

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

June 2014



*Pastor Daniel Mejia*

I came to Emmanuel eight years ago. I was in my early 30s, with no gray hair and very much single. To be quite honest, until I was appointed here I had never heard much about this place call Beltsville, sandwiched in between College Park and Laurel, Md. I remember explaining to my Virginia friends that I was serving in Beltsville. Most of them gave me clueless and confused looks because they never heard of Beltsville, that is until I told them that my church was five minutes north of the IKEA in College Park; then they knew where I was. Thanks IKEA!

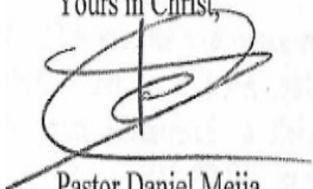
Eight years later things have changed in Beltsville. Now, there are lots of housing developments popping up all over and around Beltsville. Beltsvillians can now boast of having not just a COSTCO or IKEA in their backyard but a Panera bread, an Aldi German supermarket, Sardi's Peruvian chicken, and even its own local winery store. Eight years later, Beltsville is growing and thriving. I see many of these same parallels in our congregation.

In my eight years at Emmanuel church I have continued to see a strong presence in the community due to the hard work and generosity of its church members. I have seen a congregation willing to take risks to embrace new worship styles, change worship schedules, and try new services. I have seen the youth group re- invigorated with kids and their parents who have committed themselves to grow spiritually and in service to others. I have seen the beginning of an English as a Second Language program offered out of love and hospitality to our new immigrant neighbors. I have seen thousands of families fed and clothed. I have seen an amazing, loving, compassionate, and dedicated weekly visitation team going to our shut-ins. They have set the standard for what a visitation team should look like in every congregation. I have seen a strong group of United Methodist Women and Men who work tirelessly to raise funds for local and international missions. I have seen a wonderful Vacation Bible School filled with members of our congregation and the community coming together to learn from Jesus. I have seen a beautiful 175th year anniversary that was a wonderful celebration of remembrance for what God has done in our midst and excited for what God is planning. I have seen God's Hand at work in Emmanuel.

Now, eight years later I have changed too. I'm no longer in my

early 30s. I now have gray hair and am married to my best friend. I'm hoping that eight years later I'm wiser and smarter, you can only hope. In these past eight years I have been truly changed by your partnership and love while serving together at Emmanuel. I am about to embark on a new pastoral journey and I can honestly say that my time at Emmanuel has left an indelible mark in my future days as a pastor. I'm going to the faraway land of Bowie. I don't know exactly what awaits me there. But before I go, I want to say thank you to all of you for being loving and supportive of my family and me. I want to say thank you for being patient with my questions, my quirks, my accent, and my mistakes. I also want to ask you for your unwavering support to Pastor Jacob and his family who come with great hopes and dreams for Emmanuel.

Thank you for giving me eight great years. May God continue to use Emmanuel to bring God's Kingdom and presence to Beltsville

Yours in Christ,  
  
Pastor Daniel Mejia

## Maranatha Choir Musical

June 8, 11:15 am service

The Maranatha Choir will present three parables of Jesus on Sunday, June 8 at the second service. This will be the modern version with singing, jokes and plenty of action. There will be cameo appearances by prominent members of the congregation.

The choir has worked very hard this year. They have learned and memorized fourteen anthems, sung at church 8 times and participated in the Chorister Guild Choral Festival. The members are to be congratulated for their efforts. Members are Jamiia Lewis, Tia Dorsey, Olamide Oluwafemi and Dara and Dare Hassan.

## News from the Finance Committee

By Bobbie Deegan

A few months ago, the Finance Committee started including in the Sunday bulletins Emmanuel's total giving and total expenditures as of the end of the previous month. It is our hope that this summary information will give you a sense of Emmanuel's financial condition on an ongoing basis. The committee thanks you all for being faithful in your giving, because this year's budget is based on the pledged amount we anticipate receiving.

The Finance Committee works hard to keep Emmanuel's overhead down so our funds can be spent doing God's work instead. We negotiated a mutually beneficial agreement with a groundskeeping company to store their equipment in the back of our property in exchange for them cutting the grass at the church and the parsonage and doing groundskeeping work at the church. We are in the process of getting County certification to allow a day care center in part of the Education Building. And when our copier contract was nearing expiration, we solicited bids from several companies to make sure Emmanuel was getting the best deal we could. We found a local company that would rent us the same machine that Ricoh USA recommended, at lower cost. We now have a contract with them. Unfortunately, Ricoh USA did not take our failure to renew their contract gracefully, and we likely will require legal representation to close out that account.

## Food Closet Needs

Needed to round out our food closet: potatoes, soups, breakfast items; and more boxed jello, canned tuna or chicken, macaroni, mini cereal boxes, packaged milk or canned milks, juice boxes, peanut butter and jellies too.

## Faithful Readers Book Group

"The Faith Club" by Ranya Idliby is our next read for the Faithful Readers. Three American women, understanding each other and the connections they find between Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

We'll meet Saturday June 14th, 10-11 am. This will be our last meeting before enjoying a nice long, hot summer!

Questions? Contact Bryant Davis, or Carol Clatterbuck

## 5K Fun Run and Walk

On Saturday, June 7th at 8 am, Beltsville Academy on Wicomico Ave. will be sponsoring a 5K Fun Run and Walk to help fund their extracurricular and athletic activities. As vested partners in our community, we will be showing our support by sponsoring a water station for runners/walkers in front of our church and providing water bottles at the finish line. In addition, we encourage those of you interested in participating as a runner/walker to sign-up for this event. You could even form a team and wear our new EUMC t-shirts! The registration fee for adults is \$20 and \$5 for students. There is also a 1K for children 10 and under (\$5 fee) which takes place on the school grounds. The registration link is <http://www.active.com/beltsville-md/running/races/beltsvilleacademy-5k-fun-run-2014?int=> . This link is also on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Galloway at [doug.galloway@emmanuelumcbeltsville.net](mailto:doug.galloway@emmanuelumcbeltsville.net) or Frances Cruz at [cruising4@verizon.net](mailto:cruising4@verizon.net) or 301-572-2542.

## Congratulations Graduates

### High School

Oluwasheun Bello – High Point High School  
 Patrick R. Mackey – High Point High School  
 Rebecca Ann Vaughan – Elizabeth Seton High School



### College

Melanie Beaver – University of Maryland College Park- Masters  
 Alexandra Butcher – University of Maryland College Park –  
 B.S. Food Science  
 Hannah Butcher- Howard County C.C. – A.A. General Studies  
 Kayleigh Kehrer – Towson University – B.S. Math,  
 Certification Secondary Education  
 Sierra M. O. Timity – Salisbury University – B.S. Communication

## Jane Grays Consecrated as United Methodist Deaconess



Jane O Grays of Beltsville was one of 26 women from around the nation consecrated as United Methodist deaconesses during the closing plenary worship of United Methodist Women's 19<sup>th</sup> quadrennial Assembly in Louisville, Ky., April 25-27. More than 6,000 people witnessed the consecration that culminated a conference that included workshops, a living wage protest and a Saturday address by former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, a lifelong United Methodist.

Deaconesses and their male counterparts, Home Missioners, are called by God to lay vocations of love, justice and service in a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church. Their work alleviates suffering; eradicates causes of injustice and all that robs life of dignity and worth; facilitates the development of full human potential; and shares in building global community through the church universal.

*"I am so humbled that God chose me to serve with the Deaconess movement. The Assembly was incredible and to be consecrated with so many witnesses was amazing. The blessing I received from Bishop Violet Fisher was a holy moment always to be remembered."*

## Emmanuel Tee Shirts Are Here!!!

Did you look around at Beltsville Day, National Night Out, Vacation Bible School or the Blessing of the Animals and think wistfully, "Gee, I wish I had an Emmanuel tee shirt to wear like he/she does?" Well, wish no more! A new Emmanuel UMC tee shirt is HERE! It is the Vitality Team's hope that our worshipers will help us get our name out in the community by wearing Emmanuel's shirt at community events, especially those where Emmanuel is a participant. The shirts are only \$10 each, and we have a size to fit everyone, from Small to 4X. See the display in the Narthex and buy yours today!



## Trustees

By Michael Hatton

As the Seasons change the Trustees would like to remind everyone to check doors on your way out of the buildings. With more people in and out we need to remain mindful of our energy usage. Additionally if you should come across any issue that needs to be address by a Trustees you now have two ways to complete that. 1st, as always call and leave a message with the Office, but for those that have Internet we now have a second place where you can submit Maintenance tickets directly to the Trustees. From the Churches website under "Contact Us" you will find Maintenance request. Populate the fields and a ticket will be created.

As always, if you have a question or concern, reach out to any of your Trustees for assistance.



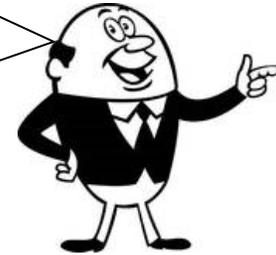
***Prepare to sail with us as we get ready for the adventures of VBS.***

***July 14<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>***

***For more information visit***

***<http://www.eumcbeltsville.com/vbs>***

*Registration form is on the next page!!*



## News from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Bobbie Deegan

Many thanks to everyone who came out to have their photo taken for the new directory. A special, heartfelt thank you to the hardy souls who came out in the pouring rain on the last day! We were booked solid, and nearly everyone was able to make it in. Thank you, thank you! You helped us earn three pages of activity photos in the new directory. While they were here for their photo, Pastor Jacob gave his wife (Grace Song) and their sons a quick tour of their new church home. Pastor Daniel and Pastor Michelle also will be in the directory.

To accommodate Pastor Michelle's church, we've changed the date of the going-away festivities at Emmanuel. The "event" in the

Sanctuary will be June 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 8 pm. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall during intermission so everyone has a chance to mingle and chat with Daniel and Michelle. We will share our final "farewell" with Pastor Daniel with cake and punch after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service on June 15<sup>th</sup>. This is Father's Day, but we hope our families will be able to attend for a few minutes, at least.

If you have any photos of activities during Daniel's time with us that you would like to have included in an album, please give me prints or email the digital photos to [BobbieDeegan@aol.com](mailto:BobbieDeegan@aol.com).

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and Pastor Jacob will attend a workshop sponsored by the conference for newly-appointed pastors and their new SPRC to ease the transition. Pastor Jacob also plans to attend the next meeting of the

Worship Committee and the Church Council to start getting to know his new flock. On July 6<sup>th</sup> (his first Sunday at Emmanuel), we will welcome Pastor Jacob and his family to Emmanuel with a reception in the Fellowship Hall after the second service. After the Young family has had an opportunity to settle in, members of the congregation will host small get-togethers in their homes (much as we did when Pastor Daniel came) so Pastor Jacob can get to know us as individuals.

*"If you are brave enough to say goodbye life will reward you with a new hello"*

Registration Form
Vacation Bible School 2014: Gangway to Galilee

Emmanuel United Methodist Church
11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705
www.emmanuelumcbeltsville.net

July 14 – July 18, 2014 6:00pm – 8:00pm Dinner Served 5:00pm – 5:50pm
Registration Fee: \$10/each or \$40/family
Friday Night: Musical Performance, Cook-out and Outdoor Movie for the whole family
Classes for all ages 4 years old by 7/31/13 and older.
Nursery available for younger children

Adult's/Parent's/Guardian's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Will adult attend? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, which adult class? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is Nursery Care needed? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ [No charge if parent is in VBS class]

Phone (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Table with 4 columns: CHILD'S NAME, BIRTH DATE, GRADE COMPLETED, SPECIAL NEEDS/ALLERGIES. Includes multiple rows for data entry.

Church affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency/illness, notify \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Adult's/Parent's/Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Classes Will Be Filled On A First Come, First Served Basis
For more info or financial aid, please contact Emmanuel' UMC
at 301-937-7114 or at office@emmanuelumcbeltsville.net.

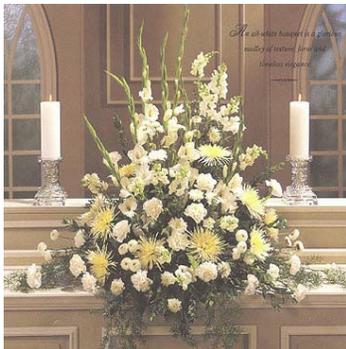
Please register by June 20, 2014
Hand deliver or mail Registration with payment to Emmanuel UMC



### 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
- 21 Lisa Baker
- 24 Bob Frederick, Ralph Guynn
- 26 Rick Zerbe
- 28 Janet Doetsch, Bonnie McBride
- 29 Olivia Heath, Beverly Urick
- 30 Emma Claye

### Altar Flowers



- June 1 Alice White
- June 8 Wells
- June 15 Beverly Ward
- June 22 Lorna Marselas
- June 29 Olivia Heath
- July 6 Lynn Garland
- July 13
- July 20 Theresa Timity
- July 27



### June Anniversaries

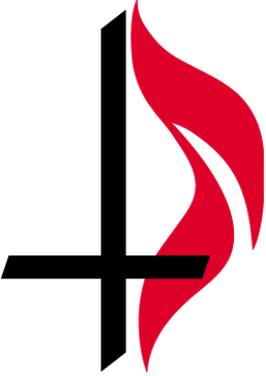
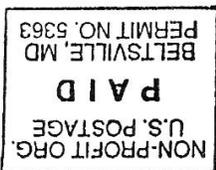
- 3 Olivia & Gary Heath
- 4 Frances & Paul Cruz
- 5 Janet & Raymond Doetsch
- 21 Mary Ann & Michael Vaughan
- 24 Beverly & C.J. Huneycutt
- 25 Mary & Richard Plantholt
- 28 Jim & Debbie McNitt
- 29 Ester and Michael Hatton

# June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9 &amp; 11:15am Worship</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School</p>	<p>2 7 pm Church Council</p>	<p>3 7:30 pm ESOL Classes</p>	<p>4 6:30 pm Maranatha Choir</p>	<p>5 1 pm Widow's Group</p> <p>7 pm Worship Committee</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 12 noon UMW General Meeting</p>
<p>8 9 am Worship 11:15 am Worship &amp; Children's Musical 10:15am Sunday School Second Sunday Lunch 1 pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>9 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group 7:30 pm Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>10 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7:30 pm ESOL</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8:30 am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>Faithful Readers Book Group</p> <p>6 pm "Event" for Pastor Daniel</p>
<p>15 9 &amp; 11:15 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 7:30 pm ESOL</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 11:00 am Community Place Café</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9 &amp; 11:15 am Worship 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 7:30 pm ESOL</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7 pm Food Prep</p>	<p>28 10 am Food Distribution</p>
<p>29 9 &amp; 11:15 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School</p>	<p>30 7 pm Church Council</p>					

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