

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

December 2010



Pastor Daniel Mejia

Continuing with my theme of "lists" started in last month's Lamplighter issue and inspired by the Washington Post annual New Year's social list of ins and outs, I decided to share with you Emmanuel's list of the ins and outs for 2011. Take note and enjoy.

In

Active Members

Cooperation

Hospitality to Strangers

Praise Singing

Come as you are to Church

Generosity

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

Receptiveness

Diligence

Hugs

Tithing to God

Green Church

Gracism

Christianity

Out

Pew warmers

Competition

Hostility to Strangers

Pretending to Sing

Not coming to Church
because of who you are

Stinginess

Going to IHOP for Breakfast

Close Mindedness

Negligence

Afraid of Hugs

Tipping to God

Wasteful Church

Racism

Churchianity

Yours in Christ,

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Advent & Christmas Services:

Featuring a sermon series on "The Christmas Crew"

Sunday Services

9:00 am: Contemporary service with praise band

10:15 am: Sunday school for all

11:15 am: Traditional service with sign language interpreter

Nursery care provided

Christmas Eve Service

7:00 pm: Family service with interactive Christmas story

11:00 pm: Candlelight Service

Christmas Events:

Breakfast With Santa Claus

Saturday, December 11th

9:00 am – 11:30 am

Have breakfast with Santa, take photos, buy gifts from the gift shop, and more. \$5.00 per person; pictures and gifts extra.

Journey Through Bethlehem

Saturday, December 18th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Come and take an interactive tour through the streets Bethlehem and Harrods's Palace. See the shepherds, angels, and nativity. Free for all.



JOURNEY THROUGH BETHLEHEM: AN INTERACTIVE TOUR

During Advent last year, Emmanuel produced a play...this year we are re-viving an old tradition "The Living Nativity" in a whole new way!

The program will be called Journey Through Bethlehem: An Interactive Tour and will take place on Saturday December 18 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Visitors will be guided through Bethlehem with the help of the magi, who will provide them with some money to spend during the tour.



They will begin their tour in Herod's palace where they will witness the meeting of Herod and the magi on their way to the see the Christ child. They will then exit Herod's palace and go through the Bethlehem marketplace where they will be able to sample different types of foods, play games, purchase items and interact with the vendors. They will continue their tour and visit the hill where they will witness the angels appearing to the shepherds to share the good news. They will then continue on their journey to the stable to visit with the holy family.

Other things you will see while in Bethlehem are Roman Soldiers who

will be looking for individuals to arrest, tax collectors who are looking to take taxes from the visitors and many other families and citizens who are also wandering through town.



When they are done with the tour, they will be able to go to our fellowship hall for fresh baked cookies and hot chocolate.



We will need the help of everyone to make this a memorable event for our entire community. Think about where you can help and sign up on the board located in the Narthex.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of the committee members - Rick Bergmann, Bryant Davis, Jane Grays, Kathryn Griffin, Ann Rowland and DeeDee Musachio.

EMERGE (MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY)

By: Ann Rowland

Coping with the Holidays

The holidays are upon us and while they are a time of great joy they can also be a time of anxiety and frustration. Regardless of our mental health status most of us can benefit from a few helpful coping strategies during the holidays. In order to have a less stressful holiday season this year, here are some of the strategies recommended by mental health experts. You may find other helpful tips to add to the list.

- Participate in the traditions of your faith.
- Spend quality time with family and friends.
- Don't over spend.
- Don't over extend.
- Volunteer to help someone in need.
- Get plenty of rest.
- Keep expectations realistic.

I would encourage you to participate in the many special worship services, events, and activities Emmanuel has in store for us during Advent. I wish all of you good mental health and all the blessings and joys of this beautiful Holy Season.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1. Motunriyo Oluwafemi
3. Ann Rowland
7. John Stewart
13. Cheryl Grays
15. Becky Cavallo, Michael McNealy
18. Jan Slingerland
24. Joyce Blakley
26. Lois Rodriguez
27. Rogers Beasley
30. Kim Hiner, Maggie Leatherman,
Maxine Riggleman, Jean Faris

DECEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES

10. Margie & Bob Mock
18. Jeanette & Charles Vannoy
Susan & Steven Cunningham
30. Michael and Gail Belshay
Bob & Charlene Frederick



- December 5 - Oluwafemi
December 12 - Theresa Timity
December 19 - Wells
December 26 -

The flower chart for January 2011 is now available. When you sign up, please fill out a flower request form and put it in the office mailbox.

APPLE FESTIVAL
REPORT

By Debbie McNitt, President, United Methodist Women

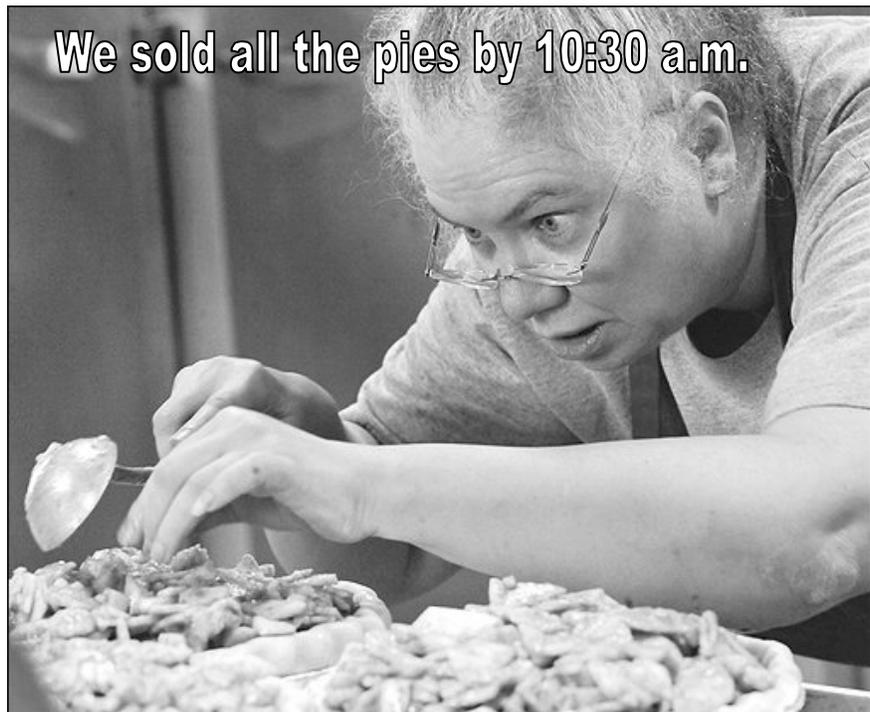
Thank you very much for your support! The 15th + Annual UMW Apple Festival and Craft Show made over \$2075 before expenses.

Thank you to Spicknall's Farm Market on Old Gunpowder for their generous and continued support throughout the past years!

We had the benefit of being featured on page 2 of the Metro section in the Washington Post this year!

Thank you to our Crafters and all the volunteers who made this event a successful and enjoyable mission fundraiser for the UMW. The bake sale sold out. The apple butter sold out. Amvets arrived promptly at 2:00 p.m. to pick up the items we didn't sell in the attic treasures and children's book rooms.

Lunch was delicious and I hope everyone had a great time. Thank you once again for your support and May God Bless You.



This photo of Olivia Heath making apple pies at the church on October 29th was featured in a Washington Post article on the Apple Festival.

A CHRISTMAS WISH LIST FOR THOSE IN NEED

By Sarah Elliott

As a child I remember around Thanksgiving sitting down with my siblings and the sale ads to make up our Christmas lists for Santa. As I've gotten older my method of making a wish list for Santa has certainly changed, and so has who I make my list for; how about your list? This year I thought I would share with you a list you may be able to help with; it is a list of some of the needs of our brethren who could use all of our help and prayers this Christmas season.

While many of our friends continue to prayerfully seek employment, treatment for an illness, or even a home to live in, they also have some very simple wishes. It is my hope that sharing this Christmas wish list may help our brethren to have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with the basic comfort that we can offer as a faith community. Some of their needs are listed below; if you can help with any of these items your gift would be most welcome. **(Please label donations "for Homeless Ministry.")**

Jeans (men & women's – all sizes), bras, blankets/ sleeping bags, warm sweaters, women's underwear, sanitary napkins, shirts (large & bigger), backpacks, depends underwear, coats & jackets, travel size toiletries, including: shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste, band-aids, hand soap, hand sanitizer, shaving cream & razor, hand lotion, combs, wash cloths, etc.

I invite you this holiday season, as you think of what stores you will visit and whom you would like to share holiday cheer with, to consider

helping those in need of basic needs this holiday season. Let us not forget to do be like Christ in our hearts and giving as we celebrate Christ's arrival into the world.

Merry Christmas!

COMMUNITY PLACE CAFÉ (CPC)

By: Ann Rowland

It's difficult to imagine living on the streets, behind a building or in the woods, but that's home for some of the people we serve at CPC. How often do we sit at our dinner table and know that we may not have another meal until dinner the following day or the day after as some do when the soup kitchen is closed the following day or over the weekend? How often do we shower and expect days or weeks to go by before we can shower again? Some of the people we serve at CPC have those concerns and many more such as making it through the night without incident, being able to walk to a church, a shelter, a soup kitchen or somewhere they can have a meal.

Every month when we serve food, take towels, soap and shampoo, we are offering help and hope in some small way. Without our fi-

nancial gifts through our pledges and offering, we would not have the means to keep this ministry going. Our ministry is sustained through our pledges and financial gifts. Have you ever wondered just exactly where our dollars go? Well, here's just one example of what our giving allows Emmanuel to do every month, without fail. We serve lunch to an average of 66 people once a month for less than \$2.00 a meal. It's a hearty meal of chili, rice, green salad, canned peaches, lemonade and homemade cake. This summer we substituted corn chips for rice to make the meal a little lighter. The cakes are donated by generous members of our church, but everything else is paid for from our church budget. We maintain our goal as good stewards of our resources by looking for the best bargains we can find without compromising quality and good nutrition.

Fall is upon us and as you clean out your closets, please remember that the people we serve can use warm jackets, hats, scarves, gloves and socks (new). Toiletries and towels are always in demand. **(Please label donations "for Community Place Café.")** We gladly welcome new people to join us as we continue to serve those in need at Community Place Café.



Rev. George Deford and Bobbie Deegan at the end of the Charge Conference on Saturday, October 9th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

By Bill Raulin
Finance Chairperson

Two months ago I thanked all of you for remembering the church during vacations. Last month I thanked all my helpers.

This month I want to give special thanks to Raulin's Bakery, who for the full year has given the church the Sunday morning donuts. We have never been without.

Along these lines, special thanks are expressed to Spicknall's farm market for donating all the apples we used and sold during the past few years of Apple Festivals.

These merchants have never asked for special recognition. There may be many more kind donors we do not know about.

As for finance, things are looking up and we may finish in the black this year. This is something I have never written before! I have previously written "maybe."

If you have not attended church on Sunday or a council meeting (the first Wednesday of each month) for a while, please do so. There is a lot going on that you may like to know about.

Merry Christmas and may God Bless us all.

FOOD CLOSET

By Carol Clatterbuck

Your donations are being used every month for those in need of assistance with food.

Thank you all for your thoughtfulness in bringing canned goods the first of each month, especially during the upcoming holiday season!

FAITHFUL READERS BOOK GROUP

By Carol Clatterbuck

In October, our group discussed "Keeping Faith" by Jodi Picoult, which was enjoyed by members. Bryant led the questions and discussion; we even had a visitor from outside the church join us!

In 2011, our group will be reading "The Language of God" by Francis Collins (Director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, NIH). We will meet on Saturday, January 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the library in the education building. Along with our discussion, we will be viewing a YouTube video of Dr. Collins discussing aspects of this book! Questions? Bryant Davis or Carol Clatterbuck.



Author Francis Collins (above), Director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, will discuss his book "The Language of God" with the faithful readers group on January 22 starting at 10:00 a.m. in the church library.



Members of the Faithful Readers Book Group

ESOL UPDATE

By Pat Allen

Our fall semester of ESOL classes ended November 16 with our traditional potluck celebration supper, and as always we were treated to many tasty dishes. It was a great finish to a successful and enjoyable series of classes.

Certificates of class attendance were handed out to all students, and of the 44 registered students, 14 were rewarded for their perfect attendance with a return of their \$20.00 registration fees. Seven students who missed only one class each got back \$10.00.

We were very happy to welcome two new teacher volunteers, Marla Frenzel who co-taught Class 3 with Jennie Owens, and Navarone Frank who teamed up with Bryant Davis and Olivia Heath in Class 1. Additionally, Theresa Timity also team taught Class 4 with Bobbie Deegan. Of course, we were very happy to have back our great Class 2 team of Sharon Hawkins and Bobbi Meyers. Our weekly sessions have been enriched with lively flannel-board presentations of bible stories given by Pastor Mejia and Michelle Thorne, supplemented with appropriate songs led by Pat Allen.

This fall a surprisingly large number of children were brought for care during classes, and so we recruited some new helpers to give Joan McCarthy a hand. These included Linda Hiner, Scarlet Robinson, Donna Horton, Todd Reitzel, Kathryn Griffin and Javalin Sing-Baird. Javalin also supervised childcare on election day as Joan was carrying out her judge duties. Fred and Mamie Smith have helped not only with childcare but with serving refreshments.

Todd has suggested that our Tuesday night childcare program could be expanded and opened up as an opportunity to help school-age children with homework. This could also provide more opportunities to broaden our church outreach efforts.

One featured segment of our weekly classes has been refreshment break time. Again this has been ably managed by Doris Wray and Lynne Miller, with help from Debbie McNitt and the Smiths.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly have been those who provided the friendly and welcoming ambience and helpfulness during registra-

tion and at the beginning of each class this semester. These folks include Ciro and Letitia Mejia, Roy White, Evelyn Adkins, Lois Rodriguez, Joan McCarthy, and Ann Rowland.

It is obvious that it has taken many members of our congregation as well as volunteers from other churches to make this program a success, and a huge expression of thanks is given to all.

Our spring ESOL classes will begin January 18. We welcome all who may be interested to come and participate in this important and joyful outreach program.



Back row, from left, Abraham Scotland, Marcus Baird, Pastor Daniel Mejia, Tiesha Baird, Maddy Cruz, Jabraughn Hill, and Merton Baird
Front row, from left, Robert Galloway, Monica Hatton, Alexandra Scotland, Assistant Pastor Michelle Thorne, Ascenna Scotland, and Erica Belshay

SPECIAL VALENTINE DINNER

By Kathy Mellott

It is never too early to plan a special event with the one(s) you love. Family Life at Emmanuel is sponsoring a fundraising event for February 12, 2011 to celebrate Valentine's Day. A special 3-course meal by Enrique at the Knights of Columbus on Cherry Hill Rd is being planned for only \$60/pair of tickets or \$35/each, if paid by 1/12/2011.

We need a minimum of 80 people to make this event happen. The meal will include an appetizer of shrimp cocktail (or alternative for non-seafood eaters), a chicken or fish choice for an entrée, potatoes, vegetable, and cheesecake dessert. Drinks include iced tea and coffee.

The Family Life account has been drained in the past year by the increased costs of supplies, support of the more than half of the cost for the Church Getaway, and the Campership Fund. This special event combines a delightful evening of food and fellowship with fundraising to support Family Life activities. It is open to members of Emmanuel, their neighbors and friends. If we do not get the minimum number of people by 1/12/2011, the event will have to be cancelled. Tickets are available now through the office.



CALLING ALL COOKS

By Bobbie Deegan

When I heard that, in 2011, Emmanuel would celebrate 175 years of Methodism in Beltsville, I started thinking about ways we could mark the passage of all those years. I found inspiration at our Rummage Sale - someone had donated an Emmanuel UMC Cookbook. I wasn't aware that Emmanuel had ever done a cookbook. (Did we do more than one)?

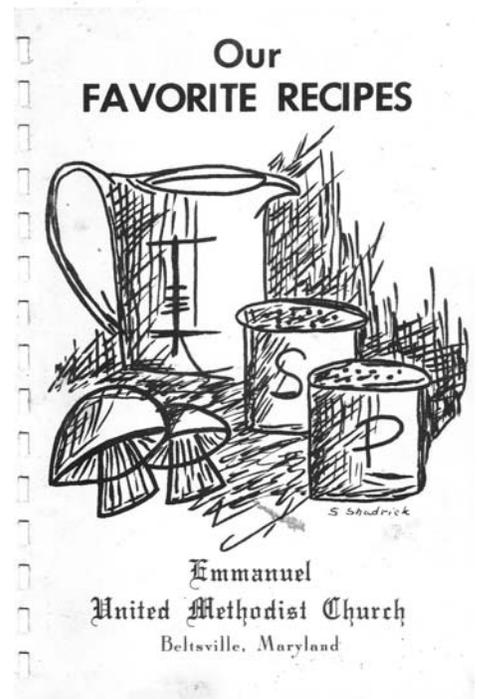
What better way for a denomination known for its 'potluck lunches' and 'covered dish suppers' to commemorate our past? If you think about it, food has "eras" just as much as clothes and music. Remember the 'Jell-O' craze? The years when most recipes started with a can of condensed soup? The days when many recipes were for a 'slow cooker' or a fondue pot? Then there are all the "novelty" recipes, such as those for dirt cake, friendship cake (where you shared a 'starter' batter with 2 other persons), color cookies (using M and Ms, a new idea at the time) and Crispy Treats.

My idea is to make a new cookbook of our recipes through the ages. We'll use some of the recipes from Emmanuel's previous cookbook, and any other editions if a reader has a copy to loan me! I'll see if I can find some popular recipes from "before our time." But I need your help, too! What recipes do you remember making (or eating) in years gone by? Share some of your favorites. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO TYPE THEM!** I know how that goes - we all have good intentions but never get a chance to type the recipes up. Been there, done that! Just make me a photocopy of whatever you have. I'll take it from there.

This isn't just for the long-time members, either. The cookbook won't focus just on the past, but should reflect the foods we enjoy today. We have an international congregation now, too. I'd like our cookbook to reflect that, as well! Let's not forget the children and young people, either. We sponsor Boy Scouts, host Girl Scouts and have a Sunday School. What are some of their favorite recipes?

So while you're preparing for the holidays, pull out some of your family's favorite recipes and make me a copy! You can mail them to me at 4316 Knott Street in Beltsville; leave them in the Church Office for me; email them to me at BobbieDeegan@aol.com; or give them to me at church. You can even call me at 301-937-7070 and I will pick them up from you and make copies!

This will be a lot of fun, but I need your participation. Thanks!



Cover of the previous cook book

2011 EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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	2013 Bryant Davis, Linda Hiner, Loretta Claye

FAREWELL!

By Charlie Deegan

This month, I will finish my third year as chairman of the Church Council. While I have enjoyed my time there, I am ready for something new. Ann Rowland will take over as chairman in January. I will still be involved, though, never fear! My first assignment will be helping with next year's activities commemorating the 175th anniversary of Methodism in Beltsville.

I've been impressed with how dedicated the members of our Council are. They show up every month, regardless of how tired they may be or how many other things they have to do, ready to contribute their ideas. When there is work to be done, someone always steps up to the plate to take the lead. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Council members for their support over the last three years. I also thank you, the members of the congregation, for being there for the Council. It is true that "many hands make light work," and your participation in the activities we plan gives us the enthusiasm to keep going! I know you will show Ann and the new Council the same support.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church presents...

December 11th
9am - 11:30am

- Sausage and Pancakes with toppings
- Special surprises with Breakfast
- Photos with Santa
- Santa Shop for kid's shopping



Proceeds support
Family Life
Ministries

Cost:

\$5/person for breakfast

\$5/photo with Santa



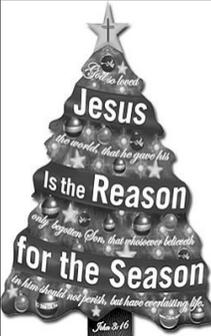
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December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 p.m. Maranatha Choir 7:00 P.M. Church Council	2 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	3	4
5 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 12:30 UMW Exec. Meeting Homeless Ministry	6	7	8 6:00 p.m. Maranatha Choir 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee	9 10:00 a.m. Prayer Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	10	11 9:00 a.m. Breakfast with Santa and Angel Tree Party
12 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 2nd Sunday Lunch	13 12:15 p.m. Belts- ville Women's Club 7:00 p.m. Depres- sion/Bipolar sup- port group 7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting	14	15 10:00 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle 12:00 noon Dorcas Circle 6:00 p.m. Maranatha Choir 7:00 p.m. Sisters in Spirit	16 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	17 11:00 a.m. Community Place Café	18 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir in Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Journey through Bethlehem
19 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship and Cantata "Gloria in Excelsis"	20	21	22	23 10:00 a.m. Prayer Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	24 7:00 p.m. Family Service 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service	25 Merry Christmas
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