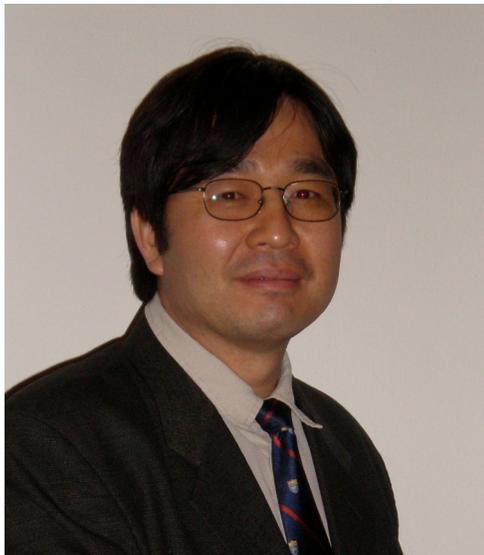


The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

July 2015

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



Pastor Jacob Young

In Memory of my father, Ung Young

Greetings! I greet all of you in the name of our Lord, Jesus.

Last month was one of the most difficult times in my life. As you know, I lost my father on May 21. He was 85 years old, and had struggled with the final phase of prostate cancer for the last 3-1/2 years. His death was expected, but it is still very hard to accept it. He had been in hospice care since December 2014. From the information I received from my family in Korea, I was aware that he was getting close to the end of his life. So in April, I visited him in Korea, thinking that it might be my last opportunity to see him alive and say goodbye. I stayed there for a week, spending time with him and sharing my last words with him.

A month after I returned, in May, I got an international phone call from my sister letting me know that he was dying. I could not go to Korea right

away, because there were a couple of church activities I was scheduled to officiate at – a wedding and a baptism. So my visit was delayed a week. During that time, my father passed away, was cremated, and was buried in Korean National Cemetery. I am sorry that I couldn't see him at the last moment. But in April, I sincerely shared my love and last greeting with him when I visited him. I am pretty sure that he understood it well.

Korean National Cemetery is like Arlington National Cemetery. It is the burial place for soldiers who dedicated themselves to their country. During the Korean War, my father worked for American soldiers, engaging in psychological warfare against North Korean soldiers and Chinese soldiers. During the war, he was injured and considered an honorary soldier. So he was given the honor of being buried in the national cemetery.



Ung Young

My father was born in North Korea, the oldest son of a very affluent family. When the communist government took control of North Korea, it began to confiscate the land and possessions of the wealthy. My grandfather's family lost everything. They couldn't live there anymore. So they secretly emigrated to South Korea, risking their lives. They started life over in a strange place, from scratch. My father had been a promising medical student in the best medical school in North Korea. But as the oldest son, he had to take care of the family in South Korea. So he got a job instead of finishing his education. He became a federal government worker, working there for 20 years. After he retired from the Korean government, he held positions as an officer in the Korean population plan department and the Korean branch of the United Nations.

Religiously speaking, my father was a very dedicated lay leader for the Korean Salvation Army, not only locally but nationwide. He always prayed and read the Bible and Christian books. After I met Jesus at the age of 15, I also began to read Christian books. The books were from the bookshelf of my father. In this sense, he influenced me a lot in terms of theology.

Some church members have said that I seem to have been influenced a lot by my father. They have heard many comments about my father in my sermons, which has made them think that my father has been a major influence in my formation. This is true. I have been influenced by my father a lot. He has influenced me to a great extent in almost every way,

such as personality, appearance, values, and worldview. He has been a very good role model for my life. I am proud of him, and I respect him, too. On Father's Day in June, I thought about my father, too.

Now, he is at peace with Jesus in heaven. Although he is gone, he will remain with me, in my thinking, way of life, views and beliefs.

We call God, "Father." This means that our biological fathers are a good analogy for what God is about. Through fathers, we can get a sense of who God is. Therefore, fathers play a major role in establishing our image of God.

Lastly, let me say again that I really appreciate all the prayers, emails, calls, and cards sent by church members. I've put all the cards in my office desk at church so I won't forget the love you've shown me. Whenever I see them, I will try not to forget the debt of love towards my church members.

Once again, I visualize and imagine the resurrection of Jesus in my personal life. Someday, I will meet my loved ones when Jesus comes back again.

Oh, Lord, come soon!
~Pastor Jacob



FROM THE STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

by Bobbie Deegan, Chairman

As you know, Pastor Jacob's dad, Ung Young, lost his battle with cancer on May 21st. Having his death come so close to Father's Day must make his loss even more painful. Many of us in the congregation have experienced the loss of our own parents, so we can empathize with Pastor and his family as they go through the grieving process. I remember very clearly how I struggled when my mom passed away. I was still working as Fairfax County's payroll manager. After the funeral, I seemed to adjust to my "new normal" without Mom, but I didn't, really. Some days, my brain just refused to focus, no matter how much I tried to "make" myself concentrate, and this happened off and on for months. My staff was very understanding, and stepped up to ensure that I stayed on track and we met our commitments.

What's my point? That grieving is a very personal, but very profound, experience, and it is something that happens at its own pace. I am sure Pastor Jacob fully expects to carry on his duties as usual. But if he seems distracted or forgetful at times, I ask for your patience and understanding.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is the official liaison between the pastor, the staff, and the congregation — Emmanuel's "human resources department." If there is any issue you would like to discuss, please contact a member of the committee— Helen Akers, Bryant Davis, Jaime Hiner, Andy Onukwubiri, Ann Rowland, Alex Scotland, Nancy Thrush, or Roy White.

Good News from the FINANCE COMMITTEE!!

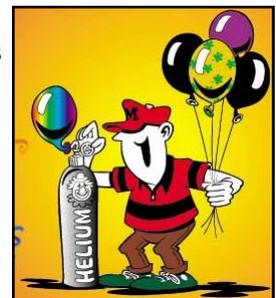
Did you feel the earth move on June 11th? No, it wasn't an earthquake. It was our own Finance Chairman, Andy Onukwubiri, getting the County Park and Planning Commission to take action! After years of exasperating effort on Andy's part, the Commission's Planning Board has approved EUMC's application to allow Evangel Christian Child Care Center to operate out of the Education Building. Next, we need to get a Use & Occupancy permit, but the major battle has been won.

The day care center's rent will give Emmanuel a chance to build financial reserves to cover future "major maintenance" on our aging infrastructure — heating system, roof, etc. **THANK YOU, ANDY!!!!**

A Word From the Trustees About — HELIUM TANKS

Please remove helium tanks that your group has brought to the church for an event. Prince George's County has them listed under hazardous waste, and the regular trash collectors aren't supposed to pick them up.

The trustees thank you for your cooperation!

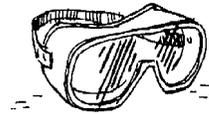


YOUTH EMBARK ON ANNUAL MISSION TRIP

On July 19 – 25, twelve of our youth will embark on a mission trip in Frostburg, Maryland through CAMP HOPE (Christian Appalachian Mountain Project **H**elping **O**ther **P**eople **E**nthusiastically). This venue will be the 'first' for our current group of missionaries. They will be housed in the Frostburg State University dormitory, together with six adult chaperones from our congregation.

Everyone is excited about this upcoming adventure. For sure, we are all looking forward to learning and honing our carpentry skills. But pages of lifetime memories will be created, as well. Also, we as a group will be passing the love and support of the word of God to the families we will be working with.

On our past youth trips, you all have come with us through your support and prayers. The recent mission trips in Christiansburg, Virginia were an all-inclusive set-up where most of the food and tools were provided. CAMP HOPE costs less upfront, but missionaries have to bring lunches and tools. We need your help! In coming weeks, the church office will send a list of items you might provide. As always, your support and prayers are appreciated.



UMW TO HOST A SPIRITUAL RETREAT



For the second year, the United Methodist Women are sponsoring a Spiritual Retreat. The Retreat will be on Saturday, August 22, from 9 am to 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This year's study is "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World — Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life." Registration will be July 5 through August 2. There will be a UMW member in the Narthex to take registrations during that period. The \$20 registration fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and the study book. All are welcome. We hope you will take this opportunity to choose "the better path."

Bryant Davis Receives Excellence in Teaching Award

In May, Emmanuel's Bryant Davis received Montgomery College, Germantown's, Excellence in Teaching Award. The award is given once a year to one professor out of more than 400. Students and other professors nominated the candidates and wrote recommendations.



Though the recognition came with no monetary award (which means that Bryant cannot increase his tithes), he did receive a plaque (not a plague, as originally imagined) and a reserved parking space nowhere near his office. His name also will be included on a list of past recipients displayed in the office of the head of the campus.

Bryant has taught at Germantown for 23 years, which has made for quite a commute. He also has been with Emmanuel's ESOL program for eight. The drive to the church is much shorter. Though the award was for teaching at Montgomery College, the picture Bryant turned in with his nomination was of his class at Emmanuel. It is that work that he is most proud of. Bryant is also very pleased to have the award, for he wrote this article.

Need a Notary?

Bad News — Bobbie Deegan's commission to be a notary public expired on April 21st. **Good News** — The Governor just renewed it! So if you need anything notarized between now and May 13th, 2019, free of charge, give her a call at 301-937-7070!

2nd Quarter Giving Statements will be mailed out by mid-July. Please review your statements carefully. If you have any questions, please contact Frances Cruz at 301-572-2542, or via email at cruising4@verizon.net. Thank you.

Happy Anniversary, Pastor!

One year ago this month, Pastor Jacob and his family came to Emmanuel. Thanks to everyone for making the Young family feel welcome. When you see Pastor Jacob, take a minute to thank him for ministering to us.

This has been a year of change for all of us, but now the transition is over. Together, let us redouble our efforts to spread God's love throughout Beltsville and the world.



Welcome, Madea Badio!

Emmanuel has several new persons worshipping with us. One of these is Madea Harriet Badio from Liberia, West Africa.

Madea is a member of the Stephen Trowen Nagbe United Methodist Church (STNUMC). Her church was established, chartered, and named after the first United Methodist indigenous Bishop, Bishop Stephen Trowen Nagbe, on March 19, 1967. Madea grew up in the church and was nurtured in its Sunday school, youth, young adult, and women's organizations. She also did lots of volunteer work in both her church and the community, from the time she was a high school student until she left Liberia. Madea served as assistant youth coordinator for 12 years, the church's recording secretary for membership for five years, and a member of the church's administrative council for 12 years.

Madea is also a Rotarian, a member of the Rotary Club of Sinkor, Liberia.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and certificates in social work and basic computer science. She has a long professional history, ranging from working as an Internet Resource Monitor/Manager, to Administrative Assistant, Project Supervisor, and lastly, as Executive Secretary to a member of the Liberian Senate (Congress) of the Republic of Liberia.

Madea is from a large family of six brothers and five sisters. Her mother is deceased, but her father is still alive and a senior citizen. Madea relocated to the United States in August 2014 during the Ebola outbreak in Liberia. She lives with her cousin and her cousin's family, and is now struggling to get integrated into American society.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS HERE

Ready to have some fun? Come by Emmanuel each evening from July 6th through July 10th as we Fuel Up & Get Ready for Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is "In God we live, move, and exist." We will discover how God calls each one of us to act. We will meet people from the Bible who used their hearts, minds and bodies in service for God. We will hear Christ's message of acting through and with God. And best of all, VBS is free! So be transformed to Move! Act! Care! Follow! & Share!

- Snacks are included, and will be provided between 5:30 pm and 6 pm daily.
- Kids have classes, music, and crafts.
- Teens have classes and activities.
- Adults have classes, too!

Registration has begun! Visit <http://www.eumcbeltsville.com/vbs>. See you there!

And while we are on the subject of Christian learning, it is also time for:

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Summer Sunday School for Pre-K through 5th Grade starts July 12th in Room 18 of the Education Building. They will be learning about God's love.

Youth Summer Sunday School is for Grades 6 through 12, and started June 21st. They meet in Room 21, and are learning about their part in the story of God.

Adult Summer Sunday School also started June 21st. They meet in Room 16, and are exploring such topics as:

- Miracles and the laws of nature
- Why doesn't God wipe out suffering?
- Do you have to give up science to believe in God?

Why not take some time this summer to draw closer to God? HE'll be glad you did!



Emmanuel Choir to be Featured at Emory Grove

by Kathy Mellott

On Wednesday, July 8th at 7:30 pm, our own Abundant Life Singers, part of the Chancel Choir, will perform at Emory Grove in Glyndon, MD. This has been an annual event for many years, and everyone looks forward to their visit. We meet in the church parking lot about 5 pm to carpool to Emory Grove. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share at a potluck supper in the Emory Grove Hotel, starting between 6 and 6:30 pm. After supper, everyone goes to the historic open-air Tabernacle for an old-fashioned Hymn Sing. At the Emory Grove Hymn Sing, the congregation picks the hymns. We may sing as many as 20 hymns in an hour. The Abundant Life Singers also will perform one or two songs during the hour. Refreshments are provided by Emory Grove following the Hymn Sing. We will be back in Beltsville before 10:30 pm.

If you like the old hymns, this is for you! Mark your calendars to join us on July 8th. If you would like to join the carpool, please contact Kathryn Griffin at [301-937-2078](tel:301-937-2078), or me at kpmellott@verizon.net or [301-706-4122](tel:301-706-4122).

If you cannot come with us on July 8th, keep in mind that there will be a Hymn Sing at Emory Grove every Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm throughout July and August. Plus, there will be an outdoor worship service every Sunday evening at 7:30 pm, led by various churches in the Emory Grove Tabernacle. Every week has a different church, a different pastor, a different style, and sometimes, a denomination other than United Methodist. All of these services are free and open to the public. For a complete schedule of the Hymn Sing performers and the worship schedule, pick up a green Emory Grove brochure in the Narthex, or visit www.emorygrove.net.

For more information about Emory Grove activities or how to become a cottage owner at Emory Grove, an historic 148-year-old Methodist Camp Meeting Ground, contact me at kpmellott@verizon.net or [301-937-7538](tel:301-937-7538). We would love to show you around Emory Grove.



Congratulations, Sarah!

After an exhaustive “discerning process” by the Board of Ordained Ministry, our own Sarah Elliott has been accepted by the Baltimore—Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church as a certified candidate for ordained ministry, on the elder track. Sarah has managed to juggle school, church, motherhood, and injuries to reach this point, with the goal of pastoring her own church in the not-too-distant future.

Congratulations are also due to loving husband, Patrick. I’m sure Sarah would agree that she never would have been able to accomplish all that she has without his strong support. You make a great team!

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW—

- Have you **moved**?
- Changed your **email address**?
- Changed your **phone number**?

If so, would you take a minute to give the church office your updated information? We try hard to stay in touch with everyone. When mail is returned as “undeliverable,” we make every effort to find a new address. But this is costly in both time and postage. So please let the church office know when your information changes, either by phone ([301-937-7114](tel:301-937-7114)) or by email (office@eumcbeltsville.com). Thank you!

Altar Flowers

- July 5** — Lynne Miller
July 12 — Kathy Mellott
July 19 —
July 26 — Theresa Timity

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.

July Anniversaries

- 4** Beverly & George Urick
6 Donna Horton & Todd Reitzel
7 Wanda & Abraham Scotland
8 Kimberly & Brian Beach
12 Kathy & Pat Mellott
18 Lezlee & Jeff Kramer
25 JoAnne & Donal Blakley

WELCOME, VISITORS!!

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

Alan & Kathleen Hayes
 Mr. & Mrs. Lee Hedden
 Leann Horn
 Jacqueline Johnson
 Donald Milam
 Kate VonRichthofen

July Birthdays

- 1** Jason Pavelka
2 Bob Hiner, Whitney Ademiluyi, Abraham Scotland
5 Frances Cruz, Donald Galloway
7 Wanda Scotland, Tobi Haufe
8 Margaret Ward
9 Kevin Andrews, Teresa Dorsey
10 Andrew Onukwubiri
11 Gail Belshay
12 Leslie Giron
17 Lorna Marselas
21 Nancy Green
22 Marcus Baird
23 Crispin Wray
25 John Kaufmann
28 Temitope Oluwafemi
29 Sara Hunter
30 Lenora Painter, Kristin Fadely
31 Katie Crotti, Paul Cruz, Mary Anne Kolb, Amy Jo Harding, Edward Mellott

SHARING AND CARING

Two members of our congregation passed away in June – **John Bouma**, on June 8th, and **Barbara Milam**, on June 10th. Besides the death of Pastor Jacob's father, Ung Young, several other congregants lost family members – **Jane Grays'** mother and **Cheryl Grays'** grandmother, Flora Thompson, passed away on June 9th, and **Fred Smith** lost his sister, Ruth Gochenour.



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

PRAYER *changes things***May we pray for you?**

Emmanuel has a Prayer Fellowship group that meets in the Fellowship Hall twice a month to pray about all the prayer requests received since our last meeting. We also have a Prayer Circle that receives prayer requests by telephone or email and prays over them from home. If you would like us to pray for you or someone you care about, please email the church office or fill out the buff-colored Prayer Concerns form located in the pews or the back of the Sanctuary and put it in the offering plate or prayer basket. **You do not have to give us specifics about your prayer request if you prefer not to**—you can just write a name or initials and “needs prayer.” Our Heavenly Father knows who it is and what it is about without us telling him!

New members in the Prayer Fellowship and/or Prayer Circle are always welcome. For more information, contact Ann Anderson at 301-937-1135, or Ernie Kilbourne at 301-787-8787.

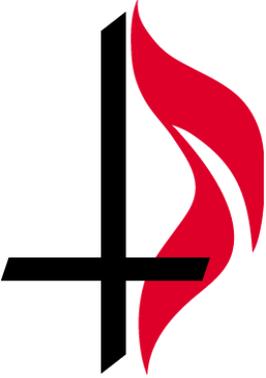
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