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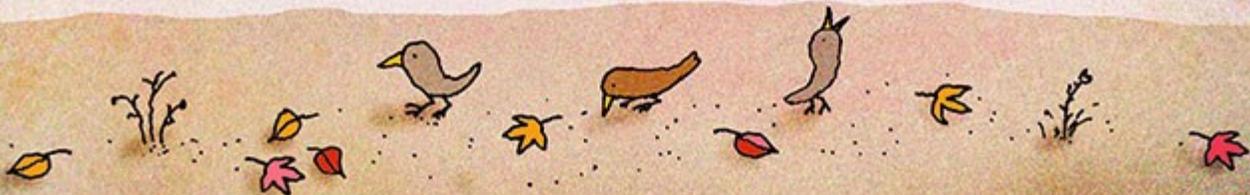


The Lamplighter

The Newsletter of Emmanuel United Methodist Church

AUTUMN PRAYER

Oh easy-going, lovely natured thing
Come gently to this troubled life and bring
Good humour, sweet forgiveness, love and grace,
Bring gratitude and peace upon this place.
Feed our sorrows to the morning birds,
May their songs bring truth into our words,
In sadness let us feel each other's worth,
Turn our lonely losses into earth.



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Got News? Do you have something for our newsletter? Send items to the editor, Rick Bergmann at lamplighter@eumcbeltsville.com



From the
Pastor's
Desk...

Getting Our Affairs in Order: A Personal Inventory

No one likes to think about making "final arrangements" for their loved ones and especially not for themselves. However, if we all took the opportunity to pre-plan for the eventualities of life, many things could be left in a manner that would facilitate our loved ones instead of frustrating them. Another way of looking at getting our affairs in order is: How can you give less of your money to attorneys and the government and keep more of it for the people and causes you care about?

Let me first start with a disclaimer: I am NOT a legal expert, nor is this intended as offering legal advice. I recommend that you consult with a licensed professional in your state or jurisdiction for all matters that you consider pertinent.

Do all your bank accounts have direct beneficiaries should something happen to you? Should you pass away, a direct beneficiary only needs to go to the banking institution and present a copy of the death certificate and a valid ID to demonstrate who the beneficiary is.

Do you own a home? You can complete a Transfer on Death (TOD) Deed with your county, which will allow you to transfer the ownership to the person you designate. Your designee would take a copy of your death certificate and their ID to the appropriate county office to have the deed signed over (as opposed to undergoing the probate process)

Do you have a Living Will? A living will outlines your wishes in writing for your healthcare decisions should you be unable to speak for yourself in the following areas:

*Whether or not you want to be resuscitated
Whether or not you want to be kept on life support
Whether or not you want to die naturally*

Do you have Durable Power of Attorney? You select a person of your choosing to make legal decisions for you should you no longer be able to competently do so.

Do you have a Healthcare Power of Attorney? This document allows you to designate someone to make healthcare decisions for you (over the course of your plan of care, not simply at the end of life). Giving someone Healthcare Power of Attorney allows that person to be your proxy in making medical decisions.

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Memories of Aunt Dottie



Dorothy Gilbert, our beloved “Aunt Dottie,” had eight nieces and nine nephews on her husband’s side of the family. Collected here are some of our memories of a remarkable woman, one that we grew to love at countless Thanksgiving dinners, family gatherings, and an occasional trip to Dottie and Chet’s home in Beltsville, Maryland.

As Beth says, “Aunt Dottie was beautiful, stylish, supportive and loving.” Jenny remembers that “she was definitely one of the truly nice people in our world. She was always such a pleasure to be with, and never seemed to have a negative thought.”

Liz notes that “a photo of our wedding reception rests on our bedside table, and in it Aunt Dottie smiles widely. That’s what I remember of her most: her smile, her warmth, and her ease. It’s the way she and Uncle Chet greeted our family of six when we excitedly descended on them nearly sixty years ago after our first plane ride. I remember our thrill at riding in their convertible to see the D.C. monuments at night, too. Headscarf neatly tied,

Aunt Dottie was the embodiment of glamor and grace.”

Gretchen says that “when I was a girl, I remember feeling that Aunt Dottie was so beautiful and vibrant. I learned that she loved dance, and particularly ballet, and had on occasion performed in amateur productions and recitals. She was such a role model! She believed that she and Chet would always be together, even after he passed. I remember in one phone conversation shortly after his passing, she told me that she had been struggling with her window blinds, and had called out to Chet to come and help her. Within a couple minutes, the blinds just seemed to ‘right’ themselves, and she was sure that Chet had been present with her.”

Mike notes that Aunt Dottie’s ninety-six years were “a life well lived,” while Aunt Joyce, one of Dottie’s sisters-in-law, will always remember Dottie’s sense of humor: “I’m still seeing Dottie’s smiling face while she is giving Chet the what-for.” Rob remembers talking with her on the phone a few years ago, mentioning that his two sons lived in Silver Spring, a few miles from her retirement home. Dottie wanted to know where they lived, and Rob repeated Silver Spring. Laughing, she said that wasn’t good enough. She wanted to know the precise street so she could picture it. He gave the address and Dottie quickly mentioned nearby landmarks, showing that she remembered her home area well at age ninety-four. Liz agrees that “Aunt Dottie kept her wits to the end, and you could hear her smile over the phone. In one conversation this past year, following a hospitalization, she laughed that she guessed the good Lord just couldn’t handle her yet. I guess she’d say now that he somehow managed. I imagine her smiling joyfully and laughing, hugging Uncle Chet, her mother, and innumerable loved ones.”

We treasure our memories of our beloved Aunt Dottie.

A Service for The Blessing of Animals

In accordance with the UMC Book of Worship: A Blessing of Animals, in many congregations, witnesses to God’s and the Church’s love, care, and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God’s creatures, the Church’s witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened. It is also a service with special appeal to children.

The Blessing is best celebrated during daylight in the outdoors—in the churchyard or in a park. While it may be celebrated at any time of the year, especially in early spring, or on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4.

Emmanuel UMC will celebrate Sunday, October 9, 2022, with an outdoor worship service at 10:00 a.m. Bring any congregation friendly pet from goldfish to livestock to receive this special blessing!

Blessing of the Animals





Cooking with Pastor King: Lemon (or Lime) Squares



Ingredients

For the crust:

- 4 tbsp unsalted butter, melted
- 24 squares graham crackers (NOTE: You can also use GF graham crackers or pretzels [for a salty taste])
- ¼ cup of sugar

For the lemon filling:

- 2 egg yolks
- 1 can (14oz) sweetened condensed milk
- ½ cup of fresh lemon juice (lime juice is another option for a key-lime flavor) Zest is optional but adds so much flavor.)

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Butter an 8x8 baking pan and line it with parchment paper (wax paper or a brown paper bag if you don't have parchment paper) allowing some paper to hang over two sides, so it can serve in helping to remove the lemon squares from the pan later.

Crumble the graham crackers (or pretzels). Use a food processor or blender to pulse the crackers/pretzels (or put them in a zip lock bag and crush them with a rolling pin, a large spoon, etc.) If you do not have a food processor, pour the crumbles into a bowl. Add sugar and melted butter. Pulse (or stir with a fork) until combined.

Put crumble mixture into the lined pan, then press firmly into the bottom and sides of the pan, leaving about 1 inch around the sides to form the crust.

Bake the crust for 10-12 minutes (or until lightly browned). Let the crust cool completely in the pan.

NOTE: Set a timer at 10 minutes to remind you to peek at the crust because you may get distracted while thinking about the creamy filling!

Make the creamy filling while the crust is cooling. Add condensed milk and egg yolk to a bowl. Whisk until smooth. You can use an electric mixer or a whisk. Then, add fresh lemon (or lime) juice and whisk until well combined.

Pour the filling into the crust. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until the filling is set and the crust is browned. Let the creamy square completely cool in the pan on a cooling rack. You can refrigerate the squares after cooling to room temperature to make the creamy lemon squares firmer. When you remove the lemon square from the pan, use the hanging paper, then place on a cutting board. Decide if you want 9 large squares or 16 small squares.

NOTE: This same filling can be used for a pie (or mini pies) with a ready-made graham cracker (or other) crust.



Thank you to Linda Hiner and Judy Diedrich who manned a table for EUMC and had lots of pamphlets about DBSA (depression and bipolar support association) at National Night Out on August 2. Community turnout from Beltsville and surrounding areas was good considering the weather was so hot and NO free food like in previous years !

Celebrating Pastor King's 25 Years in Ministry and Her One Year Anniversary at Emmanuel

One Sunday, July 31 Emmanuel celebrated Pastor King's one year anniversary as Pastor of Emmanuel as well as her 25 years in ministry. Ricky and Ruie Whitecotton visited us from Illinois. Ricky delivered the morning message. It was a day of great celebration.



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Do you have a Last Will & Testament? This document spells out to whom all your earthly possessions are to go. Your verbal desires or directives mean nothing. What you want to happen with your personal property must be in writing, signed, and notarized (please review the requirements of your jurisdiction for wills to be valid).

Do you have a Funeral Planning Declaration? This document allows you to express your wishes as to how you would like the final arrangements for the disposition of your body. If you would like to be buried, cremated, or have your body donated to science, you can have your say.

When you prepare in advance, and these documents are in order, it lessens the probability that your family must go through the probate process (which can take years in some cases). The probate process will typically require that an attorney open an account at a bank for the estate. The death announcement must be posted to allow others to make claims against your property. Any of your unassigned money must go to the estate account.

Do you have a list of all your bank cards and account numbers, credit cards, life insurance policies (and their locations), and safe deposit boxes? How are these recurring expenses paid? Does someone know where to find vehicle titles and keys? Where is the latest tax filing? Someone will have to file the last one for you.

Do you have a list of your passwords and login ID's? What does a trusted loved one need to access/cancel? Apple ID? Bank PIN?

No matter what your age or marital status, the reality is that we all need to have some very personal and important conversations NOW to make life a little less complicated LATER.

Schedule that talk. Start making that list and checking it twice!

Troop 1033 Update

By Jenny Kresge



In late July, 4 scouts from Troop 1033 spent a week at summer camp at Rodney Scout Reservation in North East, MD. Located near the top of the Chesapeake Bay, the scouts enjoyed a variety of activities including swimming, canoeing, climbing, hiking, archery, rifle shooting, orienteering, knot tying and learning first aid. Every scout earned multiple merit badges and they all had a great time in spite of the hot weather and plentiful bugs!

The first weekend in August, the Troop went camping overnight near the Nanjemoy Creek in Southern Maryland. The scouts enjoyed kayaking, canoeing and cooking over a campfire. Several scouts worked on their Kayaking Merit Badge. Some scouts went fishing and we saw several interesting birds including ospreys, a cormorant, and an owl.

The Troop would love to share the joy of spending time outdoors with more people! We welcome boys ages 11-17 to join us as well as adults looking to work with youth to give back to the community! We meet Thursday evenings at 7pm. As always, we thank Emmanuel UMC for their many years of support!

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Treasure Hunt (In-door Yard Sale)

Saturday, October 1, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Treasure Trove

**Nice Clothing
Accessories
And Gift Items**



**Homemade Baked
Goods For Sale**

**Vendor Tables
Available to Rent
Please Call
301-937-7114
For More Details**

**Fresh Apples
Hot Lunch
for Sale.**

*Proceeds Benefit Women and
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United Women in Faith Mission Programs*

Smith Island begins recovery after tornado



Following any disaster, there are three prescribed steps and stages: relief, recovery, and rebuilding, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) reports. But with the tornado that hit Smith Island, Md., on Aug. 4, a new stage opened up – access.

Smith Island is a remote island, 12 miles off the town of Crisfield. It can only be accessed by boat or helicopter. About 250 people, many of whom are fisherman and crabbers, live on the island, where there are three United Methodist churches.

On the evening of Aug. 4, a waterspout, which was categorized as an EF-1 tornado when it passed over land, hit the island. Initial damage reports indicate that 17 homes were damaged, some significantly. An historic inn was also severely affected and the livelihood of many of the watermen on the island was impacted.

Almost a week after the storm, insurance adjusters had not yet assessed the extent of the damage, leading to delays in clean-up efforts.

However, “Smith Islanders are resilient people. Smith Island has been damaged several times, by hurricanes, wind storms, and flooding,” said the Rev. D. Richard Walton, Sr., the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Disaster Coordinator.

Pastor Emmanuel Johnson, pastor of Calvary, Ewell and Union UMCs on the island, is working with residents and has received financial contributions from other United Methodists in the conference.

To help in the recovery at this time, only monetary donations are being received, Walton said. “As soon as assessments of damages are finished, we will be ready to request groups to assist in the recovery. Several places are being readied for overnight accommodation for work teams - one on the island and one in Crisfield.”

While community leaders are confident they will weather this storm’s destruction, recovery efforts will be complicated by accessibility. One small example, said Pastor Emmanuel Johnson, is that they have to get the debris off the island, and all that needs to be coordinated. “It can be complicated.”

Johnson, who pastors Crisfield UMC, where many of the boats leave to go over to Smith Island, is a member of the Eastern Shore Long Term Recovery Committee of the Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).

Several months ago, on Oct. 29, there was flooding in the region, nine years to the day from Hurricane Sandy. “I lost my car in that flooding,” said Johnson, who had only been at the church nine months. “It was my baptism to living in a low-lying area.”

On Smith Island, following the most recent storm, in addition to the destruction of homes, the 100-year-old Tyler Family Bed and Breakfast had its roof completely ripped off. A fuel dock was also reported damaged, and many boats were capsized. There were no reports of serious injuries as a result of the tornado.

Those wishing to contribute to recovery efforts on Smith Island can send checks, marked “Disaster Relief,” to the Bishop Felton Edwin May Resource Center at 139 North State Street, Dover, Delaware 19901.

At the most recent meeting of the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference, the three churches on Smith Island requested to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church. That request was approved and Calvary, Ewell, and Union UMCs have begun the process of leaving the denomination.

However, Conference leaders report being confident that the connectional spirit that allows for ongoing relief, recovery, and rebuilding efforts will continue.





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**AND THEN THERE
WERE NONE**

WHEN: OCTOBER 28, 29, NOVEMBER 4, 5 AT 7:30
AND OCTOBER 30 AND NOVEMBER 6 AT 2:30

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How Can I Give?

Online: You can now give online through Emmanuel's website at www.eumcbeltsville.com/giving or scan the QR Code below. This is a great way to keep up with your giving if you are out of town, are sick or if you can't come to church.

Through the Mail: You can mail your offering to the church. The address is 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.



Happy September Birthdays!

1. Mary Ann Vaughan
6. Jody Hammond, Isaac Oluwafemi
8. Don Hammond
9. Jessica Leatherman
10. Charlie Deegan, Ester Hatton
11. James Mackey, Jr.
12. Tracy Fuller
15. Elsie Cline
18. Robert Galloway
21. Bob Miller, Carol Lee, Lois Schulze, Len Weston
23. Dela Martin, Chinasa Onukwubiri
29. Victoria Galloway, Ascenna Scotland
30. Kathryn Griffin, Jennifer Embrey



CAN YOU HELP?

Share your talents at Emmanuel by sharing the Word as a Scripture Reader during our Sunday Zoom Service! Help for a single Sunday or choose several. You choose how many Sundays you are able to help. Just email the office at office@eumcbeltsville.com and they will let you know which weeks are available! No experience needed! We will train you on the job!

Christian Love and Sympathy To:

the family of Will Shae whose father passed away (friend of Sarah Rodeffer)

the family of William "Bill" Lear



Happy Anniversary

1. Carrie & Roy White
2. Don & Mary Ann Roberts
4. Donna & Jim Tock
5. Bobbie & Charlie Deegan
6. Barbara & Jim Butcher
8. Priscilla & Chrispin Wray
27. Ann & Ted Ladd

A REMINDER ABOUT BUILDING USAGE

Anyone desiring to use the church facilities must apply by completing the appropriate forms and detailing how they desire to use the property. Application does not mean automatic approval.

All room requests should be submitted to the church office directly.



Please pray for our sick and shut in
Homebound
Norma Hall
Out of state
Lil Mizzer

WORSHIP WITH US!!!!

Hybrid Worship at Emmanuel!

Join us on Sunday mornings in hybrid worship in person or through Zoom.

Worship begins at 10 am. Sign Language interpretation and closed captioning is available for online closed captioning is available in-person on our screens.

Use this link if you wish to attend virtually: [https://zoom.us/j/97839889289?](https://zoom.us/j/97839889289?pwd=YzUxZjJKTzUybTJnZEt4UC9qTkI4QT09)

[pwd=YzUxZjJKTzUybTJnZEt4UC9qTkI4QT09](https://zoom.us/j/97839889289?pwd=YzUxZjJKTzUybTJnZEt4UC9qTkI4QT09)

or go to zoom.us and click join a meeting.

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