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From the Pastor's Desk

2020 Vision! Pun Intended

It's a new month, a new year, and a new decade. I'm excited. I know life is on a continuum, but there is something about

having a milestone as a stop and evaluate point that gets me excited. If we feel that things are going well, we can analyze what we are doing and keep it going. If we feel that things aren't going well, we can analyze what we've done, hit reset and don't do it again.

When we were children, we called it a do-over. That's fine except, do-overs may mean that we use the same materials and give it another try. That works for sports, but on a life journey, if we DO the same things, WITH the same things, we get the same results. What does this mean for us? I'm happy to share! It means that we take the foundations of success that we have built over the years and mix in the present.

I was at a training session recently when the presenter said that the big debate over contemporary and traditional has hurt a lot of churches. We should base our definitions on modern ways of considering them. As a definition, contemporary would be from 1945 to now, songs and tunes which have been performed over a long period of time. But do we really want to lead our 2020 church with 1945 ideas? I don't mean discard them but incorporate them. "Con" means "with" or together" and "Tempo" means "time". A ministerial way we should consider defining "contemporary" would be "we must move together with the time."

The things we used to do is important for our history. The things we plan to do is necessary for our future. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." We started our new season with a new editor, new look, and new features for the Lamplighter. Thank you, Bobbie Deegan, for your years of hard work. Let's see what God, Rick and your input does in the New Month, New Year, New Decade and New Season. I'm excited!

Blessings,
Pastor



Meet Emmanuel's Student Intern, Lenora Whitecotton



A recent transplant from the great state of Michigan, Lenora is a second-year student at Wesley Theological Seminary. When not in class or the library, you will find her working in the PM&M (Practice of Ministry and Mission) office, as well as serving as a resident manager on campus. She has a background in theater and loves to perform when given the opportunity. Favorite pass-times include singing pretty much all day long, painting and coloring, visiting museums as time allows, and, of course, laughing with friends and family. She is thrilled to be serving alongside all of you throughout the course of her internship! Thank you for being such a welcoming and loving community!

Boy Scout Troop 1033 Update

By Jenny Kresge

Happy New Year from BSA Troop 1033!

As we begin the new year, the troop would like to let the Emmanuel family know what we've been up to lately.



The troop went on two weekend camping trips this fall. In September, we went to Valley Forge, PA where the scouts enjoyed hiking and learning some history about the Revolutionary War. In October, we went to Gambrill State Park, near Frederick, MD. This was a joint camping trip with Cub Scout Pack 1031, and the younger kids enjoyed joining the older boys

in hiking and playing outdoor games. (For those of you not familiar with the groups, Troop 1033, which Emmanuel supports, is for middle and high school age boys and Cub Scout Pack 1031 is the local group for elementary school age kids.)

In November, several scouts attended an Orienteering competition at Broad Creek, MD (near the PA border) where they practiced their map reading and compass skills. One of our teams placed 11th and another team placed 22nd out of the 88 teams in their age group. Also in November, the troop participated in and helped to run the Aviation Merit Badge Day at the College Park Aviation Museum.

The troop participated in two service projects recently. Scouting for Food, the annual non-perishable food drive, took place in November. The donations were split between the food pantry here at Emmanuel and the food pantry at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. In December, the scouts donated new toys to be given to Dr. Bear's Closet at Children's National Hospital.

During the weekly meetings this fall, the scouts did the planning necessary for all of the above-mentioned activities, and have worked on several merit badges, including Emergency Preparedness, Fingerprinting, and Art. They also conducted a flag retirement ceremony, and spent some time simply playing games and having fun.

On December 19th, the troop had their annual Holiday party. This year's party was special because Scoutmaster Rick Deery was honored as he stepped down after many years of leadership. He will continue to participate with the troop in the position of Assistant Scoutmaster. Former Assistant Scoutmaster Kevin D'eustachio has stepped up to fill the position of Scoutmaster. *Continued on p. 5*

Thank you from UpStage Artists, Incorporated



In October, Emmanuel allowed UpStage Artists, Incorporated a local non-profit theater group to hold a play reading in it's fellowship hall. UpStage's board of directors would like to thank Emmanuel for their kindness and they look forward to working with the church in the coming year.

UpStage's first show for the season will be "Thanks for the Laughter: A Tribute to the Carol Burnett Show." There will be three performances, February 21 and 22 at 7 pm and February 23 at 3 pm. Tickets will go on sale in February. If you are interested in auditioning for this show, auditions will be on January 10 at 7 pm. Upstage Artists is a non-profit theater group that strives to bring high quality theatre to the residents of Maryland!

ESOL UPDATE



Did you know that Emmanuel offers ESOL classes twice a year? English Classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced levels are held on Tuesdays from 7pm-9pm. The next session begins Tuesday January 14, 2020 and will run until May. The cost is \$20.00 per semester. See below for the descriptions of the classes and if you know someone who would benefit from this wonderful ministry, invite them to join! If you have any questions you can contact the office at 301.937.7114 or office@eumcbeltsville.com or Pat Allen, ESOL Coordinator at pgcallen@gmail.com.

Classes:

Beginning: In this class, students will learn basics of conversation, important words, days of the week, months of the year, and other information to help them start or continue to learn English. Students will learn English by speaking, writing, and acting out what they are studying in class.

Intermediate A: In this class, students will read short stories relating to activities with the family, at home, at work, or on holiday that will serve as bases for improving reading, comprehension, expanding vocabulary, and discussions about everyday life.

Intermediate B: Short articles from the Washington Post or from the “News You Can Use” newspapers will provide the foundations for exercises in reading, pronunciation, and comprehension, and will afford students great ways to increase vocabulary useful in everyday conversations and casual reading. Additionally, lessons will be supplemented with phonics drills that focus on difficult English vowel and consonant sounds.

Advanced: This level is for persons who know some English and want to practice speaking it. In this class, students will talk about current events, American culture, and traditions in their native countries. These conversations will help students expand their vocabulary, become more familiar with English grammar usage and help students feel more at ease speaking or talking to anyone in English.

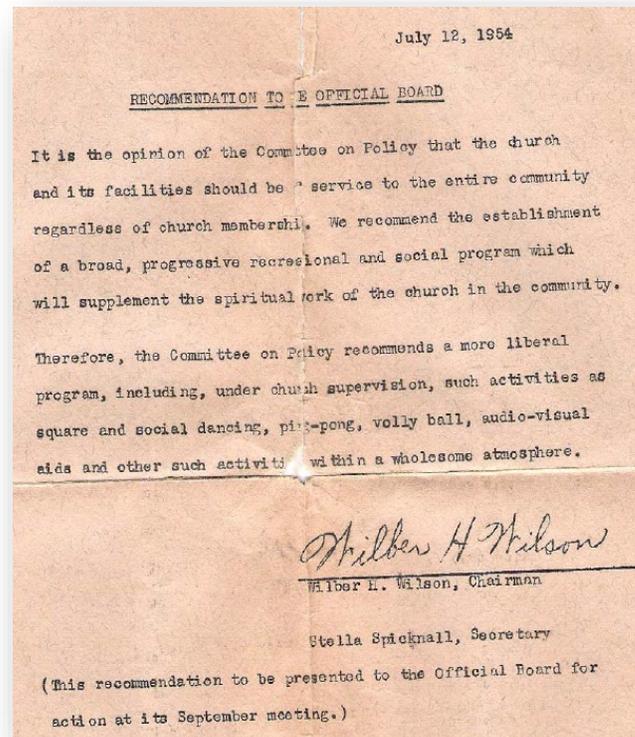


Fabulous Flashbacks

In this section of the Lamplighter, we are going to try to provide a little history of the church from time to time. For our first month, I decided to borrow a previous column from the January 2010 edition. Look for more history in the future!

The following was written by our former Pastor, Daniel Mejia, in the January 2010 edition of the Lamplighter.

Mildred Bladen gave us this letter that she received on July 12, 1954. As you read this letter, you will see the clear intention of the Committee on Policy to open wide the doors of our church to the community. What a great testimony. Fifty-five years later our church is doing and trying new ways to make our church a safe place for the youth in our community. I hope you will be inspired by the bold message of this letter. In many ways, this is a prophetic letter with prophetic words for what we want to do and become in 2010, a church of Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors...



The text of the above memo is reproduced below:

It is the opinion of the Committee on Policy that the church and its facilities should be in service to the entire community regardless of church membership. We recommend the establishment of a broad, progressive recreational and social program which will supplement the spiritual work of the church in the community. Therefore, the Committee on Policy recommends a more liberal program, including, under church supervision, such activities as square and social dancing, ping-pong, volley ball, audio-visual aids and other such activities within a wholesome atmosphere.



Emmanuel offers several Bible Study classes for both children and adults. There are classes on Sunday mornings at 11:15 am and on Wednesdays at 7 pm. As Christians, we are encouraged to study and understand the Bible. In 2 Timothy it says **“Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good.”**

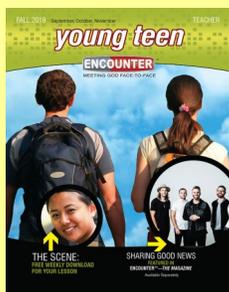
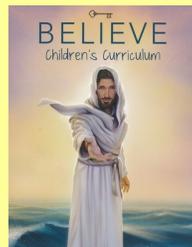
Read below to find out what Emmanuel offers.

Sunday Morning Sunday School Classes:



The preschoolers and kindergartners will be continuing to learn Bible stories along with the alphabet. Including, for example, F for fish which swallowed Jonah and G for Goliath.

The 1st-4th grade class is continuing to study the “Believe” children’s curriculum that helps answer the question, ‘What do I believe?,’ “Bible Puzzles for Kids” will be used along with this study.



The 5th-through 9th grade class will be using the Encounter Young Teen series to study topics such as spiritual warfare as well as what happens are content and discontent. They will also be making fleece scarves to donate to Emmanuel’s annual Mitten Tree.

Bible study continued on page 9.

Grow Together in Faith

January 20th is Rev Martin Luther King, Jr’s Birthday

By Jane Grays



In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. became the youngest man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize — he was 35. Awarded the prize for his nonviolent efforts to promote civil justice, he turned the prize money, \$54,123, over to the civil rights movement.

King came from a long line of preachers, and in 1954, he became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery,

Alabama. A strong believer in civil rights, King was already a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation.

He helped lead the Alabama bus boycott, the first major African American nonviolent demonstration at that time. The boycott, which lasted 382 days, ended December 21, 1956, after the U.S. Supreme Court declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses.

Between 1957 and 1968, King traveled more than 6 million miles, spoke 2,500 times, wrote five books and numerous articles, was awarded five honorary degrees, and named “Man of the Year” by *Time* magazine.

He caught the attention of the entire world when he directed the peaceful march of 250,000 people on Washington, D.C., where he delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech.

Throughout his life, he leaned on the ideals he took from Christianity. In his Nobel Peace prize acceptance speech, which referred to the Bible and its principles several times, King said, “After contemplation, I conclude that this award which I receive on behalf of that movement is a profound recognition that nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral question of our time – the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression.”



APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

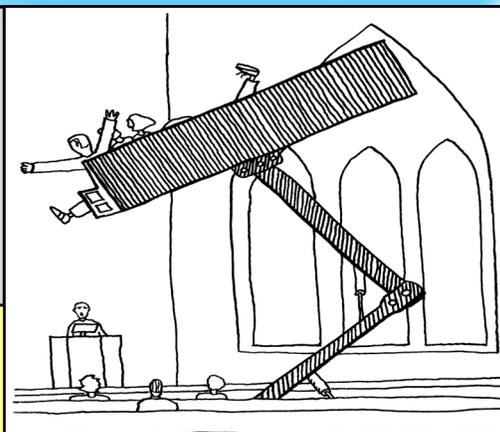
The Pastor is available for appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Email office@eumcbeltsville.com or call 301.937.7114 to make arrangements.

Scouts continued from p. 2

Thank you to Emmanuel for your continued support of Troop 1033. We meet every Thursday evening at 7pm. If you know any boys ages 11-17 who would be interested in learning outdoors and leadership skills and having a lot of fun, we welcome them to come to a meeting and check it out!



Serve the Lord with Gladness
~Psalm 100: 2



SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WANTED CHURCH TO BE MORE EXCITING

The Trustees Committee is looking for some more women and men who are available to give an hour or two, now and then, to maintain the church and keep things running. You don't need to know how to fix things, but be willing to spend the time finding someone who can. If you are available please contact Barbara Butcher. 301-937-3179 or barbarabutcher@verizon.net.

CAN YOU HELP?

Share your talents at Emmanuel by welcoming visitors or sharing the Word! Help for a single Sunday or choose several. You choose how many Sundays you are able to help.

To volunteer to serve as a **Greeter** or **Scripture Reader**, just put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the red bulletin board in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.

No experience needed!
We will train you on the job!



THE MITTEN TREE

Our annual Mitten Tree will be up in the hallway during the month of January. Donations of new mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and socks will be collected in January and delivered to Calverton Elementary School and Beltsville Academy the first week in February. Consider donating your Christmas gifts of hats, scarves, etc. that you cannot use to help protect the kids from the bitter



cold this winter. Contact Ann Rowland for questions at anna.rowland@verizon.net or 301-572-5250.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE!



Knowledge of the Bible is essential to our lives as Christians. Each month in 2020, the Lamplighter will feature a set of verses for you to memorize. Challenge yourself and see if you can memorize all 12 for the year. January's memory verse is below!

2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Common English Bible (CEB)

The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. He died for the sake of all so that those who are alive should live not for themselves but for the one who died for them and was raised. So then, from this point on we won't recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn't how we know him now. So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!

A Season of

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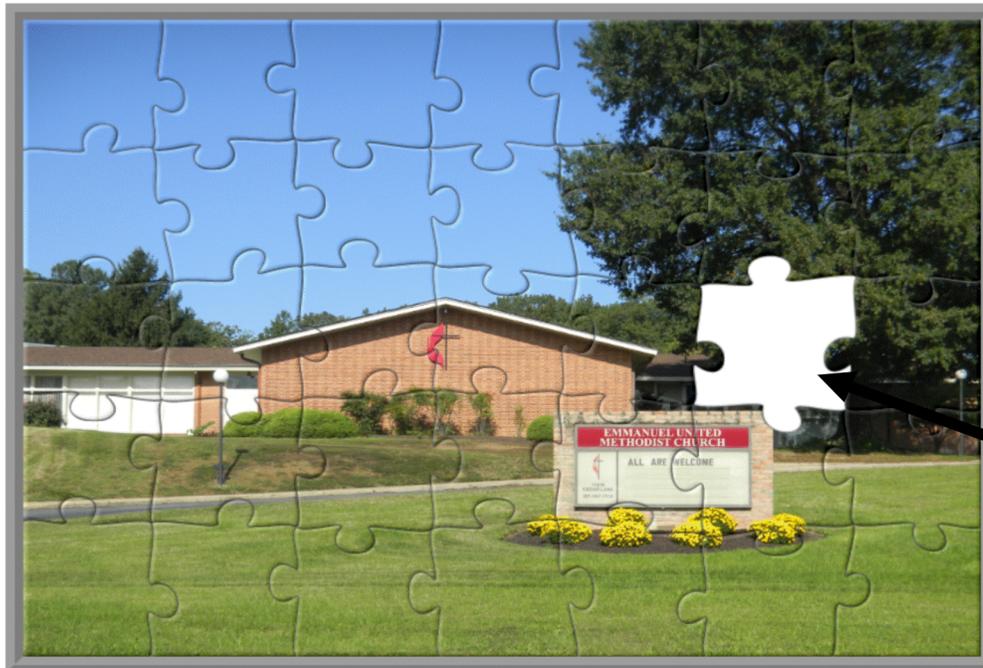


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Here's your chance to find
your perfect fit!



Come discover the many opportunities to share your talents in our Faith Community at Emmanuel's Ministry Fair!

- Learn about the ministries and service groups at Emmanuel
- Discover new ways to share your gifts!
- Respond to Jesus's call to "go and make disciples of all the nations"

WHEN: Sunday, February 16, 2020 immediately following worship
WHERE: Fellowship Hall of Emmanuel UMC

Light refreshments will be served

*I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."
~Isaiah 6:8*



WE ARE THE CHURCH



We are all members of Emmanuel. Although we all have different backgrounds, we are all a part of the one body of Christ. Each month we will feature a small interview with a different member so you can learn a little more about them. This month's member is Margie Mock.



Margie as she looks today

How long have you been a member of Emmanuel?

Probably been attending over 70 years, became a member when 12 or so after taking instruction as to what it means to be a member so that's about 55 years--wow.

Who was the Pastor when you began attending Emmanuel?

The Rev. Cooper was first but the one I remember most is the Rev. Wilbur Wilson

What is your fondest memory of being a member?

How the church supports you in times of hardship and how special it was for our family when they dedicated the yard outside the side door to my father and named it Todd's Terrace and installing the stained glass window in memory of my father and mother that looks out onto Todd's Terrace.

What are some of the ministries you have been involved in over the years?

The administrative board (church council), nominating, trustee, community place cafe, annual picnic, finance, memorial, worship, youth, narthex & corridor committees, outreach, these are what I remember and some are long gone.

What is your favorite thing about Emmanuel?

The friendliness of the congregation.

What is your favorite scripture or Bible verse?

I have many, one favorite is Psalm 100.

Anything else you would like to say?

Blessings on Emmanuel and continued doing the wonderful work in which we are involved.



Margie in 1st grade



The Choir is always looking for new singers to join them as they bring the spirit through music every Sunday. Joining the choir can be a wonderful experience. So, you're asking why should I join the choir?

Here are 5 reasons to join the choir:

1. You make new friends. Do you love meeting new people?
2. Singing is a great way to relax.
3. It's good for your health.
4. Choirs are a great place to network.
5. It's one of the best feelings.

The choir practices immediately following Sunday Service. If you are interested, talk to Kathryn Griffin today!!!!





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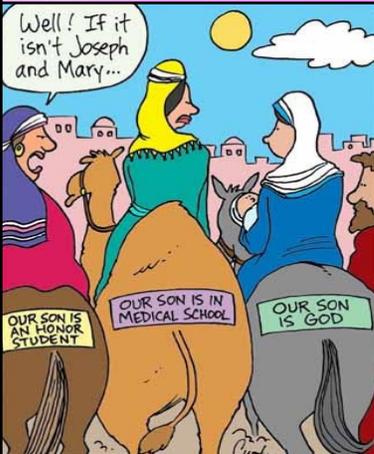
THE 2020 FLOWER CHART WILL BE POSTED BEGINNING JANUARY 1!



The Flower Chart is posted in the hallway next to the mailboxes at the end of the hall. Altar flowers are \$30. When you sign up, please fill out a Flower Request Form 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.

Emmanuel has Online Giving!

And it's easy to use! Just go to our website — www.eumcbeltsville.com — and follow the prompts to go to a secure Online Donation page hosted by Vanco Services, LLC. If you prefer, you can scan the QR code.



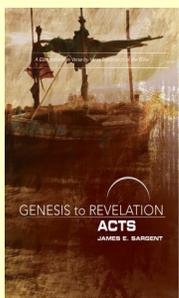
In Memoriam

Christian love and sympathy to the families of:

Shirley Marcus, Milton Coats (friend of Rick Bergmann),
Rogers Beasley, Lisa Mcpherson

*"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."
~Revelation 21:4*

Bible Study from p. 5



Sunday Adult bible class will continue to study Acts until we have select a Lenten study. After Lent, we'll continue with the book of Acts "Book of Acts study begins with the mission to the world and ending with Paul's journey to Rome. Some of the major ideas explored are: a gospel that cannot be contained,

divine initiative and human responsibility, the subtle work of the work of the Holy Spirit, what holds us together, and the plight of theology in a cynical world. These studies help readers strengthen their understanding and appreciation of the Bible enabling them to engage the Scripture on three levels: 1. *What does the Bible say?* 2. *What does the passage mean?* 3. *How does the scripture relate to my life?*

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

Beginning January 8th at 7 pm, the Wednesday Night Bible Study will begin **Who Are We? A Journey From Head to Heart**. This study was created by our Bishop, LaTrelle Easterling. This study will help us explore the heart of our faith as United Methodists as we go into an uncertain future. You are not required to attend every session, attend whenever you can. Come and get to know others at Emmanuel and learn and discuss the Bible!



After fifty years as the church organist, Gladys made a genuine effort to adjust to the new worship format.

Celebrations!

Birthdays • Anniversaries • Retirements • Graduations • New Arrivals

1. Carrie White
3. Doug Galloway
7. Katherine Cavallo, Dan Kenyon
11. Jane Grays
12. Dare Hassan
13. Geoffrey Kaufmann
14. Hazel Newell
25. Bonnie Bland, Todd Reitzel
26. Bobbie Deegan
28. Rebecca Vaughan
31. Rick Bergmann



IT'S A GIRL



Congratulations to former Pastors Daniel and Michelle Mejia on the birth of their daughter, Eva (pronounced Eh-va) Mejia on November 25th.

Happy Anniversary

January 14: Rick and Nancy Zerbe



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

THANK YOU

My sincere appreciation to Pastor Chase and my friends for all their prayers, support, and expressions of sympathy in the recent death of my son, Jay. There are no words of comfort only the faith that Jesus will carry us through this very sad time. Knowing so many care is uplifting and gratefully acknowledged.

Thank You, Ilene Forsbacka

Dear E.U.M.C. Prayer Fellowship and Pastor Chase, Getting your cards with the inspirational note has always meant so much to me.

Peace, Love, Joy,
Nancy Wright
P.S. I keep them.

Thank You to Kathy Mellott for putting together our annual Advent Devotional! This is our 7th one!

Thank You to Kathryn Griffin, and Bob and Lynn Miller for decorating our altar and sanctuary for Thanksgiving and Christmas!



Find us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information
www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville

2020 Emmanuel Church Officer and Committees

Please note: CC indicates a member on the Church Council

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase
Deaconess	Jane Grays
Lay Leader CC	Roy White
Chair of Church Council CC	Ted Ladd
Recording Secretary CC	
Lay Members of the Annual Conference CC	Ted Ladd, Roy White
Membership Secretaries CC	Dottie Gilbert
Church Historian CC	
2nd Sunday Lunch CC	Tammy White
Angel Tree CC	Becky Cavallo/Jane Grays
Child Care Liaison	Mike Hatton
Children's Ministries CC	
Coffee Hour Manager	Pat Allen
Community Place Café CC	Elsie Cline, Sallie Rhodes
Coordinator of Communications	Rick Bergmann
Deaf Fellowship CC	Roy White
DBSA Support Group (co-facilitators) CC	Linda Hiner, Judy Diedrich
ESOL CC	Pat Allen
Food Closet CC	Grace Eyiba, Kemi Oluwafemi
Health and Welfare	
Homeless Ministry CC	Shirley Nelson
Hospitality Committee (for Funeral Receptions)	Ann Rowland
IT Committee	Rick Bergmann, Mike Hatton
Music Ministries..CC	Staff: Kathryn Griffin
Native American Ministries Representatives	Becky Cavallo
Prayer Ministries CC	Ernie Kilbourne/Ann Anderson
Safe Sanctuary	
Scout Advisor CC	Jenny Kresge
Superintendent of Sunday School CC	
United Methodist Men CC	
United Methodist Women CC	Becky Cavallo
Web Site Manager/Sound Coordinator	Rick Bergmann
Youth Ministry CC	

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Chair CC	John Kaufmann
Members	Pauli Colburn, Dan Kenyon, Alexandra Scotland
Lay Member to the Annual Conference	Ted Ladd, Roy White
Lay Leader	Roy White

2020 Emmanuel Church Officer and Committees from p. 13

Trustees of the Church

Chair CC.....Barbara Butcher, Acting
Members.....Jimmy Bello, Lynne Miller, Todd Reitzel, Bart Seede, Doug Weston

Finance Committee Chair CC.....Kemi Oluwafemi
PastorRev. Dr. Jalene Chase
Financial Secretary CC.....Bobbie Deegan
Treasurer CC.....Beverly Ward
Chair of Church Council.....Ted Ladd
Lay Leader.....Roy White
Lay Members to Annual Conference.....Ted Ladd
Trustee Representative
Staff-Parish Chairperson.....John Kaufmann
Members.....Andy Onukwubiri, Sallie Rhodes, Mary Ann Vaughan

Memorial Committee

Chair
Sec./Treasurer.....Lorna Marselas
Members.....Margie Mock, Ann Rowland, Jane Grays
Lay Leader, Trustee Chair, Church Council Chair

Committee on Nominations and Leader Development

Chair.....Pastor Jalene Chase
Lay Leader.....Roy White
Members.....Scarlet Robertson, JoAnne Blakley, Ascenna Scotland, Jody Hammond, John Claye

Prayer Circle (Phone Chain)

Chair.....Ernie Kilbourne, Ann Anderson
Members.....Pat Allen, Helen Akers, Bobbie Deegan, Dottie Gilbert, Hazel Newell, Debbie McNitt, Nancy Thrush, Carolyn Scarcia

Prayer Fellowship (Meet, Pray and Send Cards)

Chair.....Ernie Kilbourne, Ann Anderson
Members.....Pastor Chase, JoAnne Blakley, Bobbie Deegan, Dottie Gilbert, Carolyn Hicks, Hazel Newell, Carmen Valladares

Stewardship Committee

Chair:
Members.....Pat Allen, Bobbie Deegan, Jane Grays, Kathryn Griffin, Todd Reitzel

Worship Committee

Chair CC.....Jane Grays
MembersPastor Chase, Kathryn Griffin, Pat Allen, Sonia Kassambara, Sallie Rhodes, Scarlet Robertson

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 9:45am Worship 11:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:15am Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 HAPPY NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>2 6pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 5pm NA</p>
<p>12 9:45am Worship 11:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:15am Chancel Choir Noon 2nd Sunday Potluck</p>	<p>13 7pm Depression/Bipolar Support Group 7pm Upstage Artists rehearsal</p>	<p>14 10am Prayer Fellowship 7pm ESOL Registration</p>	<p>15 10 am Susanna Wesley Circle (UMW) 7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>16 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle (UMW) 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm Upstage Artists rehearsal</p>	<p>17 11am Community Place Café 7pm Upstage Artists rehearsal</p>	<p>18 5pm NA</p>
<p>19 9:45am Worship 11:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:15am Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20 7pm Upstage Artists rehearsal</p>	<p>21 7pm Sisters-in-Spirit (UMW) 7pm ESOL</p>	<p>22 7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>23 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm Upstage Artists rehearsal</p>	<p>24 7pm Upstage Artists rehearsal</p>	<p>25 8am Food Distribution—Seniors 10am Food Distribution—General Public 5pm NA</p>
<p>26 9:45am Worship 11:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:15am Chancel Choir</p>	<p>27 7pm Depression/Bipolar Support Group 7pm Upstage Artists rehearsal</p>	<p>28 10am Prayer Fellowship 7pm ESOL</p>	<p>29 7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>30 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm Church Council 7pm Upstage Artists rehearsal</p>	<p>31 7pm Upstage Artists rehearsal</p>	