

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

May 2010



Pastor Daniel Mejia

Summer is just around the corner and always a good time to catch up with all the books you haven't had time to read throughout the year. One of my favorite books is "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. I thought that sharing a few paragraphs from this book might just add it to your list of "must reads" for the summer.

I have found Lewis' words to be particularly pertinent today, when openly sharing our faith in this society has become offensive and invasive. C. S. Lewis, who never lacked an opinion on much of anything, brilliantly frames this "evangelism" question in terms of not our personal preferences to evangelize, but God's intention of making all of us a new creation. Just remember that this book was written in the early 1940's when inclusive language was not a common practice. C. S. Lewis, one of the greatest Christian apologists of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, continues to have a profound and far reaching effect on people today. I hope that you will find these paragraphs to be good "food for thought" and that

they will inspire you to read more of C.S. Lewis this summer. Enjoy!

*"Niceness'- wholesome, integrated personality - is an excellent thing. We must try by every medical, educational, economic, and political means in our power to produce a world where as many people as possible grow up 'nice'; just as we must try to produce a world where all have plenty to eat. But we must not suppose that even if we succeeded in making everyone nice we should have saved their souls.*

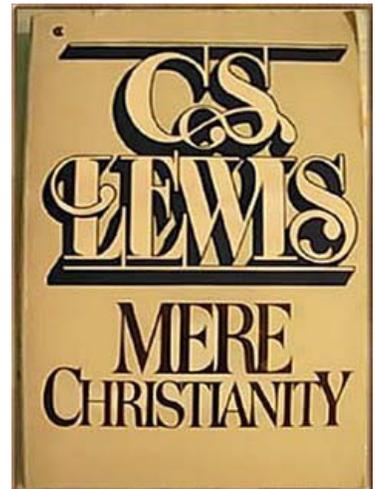
*A world of nice people, content in their own niceness, looking no further, turned away from God, would be just as desperately in need of salvation as a miserable world - and might even be more difficult to save. For mere improvement is not redemption, though redemption always improves people even here and now and will, in the end, improve them to a degree we cannot yet imagine.*

*God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man. It is not like teaching a horse to jump better and better but like turning a horse into a winged creature. Of course, once it has got its wings, it will soar over fences, which could never have been jumped and thus beat the natural horse at its own game. But there may be a period, while the wings are just begin-*

*ning to grow, when it cannot do so: and at that stage the lumps on the shoulders - no one could tell by looking at them that they are going to be wings - may even give it an awkward appearance."*

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Mejia



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## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

By Mike Hatton and George Urick, co-chairmen

The regularly scheduled monthly Worship Committee meeting of April 14 was cancelled. A Planning Retreat for worship was scheduled for Saturday, April 24 in the Fellowship Hall at Emmanuel from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Look for some of the retreat highlights in the June issue of the Lamplighter.

Share your ideas, suggestions and concerns with us. We care what you think.

## WHERE THE MONEY GOES

By Jane Grays, United Methodist Women (UMW) Education & Interpretation (E&I)

**Shenandoah Women's Center, Inc.** 236 W. Martin St.  
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25401

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304-263-8292 [www.swcinc.org](http://www.swcinc.org)



The Shenandoah Women's Center (SWC) a UMW, Baltimore-Washington Conference (BWC) project, is the domestic violence and sexual assault crisis treatment and prevention program in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. The Centers are located in downtown Martinsburg (with outreach offices in Charles Town and Berkeley Springs). They provide confidential support, counseling, and emergency assistance. In addition, they strive to educate the community so as to change the fundamental beliefs and practices that allow abuse to continue.

The SWC is a non-profit, community-based agency that was founded in 1977 by a group of community volunteers who wanted to help women who were being abused by their partners. They formed the area's first crisis hotline for battered women. Since then, SWC has grown into a comprehensive resource and counseling center offering multiple services to women, men and children who have been affected by domestic or sexual violence in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

### How you can help:

- Become a member. Dues start at \$15.00
- Invite a staff member to speak at you group meeting
- Collect and donate items needed by the Center (call or check web page for current list)

## FINANCE

By Bill Raulin  
Finance Chairperson

The church has a bad rap in one area. If you speak to someone who does not attend church and ask them why they don't attend, they most likely will reply that the church is always asking for money.

In a way this is true. It seems that every week there is a new project or a new envelope requesting our help, a dollar here and there. I personally would like to see fewer of these.



Do not let this change your way of thinking about the church, and with that being said, I am going to ask you to remember your pledge over the summer. The bills go on even when it's warm. Most of all I want to thank all of you for your contributions over the winter. We lost two Sundays this year and you have kept the wolf from the door.

God Bless you.

## EMERGE, MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

By: Ann Rowland

We are pleased to announce that this year during Mental Health Month in May we are sponsoring a program for the church and community in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. The program, "Preparing for the Future; Spiritually, Legally and Financially," will be presented by Rev. Dennis Dorsch, retired pastor of Faith United Methodist Church in Accokeek, MD and Rob Price, CPA and Financial Advisor. We are delighted to welcome Rev. Dorsch back to Emmanuel where he has delivered the Sunday morning Message on a number of occasions and has led our annual Church Council Planning Retreats. While the focus is on aging, the program is not limited to seniors, but beneficial for all ages. The program is free and open to the church and community at large. A light buffet lunch will be served. We invite you to join us to learn how we can be good stewards of our resources by taking care of ourselves, the people we love and the causes we are passionate about. To assure there's plenty of food for everyone, we ask that you RSVP by contacting the church office at 301.937.7114 or [eumcbeltsville@earthlink.net](mailto:eumcbeltsville@earthlink.net) or Ann Rowland at 301.572.5250 or [annrowland@verizon.net](mailto:annrowland@verizon.net).



"COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

MATTHEW 4:19

## BELTSVILLE DAY 2010

For the first time in recent memory, Beltsville Day will be in June, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June from noon until 5:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Old Fashioned Festival." Emmanuel UMC will have a booth and we need your help. Again this year, we will have a Fish Fry and information table. Anyone who helps out with the Fish Fry or the Information table can get a discount on the upcoming Church Getaway to Manitokan on October 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can sign up to help take the food and everything else we need from the church. We need people to cook and serve the food, we need people to take money, we need people to give out information about ministries and events at Emmanuel, and we need people to help take everything down at the end of the day. The time slots require just an hour and one-half of your time, but it is a great help to the church. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

*The pretzel was first made by monks in southern Europe as a reward for children who learned their prayers. It is shaped to represent the crossed arms of a child praying.*



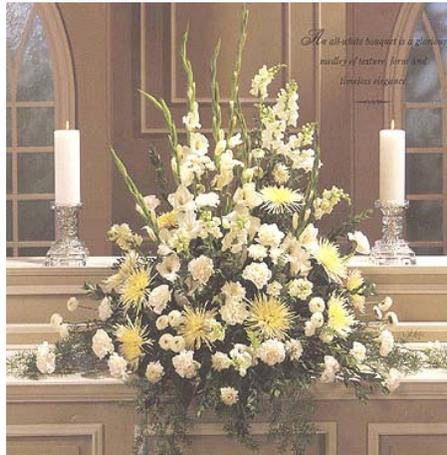
## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1. Joelle Onukwubiri
2. Walter Ademiluyi
3. Ada McGlynn
4. Buck Aplin
5. Pam Midkiff,
6. Joel Tyler
8. Emmy Lear
10. Benjamin Cunningham,  
Sam Shiplett
12. Megan McNitt
13. Nancy Thrush, Jason Kresge
14. Diane Embrey
16. Roy Wells
17. Scarlet Robertson,  
Doris Shirey
18. Maxine Norris
19. Kevin Kresge
20. JoAnne Blakley
22. Nancy McNealy, Roy White
23. Karl Norris
28. Elizabeth Oldenburg,  
Chester Warner
29. Preston Gregory, Sr.
30. Jillian Smith



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

4. Lynne & Robert Miller
6. Karen & James Mackey
10. Scarlet & Bill Robertson
13. Timmie & Kenneth Warner
15. Nancy & Michael  
McNealy
22. Sam & Nancy Shiplett



## ALTAR FLOWERS

- May 2  
May 9  
May 16 - Norris  
May 23 - Mellott  
May 30 - Dottie Gilbert  
June 6 - Wells  
June 13  
June 20 - Doris Wray  
June 27

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Spring cleaning at the church*

May 22nd will be a church wide workday. Come between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and help with the spring-cleaning. Trustees

### *Thanks*

My family and I wish to express a sincere "Thank You" for the lovely sympathy cards we received at the recent death of my sister, Sue Tucker. They were a wonderful source of comfort and caring.

With love,  
Emmy Lear

## ON MOTHER'S DAY

*"You may have tangible wealth untold; caskets of jewels and coffers of gold. Richer than I you can never be. I had a mother who read to me."*

*Strickland Gillian*

*"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me."*

*Abraham Lincoln*

*"The memory of my mother and her teachings were, after all, the only capital I had to start life with, and on that capital I have made my way."*

*Andrew Jackson*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

By Todd Reitzel, Superintendent

**Thanks to all who donated to the Heifer Project's Fund for Haiti!** We far exceeded our goal, raising \$1,143.63. Every penny of this will go to help God's people in need. Hallelujah!

**Thanks to all those who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt.** About 25 children hunted eggs on Easter Sunday; each egg contained treats and a Bible verse. Thanks to the teachers who helped stuff eggs, to the teachers who organized activities before the hunt, and to the church teenagers who helped hide the eggs!

**In case you missed it, the new adult class *Rich in the Things That Count the Most*, taught by Roy White, began recently. Stop in to check it out one Sunday between worship services! Or check out Jane Grays' class *I Corinthians Through Galatians*.**

**Youth and Promotion Sunday will be May 23.** We will be inviting all young people from pre-K through college to participate in one or both worship services. Please save the date! If you have a young person graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please notify the church office at [eumcbeltsville@earthlink.net](mailto:eumcbeltsville@earthlink.net) so that we can congratulate them that Sunday

**Looking for a good way to thank your or your child's church schoolteacher?**

Okay, you can tell them! But another good way is to volunteer to teach one Sunday this summer. In May we will begin signups for the summer One-Room Schoolhouse and for the Adult Combined Class. Give our dedicated teachers a break and volunteer!

**Save the date for Vacation Bible School:** It will be Monday, July 19, through Friday, July 23, in the evenings. Dinner will be included, and we will have classes for children, teenagers, and adults. Interested in volunteering to help? Email me at [toddreitzel@verizon.net](mailto:toddreitzel@verizon.net).



**OUR GRADUATES – HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE**  
**EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPRING/SUMMER 2010**

Name of Graduate	Date of Graduation
Name of School _____	
Location of School _____	
Degree _____	
Presently: <input type="checkbox"/> Living at home. <input type="checkbox"/> Living away from home. (Check one)	
After Graduation: <input type="checkbox"/> Living at home. <input type="checkbox"/> Living away from home. (Check one)	
If the graduate <u>will not be living at home</u> , please give address, if known.	

Person filling out form \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to church office by May 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!**

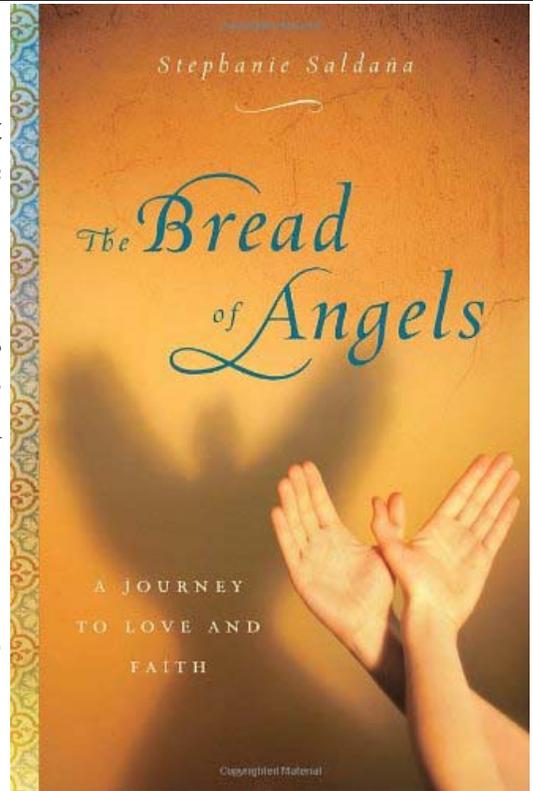
## FAITHFUL READERS BOOK CLUB

The “hot off the press” book chosen for our next meeting is called “The Bread of Angels” by Stephanie Saldana. The meeting will be at the church on Saturday, May 8 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

This book offers a personal account by the author as she struggled with her own ideas of faith and world issues while she traveled in the history-rich and war torn Middle East.

Please come and bring a friend.

If you have any questions, please ask Bryant Davis or Carol Clatterbuck.



## NORTHEAST JURISDICTION MEETING OF UNITED METHODIST CONGRESS OF THE DEAF

Beverly Huneycutt, and Roy and Carrie White were among 62 people who attended the meeting that took place on March 20, 2010 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Wilmington, DE. Under the theme "New Growth in Christ", four workshops were presented. The workshops were:

- "Growing Marriage in Christ", presented by Rev. Sandi Johnson, pastor of Christ United Methodist Church of the Deaf in Baltimore
- "Growing Children in Christ", presented by Rev. David Robb, pastor of Philly Deaf Ministries (Assemblies of God)
- "Growing Your Life in Christ", presented by Rev. Lisa Jordan, pastor of Magothy United Methodist Church of the Deaf in Pasadena, MD
- "Growing Your Advocacy", presented by Christy Hennessey, Coordinator of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services at Independent Resources, Inc. in Delaware

Darlene Koontz, a member of Magothy UMC of the Deaf, led the business meeting to elect a new president and a new vice president of NEJ for the next four years. Karen Miller, a member of Bethesda UMC, Middletown, DE, became president. LaSander Saunders, a member of Christ UMC of the Deaf, became vice president. A Deaf Ministry group from Advocate St. Stephens UMC in Philadelphia will host the next NEJ meeting in 2012.



Mary Jane and Dan Kenyon, Carrie, Roy, and Beverly

The program was concluded with a closing worship that was led by Bishop Peggy Johnson from the Eastern Pennsylvania and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences. She was a pastor at Christ UMC of the Deaf in Baltimore for 25 years.

The next day on Sunday, Beverly, Carrie, and Roy also attended the 9:30 a.m. contemporary service at Asbury United Methodist Church in Smyrna, DE. Bishop Peggy Johnson signed the sermons at all three services while Carol Stevens voice-interpreted for the hearing audiences. Carol Stevens, founder of Deaf Shalom Zone, is now coordinator of Deaf Ministry of Eastern Pennsylvania and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences. Also, Karen Miller interpreted tactually for a Deaf Blind woman at church. We were warmly welcomed by the members of Asbury UM Church with thoughtful gifts of mugs filled with goodies.

## BOY SCOUTS TAKE A HIKE

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster  
Troop 1033

The Boy Scouts in Troop 1033 went camping at the Manidokan Methodist Retreat Center near Harpers Ferry in March. The Troop hiked a total of 10 miles in beautiful springtime weather from the campground along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to historic Harpers Ferry. The Scouts were able to complete their hike, cooked venison chili in a Dutch oven, and enjoyed roasted marsh mellows around a campfire. The scouts enjoyed their visit to the historic sites at Harpers Ferry but especially enjoyed visiting the candy store and eating ice cream. Three brave scouts, Chaim Johnson, Edwardo Orellana, and Chris Walker, completed their Wilderness Survival Merit Badge by sleeping overnight out in the woods by themselves in a shelter they themselves had built. Boys Scouts on the trip included Curtis Gill, Patrick Deery, David Timus, Adrian Villarroel, Tyis Robinson, Chaim Johnson, Edwardo Orellana, Steven Hall, Al Diagne and Chris Walker. Even Webelos Cub Scout Nicholas Walker hiked the entire 10-mile trip. The scouts and their adult leaders including Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan, parents Ken Gill and Bob Walker enjoyed the beautiful springtime weather and vigorous hike. Spring has sprung, get outside and go hiking.

## SCOUTS DELIVER



## A MOUNTAIN OF MULCH

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster  
Troop 1033

Boy Scout Troop 1033 delivered over 20 tons of hardwood and pine mulch in completing another successful Spring Garden and Lawn Fund Raiser. In total the Scouts delivered over 2400 bags of mulch, fertilizer, manure, and topsoil products all over the Beltsville area all within 10 hours. The door-to-door transport was made possible not only by 20 scouts but also by the parents and friends of scouts who volunteered their trucks, trailers, and cars for the

deliveries. Thanks to the support of the community each scout earned "Scout bucks" which allows them to pay for such activities as summer camp at Camp Rodney, biking and hiking along the C&O Canal, swimming at Assateague Island, tubing in Antietam Creek near Harpers Ferry. Troop 1033 would like to thank Behnke's Nursery, Inc. for their continued support of our fund raiser and a special thanks to Kalkreuth Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. in Frederick, MD for supplying a trailer for delivery of our large orders. We especially want to thank the Beltsville Community for all their support.



## BLESSINGS GIVEN AND BLESSINGS RECEIVED- A HOMELESS MINIS- TRY REPORT

This past Easter was a special blessing for the Homeless Ministry, not only were we given the opportunity to serve God's people on a day we celebrate Christ's ultimate sacrifice for all of us. Each time we go out, it is to serve as Christ commands us to serve, in remembrance of his own great service; frequently this takes the form of sharing our own abundance and blessings. This year was no different. We prepared an abundance of donations; gathered hygiene kits; and purchased supplies for the meals... but we also wanted to make the occasion of Easter special for our friends as well.

To celebrate Easter two ideas came to mind: First inviting Reverend Dorsch who is a dear friend to many of our homeless brethren, and who is loved and is loved by so many. The second idea was adding a special Easter touch of Easter Eggs to the meals. Both of these ideas turned out wonderfully! A special thank is offered to our church youth and adult volunteers who worked on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> for over 2 hours to dye about 300 eggs for our Homeless friends.

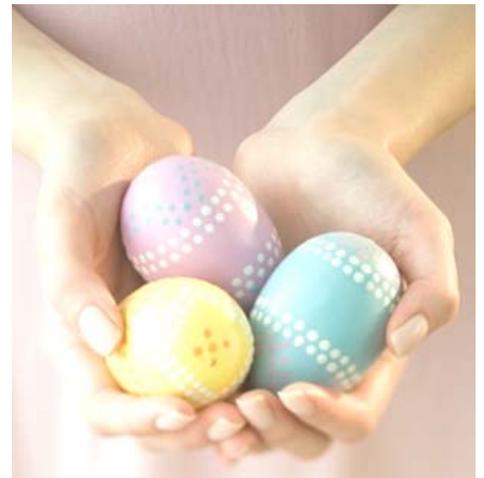
In the evening as we distributed the various treasures we had

to share, Reverend Dorsch performed a brief Easter Prayer Service with our Homeless friends, which was appreciated by many as they often do not feel comfortable celebrating at Church in their situation. In addition to being thankful for God inspiring our hearts to provide an Easter service specifically for them, our friends were also felt blessed to be able to see their dear friend Reverend Dorsch! What a blessing to all our hearts to see the meeting of so many friends after an absence of almost 3 years in both our Homeless brethren and the "Good Reverend" as he is called by his friends.

But God had even a bigger blessing in store for those of us, who thought we were going out to share our blessings with others. It was at the third of fourth stop of the evening (that's about a mile or so from the first stop) that our hearts were truly aware of how God's blessings were being bestowed on us as well. One of the women from the first stop was so overcome with joy to be remembered on Easter with the dyed eggs that she came all that way from her normal spot to find our caravan! But she had something important to say to the group: "I remember dying eggs as a child, it was so thoughtful of you to remember us. They take so much work, and you remembered us! Thank you and God Bless!"

This moment brings a smile to my face, which I truly feel blessed to have experienced! So often it is easy to think "we have

so much, let's give from that" but this woman, and many others that evening, gave us a blessing, despite her perceived poverty. She gave up the warm place she had to rest for the evening to seek us out just to say "God Bless!" It is not from the bounty we receive our truest blessings are felt, but from knowing that when we serve others in Christ's name that we receive – God's presence in our lives and hearts!



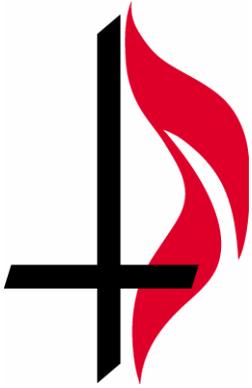
*The only two angels identified by name in the Bible are Michael and Gabriel, who appear in the Book of Daniel.*

SIGNS OF SPRING AT EMMANUEL



# May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 a.m. Mother Daughter Breakfast
2 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship 10:15 Sunday School	3 6:30 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting	4 7:00 p.m. ESOL Classes	5 6:00 p.m. Communications Committee 6:00 p.m. Maranatha Choir 7:00 p.m. Church Council	6 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	7 7:00 p.m. Teen Club	8
9 <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship 10:15 Sunday School	10 12:30 p.m. Beltsville Women's Club 7:00 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Group 7:30 p.m. Trustees	11 7:00 p.m. ESOL Classes	12 6:00 p.m. Maranatha Choir 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee	13 10:00 a.m. Prayer Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	14 11:00 a.m. EMERGE Program	15
16 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship 10:15 Sunday School	17 12:00 noon Ellen Hoover Circle	18 7:00 p.m. ESOL Classes	19 10:00 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle Noon Dorcas Circle 6:00 p.m. Maranatha Choir 7:00 p.m. Sisters in Spirit	20 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	21 11:00 a.m. Community Place Café	22 8:00 a.m. to noon Church-wide work day
23 <b>Youth Sunday</b> 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship 10:15 Sunday School	24 7:00 p.m. Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	25 7:00 p.m. ESOL Party	26 6:00 p.m. Maranatha Choir	27 10:00 a.m. Prayer Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	28	29 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
30 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship 10:15 Sunday School	31 <b>Memorial Day</b> Church office closed					



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