

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

May 2017

A Vibrant Multi-Cultural Church

Our Mission: To share the light of Christ with all people



Greeting!

Christ has died. Christ has risen.
Christ is risen indeed!

What a great joy it is to celebrate Easter in Spring! Mother Nature is changing now. We can see beautiful blossoming flowers and trees.

I would like to share Easter greetings with you all.

April has been very hectic. We have gotten through the Lenten season with well-planned preparation and faithfulness. During Lent, I spent time with new membership candidates Remi and Bart. They were accepted into the church as official members of The United Methodist Church on Palm Sunday. This was the greatest joy for me last month. It is always good to welcome brothers and sisters into the body of Christ, the Church.

Waiting for the resurrection of Jesus, we had the cantata, egg hunting, the Maundy Thursday service, a seder tasting, the Stations of the Cross, the Good Friday service, and finally the Easter sunrise service and Easter morning services. In particular, I was impressed by the Easter sunrise service. There were 38 participants. It was very meaningful because it was the first time that Emmanuel UMC hosted the Easter sunrise service at our church. In past years, it has been observed at St. John's Episcopal Church. This year, our two churches decided to alternate hosting the Easter sunrise service from now on. I really appreciate those church members who participated in the service, brought food for fellowship, and led the service with music.

At the Easter morning services, we had 167 attendees. This is amazing, because last Easter 145 persons attended. I am glad that the church is growing and more active. There was another noteworthy event on Easter morning, as well. This was the service to dedicate the Memorial Patio. The patio was completed during Lent and dedicated to God. There are around 60 names commemorated on bricks in the patio, and most of them are our saints. We remembered them and read out each name on Easter morning. It was very meaningful to dedicate the names on

Easter, because we anticipated them being resurrected some day and meeting them again.

Crystal Webb and I visited the church's neighbors every Friday morning during Lent. We usually visited 40 houses each week. We originally intended to be finished at the end of Lent. But we feel we need to continue one more month to make an accurate evaluation of this evangelical ministry, so we have decided to continue this evangelical ministry one month longer.

May is the month of Family. I hope you will enjoy great family time and reflect on the meaning of the Christian family.

I really appreciate your continuing prayer, presence, support, and ministry for Emmanuel UMC.

I would like to conclude with the Easter Proclamation.

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, Choirs of angels!

Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,

Radiant in the brightness of our King!

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!

Darkness vanishes forever.

May the Morning Star, which never sets, find this flame still burning.

Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

~ ~ Pastor Jacob

Many thanks to Kathy Mellott for putting together our Lenten devotional. This year's edition was the best yet!

A heartfelt thank you, too, to all who contributed to its content. The efforts of those who wrote something personal to share with the congregation during this holy season are particularly appreciated.

The children's artwork made the Easter story especially colorful. Well done, kids!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



My name is **Remi Same**. I am originally from Sierra Leone, one of 43 countries in Africa. It is on the west coast of the continent with much of its coastline on the Atlantic Ocean, giving it beautiful beaches.

I come from a large family of four sisters and three brothers. We all had an interesting and exciting childhood.

I live in Beltsville now, but prior to this, I lived in New York, where I was a student. My family consists of my husband, two children, and myself.

As an infant (before I was 1 year old), I was baptized into the Anglican Church, and I went through the confirmation rites at the age of 15. I attended a parochial school run by the Anglican Church and I remained a member of the Anglican Church for a long time, until I met my husband, who is Catholic. At his request, I joined the Catholic Church.

Three years ago, a friend invited me to Emmanuel United Methodist Church. I realized the church service was very similar to services in the Anglican Church. After this, I attended service on my own a few times, and realized there was a warmth and welcoming attitude among the members and the Pastor, as well. Another thing that attracted me was to notice that the Church is involved in so many activities in the community at large, and not just for members of the United Methodist denomination. In reaching out to the community, the church is part of the community, not just a church where people come to worship.

During our introduction classes with Pastor Young, I came to realize that being involved with the community is one of the tenets of the United Methodist Church. In becoming a member, I look forward to having a meaningful spiritual life as well as becoming involved in any one of the community activities.

Thank you for welcoming me.

~ ~ Remi Sami

Bart Seedee was born into the blessed union of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas K. F. Seedee in Barclayville, Grand Kru County, which is located in southeastern Liberia.



As a young lad, Bart was baptized at Mark G. Nmah United Methodist Church, where he actively participated in the service of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Upon arrival in the United States, Bart associated with two United Methodist churches: Golden Hill UMC in Bridgeport, Connecticut and Mt. Zion UMC in Laurel, Maryland. Recently, Bart visited Emmanuel UMC, and has been attending services here since then.



During Lent, we encouraged you to increase your prayers, presence, gifts, and service ...

- * We are thankful for the attendance at the special Lent services!
- * We are thankful for the Simple Life offerings!
- * We are thankful for those who signed up for the Prayer Vigil!
- * We are thankful for those who served our church in a new way!

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

--2 Corinthians 9:7

The EUMC Stewardship Committee
Pastor Jacob Young, Pat Allen, Rick Bergmann,
Bobbie Deegan, Jane Grays, Kathryn Griffin,
Todd Reitzel, Mary Ann Vaughan



Women of the Bible

Is it too early to think about what will be happening in August?

Before you set off on that fun vacation, mark your calendars for **August 19th at 9 AM**. At that time, the United Methodist Women will be holding their annual Spiritual Retreat.

This year's subject is Women of the Bible. Abigail, Jael, Deborah, Phoebe, Tamar — what do you know about these women? Come to the retreat and you will find out interesting things about these women and many more.

Registration starts July 23 between services. The registration fee of \$20 includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Hope to see you on August 19!

UMW Happenings - Mark Your Calendar



May 6, Women's Communion Breakfast, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

May 13, Rummage Sale, 10 AM — 1 PM in the Education Building. Breakfast and lunch available.

June 3 – UMW General Meeting, 12 Noon, Fellowship Hall, Potluck salad lunch.

August 19 – Spiritual Retreat, Women of the Bible, 9 AM to 3 PM, Fellowship Hall.

Sunshine Buckets



Sisters in Spirit invites everyone to sign out a bucket to transform into a “Sunshine Bucket” for those in need. The Sunshine Buckets will be available on May 6th at the Ladies Communion Breakfast, and then in the Narthex. Each bucket will be filled with summer necessities for needy women. There is a calendar in each bucket listing items to add to the bucket each week, Monday – Saturday, from May 6th until June 4th.

If you cannot or choose not to fill a bucket, donations of feminine hygiene products are being accepted to donate to a women's center along with the buckets.

Questions can be addressed to any Sister in Spirit: Kathy Mellott, Becky Cavallo, Karen Mackey, Alice White, Debbie McNitt, Jane Grays, Susan Gallo, Logan Alley, Gail Belshay, Madea Badio, Sallie Rhodes, or Sonia Kassambara.

BELTSVILLE DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

Each year on Beltsville Day, our church has the opportunity, in a very public way, to let our neighbors and friends in Beltsville know what Emmanuel UMC is all about; our members, our fellowship, our outreach programs, our worship services, youth program, Bible studies, Vacation Bible School, and our commitment to follow and emulate Christ's teachings.

We have a space reserved to set up a booth to display and explain our programs. Are you willing to staff our booth during the event and/or help put it up and take it down afterward? If so, please call the church office at 301-937-7114. Thank you!

CHURCH WORK DAY SCHEDULED

What do you do when there are things to be done around the church and funds are limited? You pitch in and do it yourself!

The Trustees are holding a church-wide work day on **May 20, 8 AM — Noon**. Several projects are on the list to make the church look and function better. Please join us! If you plan to come, please let Cale Fuller know.

NO CLOTHES, PLEASE!

Due to an overwhelming response in clothing donations, the Food Distribution Ministry is suspending the acceptance of clothing. They hope to begin accepting donations again in September.

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Distribution Ministry.



Mental illnesses are brain illnesses with symptoms that manifest in our thoughts, feelings and behaviors. Left untreated, they can negatively impact how we relate to the world around us.

Mental illnesses are highly treatable, but they are a topic that some people, regardless of race and/or religious beliefs, do not like to talk about. Why? The reasons are varied, but the stigma associated with mental illness generates misinformation that prevents people from reaching out and getting the help and support they need. With faith, information and treatment, though, people living with a mental illness can not only recover, but can move forward and fulfill God's plan for their lives.

Watch for weekly inserts in the May bulletins on the topic of Mental Health.

Reminder—Advance Directives and MOLST Seminar

On **May 7th at 12:30**, Emmanuel will host a seminar for the Beltsville community on Advance Directives and Maryland Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST). Learn the difference between POA of Health Care, Living Wills, Advance Directives and MOLST. Ensure your medical care decisions are known and legally binding.

This will be a short, informal educational meeting presented by staff from Hillhaven Assisted Living, Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center who will answer your questions regarding Medicare's requirements for rehabilitation center admissions and the impact of hospital observation admission vs. hospital treatment admission.

Want to serve the Lord but don't have a lot of time to spare? Want to do something your children can participate in? Volunteer to welcome persons coming to church for the 1st or 2nd Sunday service!!

The primary task of a Greeter (or "Welcomer") is to connect people with the congregation. This begins by finding out if this is the person's first visit to Emmanuel or not. The best way to do this is to simply say, "I don't think we have met before" (rather than, "Are you new?")

Hospitality is more of an art form than it is an exact science. Some folks want to dive right into a church and meet lots of people on the first visit. Others want to remain anonymous and sit in the back pew for a few weeks. We want people to feel welcomed, not assaulted, so follow their lead.

After welcoming a newcomer, the Greeter may do one or more of the following:

- Show the guests around the building.
- Direct them to coat racks, restrooms, etc.
- Show parents accompanied by children to the nursery or church school room, and introduce them to the teacher.
- Offer to sit with the guests during worship (if appropriate).
- Offer to escort the guests to the coffee/doughnuts area (if appropriate).
- Introduce them to a variety of people. It is helpful to try to "match" guests with others in the congregation who are similar in age, family situation, etc.
- Offer them a flyer about an upcoming event or worship service.
- Accompany them when taking communion.

Chick-fil-A CAR WASH

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**May 27th
11am- 3pm**



**YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER, proceeds
benefits the EUMC Youth's Mission Trip for
CAMP HOPE**

**Centre at Laurel, 13600 Baltimore Ave
Ste 600, Laurel, MD 20707**

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Saturday, May 13

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Household Goods,
Jewelry, Pocketbooks,
Toys and Books

Fresh Baked
Goods for Sale

Breakfast and hot drinks
available starting at 9:15 a.m.

Lunch will be sold, as well.



Rent A Table And Have
Your Own Yard Sale

Please Call 301-937-7114
For More Details

Proceeds Benefit Women
and Children Through
Approved UMW Mission Programs

Memorial Patio at the Cross

Emmanuel United Methodist Church dedicated the newly-installed memorial patio at the cross on Easter Sunday. The dedication was conducted by Pastor Jacob Young. Roy White, Lay Leader at Emmanuel, recognized those who participated in the planning and construction of the patio. Church Council Chairman Ted Ladd read the words engraved on each brick as Music Director Kathryn Griffin rang a bell between each name.



The patio consists of 450 bricks that can be engraved with the name of a loved one, a family, or an organization. By Easter Sunday, 60 bricks had been engraved, with 390 available for engraving. The memorial patio committee consists of Ted Ladd, Ann Rowland, Bobbie Deegan, Mike Hatton, Rick Zerbe, and Cale Fuller.

Those who worked on the patio construction included Ron Midkiff, John Kaufman & sons Jack and Geoffrey, Abraham Scotland, Abraham Scotland Jr., Rick Zerbe, Willie Taylor, Cale Fuller, Ted Ladd and professional advisor Camillo DiCamillo. Groundskeeper Alex Lima and crew were instrumental in performing the excavation for the foundation and in tamping down the foundation materials.

Ray Midkiff constructed the new cross, and Ron Midkiff, Greg Zerbe, and Rick Zerbe installed it.

Church members and others in the community are invited to purchase a brick in memory of a family member, as a tribute to a community organization, or in remembrance of an entire family. For information, contact the church office by phone (301-937-7114) or e-mail (office@eumcbeltsville.com).

**OUR GRADUATES – HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE
EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

SPRING/SUMMER 2017

Name of Graduate _____ Date of Graduation _____

Name of School _____

Location of School _____

Degree _____

Presently: _____ Living at home. _____ Living away from home. (Check one)

After Graduation: _____ Living at home. _____ Living away from home. (Check one)

If the graduate will not be living at home, please give address, if known.

Person filling out form _____ Phone _____

Please return to church office by June 4th. Thank you!

Recognition of Graduates will be June 11th



ALTAR FLOWERS

- May 7 —
- May 14 —
- May 21 — Dottie Gilbert
- May 28 —

The flower chart is posted in the hallway next to the mailboxes at the end of the hall.
 Arrangements are \$30. Please fill out a Flower Request Form when you sign up and leave it in the office mailbox.
 Indicate on the form whether you will take the flowers home or leave them for a shut-in. (Flowers that you take home are not tax-deductible). Thank you!



May Birthdays



1. Joelle Onukwubiri
2. Walter Ademiluyi
3. Ada McGlynn
5. Pam Midkiff
6. Joel Tyler
8. Susan Gallo, Emmy Lear
12. Megan McNitt
13. Nancy Thrush, Jason Kresge
14. Diane Embrey
17. Scarlet Robertson, Doris Shirey
18. Maxine Norris
19. Kevin Kresge
20. JoAnne Blakley
22. Nancy McNealy, Roy White
23. Karl Norris
28. Sylvie Jones
29. Nemahun Jones, Preston Gregory, Sr.
30. Darwin Aguilera, Jillian Smith

Make Emmanuel a welcoming congregation!

Greeters and Scripture Readers are needed at both the 9 AM and the 11:15 AM services in May!

To volunteer to cover one or more Sundays, please put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.

Thank you for helping to share God's love and His Word with the people in His Church!

May Anniversaries



4. Lynne & Robert Miller
6. Karen & James Mackey
15. Nancy & Michael McNealy



GUESTS visiting Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in March included:

- Carolyn Rodeffer
- Daisy Rehbock

We welcome you to our church family! Please worship with us again soon.

IN MEMORIAM



Christian love and sympathy to:

Marcel Jean, on the death of his mother-in-law. Marcel is Emmanuel's sexton.

Pauli Colburn on the death of her son, Andrew Britton, on April 5th.

Charlie Deegan, on the death of his cousin's wife, Judy Ryan.

May God's love and happy memories comfort everyone who is struggling with the loss of a loved one.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

To contact Lamplighter editor Bobbie Deegan, please email her at BobbieDeegan@aol.com or phone her at 301-937-7070.

Congratulations!

Beth and Joe Adle are grandparents now! Their daughter, Morgan, and her husband, Jinho, just welcomed baby daughter Hana into the world. Beth is one of the Administrative Assistants who keep the church office running smoothly. Best wishes to Morgan, Jinho, and little Hana Lee!

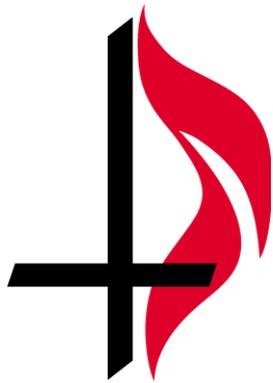
To contact Pastor Jacob, please leave a message with the church office at 301-937-7114, or email the pastor at Jacob.Young@eumcbeltsville.com.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7 pm ESOL Picnic	3	4 7 pm Bible Study	5	6 9 am Women's Communion Breakfast 5 pm NA
7 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 pm Advanced Directive, Medicare meeting 12:45 Chancel Choir	8 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	9 10 am Prayer Fellowship	10 7 pm Church Growth	11 7 pm Bible Study	12	13 8 am UMM Breakfast at TJ's 10 am UMW Rummage Sale 5 pm NA
14 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:45 Chancel Choir	15 12:00 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle 7 pm SPRC	16 7 pm Sisters in Spirit Circle	17 10 am Susanna Wesley Circle 7 pm Worship	18 7 pm Bible Study	19 11 am Community Place Café	20 8 am Church Work Day 5 pm NA
21 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 pm UMW Executive Meeting 12:45 Chancel Choir	22 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	23 10 am Prayer Fellowship	24	25 7 pm Bible Study	26 7 pm Food Preparation	27 10 am Food Distribution 5 pm NA
28 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 pm Youth Fellowship 12:45 Chancel Choir	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 	30	31 7 pm Church Council			

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