

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

November 2015

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



Greetings!

I hope all of you are enjoying the fall breezes. I've enjoyed driving my convertible in this lovely weather. One day, you may see me driving my convertible down the street. If you do, honk or wave your hand! I have

good news, too. My white Mini-Cooper has had an engine problem since May. I've struggled with fixing it for the last three months. Finally, I was able to fix it. It's running like a new engine now. I'm happy with it and proud of myself.

Church-wise, October 4th was World Communion Sunday. Several church members volunteered to read from the Bible in a foreign language to represent other cultures, nations, and ethnicities. To make the service even more special, I drove to Ellicott City early that morning and picked up Korean rainbow bread for Holy Communion. Rainbow bread is a traditional Korean bread made of rice. I wanted to serve bread that was freshly baked, so I had to hurry that morning! While serving the bread, I was anxious about whether the church members would like it. Fortunately, they seemed to. One person even asked me where I got it, which implies that he liked it.

From October 12th through October 18th, I was on vacation. Actually, it was a 'staycation,' because I stayed home by myself and concentrated on reading the book, "A Basic Guide to Interpreting the Bible." It may sound ironic, but as a pastor, I find it difficult to study the Bible or theology at a deep level because I am always surrounded with pastoral duties and expectations. It is difficult for me to focus my whole attention on reading and meditating on the Bible. So during my staycation, I just concentrated on reading and meditating on the book. One always learns something from Bible study, and I gained new insights and experienced enlightenment. My wife bought an apple pie and some apples at the Apple Festival. It was yummy. I still have some slices of apple pie in the refrigerator. I am thankful for all of the volunteers

who made the festival happen in the church.

On October 25th, Emmanuel had its Charge Conference. It was a good time for the church to reflect on the ministry of the past year and plan the ministry of the next year.

Several of November's worship services will include special observances. November 1st is All Saints Sunday, when the church will remember those who passed away during the year. As I explained in my sermon a few weeks ago, the origin of All Saints Sunday is closely related to Halloween. The Celts, who lived in Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France, believed that ghosts returned to earth every October 31st. To deceive the ghosts, people disguised themselves as ghosts and witches. Church leaders did not approve of that pagan tradition, and started to observe All Saints Day on November 1st as a counter to Halloween. On All Saints Sunday, Emmanuel will follow the example set by early church leaders and remember those who have passed away but who still influence the life of Emmanuel and her church members.

November 8th is Stewardship Sunday. We will identify our talents and dedicate ourselves to using them for the ministry of the church, which is the body of Jesus. Hopefully, you have received my letter explaining Stewardship Sunday. Please read it carefully and prayerfully.

On November 22nd, the service will include receiving new members. At this time, it appears that only one person will join the church that day, although there are several other candidates for membership. Please welcome our newest member.

On Tuesday, November 24th at 7 pm, Emmanuel will host members of St. John's Episcopal Church at our joint Thanksgiving Service. Additionally, the church is contacting local public elementary, middle and high schools to provide coffee and doughnuts for the teachers and staff in the first or second week of November. Then Advent will begin on November 29th.

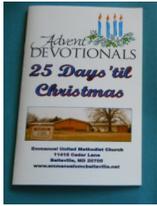
As you see, there are many special observances scheduled in November. Above all, as you know well, November is a time for thanksgiving and family reunion. I hope all of you will have a happy Thanksgiving and enjoy time with your family.

I ask you all to continue to pray for Emmanuel, and to support its ministries in whatever way you can.

Servant of Jesus,

~ ~ Pastor Jacob

2015 Advent Devotional



It's time to start submitting stories, poems, prayers, or pictures for the 2015 Advent Devotional booklet. Everyone is invited to submit something for this booklet. Tell a story about Christmases past, send a prayer, draw a picture or send a photo! Sunday school classes are invited to submit something as a class or individually.

The 1st Sunday of Advent is November 29th, so we need to receive all submissions no later than **November 15th** to have the books printed in time. Submissions are being accepted now! Send them to: kpmellott@verizon.net or **11402 Howard Court, Beltsville, MD 20705**.

Emmanuel's Got Talent on December 19th! Members of Emmanuel, we are looking for several talented individuals to perform in **Emmanuel's Got Talent**! We are looking for all kinds of acts. It can be almost anything – the weirder the talent, the more fun we can have! If you would like to perform for the show, please contact Rick Bergmann at rick.bergmann@eumcbeltsville.com.

The show will be on **December 19th at 7 pm**. Proceeds from the show will go towards two projects: the kitchen renovation and the Youth Group.

We would like this to be an all-inclusive event with performers from all ages and generations. Let Rick know if you are interested today!



From the Deaf Fellowship—by Roy White

On October 17, 2015, Roy and Carrie White and Beverly Huneycutt journeyed to New Jersey to attend the biennial meeting of the Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Congress of the Deaf. The meeting was held at Waretown United Methodist Church in Waretown, New Jersey. This small church is multicultural in a special way - it has 35 Deaf members, which is probably about a third of the entire membership. Also, a Deaf man leads the congregation in sign language to accompany the praise band. The praise band consists of dedicated young adult volunteer musicians.

The session opened with a business meeting which included the election of officers. Roy White has agreed to continue as treasurer for two more years. Rev. Chris Hughes, the Deaf pastor of Deaf Calvary Church in Frederick, MD, was the keynote speaker. He signed eloquently about Elijah and Elisha as referenced in 2 Kings, Chapters 1—2.

The first workshop described how Waretown UMC's Deaf Ministry was developed to incorporate new ideas. An interpreter began volunteering nine years ago. Then Carl Anderson, a Deaf man living in the neighborhood, started attending this church. With the interpreter's and pastor's encouragement, Carl started attending annual conferences five years ago. After he and the interpreter had been teaching sign language at Waretown UMC for some time, Carl began to learn how to lead contemporary songs in sign language. He is able to do this by watching the interpreter as she sits in the front pew and signs the songs. Before each worship service, Carl teaches basic sign language to the congregation. They now have two other dedicated volunteer sign language interpreters. ButtKickers have been installed under several pews to enable the Deaf members to enjoy the music by feeling the vibration.

The 2nd workshop was led by Rev. Chris Hughes, who talked about his mission work in Haiti. Haiti is one of 25 countries where Rev. Hughes has been involved in missions to the Deaf. He began his presentation by fortunate to live in them, because the government has placed a very low priority on providing housing to the Deaf. There also was a picture of a new Deaf church under construction. The church was made possible through a \$250,000 donation from a United Methodist Church in Alabama. Next, we watched a movie showing how 25 mattresses were purchased and delivered to an orphanage home of Deaf children. It showed Rev. Hughes bringing \$2,500 in cash with him and going shopping with a group in a truck. When the mattresses were delivered to the orphanage, the children were very happy to receive them. Toward the end of the workshop, attendees contributed to a love offering which raised \$456. Rev. Hughes ended his presentation by saying that he has raised enough funds to take 25 more mattresses on his trip to Haiti on October 19!

Rev. Antoine Love to Preach on Stewardship Sunday

November 8th will be Stewardship Sunday. Our guest pastor that day will be Rev. **Antoine C. Love**, an ordained Elder and the Director of Vibrant Communities for the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church. In his new role, Reverend Love assists congregations in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by creating new places for new people in God's family.

Rev. Love, a son of Christ United Methodist Church in Aquasco, MD, received his calling under the pastorate of Rev. Conrad D. Parker. In 1992, with the support of the Christ Church family, he stepped out in faith to serve Corkran Memorial United Methodist Church in Temple Hills, MD as the assistant minister. Rev. Love was appointed to Zion United Methodist Church in Lexington Park, MD in 1994. During his leadership, the mission and ministry of Zion Church were revitalized, and in August 2001, he guided this congregation in a capital improvement renovation project of its sanctuary. On January 1, 2004, he was appointed to pastor the new faith community of Covenant Point United Methodist Church in Waldorf, MD, where he ushered God's people into their passions for praise and worship, witness, the Word and Godly service. In July 2010, he was appointed Lead Pastor of the Covenant Point – Lakeside Cooperative Parish, a multicultural faith community that he moved toward merger and, in January 2012, birthed The Journey of Faith Church ... a United Methodist Congregation. "The Journey," under Rev. Love's guidance, emerged with a 21st century faith focus on "Real People. Real Lives. Real Journey."

A native of Prince George's County, Maryland, Rev. Love received his education from Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, MD before graduating from the University of Maryland – College Park with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature and Language. He holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, D.C. and is a member of the 1999 World Methodist Council's Order of Faithful Leaders as Mission Evangelists. He is also a graduate of the Leadership Prince George's Class of 2004.

Within the Baltimore – Washington Conference, Rev. Love has served on the Board of Congregational Life, the Loans and Grants Committee and the Conference Trustees Board as well as its Chairperson. A graduate of the Academy for Initiative Leaders, he has supported "Mission u" – formerly the Cooperative School of Missions – as an instructor, Youth School Dean, Music Leader, and as the Dean. In the Washington East District, he mentors candidates for the Ordained Ministry and has provided instruction at the School of Christian Growth.

Pastor Love holds dear to his heart the words from Lamentations 3:22-23: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness, O Lord unto me."

God Always Has a Plan

by Margie Mock

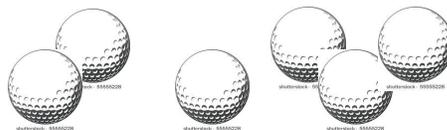
Out my back door, through the yard and through the woods, is the University of Maryland golf course. When my sons were young, they would go back and collect golf balls that had been lost and not found. We put them in egg cartons and stacked them in the basement for – who knows?

Fast forward more than twenty years. While cleaning and sorting stuff these many years later, I came across the golf balls. At last count, I had 60 to 80 dozen! I gave some away, but I had no idea what to do with the rest. I wanted them to go to someone who would make good use of them.

As luck would have it, I had a meeting at University United Methodist Church not long ago. Driving home, something urged me to stop in at the driving range and ask if someone knew who could use some used golf balls. A golfer there directed me to the Pro Shop. I left my name and phone number and went home, thinking "I'll never hear from them."

Twenty minutes later, I got a call at home. A guy came to my house with a BIG carton, and we packed it full of golf balls. His parting words to me were, "Thank you so much! I run a summer camp for disadvantaged children, and this will really help."

HE MADE MY DAY!! GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN.





The Angel Tree is coming!

Look for the Angel Tree in the Narthex this month. As in years past, the Angel Tree will be covered with paper angels. Each angel will have the first name and age of a child on it.

Each child will have two paper angels on the tree, one for a clothing item that he or she needs and one for something fun that the child would enjoy doing.

Each child with angels on the tree lives in our community and has been included at the request of an incarcerated parent who is participating in prison ministries. Please help a child have a joyful Christmas by choosing an angel to adopt and buying the requested gift for that child. You may take both angels for a child or just one. We ask that you spend \$20 – \$25 per paper angel, so the children in the same family will be treated equally.

Please wrap the gift, tape the paper angel to it, and bring the gift to the church no later than December 6th. If you have questions, please call me at 301-937-7146. Thank you for your generosity!

~ ~ Rebecca Cavallo



From the Staff—Parish Relations Committee

The United Methodist Church’s Safe Sanctuaries policy is designed to protect all children while they are on church property and/or involved in church programs. During the Charge Conference, every church must “sign off” that it complies with Safe Sanctuaries.

As part of our compliance, Emmanuel puts reminders in the bulletin asking parents not to allow their children to leave the Sanctuary unattended; does background checks on persons working with children at the church in any capacity; and ensured that all church rooms where children might be have doors with a window in them.

A member of the S-PRC also periodically reviews MD’s sex offender registry to identify registrants living or working in Beltsville who might worship at EUMC. While this has not arisen, we would ensure that such persons would always be discreetly accompanied by a trusted church member while at Emmanuel.

Parents who wish to check the sex offender website to ensure the safety of their children should search on “MD sex offender registry.” Once on the site, enter the zip code(s) you are interested in. See Bobbie Deegan if you have questions.



Thank you, **Marcus Baird**, for assisting Mike Hatton with correcting some deficiencies in the Education Building. You were a **BIG** help!



POINSETTIA ORDER

To beautify the church during the Christmas season, we again are offering the opportunity for you to purchase poinsettias. Please use this form to place your order.

Red _____ White _____ (Deadline is December 7th)

NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED: _____ PRICE: \$10.00 EACH

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Place your order form in the offering plate, or bring it or mail it to the church by the deadline above. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel UMC and mark it “Christmas Decoration.”

(Please check one) I will take my flowers home: _____ (not eligible for tax credit)

I will donate my flowers to the church: _____

Date Received _____

Thank you, Laity!

At both services on October 18th, Emmanuel observed Laity Sunday – that week when the people in the congregation celebrate our own calling to do the Lord’s work. We can be very proud of all that we accomplish for the common good – not just the myriad tasks we do at (or through) the church, but our accomplishments as volunteers in such community organizations as The Beltsville News, The Lions and Rotary Clubs, the D. A. R., the Beltsville Recreation Council, our credit unions, Friends of Patuxent, the Greenbelt Co-op, and many other organizations in which you are involved but of which I am unaware. Our community is a better place because of the efforts of the people of Emmanuel.



As the chairman of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of several church members who have gone above and beyond what we could reasonably expect of them.

Mike Hatton, the chairman of the Trustees, has had the unenviable responsibility of maintaining two parsonages in need of repairs, a church complex with an infrastructure more than fifty years old, and an obsolete phone system. He also has had to bring the church up to code so we can rent space to a day care center. Everything has had to be done ASAP, of course, and with practically no budget! Mike has spent countless hours this year running cable through the church, bailing out the basement of the new parsonage, researching the least expensive way to restore the phone system, cleaning up the grounds, and a zillion other things. His cost-consciousness and his personal labor have saved the church a lot of money at a time when the budget is especially tight. When you see him, please take a minute to thank Mike for being so generous to Emmanuel with his time! While you are at it, also thank **Ester, Monica and Angela** for their patience in doing without Mike’s company when he is working on something (or going to a meeting!) at the church, and for helping him on many of his church projects.

Second, I want to thank **Ann Anderson** on behalf of the congregation for the many, many years she has spent doing visitations. It used to be that Ann was part of a team who took turns visiting those who were ill or homebound. Time has taken its toll. Now, Ann does much of the visiting by herself, and we often have many more persons who are seriously ill or homebound than we had in the past. Many weeks, Ann will lead the Prayer Fellowship on a Tuesday morning, then do visitations on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and sometimes Tuesday afternoons to get to everyone on her list. Ann’s faithfulness is an example to us all. You are a very special person, Ann, and we all love you.

Last, I want to thank the financial team – Finance Chairman **Andy Onukwubiri**, Financial Secretary **Frances Cruz**, and Treasurer **Beverly Ward**. As you will have noticed from the weekly updates in the Sunday bulletins, Emmanuel’s finances have been very challenging since we bought the new parsonage. The financial team has worked tirelessly to try to balance the budget, reduce and/or hold down expenses, pay all of our bills on time, and keep current and accurate financial records for both the church and our members. Handling church finances is a stressful responsibility easily taken for granted. I thank you all for your selfless dedication the past year. I know there are many things you would rather have been doing with your time!

~ ~ Bobbie Deegan

Thank you, Pastors!



October was Clergy Appreciation Month, a time when United Methodist congregations thank their pastors for their service. As Bishop Matthews has written, “As members of the Church, we have been blessed by the work of pastors in providing for the spiritual well-being of God’s flock. The hard work, dedication and blessings that pastors bring to our congregations deserve our appreciation and gratitude.” At the 11:15 service on October 25, the chairman of Emmanuel’s Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Bobbie Deegan, presented Pastor Jacob Young with a card expressing the thanks of the congregation.

Bobbie noted that Emmanuel currently is blessed to have two retired pastors worshiping with us, as well. Rev. Richard Karpal was pastor at Emmanuel from July 1980 until his retirement in June 1996.

Rev. Robert Rodeffer retired as a United Methodist pastor after nearly 45 years of service. On behalf of the people of Emmanuel, Bobbie gave both pastors cards expressing our appreciation for their many years of service to the people of The United Methodist Church.

Take Me Out To the Ballgame

Church organist Kathryn Griffin found some information about ballpark organs to share just in time for the World Series. The following is from an article in the American Guild of Organists by Dr. Matthew Milhalka, instructor of music at the University of Arkansas and a long-suffering Chicago Cubs fan.

Music at the ballpark was the result of the development of the electronic organ and the public address system. The first fully electronic organ was developed by Laurens Hammond, founder of the Hammond Clock Company. His clock business was failing, so he searched for new ways to apply his synchronous motor technology. In 1934, he patented the Hammond organ. These organs were cheap (\$1,250), small and could be plugged into the public address system.

The first ballpark electronic organ was used at Wrigley Field (1941), home of the Chicago Cubs. The organist played "soulful compositions." The loudest pipe organ was at Chicago Stadium, used for the Blackhawks Hockey team.

The first permanent organ was installed at Ebbets Field, home of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Their one and only organist was Gladys Goodding, a Missouri native. She not only had to know the game, she had to adjust her music to the mercurial temper of the Dodger fans – no mean feat! Here are some of her selections:

St. Louis Cardinals lose to the Dodgers	"St Louis Blues"
Umpires approach home plate	"Three Blind Mice"
Injured umpire	"You always Hurt the One You Love"
Casey Stengel	"Casey Waltzed With a Strawberry Blonde"
Local hero hits homerun	"Yessir, That's My Baby"
Final game at Ebbets Field	"Auld Lang Syne" & "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"

The 1960s marked the height of the baseball organ. Its use declined as time passed, due to rock music, video boards and recordings. However, many stadiums have gone "retro" in an attempt to reproduce the atmosphere of the old ball fields, so the sound of the live organ is still there, even if it is only sound effects.

No matter what team you support or which stadium you attend, you can still sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." So buy your Cracker Jacks, enjoy your Chicago-style hotdog, and "PLAY BALL!"

Good Morning,

I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do NOT need your help. If the devil happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, DO NOT attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFJTD (Something For Jesus To Do) box. It will be addressed in MY time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, DO NOT HOLD onto it or attempt to remove it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem.



If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution.

Because I do not sleep, nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep.

Rest, my child. If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.



Hi, Church Family,

Last month, I updated you on my status in my academic and ordination process. Some have asked, “What is an intercultural immersion?” and “Why are you going to South Africa?” So let me share with you why I’m going on this exciting trip.

As part of my studies at Wesley Theological Seminary, I am required to participate in an intercultural immersion to a region or country dissimilar from my own experience. Students at Wesley can choose between visiting Lakota Reservations in South Dakota; Israel; Iceland; a Truck Stop ministry; and many others. The purpose of the immersion is to grow in understanding of another culture and how its political, economic, and social structures impact their faith expressions in worship and ministry.

I chose to go to South Africa after taking a class on the worship practices of Christians around the world. In the course, we looked at worship in a variety of countries and in different demographic groups within the United States. It made me realize that the cultural traditions that impacted Christians in South Africa are especially rich and extraordinarily different from my own worship experiences at this point in my faith journey.

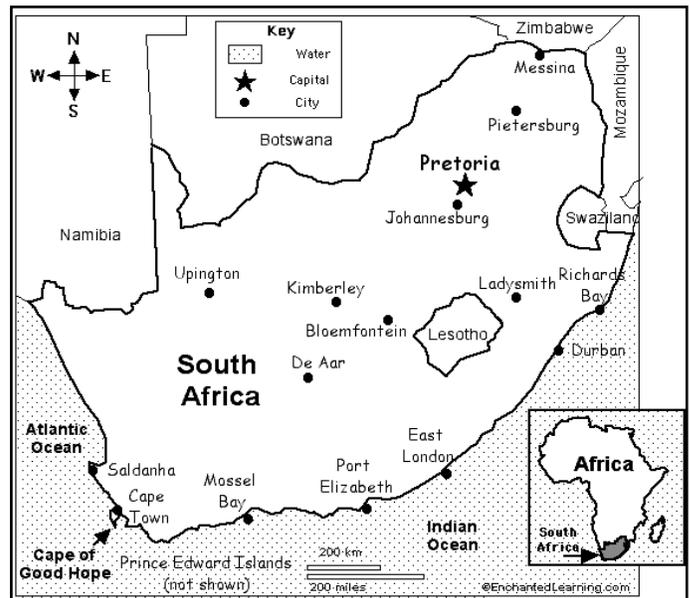
After much consideration, I know God is calling me to grow not only by studying the rich history of worship in South Africa, but also by experiencing it and the tides of change that have taken place in the last few decades. To further this experience and growth, my traveling companions and I will be engaged in daily and evening worship services in various parts of South Africa; spending the night at Robben Island as we learn about apartheid; visiting with day care centers that support unemployed parents while they seek work miles from home; visiting the Cradle of Humankind and talking with a paleoanthropologist; and many other adventures.

While the trip will last only 13 days plus travel, we will be constantly moving around the region learning about the lives and history of its people and the richness of faith in that part of the world. I’m especially excited to see how the churches express the love of Christ in such diverse situations to meet the needs of the “least of these.”

Following my trip, I would love to share some of my experiences and encounters with you, that we might all be enriched by the diversity of expressions of our unified faith in Christ.

Many blessings,

Sarah Elliott



From the Church Council:

Sarah Elliott’s intercultural immersion trip to South Africa will begin on December 28 and last 14 days. It costs \$4000 per student, paid to Wesley Seminary, to cover each person’s expenses. Wesley Seminary recommends that students recruit sponsors to provide some of the funds as part of their overall faith-based experience.

You may recall that Emmanuel has had two student pastors, Michelle Thorne and Ben Sloane, who visited the Holy Land for their immersion experience. Individual members of Emmanuel supported their trips with financial gifts. Sarah is a member of Emmanuel’s congregation, and the Church Council invites church members to provide financial support for Sarah’s pilgrimage, as well.

Envelopes for cash donations are available in the Narthex. Checks may be made out to Wesley Seminary. Please note on the envelope or check that it is for Sarah Elliott’s trip, and put it in the collection plate or mail it to the church office. Emmanuel will see that the funds get to Wesley Seminary on Sarah’s behalf. Thanks!



SHARING AND CARING

A note from the Narcotics Anonymous group that meets at Emmanuel: Thank you so much for letting us use the Church [for our meetings.] God Bless!!

Lois Rodriguez wasn't able to attend her grandson's wedding in Georgia this month but, thanks to today's technology, she was still able to listen to the service. Her grandson phoned her on his cell phone just before the ceremony started, and Lois was able to hear every word!

Bobbie Deegan and a group of fellow volunteers at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge and Research Center took a behind-the-scenes tour of the Maryland Archeological Conservation Center on October 9. They restore and/or identify archeological objects from all over the country. Newly arrived the day of the tour: some rifles dropped in a muddy riverbank during the Battle of Manassas.

Helen Akers and **Bobbie Deegan** attended the dedication of the Fallen Stars Memorial at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. This memorial honors Major General Harold J. "Harry" Greene and the War-fighters. Gen. Greene was killed in Afghanistan on August 5, 2014. Helen's daughter, **Cheryl Akers**, was instrumental in overseeing both the creation of the memorial and the dedication ceremony itself, on behalf of her boss, Edward St. John.



Fall is a good time to review your Statement of Giving. If you are up-to-date in your financial pledge, the Finance Committee thanks you! If you have fallen behind during the summer, you still have time to make up the difference before the end of the year. Emmanuel's budget takes into account the funds we expect to receive from our church-goers, so please make every effort to meet your pledge.

A reminder—While Emmanuel is happy to receive financial gifts at any time, IRS regulations require charitable contributions to be deducted from the giver's taxes for the tax year in which the funds were received by the charitable organization. In other words: Emmanuel will graciously accept a check in January 2016 to pay off the remainder of your 2015 pledge. However, IRS will not allow someone to deduct that final payment on 2015 taxes; it must be deducted on the tax filing for 2016.

The Statement of Giving records your contributions based on the tax year in which the gift was received, not the tax year for which the gift was intended.

"Jesus' Love Poem to a Sinner"

My child,
I love you for you,
Not that you conform to My every rule,
Not that you act perfectly,
I just love you for you.

My child,
I love you for you,
Not that you love all your neighbors,
Not that you are so forgiving,
I just love you for you.

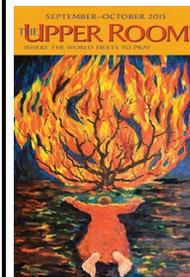
My child,
I love you for you,
Not that you are a "model Christian,"
Not that you seem righteous,
I just love you for you.

My love is immeasurable,
Infinite, and unbounded,
...a never-ending flow.

My child...
I love you for you.
I know you have a wounded spirit,
And I long to heal you.
And in the midst of the sin and pain,
You ask Me for forgiveness -
And all of heaven and angels rejoice! Hallelujah!

My child...
I love you for you.
You cannot earn My love.
Your faith has made you whole.
You are now a forgiven child of the King.
Now, together, let's mend your wounded spirit.
I just love you for you...

The November—December issue of *The Upper Room* devotional booklet is available on the Literature Cabinet at the end of the hall outside the Sanctuary.



Containing brief stories written by Christians throughout the world, it is a great companion during the holiday season. At just \$1 a copy (\$2 for the large print version), it's a bargain, too! Please put your payment in the plastic container next to the copies of the current issue. Thanks!

Attention, Medicare Recipients!!

Are you on Medicare? If so, then you know that this is Medicare's open enrollment period. Medicare recipients have until December 7th to sign up for Medicare Advantage instead of Original Medicare, or vice versa; switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another; or switch from one Medicare Part D prescription drug plan to another.

You've been bombarded with mail from companies telling you why their Medicare Advantage plan and/or prescription drug plan is best. Confused about the many options available to you during Open Enrollment?

Then PLEASE, plan to attend a meeting at Emmanuel for Medicare recipients on **Saturday, November 7th at 10 am** with Deborah Hawkins, a licensed Independent Health Insurance Agent trained and certified through America's Health Insurance Plans to work with Medicare beneficiaries. Deborah is contracted with ALL companies in Maryland that offer Medicare prescription plans, Advantage Plans, and Supplemental ("Medigap") plans. She is coming to Emmanuel to provide education and assistance and to give us current information on what Medicare recipients need to be aware of. She will NOT sell you anything. Federal law prohibits it. If you wish, you can set up an appointment with her to get personal assistance at a later time, but only at your request.

Deborah was here last autumn, and did a great job answering everyone's questions. She also attended a church service at Emmanuel in April as a member of the *Hands of Harmony* sign language choir. Please join me in welcoming her back to Emmanuel on November 7th at this very worthwhile meeting.



Let Us Pray...

"What's wrong, Bubba?" asked the pastor.

"I need you to pray for my hearing," said Bubba. The pastor put his hands on Bubba's ears and prayed. When he was done, he asked, "So how's your hearing?"

"I don't know," said Bubba. "It isn't until next Tuesday."

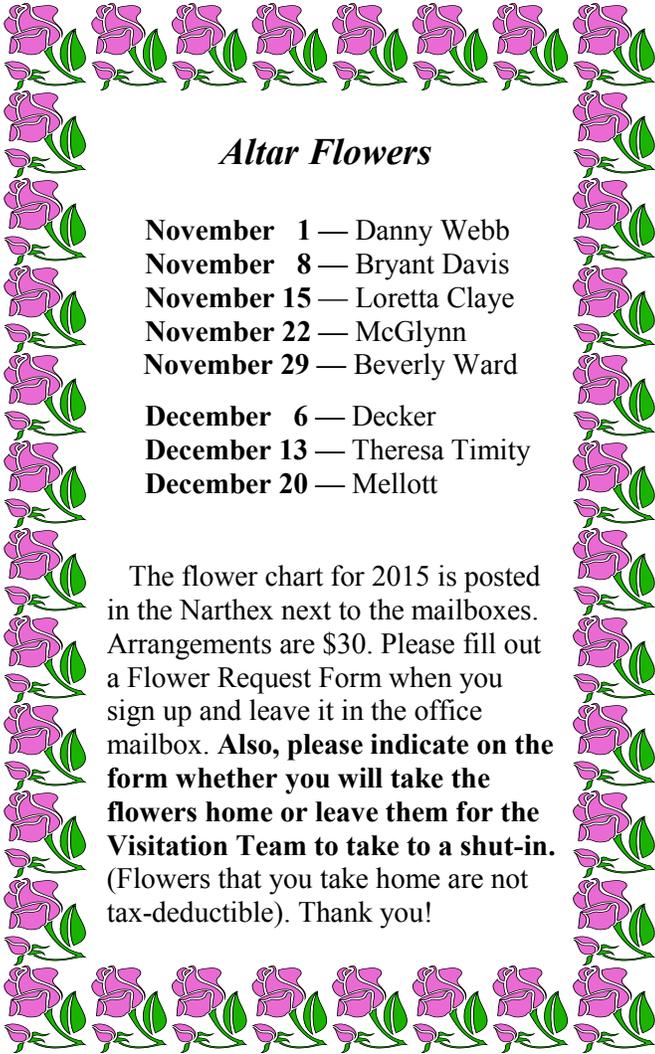
Submitted to Reader's Digest by Kenneth Roberts of



Students in the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes got into the spirit of Halloween. After learning about the origins of Halloween, Bobbie Deegan's students got hands-on experience making jack o'lanterns, while Bryant Davis's students were surprised to see what a Big Baby their teacher is! During the break, Baby checked out the other kids and their refreshments.

Join the fun! Help teach one of the ESOL classes. This semester ends soon, but the next semester begins right after New Year's Day. We'll celebrate Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, Easter.....

Wouldn't you like to share in the fellowship with people so eager to learn?



Altar Flowers

November 1 — Danny Webb

November 8 — Bryant Davis

November 15 — Loretta Claye

November 22 — McGlynn

November 29 — Beverly Ward

December 6 — Decker

December 13 — Theresa Timity

December 20 — Mellott

The flower chart for 2015 is posted in the Narthex next to the mailboxes. Arrangements are \$30. Please fill out a Flower Request Form when you sign up and leave it in the office mailbox. **Also, please indicate on the form whether you will take the flowers home or leave them for the Visitation Team to take to a shut-in.** (Flowers that you take home are not tax-deductible). Thank you!

November Birthdays

1. Elisabeth Cavallo
2. Chelsea McGlynn, Crystal Webb
4. Beverly Huneycutt
6. Katie McNealy
12. Ruth Cottman, Jaime Hiner,
13. Christie Ademiluyi
14. Loretta Claye, C. J. Huneycutt, Michael Vaughan
16. Glendy Aguilera, Bobbie Barkley
19. Allan Corman
21. Edward Mougey
25. Patricia Allen, Judy Diedrich, Sarah Elliott, Claire Wray
26. Craig West
27. Charline Frederick, Ginger Butcher
28. Olamide Oluwafemi
30. Edward White, Jr.

WELCOME, VISITORS!!

The following guests visited Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in September:



Alphonso O. Dahn
Lynn Bladen Garland
Ernest I. Toney
Linda Roberson

Welcome! Please worship with us again soon!

November Anniversaries



2. Gwija Park and Bryant Davis
12. Suzie Kilbourne and Chris Insley
25. Melita and Sadani Nabayo

Rev. Richard Davis was Emmanuel's pastor from July 1996 through June 2006. For those of you who would like to send Richard and his family a note of condolence, his address is:

Richard and Candace Davis
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IN MEMORIAM



Youth pastor Byron Bobo lost his mother, Teretha Bobo, on September 30.

Deirdre "DeeDee" Maloney passed away on October 11th.

Retired pastor Richard Davis lost his mother, Christine Davis, on October 17th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families as they mourn the passing of their loved ones into their heavenly home.

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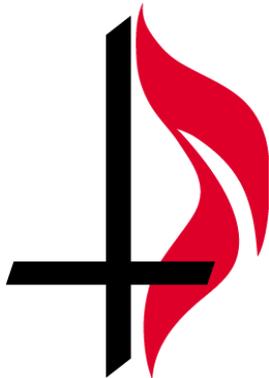
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 pm UMW Executive Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 10 am Deaf Citizens Board 7 pm ESOL</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 7 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6 7 pm Maranatha Choir</p>	<p>7 10 am Medicare meeting 5 pm NA</p>
<p>8 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 2nd Sunday Lunch 1 pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>9 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group</p>	<p>10 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7 pm ESOL</p>	<p>11 7 pm Worship</p>	<p>12 7 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13 7 pm Maranatha Choir</p>	<p>14 5 pm NA</p>
<p>15 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School</p>	<p>16 12 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle 7 pm SPRC</p>	<p>17 7 pm ESOL Party</p>	<p>18 10 am Susanna Wesley Circle 12 Noon Dorcas Circle 7 pm Sisters in Spirit Circle</p>	<p>19 7 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20 11 am Community Place Café 7 pm Maranatha Choir 7 pm Food Preparation</p>	<p>21 10 am Food Distribution 5 pm NA</p>
<p>22 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>23 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group</p>	<p>24 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7 pm Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving Community Thanksgiving Dinner Church Office closed</p>	<p>27 Church Office closed</p>	<p>28 5 pm NA</p>
<p>29 Advent begins 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School</p>	<p>30</p>					

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