

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

October 2015

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



Pastor Jacob Young

Hallelujah!

I greet all of you in the name of our Lord, Jesus. It is amazing to feel the change of nature. It is still hot during the day, but in the morning and in the evening, it is gradually getting cooler. Also, the sky is getting higher. These things mean that summer is giving way to the new season, fall. Even though we go through a change of season four times a year, it amazes me every time.

During the summer, I couldn't take advantage of my Mini Cooper convertible because of the sizzling sunshine. I didn't put the top down because I was afraid of getting sun-burned. But during the fall, I will use my convertible as often as I can. I will put the top down and enjoy the beautiful weather and sky.

Nowadays, the Finance Committee is drafting the church budget for 2016. There are increasing financial needs for various ministries in the church. It is a challenge, but I am sure that God will guide us well, because God has always

taken care of the church. Please pray for those involved in the church budget-making process.

Recently, we have had an increase in the number of persons who are shut-ins and/or in hospice care. The Visitation Team and I try to visit them regularly and comfort them. I ask you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

September 27th should be a lot of fun at church. It will be both Fellowship Sunday and Photo Sunday. Church members will enjoy pizza and have time to take a congregational picture. It will be a good opportunity to feel that we are strongly bonded together and that we are one in Jesus Christ. I look forward to having many of our church members take part in this event. Each of you is an important part of the church body.

In October, there are many special church services, events, and activities scheduled. First of all, on October 4th, we will observe World Communion Sunday. We will hear the Scriptures read in different languages that day. This is our way of showing that, in spite of different languages and cultures, we are one in Jesus.

October 18th will be Laity Sunday. Laity Sunday gives us an opportunity to not only recognize the commitment of laity in the church, but to challenge and encourage laity to become even more involved with the ministry and mission of the church.

On October 25th, Emmanuel will have its annual charge conference. You may recall that several churches met at Emmanuel for their charge

conferences last year. Well, Lanham UMC will be hosting Emmanuel at a joint charge conference this year.

The charge conference is an opportunity to reflect on the church ministry over the past year and plan ministry for the next year. If you are available to attend, please do! If you aren't able to make it this year, please keep it in your prayers.

On Sunday, November 1st, we will observe All Saints Day with a service to remember all the Saints in the church. We will remember them and recognize their spiritual heritage in our lives and in Emmanuel.

As the season changes from summer to fall, I ask you to take good care of your health, because our bodies are usually vulnerable to the change in temperature. Please enjoy the beautiful sky and nature, so that you may feel the touch of God in them.

In the strongest name, Jesus,

~ ~ Pastor Jacob

Committee and Program Chairpersons —

Your charge conference reports were due by September 28th. The staff need sufficient time to prepare the charge conference book, which will be given to the district superintendent as required by the Book of Discipline. **If you have not yet turned in your annual report, please do so as soon as possible!**

THIS MEANS YOU!!



2015 Charge Conference

This year, Emmanuel's charge conference will take place at **3 pm on Sunday, October 25th** at **Lanham United Methodist Church, located at 5512 Whitfield Chapel**. Some of you may be wondering, What's a charge conference, again?

The United Methodist Church assigns its pastors to serve at one or more churches. The church(es) to which a pastor is assigned is called a *pastoral charge*. Emmanuel UMC is a pastoral charge. The United Methodist Church's Book of Discipline requires each charge to have an *annual charge conference*. This charge conference is the connecting link between the local church (e. g., Emmanuel UMC) and the general United Methodist Church, represented by the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

The charge conference is **open to everyone**, although only church council members may vote. It is a great opportunity to meet our district superintendent, Rebecca Iannicelli, and see her "in action." Please plan to attend Emmanuel's charge conference on Sunday, October 25th to hear what Emmanuel has accomplished in the past year, and learn where we hope to go in the future!



Emmanuel says "Goodbye" and "Thank you" to 11305 Cedar Lane

In March 1953, the Emmanuel congregation purchased a new parsonage. For the price of \$18k, the home at 11305 Cedar Lane became a home to nine ministers and their families: Rev. Wilson (through '57); Rev. Bott ('57 - '63); Rev. Allis ('64 - '71); Rev. Warner ('71 - '77); Rev. Morrison ('78 - '80); Rev. Karpal ('80 - '96); Rev. Davis ('96 - '06); and Rev. Mejia ('06 - '14).

Many Bible studies, BBQ cook-outs, celebrations, impromptu gatherings, meetings, and reunions were held at this address. The memories of many who have walked in and out of this house are immeasurable. The house structure withstood countless foot traffic and many repairs to maintain its form and shape. But after all those decades of use, the house could no longer keep up with the demands. Also, many changes in the housing requirements for pastors came into effect, questioning the house's safety and suitability for a minister and his/her family.

In 2013, knowing that something had to be done about the house, Rev. Mejia, the church leaders and the congregation prayed for God to provide a house that would be fitting as a parsonage. God heard everyone's prayer! The opportunity to purchase the current parsonage took place. However, because of the soft housing market, it was decided to rent the old house out until the tenant decided to leave. The tenant left at the end of August, and the house on Cedar Lane is currently on the market.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I offer many thanks to the former Trustees and all the Congregations over the years for their prayers, support, skills, and time. Together, let us remember that the gifts of God we receive through our pastors and their families are just manifestations of how blessed we are as a congregation. Your continued support with the new home will ensure many more years of memories for the church and the pastors.

Special thanks to Margie Mock for her recollection of the special people and years.

~ ~ Mike Hatton

It's not the
GOODBYE
that hurts,
but the
FLASHBACKS
that follow.



Have you ever wondered **what is United Methodist Women?** It is a supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women grow spiritually, develop as leaders, serve and work together to create a world in which all women, children, and youth thrive. United Methodist Women is celebrated as the women's ministry of The United Methodist Church.

Missionaries To Visit Emmanuel

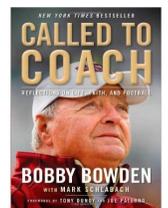
On Saturday, October 31 at 12:00 Noon, Dr. Ellen Hoover and Dr. J. Jeffrey Hoover will visit Emmanuel UMC. UMW invites you to a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall that day to meet and greet the Hoovers and listen to them share their ministry with the congregation. Jeff and Ellen are missionaries with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. They are assigned to the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire), a country the size of the United States east of the Mississippi, where it takes four or five hours to drive 100 miles. UMW's Hoover Circle is named in honor of Ellen Hoover. The Hoovers itinerate every three years, and this is a wonderful opportunity for us to show our appreciation for their tremendous service to God and community.

Ellen is a part-time professor at the United Methodist University in Mulungwishi, where she teaches courses in church history and Islam to theology students. Jeff is a professor at Katanga Methodist University, both in the theological college as professor of church history and in the School of Information Technology. The Hoovers first went to the Congo in 1977, expecting to stay three years and then return to the United States for more mundane church or educational work. "Each time, we found a good reason to come back," Ellen Hoover said. Jeff shares that he is deeply committed to the development of a viable United Methodist-related university at Mulungwishi. It can help address the critical needs of the Congo that are emerging after three decades of the Mobutu regime and years of war. In a country where French, rather than English, is the principal international language, a Congolese university can better and more cost-effectively serve the needs of its country.

For 15 years, a war has raged in Eastern Congo on the border with Rwanda, turning hundreds of thousands of the citizens into refugees, and causing widespread hunger and poverty. But that is Eastern Congo. Jeff and Ellen Hoover live as far as you can get from there, in the far southern section of the Democratic Republic of the Congo on the Zambia border.

Read a Good Book Lately?

The Faithful Readers group meets quarterly. Our first meeting of this year will be Saturday, October 10, 10 am — 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. We're reading *Called to Coach: Reflections on Life, Faith and Football* by Bobby Bowden with Mark Schlabach. Bring a friend, share discussion on faith, and come with ideas for our next read in January 2016!



The UMW annual **Apple Festival and Craft Show** is on October 17, 10 am — 2 pm. This huge, enjoyable fundraiser helps us meet our \$3200 pledge to UMW mission programs. Please, we need your support by donating items, your time and patronage at our festival. Craft and table rentals still may be available for \$20.00. We will begin accepting donations after September 26. Please label them and put them in the pool table room. We are hoping to start our prices for items in our "Upper Crust Boutique" at \$2.00. Price suggestions are appreciated. Bake sale donations also are greatly appreciated.

We need help with set-up on Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 pm. We need help to peel apples and bake pies on Thursday and Friday. We need people to help sort and price items on Thursday and Friday. We need cashiers and other assistants on Saturday from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. Clean-up will be 2 to 4 pm. Call Debbie McNitt with questions or to volunteer, at 301-937-4291.



UMCOR International Disaster Response

Update on Syria

from the General Board of Global Ministries

For over a year, UMCOR has been responding to the conflict in Syria and Iraq, assisting refugees and displaced persons in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, and Turkey. With local and international implementing partners, UMCOR has worked to alleviate suffering by providing food, water, clothing, household items, and improved places for children to learn and play, through grants totaling nearly \$2 million. Our efforts are continuing in this arena, and we expect to approve additional projects during the last quarter of 2016.

In addition, UMCOR has implemented two projects in response to the migration flows into Europe. This was part of our multi-year focus addressing the human suffering that seems to dominate certain migration corridors (particularly the corridor into Europe from the Middle East and North Africa, and the corridor into the US from Central America).

Earlier this year, the social welfare structures in Sicily, and in Italy as a whole, had been overwhelmed by the steady flow of immigrants from North Africa, Syria, and elsewhere in the Middle East. Working through Pellegrino della Terra Onlus, an Italian organization referred to us by the Methodist Church of Italy, UMCOR provided food vouchers to 50 migrant/refugee families. This grant of \$15,000 was particularly empowering, because it gave beneficiaries not only the food they needed, but also the dignity of choosing for themselves.

Currently, UMCOR is partnering with Global Medic to provide approximately 750 migrant/refugee families who have recently arrived in Greece with food and hygiene kits. The refugee flow in coming months is expected to spike because of calmer seas throughout the summer. Greece's economic crisis has already put its resources under great strain. The instability of Greece's banking system further threatens the well-being of newly-arriving migrants, as an overwhelmed Greek economy is unable to provide access to even the most basic services, including health care, shelter and food.

Reception centers have been established in an attempt to house refugees, but living conditions are dire, with severe overcrowding causing poor hygiene conditions accompanied by a lack of food. In addition, only a fraction of those who are in need are actually living within formal centers, due to the sheer volume of incoming migrants. Many families sleep outdoors in public spaces, or in abandoned buildings without electricity or running water.

By May 2015, more than 42,000 refugees had arrived by sea in Greece, and at the time this grant was approved, more than 1,000 additional refugees arrived each day. Among these migrants, 84% are from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq and are fleeing conflict situations. Migrants also are fleeing a variety of human rights abuses, including war and extreme violence in their home countries - risking their lives to do so by travelling by sea in small, overcrowded rubber dinghies. UMCOR's grant of \$50,000 will care for approximately 3,750 people who have landed on the islands of Kos and Lesbos.

In recent days, UMCOR has been in contact with the United Methodist Bishops in Europe about possibilities for partnering on specific humanitarian assistance activities. As response plans develop and UMCOR provides additional support to these local efforts, we will communicate about changes in programming through www.umcor.org and other social media.

Thank you for your concern about the people fleeing conflict in Syria. Please encourage your church to keep these vulnerable people in prayer. Those who would like to support the work UMCOR is doing, and will be doing, in response to this and other disasters are encouraged to give to the **International Disaster Response Advance, #982450**.

Submitted by Jane Grays
Secretary of Global Ministries
Baltimore –Washington Conference

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your continued encouragement and expressions of love. I am grateful for the time I spent at Emmanuel this summer. I enjoyed being in fellowship and having the opportunity to bring the Word of God to you. I've returned to University United Methodist for the final year of my seminary internship. I also am working on completing my remaining credits and expect to graduate with my Masters of Divinity on May 9th, 2016. I'd like to share with you where I stand on my journey.

Academically, I will complete my remaining requirements this year, which includes my participation in an intercultural immersion experience in South Africa from December 29, 2015 through January 12, 2016. Wesley Theological Seminary requires an intercultural immersion to expand our appreciation of the diverse expression of faith throughout the world. I have elected the immersion in South Africa, not only out of excitement for exploring the richness of their worship traditions, but to experience how Christians in a country newly emerged from the bonds of apartheid express their love and faithfulness to God. In preparation for the trip, I'm reading a variety of materials and prayerfully meeting with my traveling companions/classmates to center ourselves to fully receive what God has in store for us.

As for the ordination process, in May 2015, I was approved as a certified candidate for ordained ministry during the Clergy session of Annual Conference. With this credential, I am officially on the path to become an elder (or pastor if you prefer) in the United Methodist Church. The certification process begins with a candidate's home church affirming its confidence, love, and support of an individual called to ordained ministry. I am exceedingly grateful that Emmanuel has validated my calling to ministry. As I continue through the process, I will return to Emmanuel's Staff - Parish Relations Committee each year to be referred to Charge Conference for renewal as a candidate for ministry.

Emmanuel's Charge Conference will occur this year on October 25th at 3 pm at Lanham UMC. I hope that each of you will come and share in the joy of the work that God has appointed to Emmanuel and prayerfully participate in ratifying the business conducted at this important meeting. It also will be an opportunity to meet people from some of the other congregations in our district and bear witness to the work God has called all of us to do.

Following your affirmation of my candidacy at Charge Conference and my completion of Seminary in May 2016, I will be eligible for appointment to a church. I also will be eligible to apply to sit for the Provisional Membership Examination in 2017. This examination is the asking of

the historical questions found in the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church and have been asked of every elder/pastor in the Methodist faith since its founding. As the examination draws near, I will continue to work with my clergy mentor, the Reverend Kevin Smalls; Pastor Jacob Young; Pastor Sherri Wood-Powe; and the many other spiritual guides God has provided to prepare me for administration of the Word, Sacraments, Order, and Service of God's holy church.

As I continue to progress in seminary and the ordination process, I appreciate your prayers for guidance, wisdom, and endurance throughout the process, and thank you for your support on this journey. May God continue to bless each of you abundantly with love.

In the love of Christ,

~ ~ Sarah Elliott



SHARING AND CARING

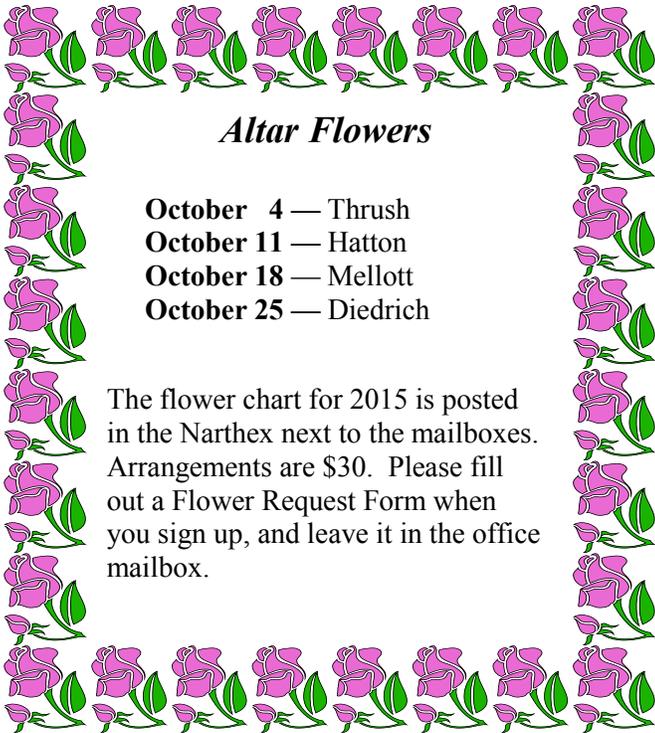
Kathryn Griffin has a new greatniece! Her name is Charlotte Grace Freund.

The Fellowship Hall rang with laughter on Saturday, September 12th, as family and friends gathered to celebrate **Evelyn Adkins'** 90th birthday. Evelyn has been a tireless volunteer throughout both her professional and personal life, as evidenced by the certificates and good wishes she received from the American Payroll Association, Governor Larry Hogan, State Senator Jim Rosapepe, and Beltsville Citizens Association chairman Karen Coakley. Evelyn also has been a longtime volunteer at the Beltsville News, Friends of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, the Greenbelt Coop, local chorales - and many other organizations, I am sure! She's been a key member of Emmanuel's Chancel Choir and the ESOL team, too. You have set the "standard of excellence" in community service for us to follow, Evelyn! Happy birthday from all your friends at Emmanuel.

Karen Mackey's son, Patrick loves playing football. So she is thrilled that he will be the quarterback for the DC Wolves. Go, Patrick!



It's not too late to pick up a copy of *The Upper Room* devotional booklet, available on the Literature Cabinet in the back of the Narthex. Still just \$1 a copy (\$2 for the large print version).



Altar Flowers

- October 4** — Thrush
- October 11** — Hatton
- October 18** — Mellott
- October 25** — Diedrich

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.

October Birthdays

- 1. Rose Johnson, Abraham Scotland
- 2. John Cavallo
- 4. Erica Belshay, Nick Lee
- 8. Kathy Rodeffer
- 9. Elizabeth Galloway
- 13. Lauren Fadely, Alexandra Butcher, Michael Hatton
- 14. Brian Beach
- 15. Elizabeth Elliott, Magdalena Elliott
- 16. Samantha Painter
- 17. Glendy Hernandez
- 18. Madison Cruz, Leticia Mejia, Charles Vannoy
- 19. Kathy Mellott, Betty Osborn
- 20. Betty Midkiff
- 21. Brian Crotti
- 22. Kell Jones, Mary Plantholt
- 23. Shawn West
- 24. Patricia Embrey, Janet Jones, Ruth Vaye
- 25. Mabel Claye
- 27. Joyce Yarwood
- 29. Donna Horton, Cameron Beach
- 31. Ronald Midkiff, May Stewart

October Anniversaries



- 4. Sallie Rhodes & Norman Beaver
- 7. Mary Jane & Dan Kenyon

WELCOME, VISITORS!!

The following guests visited Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in August. We welcome you, and invite you to worship with us again soon!



- Jan Soren Zinke
- Mr & Mrs Matt Hunter and Zachary Ella Bredbenner
- Ann Sherlock
- Patrick, Trya, Christian and Torin Steil

BEST WISHES

to

Ruth Vaye & Alphonso Dahn
on the occasion of their
marriage
on September 18, 2015



IN MEMORIAM



Mary Lou Galloway passed away on August 31st.

Rick Zerbe's sister, Jeanne Sampsell, passed away on August 30th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families as they mourn for their loved ones.

To get in touch with **Pastor Jacob**, please call the Church Office at 301-937-7114, or email Pastor at Jacob.Young@EUMCBeltsville.com.

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 pm Chancel Choir	2 7 pm Maranatha Choir	3 5 pm NA
4 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 UMW Executive Meeting 2 pm Blessing of the Animals	5	6 7 pm ESOL	7	8 7 pm Chancel Choir	9 7 pm Maranatha Choir	10 10 am Faithful Readers Book Club 5 pm NA
11 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 2nd Sunday Lunch 1 pm Youth Fellowship	12 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	13 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7 pm ESOL	14 7 pm Worship Committee	15 7 pm Chancel Choir	16 11 am Community Place Café 7 pm Maranatha Choir	17 10 am Apple Festival 5 pm NA
18 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School	19 12:00 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle	20 7 pm ESOL	21 10 am Susanna Wesley Circle 12:00 Noon Dorcas Circle 7 pm Sisters in Spirit Circle	22 7 pm Chancel Choir	23 7 pm Food Prep 7 pm Maranatha Choir	24 10 am Food Distribution 5pm NA
25 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 pm Youth Fellowship 3 pm Charge Conference	26 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	27 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7 pm ESOL	28 7 pm Church Council	29 7 pm Chancel Choir	30 7 pm Maranatha Choir	31 12:00 Noon UMW Luncheon for Hoovers Parking Lot Trunk or Treat 5 pm NA

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