

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

February 2014



Pastor Daniel Mejia

“Cosmic change is not cosmetic change. It is radical, meaning ‘to the root,’ and it will mean the upheaval of our cherished customs and the disposal of stories that have provided the basic framework for our lives. We must not underestimate the enormity of what is being asked of us, even as we celebrate with joy the new and salvific. In its initial moments resurrection is indistinguishable from death. At first we are unable to see the great turning that has taken place. All that has been comfortable, all that has held us in place is gone, and there is nothing recognizable to stand on. Everything on which we have planted our feet is swept away.”
Judy Cannato

There was a time, not too long ago, when most people would buy a cell phone to make phone calls. Then, cell phones introduced text messaging which permitted our phones to send short written messages; then, cell phones became smart phones which meant that our phones became primarily a mini computer capable of sending emails, browse the internet, play video games, have a GPS, listen

to music, take pictures, check your facebook, and, just in case you had time, make phone calls. To say the least, the advent of the smartphone has created a major change in the cell phone industry that has revolutionized the way we interact and communicate with each other. And if we were to make a superficial analysis of the TVs, personal computers, and electronic tablets we could see a similar pattern of constant and rapid change. All these gigantic technological changes have taken place in less than a decade, a relatively short period of time.

At a more profound level, change is an important part of our relationship with God. Change from God’s perspective is not driven by the need to be modern or hip or technologically savvy. Change from God’s perspective is driven by love, by our need not to be closed off to new opportunities and new ways to serve God and our neighbor.

Every generation resisted change, no matter how open they thought they were. John Wesley resisted in 18th Century England the idea of preaching outside of the church. He even recorded in his personal journey how disrespectful he found the preachers who did it. Yet, literally, moved by God’s Spirit he ventured to preach outdoors. Needless to say that John Wesley’s change of mind helped to bring an amazing spiritual revival in England that three Centuries later continues to have a profound effect in our world. Change is not easy but necessary.

I keep thinking how is it that we have a God who is Eternal, Im-movable as a Rock, who never changes; yet this same God is constantly asking us in our limited time on earth to change, to move, to explore. But then I am reminded that the methods may change but God’s truth and love never change.



Yours in Christ,



Pastor Daniel Mejia

ENJOY GAME TIME AT EMMANUEL!!

Looking for a fun time on a dark February afternoon? Well friend, look no further! You are invited to play games Sunday, February 23rd, from 2 to 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We will enjoy activities such as crossword/wordsearch puzzles, hangman, and possibly more.

For more information, please see Carol Clatterbuck or Bryant Davis, your resident game masters.

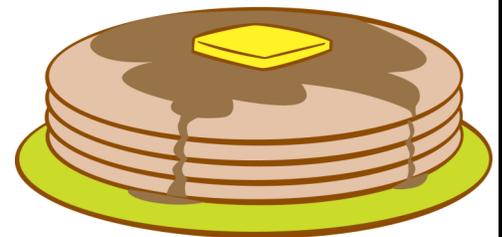
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To further entice you, we will serve light refreshments.



Pre-Shrove Pancake Supper Returns!

After taking a year off, Emmanuel UMC is once again holding a pre-Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, this year sponsored by the finance committee. Many Christians eat pancakes on the Tuesday (known as Fat Tuesday) before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of the Lenten Season) because they are made from sugar, fat, flour and eggs. Consumption of those was traditionally restricted during the liturgical fasting of Lent, which emphasized plainer food that gave no pleasure. Emmanuel traditionally holds their supper the Saturday prior to Fat Tuesday and will continue that tradition this year. It will take place on Saturday, March 1, 2014. Supper, consisting of all you can eat pancakes, sausage, fruit and salad, will be served buffet style starting at 6 p.m. There will be fun and games and a Mardi Gras Theme. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 3 years to 10 years old and children 2 and under are free. This will be a great fun-filled family event. All proceeds will go to help refurbish the kitchen. If you have any questions you can see Andy Onukwubiri or contact the church office.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Return Church Keys

The Trustees would like to remind you, if you have just come off a committee, please stop by the office and return your keys. The keys need to be reassigned to new committee chairs and committee members.

An audit of all church keys will be conducted in February by the Trustees.



Imagine no Malaria

imaginenomalaria@bwcumc.org

Submitted by Jane Grays. UMW Education & Interpretation

Heal the sick...Freely you have received; freely give ... Matthew 10:8

MALARIA

- Claims a life in Africa every 60 seconds
- Is transmitted through the bite of the female anopheles mosquito, which feeds at night.
- Has flu-like symptoms, including fever, vomiting and severe joint pain.
- Left untreated, cause's convulsions, organ failure and death.
- Is 100% preventable and treatable

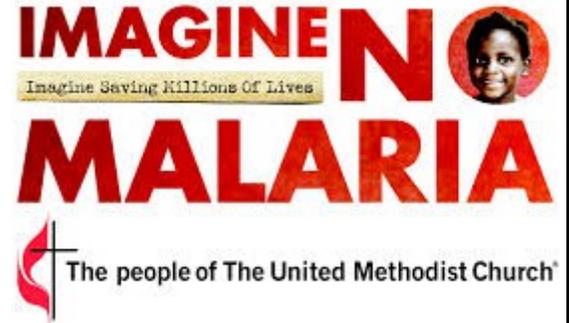
Imagine no Malaria is an extraordinary ministry of The United Methodist Church, putting faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother.

As a life-saving ministry, Imagine No Malaria empowers the people of Africa to build capacity and infrastructure in order to overcome malaria's burden which includes: prevention, education, treatment and behavior change communication.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Advocate and raise funds engage our community. The Baltimore Washington Conference has been asked to raise \$1,934,400. Our District, Washington East's share is \$257,250.

As United Methodist Women our tradition of compassion has prepared us for this God-sized moment. **Emmanuel UMW** can help by saving change to make change. Each circle has a jar to deposit loose change at their monthly meeting. There will also be a money jar at the General meeting for donations. At the end of the year we will combine our money and the UMW Treasurer will issue a check towards the BWC goal. This is a three year project, and we can review it each year.



Free the Girls

By Kathy Mellott

The Maryland State Society Daughters of the American Revolution are collecting gently used bras. The organization, *Free the Girls*, partners with safe houses and after-care facilities, to provide an opportunity for women rescued from sex trafficking to earn a living selling second-hand clothing while going to school, getting healthy and caring for their families. Selling clothes allows them to work as much or as little as their school schedule provides. The women in the program receive their starting inventory as a donation, and are then able to buy additional inventory from *Free the Girls* for below wholesale value to help maintain their competitive edge in the marketplace. Revenue from inventory sales helps subsidize overseas program costs. Women can earn three times a day what they earned from sex trafficking by selling used bras. For more information on the program, visit <http://freethegirls.org>.

There is a \$1 shipping fee for every bra sent overseas, which will be covered by donation, prompting the name "A Buck a Bra for Freedom!" If you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, donations of clean useable bras can be given to Kathy Mellott to deliver to the DAR. To contact Kathy, call 301-937-7538 or email kpmellott@verizon.net.

Superbowl Sunday

Join us on Sunday February 2 at 5:30 pm for a chili dinner followed by watching Superbowl 48 on our large 12 foot screen in the fellowship area. Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options will be provided. Snacks and chips will be also be provided during the game but feel free to bring a snack to share!

The cost of the evening is just \$10 for all the chili you can eat! Children 3 and under are free. Visit our website at

www.eumcbeltsville.com/SB or contact the office for more information or if you would like to register. You can also pay at the door. This is a family friendly event and no alcohol is allowed.

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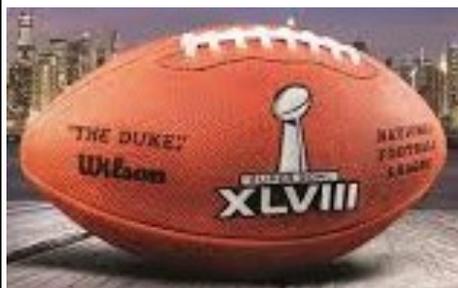
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*ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
HELP REMODEL THE KITCHEN*



United Methodist Women Rummage & Indoor Yard Sale

By Debbie McNitt

The UMW Rummage & Indoor Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, from 10 am to 2 pm.

We need donations for the second chance treasures, books & jewelry, and bake sale.

We do not accept clothing this year. This is one of our three fundraisers to meet our Mission goal.

To rent your own table, call Karen Mackey at 301-937-3324. To volunteer to work Wednesday thru Saturday call Debbie McNitt at 301-937-4291

Advent Nativity

We would like to thank all the youth and kids who helped with the creation of the nativity scene in the sanctuary during the season of Advent. Each week the youth and children were invited to color a character from the nativity story: an Angel, Shepard, Mary & Joseph, Jesus and the Magi.

Each of the images was connected to an element of the story of not only Christmas but our Christian identity to help draw all of us from the secular celebration to the embodiment of the great hope given to all in the birth of our Savior.



As our congregation continues to explore how to embrace the presence and talents of all the generations in worship please continue to share your thoughts and ideas with the worship committee. Blessings to you!
Sarah Elliott

Celebrate Ten Years of DBSA – Beltsville Support Group

As we enter February 2014 the DBSA – Beltsville support group has just completed its 10th year of activities. Our group is a local chapter of Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, a national organization headquartered in Chicago. Over the years hundreds of people affected by either illness and/or their family members and friends have attended our meetings. The majority of the attendees has been from nearby communities in Prince Georges, Montgomery and Howard counties.

At one time or another all attendees have shown their appreciation for the support received from our group. They often do not disclose or discuss their problem with others because of the stigma attached to mental illness. However, everyone feels comfortable to share within the group because of our confidentiality policy and non-judgmental attitude. Although the group does not give advice to anyone, the participants learn a great deal from the experiences of others. Examples include medication, the benefit of therapy, exercise, and a positive attitude as well as coping methods.

I am very proud that our group, after 10 years, is still standing strong. Among several groups existed in Prince Georges, Montgomery and Howard counties a few years ago we are one of only two groups still active. The other group is associated with Laurel Hospital.

Our facilitators have also changed. Margaret Stanton and Jennie Owens started the group in 2004. After Margaret moved to Illinois, Elsie Cline and Evan Smith joined Jennie. Recently, Evan moved to Florida and Jennie moved to Connecticut. Our current facilitators are Elsie Cline, Judy Diedrich, Linda Hiner and Scott Myers. The support group is grateful for the financial support provided by our church – the annual DBSA affiliation fee and the biannual symposium fee for two facilitators to attend a one-day meeting sponsored by Johns Hopkins on mental health issues.

Congratulations to the DBSA – Beltsville support group!
Jennie Owens
New address: 45 Sperry Road, Madison CT 06443

Welcome New Church Council Chair

By Ann Rowland

I would like to thank you all for your support over the past three years while serving as your Church Council Chair. It pleases me greatly to announce that your new Church Council Chair is Doug Galloway.

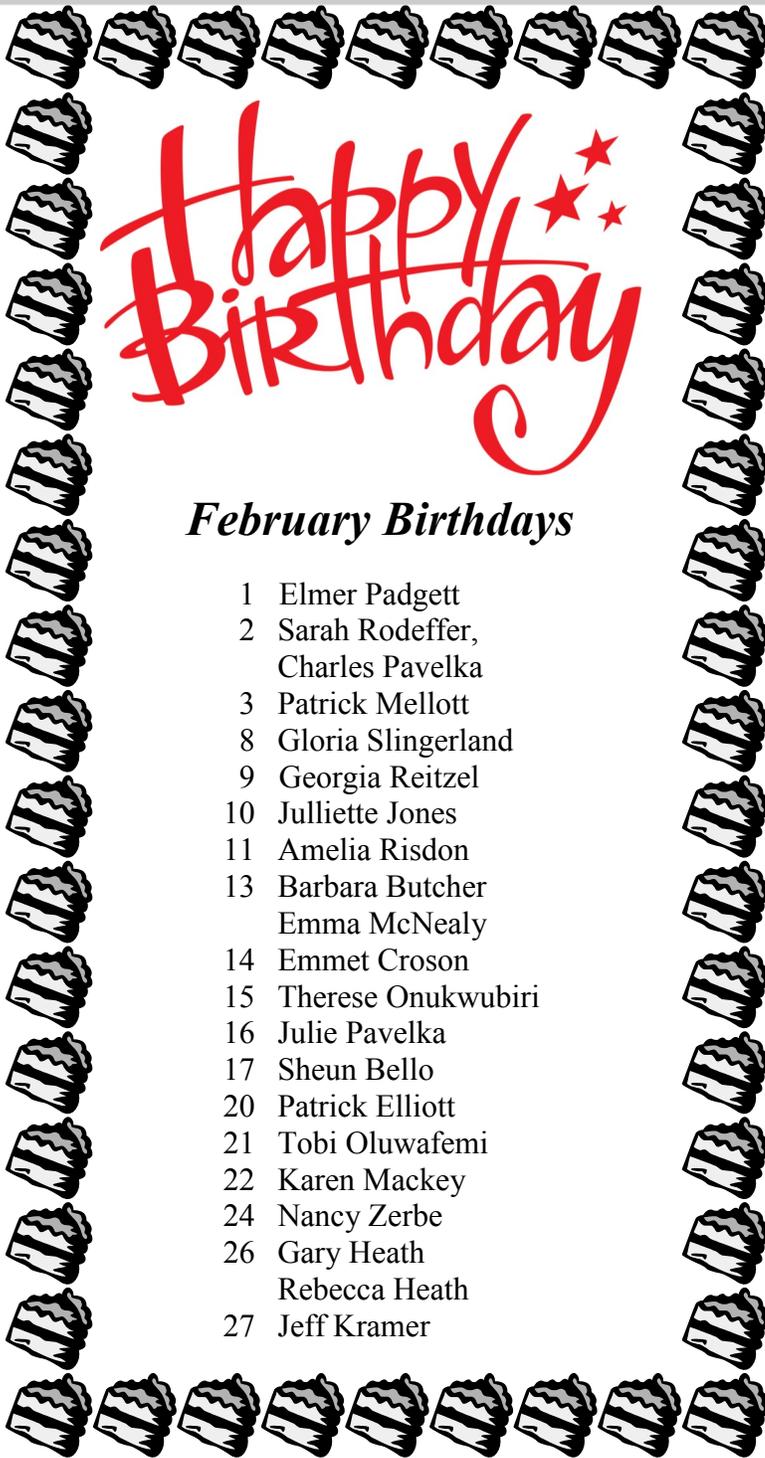


Doug is an excellent choice who will bring his unique leadership style and new energy to the role. I am confident that you will offer your support to Doug as he assumes this position.

Please join me in extending Doug a very warm welcome.

New Sunday School Study

We invite parents with children of any age to join the Parent's Sunday School Class as we begin a new study on February 2nd. Using *Known and Loved: 52 Devotions from the Psalms* by Caryn Rivadeneira, we will explore a verity of issues related to identity through the text. The book is available for Kindle devices and in print from a number of book sellers. If you would like to know more please contact Sarah Elliott at 301-937-1035.



Happy Birthday

February Birthdays

- 1 Elmer Padgett
- 2 Sarah Rodeffer,
Charles Pavelka
- 3 Patrick Mellott
- 8 Gloria Slingerland
- 9 Georgia Reitzel
- 10 Julliette Jones
- 11 Amelia Risdon
- 13 Barbara Butcher
Emma McNealy
- 14 Emmet Croson
- 15 Therese Onukwubiri
- 16 Julie Pavelka
- 17 Sheun Bello
- 20 Patrick Elliott
- 21 Tobi Oluwafemi
- 22 Karen Mackey
- 24 Nancy Zerbe
- 26 Gary Heath
Rebecca Heath
- 27 Jeff Kramer

Happy Anniversary

February Anniversaries

- 2 Katie & John Kaufmann
- 4 Mary Lou & Donald Galloway
- 17 Sarah & Patrick Elliott

Angel Tree Program

Jane Gray's would like to share the following letter of thanks from the Salvation Army regarding Emmanuel's participation in the Angel Tree program.

"Thank you so much for participating in The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program this Christmas season. You and your organization were able to help 42 children in need this Christmas through the packing of stockings. We are so grateful for your support as are the families that received the items you purchased. May the Lord richly bless you and those that you work with!"

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Ashlee Wildish
Corps Officer
Prince George's, MD



Altar Flowers

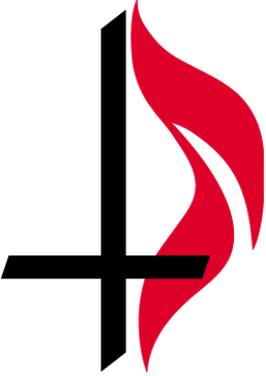
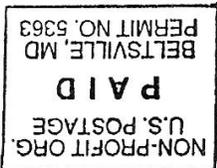
- Feb. 2 Loretta Claye
- Feb. 9 Bryant Davis
- Feb. 16 Alice White
- Feb. 23 is available

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9 & 11:15 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 5:30 pm Super Bowl Party	3	4 7 pm ESOL	5 6:30 pm Maranatha Choir	6 1 pm Widow's Group 7 pm Chancel Choir	7	8 8:30 am Men's Breakfast
9 9 & 11:15 am Worship 10:15 am Sun- day School Second Sunday Lunch 1 pm Youth Fellowship 1:30 pm UMW Exec. Meeting	10 6 pm Worship Committee 7 pm Depres- sion/Bipolar Support Group 7:30 pm Trustee Meeting	11 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7 pm ESOL	12 6:30 pm Maranatha Choir	13 7 pm Chancel Choir	14	15
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