

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

October 2016

A Vibrant Multi-Cultural Church: All God's Children Are Welcome!



I greet all of you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The long summer is finally gone. We are entering into a new season, fall. Soon, we will see the foliage on the trees change color. God is blessing us with the changes of Mother Nature.

September has been hectic for Emmanuel Church and me. In particular, the church has been working on a budget for 2017, nominated some new church servants through the nominations committee, and prepared for our Charge Conference, which will be held on October 15th.

Personally, I had an interview with the District Superintendent. Also, the District Superintendent asked several elder pastors in the district to serve as presiding elders for Charge Conferences in the district. I participated in the training class and am scheduled to serve as a presiding elder in October.

Emmanuel's fall semester of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) got underway in September, and there are many new students. Community Place Cafe served lunch to the needy on September 16th, and the food distribution ministry provided boxes of food to many hungry families as usual. Hands of Harmony, the signing vocal group, came to Emmanuel on September 24th, sponsored by the Chancel Choir and the Deaf Fellowship. It was a good opportunity to listen to music of the 50s and 60s along with sign language. Emmanuel's annual Blessing of the Animals was on September 25th. This is a good outreach program.

In the midst of the busyness of ministry in September, the most rewarding event for me was to visit Doris Wray for the first time. She lives in La Plata, MD, which is around 50 miles away. It takes an hour to drive there. I had looked for a chance to visit her, but it was difficult to find time because of the long distance. On September 13th I finally went to see her. She didn't recognize me, but I introduced myself and blessed her. I put my business card on the wall, hoping that she will see it and think about Emmanuel. It was a touching moment for me. As pastor, I felt that I did my best for her. While visiting Doris Wray, I realized again that it is good to have brothers and sisters

in Jesus Christ, because we support, pray, and love each other in the Christian community.

In October, several special church activities are scheduled: World Communion Service (10/02), the Multicultural Food Festival (10/09), Laity Sunday (10/16), UMW Sunday (10/23), and Reformation Sunday (10/30). The annual Charge Conference will be in October, also, on October 15th.

Folks, please be careful about your health, because our bodies might be affected by the change of season. We might catch a cold or get sick. I will continue to pray for you, your family, your health, your business and job, and your ministry.

Let me conclude with this blessing:

May there always be work for your hands to do.

May your purse always hold a coin or two.

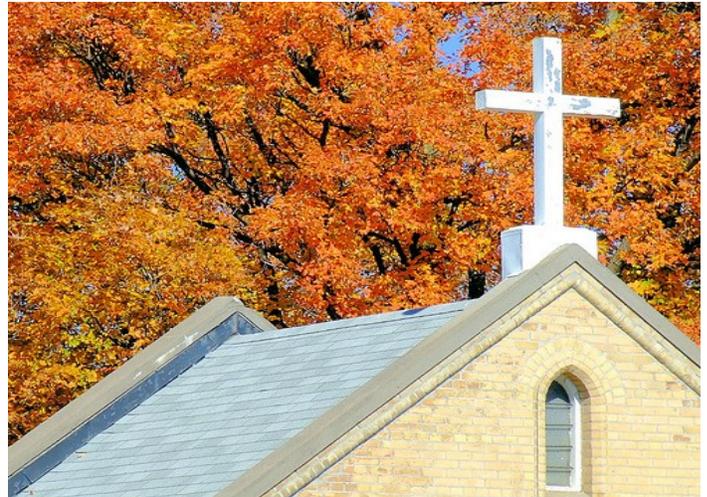
May the sun always shine upon your window pane.

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

May the hand of a friend always be near to you, and

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

~ ~ Pastor Jacob



God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

~ ~ Anonymous

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

by Ernie Kilbourne



On **Sunday, October 23rd**, the message at both services will be delivered by a special guest. **Elizabeth Stemley, President of United Methodist Women in the Baltimore-Washington Conference**, will speak, and members of Emmanuel's UMW will participate in the service. Please plan to COME!!! After the second service, there will be a pot luck lunch to which everyone is invited.

The following week, on **Saturday, October 29th**, UMW will hold its annual **Apple Festival** from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. As always, you will be able to purchase homemade apple pies and delicious baked goods. There also will be an Upper Crust Boutique, and local crafters will have items for sale. So stop by and pick up some items for Christmas gifts! You will be able to buy lunch, too. Monies raised will support UMW's mission work, so come get some great deals and support the Lord's work at the same time.

College Angels are Back!



The College Angel Program is back! This program allows members of Emmanuel's congregation to "adopt" a college student for the school year. Throughout the school year, these "college angels" will send their students small gifts, notes and cards to remind them that they are still a part of our church family, even though they are away at college.

If you would like your student to be enrolled in this program, please fill out the form in the back of the Sanctuary and place it in the offering basket, or give it to Rick Bergmann.

COMMUNITY PLACE CAFÉ

by *Sallie Rhodes, CPC Co-chair*

Thank you to everyone who has contributed time and/or money to Community Place Café. CPC has had a trying year, with a budgetary cut last fall and the retirement of CPC co-chair and long-time volunteer, Ann Rowland, in March.

God blessed us when a call for volunteers in April produced an active group of volunteers representing both old and new members of Emmanuel. Through the generous contributions of CPC volunteers and numerous financial supporters, we have been able to coordinate, prepare, and serve a hot lunch to approximately 65 low-income and homeless people in Hyattsville on the third Friday of each month. We are struggling financially, but are hopeful that the communion money that the church has so generously offered to support CPC through the remainder of 2016 will be adequate to get us through December.



Starting in January, CPC will no longer have a line item in the church's budget. We are seeking ideas and suggestions on how to keep this valuable ministry alive. Financial contributions are always welcomed. We already have received two generous contributions for 2017. We are praying for God's grace in helping us keep CPC alive throughout the upcoming year.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

~ ~ *Mother Teresa*

Baltimore — Washington Conference Gets New Bishop *adapted from the UMC-BWC website*



Rev. LaTrelle Easterling is the new bishop of the Baltimore – Washington Conference. She is the first woman bishop to lead our 233-year-old conference. Rev. Easterling was elected a bishop in The United Methodist Church in July 2016, and began serving this conference in September.

Originally from Indiana, Bishop Easterling received a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University and a law degree from Indiana University School of Law. She worked in human resources and as an attorney before being called to ministry. She was ordained a Deacon in 1995 and an Elder in 1997. In 2004, Bishop Easterling graduated *summa cum laude* with a Master of Divinity from Boston University School of Theology.

Bishop Easterling has served at three United Methodist churches in the Boston area. From 2012 to 2016, she oversaw 57 congregations as superintendent of the Metro Boston Hope District in the New England Conference. In 2016, she was named Dean of the Cabinet in the New England Conference. Bishop Easterling has served as co-chair of the Board of Global Ministries and as a delegate to the 2012 and 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. She is a published author and frequent teacher and speaker. She is described as an inquisitive, collaborative and transformational leader.

Bishop Easterling is married to Rev. Marion Easterling Jr., pastor of Wesley Grove UMC in Hanover, MD, and the former pastor of Parkway UMC in Milton, Mass. They have two sons, Garret Walter and Miles Teronza.

Trunk or Treat Turns 15!

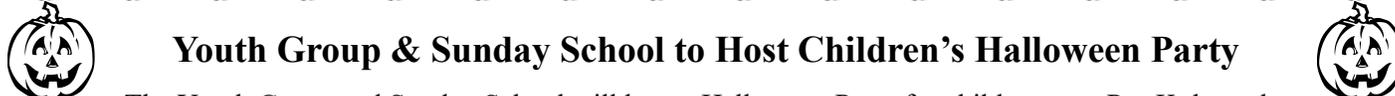
We will hold our annual trunk-or-treat this year on **Monday, October 31**. If you would like to **park your car** in the church parking lot and hand out candy, please do so **between 5:45 and 6:15 p.m.** Once you are parked, you won't be able to leave until 8:00 p.m. because of safety issues. Car owners are encouraged to decorate their cars and dress up in the “spirit” of the day. Children from the church and from the community will go trick-or-treating among the parked cars from **6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**



Trunk-or-treat was started in 2001 after the sniper attacks began around DC. During that terrifying time, children were not allowed to go out during recess, and many parents kept them inside once they got home. We felt that our parking lot in the back of our buildings could provide an opportunity for children to trick-or-treat safely. Each year since then, more children and their families come to participate. Attendees love seeing everyone in their costumes.



Youth Group & Sunday School to Host Children’s Halloween Party



 The Youth Group and Sunday School will host a Halloween Party for children ages Pre-K through 6th grade on **Sunday, October 30th from 6:00 — 8:00 pm.** (PG County students have the next day off of school). There will be games, prizes, food, a costume contest and fun, fun, fun!!! Bring the family for an evening of entertainment for everyone. See Alex Scotland or Rick Bergmann with any questions.



10 Ways to Treat Your Neighborhood

From Brentwood Baptist Church, shared by EUMC member Edith Marcus

1. Provide thank you cards for your children to give to those who give candy to them.
2. Prayer walk as you go out that night.
3. Think beyond the actual night. Invite those less-known neighbors to dinner in the next few days.
4. When walking around with other families, be intentional in your conversations.
5. Observe needs in your neighborhood, both physical and spiritual. Debrief as a family.
6. Create a community gathering space in your yard or driveway: games, hot cocoa, cookout, bounce house, etc....
7. Host a pumpkin-carving contest that afternoon, before families go out.
8. Put a Prayer Box in your front yard or at the front door, complete with paper and pencils, for others to write prayer requests.
9. Include a special note or Bible verse in treat bags or on candy that is given out to children.
10. Pick a date after October 31st to have a "kids club" or party, and hand out invitations when kids come trick-or-treating.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN HOST SPIRITUAL RETREAT

by Lorna Marselas

The United Methodist Women sponsored another very successful spiritual retreat. This year's study was 1st and 2nd Kings and the holy habits of prophets and kings. We learned:

- How Solomon was set apart by being consecrated, and how he struggled to be obedient to God;
- How Elijah learned about listening to God;
- About the relationship between Elijah and Elisha, the ways others leave a legacy in our lives, and how we might leave a legacy in the lives of others;
- That true transformation is more than skin deep, and Naaman's need for healing exposed the human struggle between pride and humility;
- How King Hezekiah cleared out idols and sought to return God's people to right worship, after generations of idol worship;
- How Josiah discovered that God's word had been lost, and how he began a reformation so the scripture could be read to the people and the people would turn their hearts back to God.

Our thanks to all who took time out of their busy schedules to attend. A BIG thank you to all the UMW members who worked hard to make this year's retreat a success.

We hope you will pencil in the August 2017 retreat, where we will explore women of the Bible. If you missed this year's retreat, we look forward to seeing you in 2017.

2016 Charge Conference



Reminder — Emmanuel's charge conference will take place at **9 am on Saturday, October 15 at Queens Chapel United Methodist Church**, located at **7410 Old Muirkirk Road**, Beltsville.

In consultation with District Superintendent Rebecca Iannicelli, the charge conference will set the compensation of the pastor and, with the recommendation of Emmanuel's Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development, elect the chairperson of the Church Council; the members of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development; the chairperson and members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee; the chairperson and members of the Finance Committee; the Financial Secretary and Treasurer; the Trustees; the Lay Leader(s); the Lay Member(s) of the Annual Conference; and a Recording Secretary. **If you are a voting member of Emmanuel's Church Council, please plan to attend the Charge Conference.**



November 6 - Combined Service at 10 a.m.

United Methodists, like many Christian denominations, recognize All Saints Day, a holy day that falls on November 1st each year. Emmanuel UMC will celebrate *All Saints Sunday* on November 6th. That day, we will combine the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services into one service at 10:00 a.m. to give us a time to worship together. Then we will have an opportunity to meet and greet each other and share a casual meal in the fellowship hall after the service. A menu will be posted in the narthex and you can select a food item to contribute.

United Methodists believe in saints: We recognize Matthew, Paul, John, Luke and other early followers of Jesus as saints, and countless numbers of United Methodist churches are named after these saints. We celebrate All Saints Sunday on the first Sunday in November, to recognize "all the saints who from their labors rest." United Methodists call people "saints" because they exemplified the Christian life. In this sense, every Christian may be considered a saint. All Saints Day is a time for United Methodists to remember Christians of every time and place, honoring those who lived faithfully and shared their faith with us.

However, our denomination does not have any system whereby people are elected to sainthood. We do not pray to saints, nor do we believe they serve as mediators to God. United Methodist believe "... there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as a ransom for all." (1 Timothy 2:5-6a)

John Wesley believed we have much to learn from the saints, but he did not encourage anyone to worship them. Wesley's focus was entirely on the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Sunday School and Bible Study Begin Again

We have had a great opening to the fall semester of Sunday School and Bible Study! Our teachers are teaching wonderful lessons and the kids and adults are learning a lot. If you have a school-age student, please remember to fill out a Sunday School Registration form (they are in the narthex or you can ask Rick Bergmann). Enjoy these pictures from the first day!





ANNOUNCING
the
Memorial Patio at the Cross
Emmanuel United Methodist Church

Remember a loved one with a beautiful laser-engraved memorial brick
Pay tribute to your organization
Remember a friend

The Church Council has approved a plan to establish a memorial patio at the cross in front of the church. The patio will be constructed with 450 bricks, each 8 x 4 inches and 2-1/4 inches thick. When completed, the patio will be 100 square feet in size, with three-foot-wide brick pathways connecting the patio to the church walkway and the scripture garden planted on the side of the church in memory of Jennie Doetsch Burgess.

You are invited to purchase a commemorative brick in honor or memory of a loved one or a special occasion. Each brick may be engraved with three rows of letters or numbers, and each row can have up to 20 letters and spaces. Clip art may be included, but will reduce the number of letters and spaces available.

The cost of each engraved brick is \$100. Those who previously purchased one of the memorial brass plates mounted in the rear of the Narthex may purchase a memorial brick for that person for just \$50, however.

If you would like more information, please e-mail Ted Ladd at tedladd02@aol.com, or phone him at 301-937-6796. If you would wish to order a brick, please fill out the form on page 7.

To Order a Memorial Brick

The laser-engraved brick may have up to three lines of letters. Each line can be up to 20 letters and spaces in length.

EXAMPLE 1 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 DAVID MATTHEW LADD
 OUR SPECIAL ANGEL

EXAMPLE 2 THE GRAZIOLI FAMILY
 RUTH, JOHN, JAMES
 TIMOTHY, JEAN, SCOTT

EXAMPLE 3 THE BELTSVILLE LIONS
 COMMUNITY SERVICE
 SINCE APRIL 1958

Please complete this order form and mail it with your check or money order for \$100*, payable to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, to:

**Emmanuel United Methodist Church
Memorial Patio Committee
11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville MD 20705**

Please write Memorial Patio Fund in the memo line of your check.

Please print on the lines below what you want engraved on the memorial brick.

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

When your brick arrives at the church, we will photograph it and send you a copy.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

* Note: The cost of a brick is reduced to \$50 if you previously purchased a brick with a brass plate in the Narthex.

EMMANUEL GOES TO THE DOGS

On September 25th, Emmanuel was host to some real dogs—and turtles! Yes, it was our annual Blessing of the Animals service, and a dozen folks from both Emmanuel and the community came out with their pets. This year, the most exotic pets were those of Cale, CJ and Easton Fuller, who brought three different kinds of turtles in addition to their two dogs. (Your intrepid correspondent learned quite a bit about turtles). A big thanks goes to our ever-faithful Pat Allen, who brought her guitar and led the group in our traditional Ode to Pet Parenthood, “All God’s Critters Got a Place in the Choir.”



*Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth
and makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens?*

~ ~ Job 35:11



October 9th — National Day of Prayer

Public prayer and national days of prayer are a long-standing and significant American tradition. Political leaders have called for days of prayer since our country was born. In 1775, the Continental Congress designated a time for prayer during the forming of the new nation. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, familiarly known as the DAR, established a Day of Prayer on the Sunday closest to October 11th. (This day was selected because it is the DAR’s “birthday” — it was founded on October 11th, 1890). On Sunday, October 9th, there will be a display by local Daughters of the American Revolution. Stop by to find out more.

Dear Emmanuel Family,

Thank you for the gifts given to Patrick, the kids and me. We are all adjusting well to being a clergy family. Preston talks about you all often and the girls miss Ms. Joan, Kathy R. and so many others, and of course, all of their friends.

We pray for you all daily. May God keep you and bless you.

~ ~ ~Pastor Sarah and Family

An update from Pastor Sarah —

Things are going well. The kids love their new schools and the churches are starting to get busy for the fall. We certainly miss our Emmanuel Family! It's been a blessing to have such rich experiences to build from - especially as both churches are preparing for major anniversaries.

I'm also thankful for the families that allowed me to assist with their loved ones' funerals, as I've had a funeral every week - but one - since I began here. Sacred moments to be entrusted with and support families through, to be certain.

WHAT ARE APPORTIONMENTS?

Compiled from UMC websites by Bobbie Deegan

The connectional system and apportionments are two of the defining traits of United Methodism. They allow local churches to reach beyond their walls and be in ministry in significant ways in their backyards and across the globe.

When we take vows to become members of The United Methodist Church, we promise to faithfully participate in its ministries through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. About 11 cents of every dollar we put in the church collection plate support General Church and Conference apportionments. Of that 11 cents:

- 6.8 cents goes to ministries and resources (3.9 cents to our own Baltimore – Washington Conference and 2.9 cents to the General Church, which supports the World Service Fund, the Africa University Fund, the Black College Fund, the Episcopal Fund, the General Administration Fund, the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, and the Ministerial Education Fund);
- 2.6 cents goes to operations and finance;
- .8 cents goes to administration and communication; and
- .8 cents goes to debt reduction.

When we pay all of our apportionments at 100% and give faithfully to the six church-wide Special Sundays, we become a part of something bigger than ourselves. Together, we are changing the world.

In 2015, the 640+ churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference contributed 91.7% of their apportionment asking. For the past 15 years, the Baltimore-Washington Conference has contributed 100% of its apportionment to the General Church.

Last year, Emmanuel paid 100% of our apportionment to the Baltimore — Washington Conference. But we are far behind in paying our 2016 apportionment, because our expenses have outstripped our income all year. The Finance Committee, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and the Church Council are scrutinizing all projected expenses for 2017 and making painful cuts to make sure we will be able to fully pay next year’s apportionment. We will give you more news on this when the budget is finalized. In the meantime, we appreciate your faithfulness in paying your 2016 tithes and pledges.

SHARING AND CARING

Fellow Methodist Renita Smith was recently honored at her home church, **Queens Chapel UMC** in Beltsville, for her heroism. On September 12th, the school bus she was driving caught fire. Smith got all 20 elementary school children off the bus without anyone sustaining an injury. Then Smith went back into the bus, which was engulfed in flames, to make sure every child was off the bus. God bless you, Renita!

Church Administrative Assistant Beth Adle just returned from South Korea, where she attended the wedding of her daughter. Your humble correspondent hopes to share more news on this in the next issue.

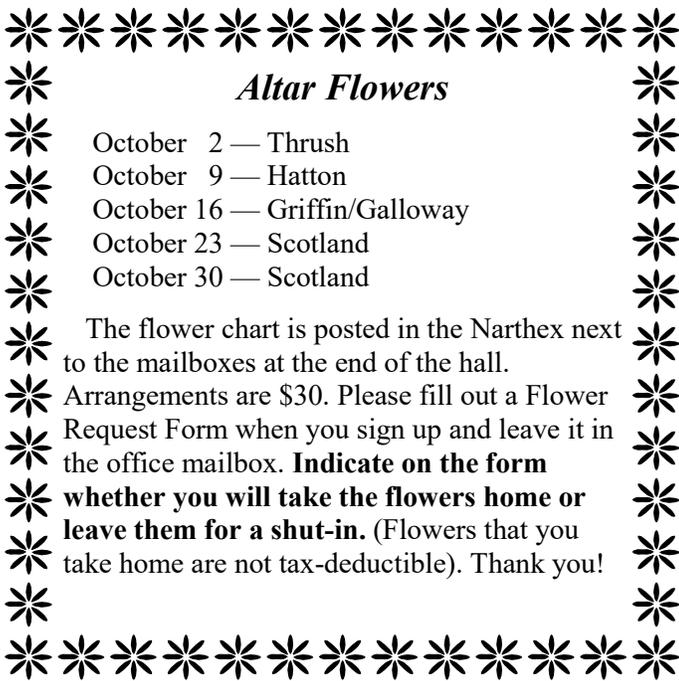
While Beth was overseas, Administrative Assistant Jo Anne Harrison held down the fort and kept everything moving. Well done, Jo Anne! New member Pauli Colburn covered the office for Jo Anne on three Mondays so Jo Anne could keep her day off to help her mom. You are the greatest, Pauli! Thank you so much for volunteering!

**APPLE FESTIVAL
and CRAFT SHOW**

**Saturday, October 29
10 am—2 pm**

**Apple pies
Georgia pecans
Gifts
LUNCH!**

Craft tables for rent 301-937-3324



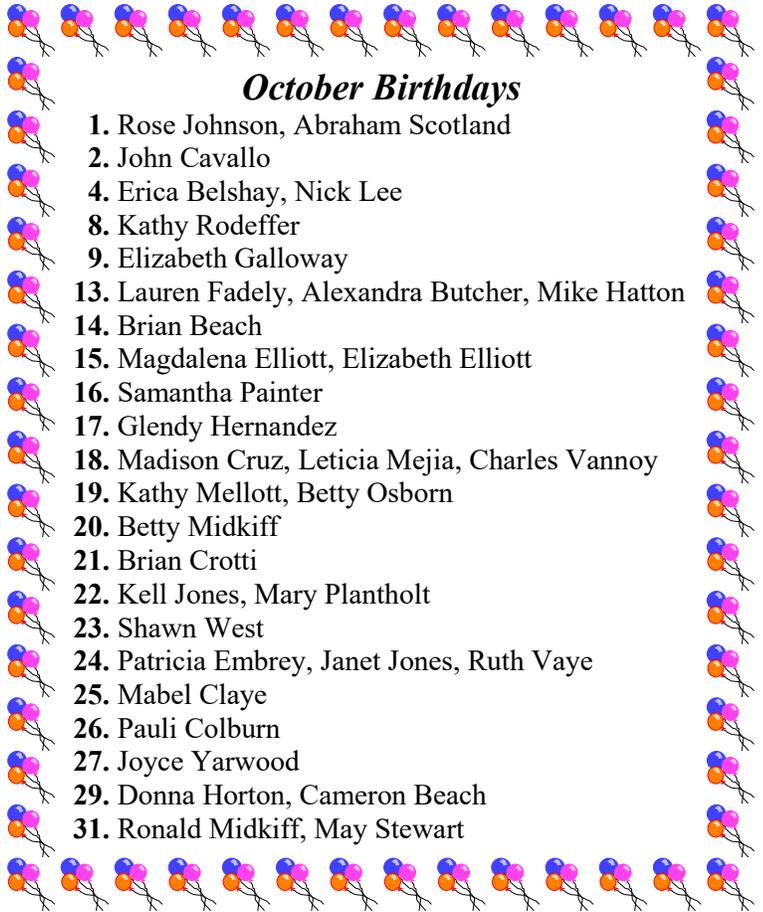
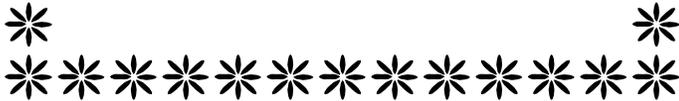
Altar Flowers

- October 2 — Thrush
- October 9 — Hatton
- October 16 — Griffin/Galloway
- October 23 — Scotland
- October 30 — Scotland

The flower chart is posted in the Narthex next to the mailboxes at the end of the hall.

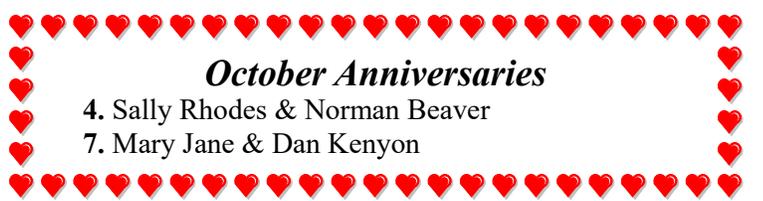
Arrangements are \$30. Please fill out a Flower Request Form when you sign up and leave it in the office mailbox. **Indicate on the form**

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!



October Birthdays

1. Rose Johnson, Abraham Scotland
2. John Cavallo
4. Erica Belshay, Nick Lee
8. Kathy Rodeffer
9. Elizabeth Galloway
13. Lauren Fadely, Alexandra Butcher, Mike Hatton
14. Brian Beach
15. Magdalena Elliott, Elizabeth Elliott
16. Samantha Painter
17. Glendy Hernandez
18. Madison Cruz, Leticia Mejia, Charles Vannoy
19. Kathy Mellott, Betty Osborn
20. Betty Midkiff
21. Brian Crotti
22. Kell Jones, Mary Plantholt
23. Shawn West
24. Patricia Embrey, Janet Jones, Ruth Vaye
25. Mabel Claye
26. Pauli Colburn
27. Joyce Yarwood
29. Donna Horton, Cameron Beach
31. Ronald Midkiff, May Stewart



October Anniversaries

4. Sally Rhodes & Norman Beaver
7. Mary Jane & Dan Kenyon

Greeters and Readers Sought!

Friendly folks are needed in October to greet worshippers as they arrive to attend the 11:15 Sunday service.

Why not volunteer to cover one or more Sundays? Just put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

Thank you for making Emmanuel a welcoming congregation and for sharing God's Word with the people in His Church!



GUESTS visiting Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in August included:

- Eun Kyung Kim
- Tissa Abeykoon
- Jan-Soeren Zinke
- William Mo
- Joanna Libby

We welcome you to our church family, and hope you found your visit spiritually fulfilling. Please worship with us again soon.

IN MEMORIAM

Christian love and sympathy to former members Lezlee and Jeff Kramer, whose son Will died suddenly on September 21.

Heartfelt sympathy also goes out to the family of longtime member Margaret Ward, who passed away on September 23.

Christian love and sympathy to Janet Reed and her family. Janet's Uncle Rick recently passed away.

Last but not least, Christian love and sympathy to the family of Becky Louter, who passed away September 16. Becky served the conference as the Executive Secretary of the Offices of Deaconess, Home Missioner and Home Missionary. Jane Grays knew her well.

May God's love and happy memories comfort all who are struggling with the loss of a loved one.

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5 pm NA
2 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 Chancel Choir 12:30 UMW Executive Meeting	3	4 7 pm ESOL	5	6 7 pm Bible Study	7	8 5 pm NA
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Saint Theresa's Prayer

May today, there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content, knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

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