

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

October 2014



Pastor Jacob Young

Hallelujah!

The hot summer seems to be gradually dwindling and a new season, fall, is approaching. Nowadays, I drive my car with open windows to feel the change of the season. God is blessing us with the new season. God is awesome!

On August 24, we observed Back-to-School Sunday. The church blessed the new school journey of the students. My sermon theme was bullying, hoping that there no longer shall be victims of bullying in school. I ask you to pray for the students and the schools. Our bishop, Marcus Matthews, encourages local churches to adopt a school to support and pray for. I plan to contact neighboring public schools in order to support and help them if they need it.

On September 14, the church had

T-shirt Sunday. It was fun to take a group picture together. Most of the people being photographed were wearing an EUMC tee shirt. We had our picture taken and had time for fellowship, too. That Sunday reminded us that we are sailing together on the same boat, called Emmanuel UMC. (See the picture on page 9)

A week ago, I participated in the ESOL registration. There, I saw volunteers who help with the program and students who want to learn English. As you know, English is my second language. So I know from my own experience that it is very difficult to learn a second language. I struggled a lot, and still struggle. I know how worthwhile it is to help those who want to learn English. The church is doing a good ministry by providing ESOL.

On October 5, we will observe World Communion Sunday. Every church in the world is scheduled to have Holy Communion on that day. Emmanuel needs persons who speak a foreign language to take part in the service that day. Each of them will read scripture in a different language. The purpose of this experience is to recognize our diversity; that is to say, that in spite of our different languages, we are all God's children. On October 12, we will have an international potluck lunch at the church. This sounds very interesting. I will bring some Korean food to share. Let us celebrate it with fun and joy.

October 16 is Laity Sunday. We will recognize the commitment and dedication of laity.

October 26 is Reformation Sunday. We will remember the heritage and spirit of Martin Luther, who stood up against injustice. (See item on page 5.)

On November 2, we will have All Saints Sunday, in which we will remember our loved ones who have passed away and gone to their permanent home. If you have a loved one in your heart whom you have lost and still miss, please come and remember the person at the service.

As we face the change of seasons, I ask you to stay well and keep warm. Please take care of yourself in terms of body, mind, and spirit. Please keep supporting and praying for the church and its ministry, because it is the body of Christ.

Shalom,
Pastor Jacob



SAFE SANCTUARY

If your child is under 13, please watch your child constantly while in the church. The Church is concerned about child safety and the Church endeavors to be a safe place for children.



MARANATHA CHOIR

Maranatha choir practice will be held on Fridays at 7 pm. The choir is open to children in grades 2 through 7, and no prior experience is needed. If you have questions, call 301-937-2078, leave a message at the Church office, or see Kathryn Griffin at the organ on Sundays.



Photo taken in March 2014

NO PARKING AREA

The trustees would like to remind everyone that no cars may be parked on the side of the Church's back wall of the Sanctuary. Parking there prevents two-way traffic on the driveway and is a safety issue.



FAITHFUL READERS BOOK GROUP

Come join us in Oct. 4, 10-11 a.m. to read our first book of the season: *Sinner's Creed, A Memoir*, by Scott Stapp.

"It's a battle between life and death. Heaven and hell. Good and evil. It's feeling like a sinner when you're quite pure and honest. Thus the obstacles Scott Stapp, lead singer of Creed, has and is overcoming."

Questions? Contact Bryant Davis or Carol Clatterbuck



NEW REFRIGERATOR INSTALLED

The Church has a new two-door commercial refrigerator in the kitchen, replacing the one that served for more than 30 years.

Finance and Trustees thank all who helped in removing the old refrigerator, cleaning up, and installing the new one.

If anyone would like to contribute to the cost of this non-budgeted item, it would be greatly appreciated.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 27

We are preparing for the second annual free community Thanksgiving dinner, which will be held on Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014, in the fellowship hall. The holidays can be a lonely time for some; others may not have the resources to prepare a meal. We hope to address these needs by providing a holiday meal, friendly fellowship, and safe sanctuary on what otherwise may be a lonely and feast-less day. Our table is open to everyone. Guests may bring dishes to share, but it is not required. More details about and registration for the event can be found at <http://eumcbeltsville.com/turkey2014>.

Last year we fed about 40 people, many of whom would not have had Thanksgiving dinner otherwise. This year we are planning for 50 guests. We are looking for people to donate food or help setup for and prepare the meal. If you already have Thanksgiving plans, you can donate a dish or dessert ahead of time. If you would like to support the event by donating or volunteering, please contact Patrick Elliott at patrick.elliott@eumcbeltsville.com or 202-570-2555.

We thank our community and church for its generous support last Thanksgiving and look forward to another blessed year.



TRUNK or Treat

Trunk-Or-Treat This Halloween

We will be holding our annual trunk-or-treat this year on Friday, October 31 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The trunk-or-treat was started in 2001 after the sniper attacks in the region. As you may remember, during that time children were not allowed to go out during recess and many parents kept them inside once they got home. We felt that with the safety of our parking lot in the back, we could provide an opportunity for the children to trick or treat safely. This wonderful outreach has grown over the years and it is always a delight to see the neighborhood children come out in their costumes. We ask that you park your cars between 5:45 and 6:30. From 6:30 until 7:30 we ask that you don't leave, to ensure the safety of our trunk-or-treaters.

We could use some help setting up and cleaning up. If you can volunteer to help, contact Rick Bergmann at 301-785-7516 or e-mail frohike131@gmail.com. We hope to see many of you there handing out candy.

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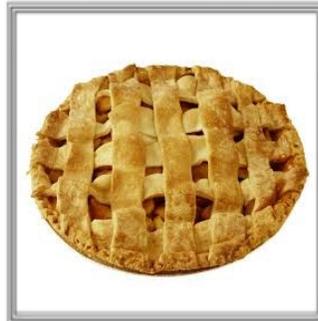


Apple Festival

Saturday, October 18
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

For Sale:
Handmade Crafts,
Toys, Books,
Attic Treasures,
Fresh Georgia
Pecans and
Lunch

Homemade Baked Goods
Will Be For Sale, As Well
As Our Fabulous
Handmade Apple Pies



Craft Tables Are Available
To Rent. Please Call
301-937-7114 For Details



Proceeds Benefit Women and Children
Through Approved UMW Programs

Widows Group Meeting Set For Oct. 2

The next meeting of the Widows Group will be held on Oct. 2, 2014 at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Widows do not need to be members of Emmanuel to participate. If you know anyone who would benefit from these meetings, please feel free to invite them or call me at 301-937-1114.

Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 1 pm. Any ideas to discuss are welcome.

APPLE FESTIVAL

Oct. 18 is the Annual UMW APPLE FESTIVAL & CRAFT SHOW!

We are always seeking more volunteers to help with our big fundraiser for UMW. Wednesday evening from 6 -8 we need strong people to help set up tables and move items to the appropriate rooms. This is the best time to bring donations for us to sell. You can receive a donation slip. Thursday from 9 -4 and 6-8 we will be baking pies and setting up attic treasures and things. Friday we will finish baking pies and price items in the attic treasures room. Saturday we try and sell everything from 10 - 2. Cleanup is from 2-4:30. AmVets will be picking up our leftovers. Come to help, shop have fun, buy baked goods and lunch. Please call Ernie Kilbourne to Volunteer at 301-787-8787 or Debbie McNitt at 301-937-4291. Students who volunteer can receive community service hours. Prince George's County schools will be closed on the 17th.

“Listen! The wind is rising, and the
air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
now for October eves!”

Humbert Wolfe



2014 Emmanuel UMC Advent Devotional Deadline

Last year's Emmanuel UMC Advent Devotional booklet was so well received that we are going to try it again for 2014. Advent begins on Sunday, Nov. 30th and ends on Christmas, Dec. 25th. It is tradition to have an Advent calendar to mark the days as we wait for the birth of Jesus. We are asking the Emmanuel congregation to submit a story, poem and/or original artwork for our own Advent devotional calendar for 2014.

There are many ways that you can contribute to the calendar. Select your favorite Bible verse and describe what it means to you and your life. Write a simple story of how Jesus has worked in your life or what Christmas means to you. Write a poem that symbolizes your walk with Jesus. Draw a picture of your life in Christ or what living for Christ and Christmas means to you. The possibilities are almost endless. Feel free to use publications, such as the Upper Room or Guideposts, as examples. Include a scripture reference with your submission or one will be selected for you.

Our goal is to get most of the congregation of Emmanuel UMC involved in this inspirational activity. The deadline, in order to have the finished product before the beginning of Advent, is **Nov. 15th, 2014**. Submissions can be given to the office or emailed to Kathy Mellott at kpmellott@verizon.net.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

By Kathryn Griffin

Reformation Sunday, in the United States, falls on the Sunday before Oct. 31 (Halloween).

It is a civic holiday in some states in Germany. Reformation Sunday is celebrated in the Lutheran Church and other reformed church communities. The Religious reformation in Germany affected all European countries to some degree. It is not usually observed in the Methodist church because our heritage is Church of England and John Wesley lived 250 years after Martin Luther.

Martin Luther(1483-1546) was a German friar, Catholic priest, and professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg. Luther had for some time questioned some of the beliefs and practices of his church. The tipping point came in 1516 when Johann Tetzel, a Dominican friar and representative of the Pope came to Germany to sell indulgences to raise money to rebuild St. Peter's Basilica.

The Roman Catholic Church taught that man was justified by faith and good works. The benefits of good works could be obtained by donating money to the church. Buying an indulgence did not forgive you or your relatives of your sins (only going to confession could do that), but it did shorten your time in purgatory. This was the same as \$100 or 30 days in jail. Purgatory was where your soul existed after death and underwent penitential suffering before the soul was ready for the Judgment.

Martin Luther wrote a paper called the 95 Theses in which he discussed his objections to indulgences. He did not intend to confront the church, only to discuss the issues. Eventually, Luther was excommunicated. His ideas were circulated through Europe and found much support especially among the peasants. He married, translated the Bible into German, which helped to standardize the language, and organized a new church which became known as the Lutheran Church.

He also wrote hymns. The most famous is "A mighty Fortress is Our God." He also inspired later composers to write music based on his hymns. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) a good Lutheran, included verses in his chorales based entirely on Luther's hymns.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHOIR CONCERT WILL BENEFIT THE
IMAGINE NO MALARIA CAMPAIGN

The National Christian Choir will perform in concert on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014 at Oakdale Emory UMC to benefit the Baltimore-Washington Conference *Imagine No Malaria Campaign*. There will be a 2 pm matinee and a 6 pm evening performance with a reception for persons donating at the Bishop's Circle level. Donation levels are set at: \$20 for Patron (save 2 lives), \$30 for Director's Circle (save 3 lives), and \$50 for Bishop's Circle (save 5 lives). All donations go completely to the *Imagine No Malaria* campaign and are fully tax deductible.

The National Christian Choir is an interdenominational choir based in the Washington DC metropolitan which ministers through recordings, tours and weekly radio broadcasts. They present 12-15 concerts each year throughout the mid-Atlantic area and tour elsewhere in America almost every year and internationally once every 5 years. The choir was founded in 1984 and is under the leadership of Ms. Kathy Bowman. Ms. Bowman is a former professor of music and Music Director at Trinity UMC, Frederick. The choir now has close to 170 voices.

For ticket and performance information you may go to the bwcumc.org website and follow the links to the National Christian Choir concert or use the following link:

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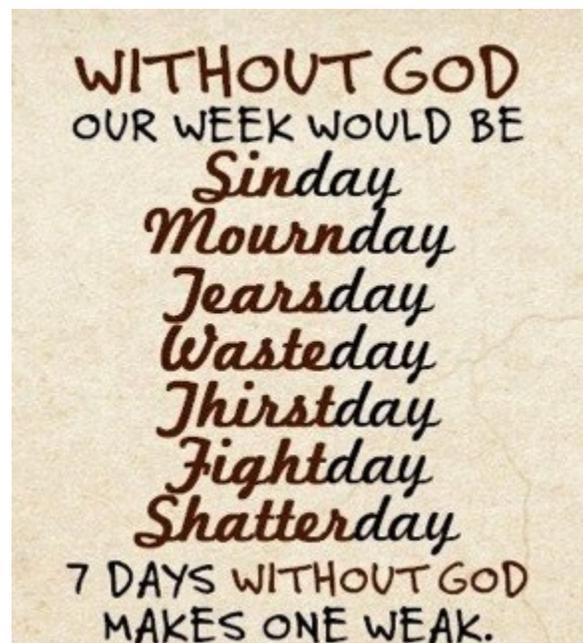
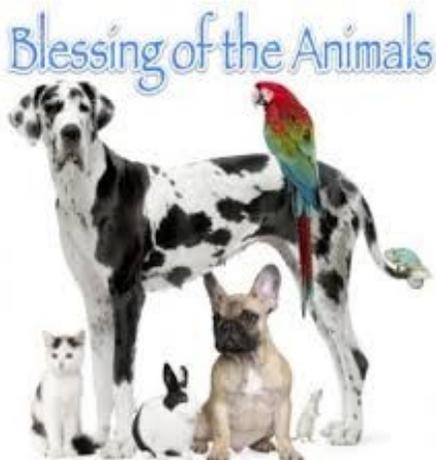
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CELEBRATING WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCT. 5

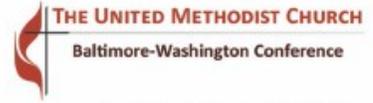
To help us experience the international nature of this event we want to have scriptures read in languages native to some of our foreign-born congregants and friends. Please volunteer your talents for this event and let Pastor Jacob or anyone on the worship committee know of your willingness to participate. We need 4 or 5 readers per service.

**BLESSING OF THE
ANIMALS OCT. 5 AFTERNOON**

Bring your pets to the park next to the library/police station at 2 pm on Oct. 5. Dogs must be leashed, cats and smaller animals caged or otherwise restrained. This has always been a fun event. Let's have a good turnout.



The National Christian Choir



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Tickets – General Admission \$20

Tickets – Director's Circle \$30

(Preferred Seating)

Tickets – Bishop's Circle \$50

(With Reception)

October 25, 2014 – 2:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Tickets available at www.bwcumc.org



Pastor Jacob attended the Community Place Café luncheon on Sept. 19. With Pastor Jacob in this photo are (l-r) Ann Rowland, Nancy Thrush, and Pat Allen.

CHURCH WORK DAY

A Church Work Day will be held on Saturday, November 1st. There will be numerous jobs people can help with. More information will be available soon. See Mike Hatton if you have any questions.



Work Day
at Church

Ten Reasons to Come to Sunday School

While sleeping late or getting out of church early can be nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for you and or your family?

Here are ten reasons to make it a priority.

1. Age Targeted Teaching

Where else can you get Biblical instruction that's focused on everyone's stage of life?

2. Friends

In Sunday School you will build positive friendships with your peers by discovering God's Word together.

3. It's Fun

Sunday School is not Disney Land, but our teachers work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for everyone.

4. Spiritual Mentors

A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your family.

5. Systematic Bible Learning

Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so everyone will understand how all the parts of Scripture point to Christ.

6. Praying Teachers

Our teachers consistently pray for your faith to grow. Coming to Sunday School gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.

7. Big Reward for a Small Investment

If you're already coming to church, just come a little earlier or stay a little longer. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child and or grandchild graduates.

8. Send the Right Message

Making Sunday School a priority shows your family that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.

9. Adult Bible Fellowship

While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other adults in your own Bible study group.

10. You'll Be Giving God More Time

One of the biggest challenges for some Christians is the time they are able to spend with God, coming to Sunday School will help with that goal.



126 members & youth of the congregation, many wearing EUMC T-shirts, appear in this photo that was taken between worship services on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014

Home Gatherings with Pastor Jacob

Although Pastor Jacob has been at Emmanuel since July 1 and has met with many of us, not everyone has had an opportunity to visit with him individually or in a small group setting. To give the Pastor and the congregation a chance to become better acquainted with each other on a more personal level, we are looking for volunteers to host small get-togethers in their homes in Oct. or Nov.

The gatherings will be for approximately 90 minutes, and typically 6 – 8 persons would be invited. However, hosts shall determine the number of guests they are comfortable with. Available dates are listed below. If you are willing to host a small gathering, please contact the church office at 301-937-7114 or e-mail the office at office@emmanuelumbeltsville.net to select your date/time. Tips on conducting home gatherings will be provided.

The dates and hosts of scheduled get-togethers will be communicated to the congregation via Sunday bulletin, email, bulletin board, etc. Persons interested in attending a home gathering should make a reservation with the host(s).

Gathering times available in Oct. and Nov.:

Mornings: Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday @ 9 am or 10 am

Evenings: Monday, Tuesday or Thursday @ 7 pm

Sunday Afternoons: 2 pm or 3 pm

If you have questions, please contact Ann Rowland at 301-572-5250 or anna.rowland@comcast.net. Thank you for continuing to welcome Pastor Jacob and his family with Emmanuel Hospitality!

Altar Flowers

Oct. 5 Nancy Thrush
 Oct. 12 Hatton
 Oct. 19 Mellott
 Oct. 26 Lorna Marselas

October Anniversaries

Oct. 7 Mary Jane and Dan Kenyon

***October Birthdays***

1 Rose Johnson, Abraham Scotland
 2 John Cavallo
 4 Erica Belshay, Nick Lee
 5 Shirl Akers
 7 Peggy Wells
 9 Elizabeth Galloway
 13 Lauren Fadely, Alexandra Butcher,
 Michael Hatton
 14 Brian Beach
 15 Magdalena Elliott, Elizabeth Elliott,
 Edrie Powell
 16 Samantha Painter
 18 Madison Cruz, Leticia Mejia, Charles Vannoy
 19 Kathy Mellott, Betty Osborn
 20 Betty Midkiff
 21 Brian Crotti
 22 Kell Jones, Mary Plantholt
 23 Shawn West
 24 Patricia Embrey, Jamet Jones, Ruth Vaye
 25 Mabel Claye
 29 Donna Horton, Cameron Beach
 31 Ronald Midkiff, May Stewart

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 pm Women's Community Club of Beltsville	2 1 pm Widow's Group 7 pm Chancel Choir	3 7 pm Maranatha Choir	4 10 am Faithful Reader's Book Group 
5 9 & 11:15 am Worship - World Communion Sunday 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 pm UMW Exec. Meeting 2 pm Blessing of the Animals	6	7 7 pm ESOL	8	9 7 pm Chancel Choir	10 7 pm Maranatha Choir	11 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 
12 9 & 11:15 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 2 nd Sunday Lunch 1 pm Youth Fellowship	13 7 pm Depression/Bipolar Support Group 7 pm Trustee Meeting	14 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7 pm ESOL	15 10 am Susanna Wesley Circle 12 Noon Dorcas Circle 7 pm Sisters in Spirit	16 7 pm Chancel Choir	17 11 am Community Place Café 7 pm Maranatha Choir	18 10 am Apple Festival 
19 9 & 11:15 am Worship - Laity Sunday 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 pm Youth Fellowship	20 12 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle	21 7 pm ESOL	22	23 7 pm Chancel Choir	24 7 pm Food Prep 7 pm Maranatha Choir	25 10 am Food Distribution
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