUMMIES. Everyone at the roast had a lot of fun, including the guest of honor. Pastor Michelle and her parents were there to share in the good time, too. Thank you, Party Committee (Ann Rowland, Helen Akers, Ann Anderson, Jaime Hiner, Nancy Thrush and Bryant Davis) for providing the refreshments after the roast and

after Pastor Daniel's last church service on June 15<sup>th</sup>. I also want to thank those who helped the committee members - JoAnne Blakley, Kathryn Griffin, Ester Hatton and Lois Rodriguez. Thanks to everyone who brought those tasty desserts, too! They made a bittersweet weekend a bit sweeter. I've attended Emmanuel since 1977, and I don't think the congregation has ever felt such a strong sense of loss when a pastor moved on for one reason or another. *Adiós y vaya con Dios*, Pastor Daniel Mejia! We will miss you.

But now it is time to turn our thoughts to welcoming Pastor Jacob Young and his family. In May, Pastor Jacob and most of the members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee attended a workshop sponsored by the conference on how to ease the transition of a newly-appointed pastor. The workshop gave us an opportunity to talk together about some of the practical aspects of introducing Pastor Jacob to the congregation. The committee will help familiarize Pastor Jacob with all of our groups and activities. The Young family is scheduled to move into the parsonage on Monday, June 30. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has encouraged Pastor Jacob to spend the first few days getting settled. He will preach his first sermon July 6. We'll have a reception in the Fellowship Hall after both the 9 and 11:15 am services so that attendees can say hello to Pastor Jacob and his family. Everyone will be asked to wear a name tag for the first few Sundays to help Pastor Jacob match our names with our faces! In the fall, Staff-Parish

Relations will coordinate small gatherings in the homes of some of our church families so Pastor Jacob can get to know us better and we can get to know him, much as we initially got to know Pastor Daniel.

### Please note:

The conference has very specific rules limiting the contact between church members and their former pastors. As of July 1, Pastor Daniel can have no more contact with the members of Emmanuel. This includes visitations, pastoral counseling, weddings, funerals, etc. Pastor Jacob **may** invite Pastor Daniel to participate in pastoral activities, but he is under no pressure to do so. While these rules may seem severe, they are necessary to ensure a clean break between a pastor and his former congregation. The new pastor must be able to develop his own relationship with the congregation without feeling the former pastor is looking over his shoulder; the former pastor must be free to devote himself to his new responsibilities without feeling tied to his old life; and the congregation must be encouraged to wholeheartedly accept the new pastor and new ways of doing things. If you have questions, let me know.

This means that Daniel cannot have **pastoral** contact with members of Emmanuel. We may still see him socially or visit him at St. Matthew's.

EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Saturday, August 16, 2014 9 am – 3 pm  
REGISTER by July 26, 2014

**Registration fee - \$20 per person includes book, breakfast, and lunch**

Mail registration form with check, payable to EUMC/UMW to:  
Emmanuel UMC, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville MD 20705 – ATTN: Jane Grays

You may also register on line at [www.eumcbeltsville.com](http://www.eumcbeltsville.com)

Sign in and enjoy a continental breakfast at 8:30 am

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount included: \_\_\_\_\_

Specify any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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**“A Calling for This Time”**  
*Using one of our Reading Program Books*  
**“Morning Coffee with James”**

**Spiritual Retreat Leaders:**  
**Deaconess Jane Grays**  
**Lorna Marselas**  
**Alice White**

*Bring your favorite coffee mug and join us in the fellowship hall*

**Direct Questions to [LadyJaneGra@aol.com](mailto:LadyJaneGra@aol.com) 301-937-6392**

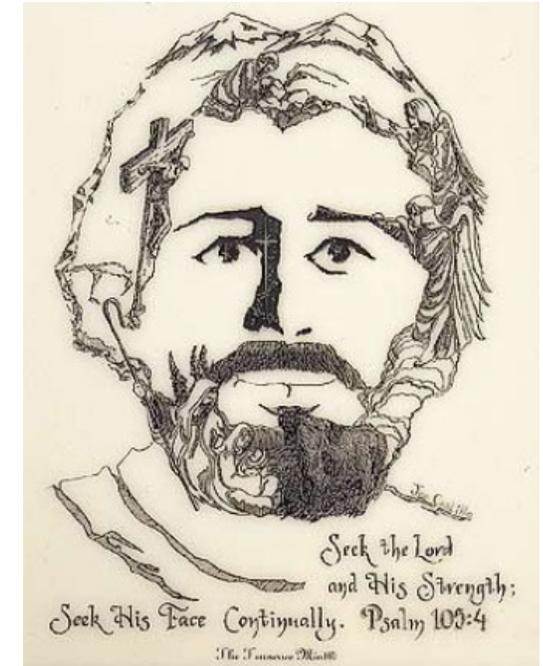


## Emmanuel UMC is Going to Emory Grove

On Wednesday, July 9, the Abundant Life Singers from Emmanuel UMC will be the guest performers at the Hymn Sing at Emory Grove, Glyndon, MD.

Join us for a potluck before the 7:30 pm Hymn Sing. Plan to leave Beltsville by about 5 pm to get to Emory Grove between 6 and 6:30 pm.

We have reserved the dining room of the historic Emory Grove Hotel for our potluck. Bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided. The Hymn Sing, started in 1974 by my grandfather, George Lovell, starts at 7:30 pm in the historic Emory Grove Tabernacle. The congregation picks the hymns for the evening. The Abundant Life Singers will perform one or two pieces, but really like coming to sing the hymns.



## Thank you Scarlet Robertson!

If you attended the roast for Pastor Daniel, you must have noticed Mrs. Santa Claus's lovely frock, newly accessorized for summer.

Many, many thanks to Scarlet Robertson, who has made the costumes for both of Emmanuel's Christmas plays, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and *The Year Without a Santa Claus*.

I wore the blue dress in the latter show, and borrowed it from "the wardrobe department" to wear at the roast. Our plays sure would be drab without your contributions, Scarlet! Thank you for sharing your talent as a seamstress!

Bobbie Deegan

## New Roofs Needed Soon

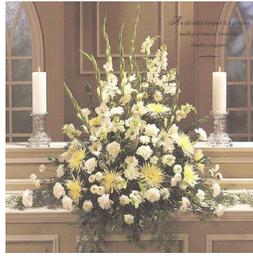
The old parsonage and the new parsonage are going to need new roofs in the not-too-distant future. Several people in the congregation have mentioned that they need a new roof as well. Perhaps we all would be able to negotiate a lower cost for our new roofs if we offer a roofer a "package" deal of doing several roofs within the same general area. The trustees plan to have solicited some bids by the end of the summer. If you would be interested in being part of the group, please let Mike Hatton or Charlie Deegan know. There is no obligation to participate – we are just exploring the possibility!

## Widow's Group

By Hazel Newell, Coordinator

During the June 5th meeting the widow's group decided to cancel the meetings for the summer and to reconvene on the first Thursday in October 2014 at 1 pm. Many will be traveling during the summer months and some of the scheduled meetings fall near holiday weekends. Any widow in the community is welcome to call me at any time to talk over the phone or meet somewhere of her choosing. My telephone number is 301-937-1114 and if I am not at home you can leave a message

**Altar Flowers**



- July 6 Lynn Garland
- July 13
- July 20 Theresa Timity
- July 27
- Aug 3
- Aug 10 Danny Webb
- Aug 17 Janet Doetsch
- Aug 24 Carol Clatterbuck
- Aug 31 Beverly Ward



**July Anniversaries**

- 4 Beverly & George Urick
- 6 Donna Horton & Todd Reitzel
- 7 Wanda & Abraham Scotland
- 8 Kimberly & Brian Beach
- 12 Kathy & Pat Mellott
- 18 Lezlee & Jeff Kramer
- 25 JoAnne & Donal Blakley

**July Birthdays**

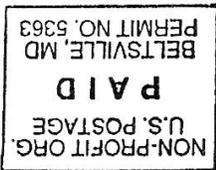
- 1 Jason Pavelka
- 2 Bob Hiner, Whitney Ademiluyi  
Abraham Scotland
- 5 Mildred Bladen, Frances Cruz, Donald  
Galloway
- 7 Wanda Scotland, Tobi Haufe
- 8 Margaret Ward
- 9 Kevin Andrews, Teresa Dorsey
- 10 Andrew Onukwubiri
- 11 Gail Belshay
- 12 Leslie Giron
- 17 Lorna Marselas
- 19 Trudy Headley
- 21 Nancy Green
- 22 Marcus Baird, Steven Cunningham
- 23 Crispin Wray
- 25 John Kaufmann
- 28 Kemi Oluwafemi, Temitope Oluwafemi
- 29 Sara Hunter
- 30 Lenora Painter, Kristin Fadely
- 31 Katie Crotti, Paul Cruz, Mary Anne Heath,  
Amy Jo Harding, Edward Mellott



# July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30 pm ESOL Classes	2	3	4	5
6 9 & 11:15 am Worship & Children's Musical  10:15 am Sunday School	7	8 10 am Prayer Fellowship  7:30 pm ESOL	9 7:30 pm Hymn Sing at Emory Grove (See item on page 5)	10	11	12
13 9 & 11:15 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School Second Sun- day Lunch 1 pm Youth Fellowship	14 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Sup- port Group	15	16	17	18 11 am Community Place Café	19
Vacation Bible School, 14-18 July						
20 9 & 11:15 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 pm Youth Fellow- ship	21	22 10 am Prayer Fellowship	23	24	25 7 pm Food Prep	26 10 am Food Distribution  SPY Trip
27 9 & 11:15 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	28 7 pm Church Council  7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Sup- port Group	29	30	31		

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