

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

June 2016

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



Greetings!

In May, we had many special Sundays: Ascension Sunday, Mother's Day (Christian Family Sunday), Pentecost Sunday, and Youth Sunday (Graduation Sunday). On Ascension Sunday, we focused on "homing," in which Jesus goes

back to heaven after 33 years of ministry on earth. On Mother's Day, we confirmed that God sent us mothers to exemplify how much God loves us, like a mother. On Pentecost Sunday, we highlighted that the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples like wind, and that God is like a mysterious wind that makes positive and sacred changes in life. On Youth Sunday, youth leader Alex Scotland preached and youth members participated in the worship through her leadership. Also on that day, the church celebrated the high school graduation of three students: Madison Cruz, Robert Galloway, and Monica Hatton. We congratulated them on their graduation and prayed for God's continued guidance in their life plans.

Confirmation classes began on May 7th with two confirmands, Tia Dorsey and Olamide Oluwafemi. Crystal Webb volunteered to be a mentor for both girls. On May 14th, Tia, Olamide, Crystal and I took a spiritual field trip to Lovely Lane UMC in Baltimore. There, we learned the origin and history of American Methodism. It was a very meaningful visit during which we were able to formulate our Methodist identity again. Olamide and Tia helped the food ministry distribute food on May 28th, too. The confirmation ceremony, during which Tia and Olamide will confirm their willingness to follow the way of Jesus as Christians, is scheduled for Sunday, June 26th. Please attend the service and congratulate them on their decision to follow Christ of their own free will.

The Annual Conference will be held in Washington, DC, from June 1—4. Some of Emmanuel's church leaders will attend the conference with me. Please pray for those attending the annual conference, so that UM churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference can share their ministries over the past year and plan well for the upcoming year. Bishop Marcus Matthews retires in September, so this will be the last annual conference over which he presides.

On Sunday, June 12th, there will be a farewell service and reception for Patrick and Sarah Elliott and their children. They have been faithful members of the church for several years. Now, Sarah is scheduled to start her ministry. Although we will miss them, we want to bless the family fully so that they can make disciples in their new place. Please come hear Sarah preach that Sunday and stay for our 2nd Sunday Lunch, which will include the reception for the Elliots. Don't forget to bring a dish to share at lunch!

On Saturday, June 18th, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM, there will be a seminar for all church members. The theme is Discipleship and Church Growth. The speaker will be Rev. Stan Cardwell, who is a district strategist. Please join us for what promises to be a very interesting morning. Feel free to bring your breakfast!

On Sunday, June 19th, we will celebrate Father's Day at the church. June 26th will be Pizza Sunday.

Emmanuel was very busy in May. There are many church activities scheduled for June, as well. But soon, it will be summer time, when church activities generally slow down and people can enjoy a nice summer vacation.

I continue to be grateful for your love for Jesus and your dedication to his body, the church. As always, I ask for your prayers and love for our church.

In love,

~ ~ Pastor Jacob



God Be With You, Sarah & Patrick

Emmanuel has been blessed to have Sarah and Patrick Elliott in our congregation. They helped us look outside ourselves to serve the homeless in DC and the lonely on Thanksgiving. We shared their joy when Preston, Maggie and Lizzie arrived. Along the way, Sarah was called to pastor and entered Wesley Seminary. Now the time has come for Emmanuel to say goodbye to the Elliott family. They will move to Havre de Grace soon so Sarah can begin her ministry in the Susquehanna Charge.

We will celebrate Sarah and Patrick's years with us at the 2nd Sunday Lunch on June 12th. Bring a dish to share and join the celebration!

Renew Your Mind in Summer Sunday Classes

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will. – Romans 12:2

Summer is the time of year when we take a break in some way or another from the routine. We may spend time outdoors in nature, at the pool, or in the backyard. We may go on vacation to the beach, the mountains, or another exciting locale. Or we may just change our everyday routine to see old friends, host visiting family or friends, or make new friends at new activities. Summer is a time for a change of pace.



EUMC Christian Education offers you a change of pace this summer, too. We are taking a break from our school-year classes to offer 3 special summer classes: A One-Room Schoolhouse for our pre-K through 5th graders, a combined youth class for 6th through 12th graders, and a combined adult class. Classes begin Sunday, July 3.

The combined adult class in July will be *Servant or Sucker: Wise and Compassionate Ways to Help the Poor*, consisting of short, thought-provoking videos and class discussions. In August, the class will be *Opening Ourselves to Grace: Basic Christian Practices*, which will focus on John Wesley's understanding of spiritual practice.

The combined youth class will meet all summer in the Youth Group room and will convene all our youth together to continue with their curriculum.

The One-Room Schoolhouse will be taught by volunteers and will follow the curriculum at www.sermons4kids.com. Please volunteer to teach our children one Sunday this summer. Go to the website, choose your favorite lesson, and then sign up on the Christian Education bulletin board in the Narthex.

I hope that each of you will find a way to renew your mind this summer in EUMC Sunday classes!

~ ~ Todd Reitzel

Spiritual Retreat, August 20, 2016

Would you like to learn more about the prophets and kings who were set apart by their close walk with God? Then join us for a study of First and Second Kings. It's not too early to mark your calendars so you don't forget while you're having fun this summer. Look forward to seeing you in August!



CAMP HOPE

The date is set—our youth and their chaperones will go to Camp Hope the week of July 17th – 23rd! CAMP HOPE stands for Christian Appalachian Mountain Project, an independent organization serving Allegany County, MD and surrounding areas. Every summer, more than 400 youth and adults from various churches and denominations repair 55 - 60 homes over a four-week period.

The individuals and families served by the volunteers don't only receive home rehabilitation, home winterization, and safer homes; they experience Christian fellowship and gain new hope for the future. For the church youth and adults, the experience enhances their personal relationship with God by providing hands-on mission work. Many return year after year.

Would you like to join the group this year? Then contact coordinator Alexandra Scotland, by cell phone at 301-830-1964 or by email at az.scotland@gmail.com. If you call her cell phone, please leave your name and direct phone number and she will return your call.

Food Closet Update

by Carol Clatterbuck

Boxes in the food closet have been 'topped off' and are ready to be given to those in need. Please let your friends and neighbors know that we have a supply of food items ready to hand out.

We can always use food donations in the following categories:

- Peanut butter
- Canned soups
- Canned meat, tuna, salmon
- Canned fruit, tomatoes
- Other than green veggies: corn, beets, potatoes, carrots
- Rice
- Spaghetti sauce

Please put your canned goods in the basket by the front entrance. Note: We cannot give away outdated food, so please check the expiration date on the cans before you bring them in.

Thanks for your help in feeding needy families in our community!

Window Fund



We are well on the way to reaching our goal of purchasing new windows for the Education Building!

The windows are needed to provide a second way of leaving a classroom in case of fire. Once installed, the new windows will allow a preschool to start up, which will give Emmanuel additional revenue. The preschool director is ready to move in as soon as we have the Fire Marshal's OK.

Each window costs \$750. If you would like to contribute toward the remaining windows, please write "Window Fund" on the memo line of your check. Any amount you donate will bring us closer to the goal. *Many thanks to all who have so generously contributed thus far!*

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

Madison Cruz—Eleanor Roosevelt High School
Robert Galloway—Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
Monica Hatton—Chapelgate Christian Academy

We are very proud of you! Our blessings go with you as you look forward to college.

United Methodist Women is seeking **photos of UMW activities** that took place during the past four years. If you have pictures that you are willing to share, please let Ernie Kilbourne know. You can call her at 301-787-8787, or email her at geoern@gmail.com. Thank you!

Summary of Church Account Information as of April 30, 2016

The Church Council is committed to keeping the congregation informed about Emmanuel's financial picture. For this reason, year-to-date contributions and expenses as of the preceding month have been listed in the Sunday bulletins. Because this data changes monthly rather than weekly, though, the Council decided at its April meeting to report it in The Lamplighter instead, beginning with the June issue.

As of April 30, 2016

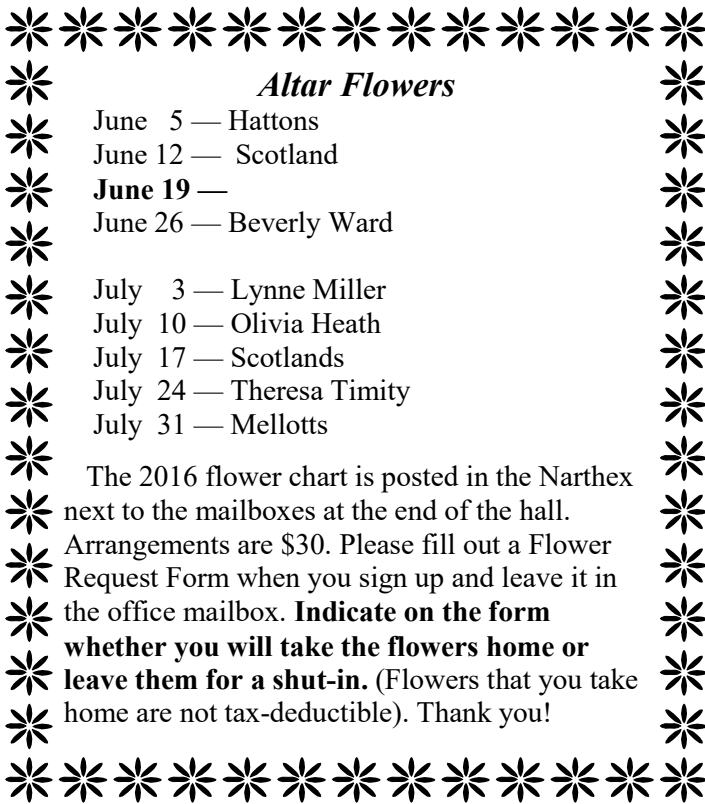
Total donations received:	\$	83,328.25
Total expenses paid:	\$	106,912.12

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Statements of Giving for the 2nd quarter of 2016 will be mailed out in early July. If you have fallen a bit behind in your pledged giving, this month might be a good time to "catch up" so it will be reflected on the next statement. This also would help tide Emmanuel over during the summer months, when attendance (and giving) is typically down.

An attendee at the May Church Council meeting mentioned to your beloved editor that someone had told him, "I'm not going to increase my giving. Why would I do that when the church is mismanaging the money they already have?" Be assured that your money is NOT mismanaged! Yes, we are "in the red." That's why Andy Onukwubiri worked so hard to find a tenant for the Education Building and why Mike Hatton works so hard to find us the best deal possible for repairs that have to be made. But our fixed costs (e.g., water, electricity, phone, internet) are high; the parsonage has needed some costly repairs; and some of our long-time givers are no longer with us. The Council is aware of the challenge and is working to meet it. Details will follow next month, but **please trust us with your tithes and pledges now!** They are needed for the Lord's work.



Altar Flowers

- June 5 — Hattons
- June 12 — Scotland
- June 19 —**
- June 26 — Beverly Ward

- July 3 — Lynne Miller
- July 10 — Olivia Heath
- July 17 — Scotlands
- July 24 — Theresa Timity
- July 31 — Mellotts

The 2016 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!



June Birthdays

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

Make Emmanuel a welcoming congregation!

Be a greeter at the 9 AM or 11:15 AM service!

Persons also are needed to read the scriptures at some services in June and July.

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

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



GUESTS visiting Emmanuel in April included:

- Grace Eyiba
- Jim & Matt Neufeldt
- Jay & Linda Roberson
- St. Yin Yip
- Mukesh Kumar
- Bebe Buchen
- Richard Anderson
- Sophie Bose
- Carolyn Meafie

Welcome! Please worship with us again soon.



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

IN MEMORIAM



Condolences to Bob Miller on the death of his sister, Beverly Waddell, on April 18th.

Deepest sympathy to Nancy Bell and the Galloways on the passing of Nancy's brother, Bill Bell.

Our heartfelt sympathy also goes out to Lil and Deborah Mizzer on the sudden death Ernest Mizzer on May 22. Ernest was Lil's son and Deborah's father.

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

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> <i>Annual</i> <i>Conference</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Annual</i> <i>Conference</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Annual</i> <i>Conference</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Annual</i> <i>Conference</i> 9 am Maranatha Choir 12 Noon UMW General Meeting 5 pm NA
<i>5</i> 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 7 pm Worship Committee	<i>9</i> 7 pm Finance Committee	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 5 pm NA
<i>12</i> 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 2nd Sunday Lunch and Elliott Family Farewell	<i>13</i> 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group 7 pm Trustees	<i>14</i> 10 am Prayer Fellowship	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 11 am Community Place Café	<i>18</i> 8 am Church Retreat 8:30 am Confirmation Class 5 pm NA
<i>19</i> 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School	<i>20</i> 7 pm SPRC meeting	<i>21</i> 7 pm Sisters in Spirit Circle	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 6:30 pm Summer Bible Study	<i>24</i> 6 pm Confirmation Class???? 7 pm Food Prep	<i>25</i> 10 am Food Distribution 5 pm NA
<i>26</i> Confirmation Sunday 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Quarterly Fellowship 12:30 pm Youth Fellowship	<i>27</i> 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	<i>28</i> 10 am Prayer Fellowship	<i>29</i> 7 pm Church Council	<i>30</i> 7 pm Church Growth Committee @ Panera Bread		



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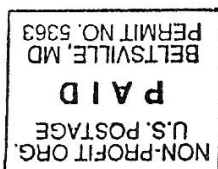
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