

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

June 2013

I certainly don't want to make this article about me but I'm sure that you won't mind if I make this article about Michelle and me. After two years of dating and one year of engagement, Michelle and I are getting married this summer! Because our churches are a huge part of our lives, Michelle and I hope that you all can share in our joy by joining us for our marriage service. Our worship service will be at Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church in Baltimore (10 East Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore, MD 21202) on Sat. June 29, 2013 at 4 p.m.

While we would love to invite everyone to the reception that Michelle and I are planning in the evening, I'm sure you all can understand how difficult that would be. We have decided to have a much smaller reception for family and close friends later in the evening. In lieu of this, immediately following the service we will have punch and light refreshments in Mt. Vernon Place UMC's fellowship hall, specifically to be able to welcome and greet our guests who come from our church communities. All are invited and welcome to come as we give thanks to God for the love that we share and make our vows to one another.

Your presence would bring us much joy!

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Daniel Mejia



## Christian Education

**The Sunday School year will end on June 9.** Thanks to all our great teachers and students for a great year!

**Summer Sunday classes will begin June 16.** There will be a One-Room Schoolhouse for kids up through 5th grade, a combined teen class for 6th-12th graders, and a combined adult class. Details to be determined. Summer is a great time to start coming to Sunday classes; so don't hesitate to give it a try!

**We need volunteers to lead the One-Room Schoolhouse.** We provide the curriculum, you teach one lesson. This is a great opportunity to get to know our church's wonderful children. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

**Vacation Bible School registration has begun.** Please register now so that we have the chance to purchase adequate supplies for everyone. The VBS theme will be God's Backyard Bible Camp, and it will run Monday, July 15, through Friday, July 19, in the evenings. There will be kids, teen, and adult classes. Dinner is available 5-6 pm, and classes and activities are 6-8pm each evening. Don't miss the fun!

Blessings,  
Todd Reitzel

## Invitation to Sing with the Chancel Choir

You are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir. Join us on June 16, July 14 and August 18 to learn a familiar anthem or hymn and then sing it during the service. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45am and have a quick practice. NO ROBES We will sit in the choir pews. Two of our

anthems are an arrangement of Kumbaya, Peace Like a River and "I Would Be True" sung to the tune of "Danny Boy." You may sing melody or any other part you wish, meet great people and have a good time praising the Lord!

## Kenya Deaf Mission Support

Dan Kenyon, Roy and Carrie White will be at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Deaf Methodist Mission Conference on July 24 – August 10 in Kenya. They attended meetings on March 2 and April 13 at Magothy United Methodist Church of the Deaf in Pasedena, MD. The final meeting will be on May 25. Carol Stevens, the director of the mission program, chaired the meetings that involved learning Kenya Sign Language and making preparations. Along with about 20 people, they will be teaching Bible stories via Kenya Sign Language and drama at 2 Deaf Methodist schools during the first week.

The conference during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week is expected to have about 300 Deaf United Methodists, Methodists, and Wesleyans from South Korea, Guam, Sri Lanka, Japan, Philippines, Zimbabwe, and USA. The gathering will be at Methodist Guest House in Nairobi, Kenya. More information about the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Deaf Methodist Mission Conference will be posted on the Deaf Ministry board in the Narthex.

The schools have many needs. Twenty large suitcases that will be filled with gifts will be left in Kenya. Dan, Carrie, and Roy are looking for one or 2 large suitcases with wheels to bring items. If any church member has such suitcase to give away, it will be much appreciated. The following

items that Emmanuel United Methodist Church members who may be interested in donating by giving money or buying are:

- Educational Toys
- Kid Books or games (culturally appropriate for African kids in rural areas) (No battery operated or water toys)
- Papers (no 3 hole papers)
- Binders (no 3 ring binders)
- Scotch Tape
- Glue
- Staplers and staples
- Kid's scissors
- Stickers (to put on classroom papers)
- Crayons (small boxes)
- 2 balls of strings
- Balloons for making animals
- Balloon Pumps
- Soccer Balls
- Soccer Ball Pump

Money for:

- Educational supplies for the teachers
- For making crafts for Vacation Bible School
- For sports equipment
- For 40 beds (each bed costs \$40) for Njia school.

The above items will be very much appreciated by the 2 schools. The school at Kaaga has an enrollment of 160 children, and the other school at Njia, 120.

During the next several weeks, members can donate any amount or buy such items. A box in the breezeway will be available for items to be turned in. Checks can be made payable to EUMC with UMCD-Kenya Deaf Mission in the Memo section. After all the checks and cash are collected, the church treasurer will send one check to United Methodist Congress of the Deaf. Collected items will be packed by Dan Kenyon and the Whites.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES

### High School:

**Tiesha Baird** – High Point High School

**Sanya Oluwafemi** – Reservoir High School

**Ascenna Scotland** High Point High School

### College:

**LeaJean Grace Claye** – North Carolina A&T – B.S.

**Tracy Fuller** – UMUC – M.S. in Biotechnology Management

**Leanne Gradijan** – St. Mary's College of Maryland –Magna Cum Laude  
B.A in Psychology

**James R. Mackey Jr.** – Bowie State – B.S.

**Temitope Oluwafemi** – University of Pittsburgh - B.S. in Engineering Material Science

**Alexandra Scotland** – Prince Georges Community College – A.A.

**Ben Sloan** – Wesley Theological Seminary – Masters of Divinity



## United Methodist Women

By Debbie McNitt

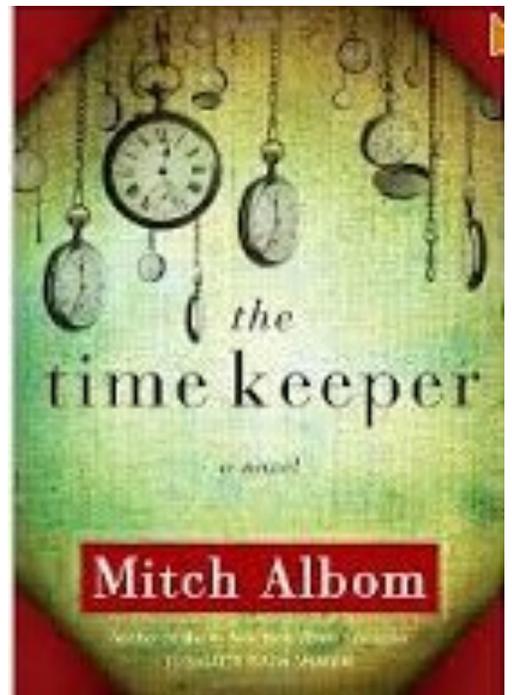
Saturday, June 8 is our **UMW Social Action General Meeting!** We're having a homecoming shower and you are invited! We will be collecting things for the *Suzanna Wesley House!* We will have a salad luncheon at noon. Hoover Circle are the hostesses. We may have a guest speaker. Plan on bringing a friend. (Gifts don't need to be wrapped. You may donate a gift even if you can't make the meeting.) We will have a collection box in the Narthex. Call Debbie McNitt, 301-937-4291, for a ride or info:)

The UMW is collecting Box Tops For Education for the Board of Child Care. You are welcome to join our efforts. The collection envelope is on our bulletin board. Thank you



## Youth Group to Hold Fundraising Car Wash

The Youth Group at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville will be holding a Car Wash Fundraiser to raise money for their SPY Summer Mission trip. They will be traveling to Christiansburg, Va. to help rehabilitate homes for those in need. The car wash will be held on Saturday, June 1st from 9:30 am to 2 pm at Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union. The address is 6985 Muirkirk Meadows Drive, Beltsville, Md., right off Route 1 towards Laurel. The cost per car is a minimum of \$5.00 however, additional donations are welcome."



## Faithful Readers Book Group

Our next book to read for June will be Mitch Albom's latest book, "The Time Keeper," which is available in our library system.

Date Saturday, June 15th, 10-11 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Contact Bryant Davis or Carol Clatterback.

## Church Picnic – Wedding Celebration ALERT!

Please mark your calendars. July 14 is the big date selected to throw a Big Church Picnic to celebrate the union of Pastors Daniel and Michelle. Though planning has hardly begun at press time, first thinking is to assemble after second service in the narthex courtyard. Preliminarily, it may be said that we are thinking of traditional picnic fare and trimmings, complemented by selections from the grill.

The picnic will be a time of casual dining and good fellowship, an opportunity to greet the happy couple, to celebrate informally with them, to wish them best. In the spirit of keeping the event light and simple, there will be no collection for a congregational gift. Perhaps considering individual gift options, some have inquired whether the couple has registered for gifts. Daniel and Michelle have given their kind permission to list these registrations:

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Macy's

<http://www.macys.com/wedding-registry>

Please watch for picnic updates in the next Lamplighter or the Sunday Bulletin. And remember to mark your calendars *now* for July 14. More to come...

## Mood Disorders

By Elsie Kline

The 27th Annual Mood Disorders Research/Education Symposium was held on April 23, 2013 at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Two co-facilitators of the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) Support Group that meets at Emmanuel United Methodist Church attended the symposium.

Mood disorders are among the most common illnesses in the world. An estimated 20 per cent of adults suffer from depression or bipolar disorder. Mood disorders are also one of the leading causes of disability worldwide. Despite the availability of effective treatments, the majority of individuals never receive adequate treatment. There is a critical need for improved knowledge about mood disorders and their consequences, which formed this year's Symposium theme, "The Consequences of Mood Disorders."

Topics included:

- The importance of early substance use treatment during a mood disorder.
- Depression after Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Interventions in early onset mood disorders: rationale and recent advances
- Understanding and treating suicidal behavior and self-injury in youth with mood disorders

A family member's perspective was shared in an interview with Alex Flanagan, widow of Orioles pitcher, Mike Flanagan, who suffered with depression and ultimately committed suicide. A patient's perspective was shared by NFL quarterback Eric Hipple, who also suffered with depression his entire life.

The symposium concluded with an artistic tribute to patients long-forgotten, who lived their lives in asylums suffering atrocious treatments before the advent of medications to help them live a better life.

*This tribute was very moving. Advocacy groups are endeavoring to replace these horrors with beauty in many ways; filling the empty asylum halls with flowers, piping music into the buildings, identifying numbered grave markers with the patient's names, etc.*

Unfortunately, there is a stigma attached to mental illness. Let us pray this stigma will soon be lifted from mental disorders. They are very much like physical diseases. With proper medication they can be treated and offer the sufferer a better life in the same way insulin controls diabetes.

## ATTENTION KEY HOLDERS

If you have been assigned a key or keys to aid in the church work that you are doing, do not pass them on to a new person who is to do that job. Please return them to the office. The office has a key list which tells who has certain keys. This list is to help the Trustees keep track and know when to have more keys cut.



*Assistant Pastor Ben Sloan*

## EUMC Bids Fond Farewell to Assistant Pastor Ben Sloan

Mother's Day, May 12, was also Ben Sloan Day at Emmanuel. A sentimentality touched the Sunday-noontime as Master of Ceremony Bryant Davis called the reception to order inside the decorated church Fellowship Hall. It was as though Emmanuel had assembled to bid fond farewell and God's speed to a beloved son.

Ben came to us two-years ago, a student-intern at Wesley Theological Seminary. He leaves having completed a Master of Divinity degree at Wesley. He leaves having captured the hearts Emmanuel's young and old, and the in-between—specially the Moms on Mother's Day. Ben's Mom --the Rev. Candice Sloan of Spartanburg Methodist College, South Carolina--delivered the remarks of a proud Mom. Putting us on a bit, she told us at one point that Ben is not the "perfect" son.

Hmmmm—it's really hard for us to embrace that last one, Mother Sloan. Meanwhile, father Joe Sloan (actually Computer Science Professor Sloan) beamed fatherly pride from the special guests table.

Tributes to Ben rolled in.... The youth told stories of art classes, confirmation sessions, and unforgettable memories of SPY week in hardscrabble southwest Virginia. Marcus Baird told us how Ben had taught him bike repair. Georgia Reitzel, practically grown-up now, lavished sophisticated praise on Ben. Youth Pastor Byron Bobo almost stole the show with warm remarks culminating in a group hug for Ben.

Pastor Daniel took us on a roller-coaster ride of serious and humorous praise as only a gifted speaker can. Ann Rowland struck the final mood, leading a rousing recitation of the traditional Irish prayer and blessing, "May the wind always be at your back..."

Suddenly, it was card and gift time. Ann Rowland and Jim Butcher took care of that pleasurable task, presenting Ben a signed card of appreciation and best wishes accompanied by a generous \$1,500\* check from the good people of Emmanuel. Ben was at once pleased, impressed, and honored, perhaps a bit surprised at the outpouring of generosity and appreciation.

Ben's response was classical Ben Sloan—filled with understated eloquence, love, and care. Ben has flourished and grown at Emmanuel. He will not forget Emmanuel, as Emmanuel will not forget him. In the days and years ahead, we hope to see and hear often our Pastor Ben Sloan.

\*Ben needs to raise \$3,000 for his coming move to Nicaragua where he will serve for the next 18-months with the Capuchin Franciscan Volunteer Corps. He will teach English, music, and bible studies. Wife Ros will find outlets for her nursing skills. Emmanuel can take satisfaction in having provided the equivalent of fully one-half of the \$3,000 goal.

The planning committee, Jim Butcher, Helen Akers, Nancy Thrush, Jaime Hiner and Ann Rowland, extends a grand thanks to all who contributed by their presence and gifts. Also, hearty thanks go to all who contributed service, food, and skills to this successful event. The value of your contribution cannot be overstated.

## Maranatha Choir to Present "Faith Hall of Fame"

The Maranatha Choir will present the musical, "Faith Hall of Fame" on June 9 at the 11:15 am service. This is a continuation of our work this year. We have sung songs about Bible characters, using costumes and props instead of robes. So far, the choir members have learned and sung about Mary, Jesus, Ezekiel, David, Goliath, Gabriel, Esther and Daniel. Our musical will introduce you to Joshua, Abraham, Miriam, Joseph and Moses. Earlier in the year we learned a hymn from the Philippines and a song from Africa. Fifteen songs! That is quite a lot. The girls have worked hard and done a great job this year. Please join us for, "Faith Hall of Fame."



### June Birthdays

- 2 George Kilbourne, Megan Wesley
- 3 Lori Midkiff
- 4 Linda Hiner
- 5 Angela Hatton
- 7 Matthew Sciannella
- 8 Ikenna Onukwubiri, Patrick Mackey
- 9 Katherine Faulkner
- 10 Ann Ladd
- 14 Tia Dorsey, Janet Reed, Nancy Shiplett
- 18 Ruth Smith
- 21 Lisa Baker
- 24 Bob Frederick, Ralph Guynn
- 26 Rick Zerbe
- 28 Janet Doetsch
- 29 Olivia Heath, Beverly Urick
- 30 Emma Claye



### June Anniversaries

- 3 Olivia & Gary Heath
- 4 Frances & Paul Cruz
- 5 Janet & Raymond Doetsch
- 14 Tobi & Robert Haufe
- 21 Mary Ann & Michael Vaughan
- 24 Beverly & C.J. Huneycutt
- 25 Mary & Richard Plantholt
- 28 Jim & Debbie McNitt
- 29 Ester and Michael Hatton

### Altar Flowers



- June 2 Barbara Butcher
- June 9 Peggy Wells
- June 16 Alice White
- June 23 Beverly Ward
- June 30 Paul and Frances Cruz

- July 7 Lynn Garland
- July 14
- July 21 Theresa Timity
- July 28

# June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  10 am Parents with young children
2  9 & 11:15 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	3	4  7:30 pm ESOL	5  6 pm Maranatha Choir	6	7	8  10 am Rehearsal for Musical  12 Noon UMW General Meeting
9  9 am Worship 11:15 am Worship & musical 10:15 am Sunday School 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch 1 pm Youth Fellowship	10  6 pm Women's Club of Beltsville 6 pm Worship Committee 7 pm Depression/Bipolar Support Group	11  10 am Prayer Fellowship  7:30 pm ESOL	12	13	14	15  10 am Faithful Readers Book Club
16  9 & 11:15 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School	17	18  7:30 pm ESOL	19	20	21  11 am Community Place Café  7 pm Food Prep	22  10 am Food Distribution
23  9 & 11:15 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 1 pm Youth Fellowship	24  7 pm Church Council  7 pm Depression/Bipolar Support Group	25  10 am Prayer Fellowship  7:30 pm ESOL	26	27	28	29
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There has been a rash of unlocked doors, lately. Please make an extra effort to check that all outside doors are secure before leaving either building.

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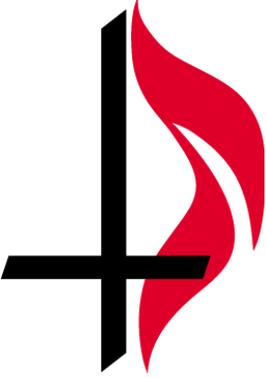
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