

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

January 2016

*A Vibrant Multi-Cultural Church: All God's Children Are Welcome!*



Greeting!

Time flies – 2015 is nearly over! We may have many thoughts, joys or regrets as we look back. I am sure that you have been busy finishing up activities for 2015 and preparing for 2016. You may have been writing Christmas cards, planning New Year's Eve parties, and making New Year's resolutions.

I have been very busy, as well. December is probably the busiest month in the year for a pastor, with Advent and Christmas services. During December, the church faithfully observed Advent Sundays. Through the lighting of Advent candles, the congregation anticipated the birth of Jesus. I was very happy to see each Advent candle being lit by a family or individual who represented the congregation.

More than 2000 years ago, Jesus was born in the lowly village of Bethlehem. While waiting for the coming of the Christ child, worshippers at Emmanuel were able to help people similarly faced with difficult situations by filling Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army and by participating in the Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree program. We waited and eventually saw the birth of Jesus, the Christ. We also celebrated the birth of Jesus with the cantata. With our music and in our hearts, we prepared the way of the Lord and celebrated his birth. I am very proud of the church members who were faithful in their waiting during Advent.

We had a second special occasion during December. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, we had Fellowship Sunday. It focused on appreciation of the Korean culture. Korean folks prepared traditional Korean food and shared Korean song, posters, music, and costume. This was a small, but significant, step in moving the church into a truly multicultural congregation.

We observed Christmas Eve with two kinds of worship service – a family service and a candlelight service. Both services were spiritual, but lighting the Christmas candles especially reminded us that Jesus is the light of the world and that, as Christians, we need to share the light of the world with others.

After Christmas, I took a break from my job, reflecting on the ministry of 2015 and fleshing out my plans for 2016, professionally and personally. I also took time to make New Year's resolutions. I hope that you made some productive and constructive New Year's resolutions, too.

In the Christian calendar, the new church year always begins with Advent. So the new year for Christians and the church started on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th. As Christians, we start the new church year in anticipation of the Lord, filling our hearts with passion and love for the Lord. On the secular calendar, we are just starting 2016, and we'll begin it with the same passion and love toward our Lord, Jesus. There may be some challenges and crises ahead of us in 2016, but we will face and overcome them with the love of Jesus and a focus on spirituality.

To equip ourselves spiritually, we will have a Wesley covenant service on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. This covenant service was used by Wesley and his followers to renew their covenant with God. Traditionally, it took place at the beginning of the year. Through the covenant service, they would refresh their mind and spirit, enabling them to face the new year with a Christian attitude. It is my hope that as we commit ourselves to the same covenant, we will be sincere and faithful in our Christian journey during 2016. I will do my best to be faithful and sincere in my own covenant with Jesus. Please pray for me and support my ministry and the church with all the means you have.

Happy New Year!

~ ~ Pastor Jacob



## CAMP HOPE 2016

Planning is already underway for this year's participation in CAMP HOPE. CAMP HOPE stands for **C**hristian **A**ppalachian **M**ountain **P**roject **H**elping **O**ther **P**eople **E**nthusiastically, and is the organization behinds our church's annual summer mission trip.

CAMP HOPE is an independent organization serving Allegany County, Maryland and surrounding areas. This summer marks CAMP HOPE'S 37<sup>th</sup> year. Every summer, more than 400 youth and adults from various churches and denominations repair 55 - 60 homes over a four-week period.

The impact of CAMP HOPE is felt by everyone involved. The church youth and adults say the experience enhances their personal relationship with God by providing hands-on mission work. Many youth return year after year. The individuals and families the volunteers serve receive not only home rehabilitation, home winterization, and safer homes; they experience Christian fellowship and gain new hope for the future.

The CAMP HOPE vision is kept alive by the many volunteers and home owners, as well as a committed Board of Directors; Administrative & Projects Director, Charlie Yarnall; Program Coordinator, Jaime Drenning; Secretary, Linda Brumage; and several supply drivers and camp counselors. Without all of these dedicated individuals, CAMP HOPE would not be the thriving organization that it is today.

If you are interested in participating in this year's mission's trip, please fill out the **agreement form** (available from the church office) and give it to Alexandra Scotland. This requirement applies to everyone – youth, young adults, and adults. Youth must be at least age 14 (or turning age 14 during 2016) to participate in this mission trip. The cost per participant is \$300. (If you participate in fundraisers/activities, your payment may be reduced). **Both the agreement form and the first payment are due February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Keep in mind: After you've turned in your initial payment and forms, not only are you responsible for making the remaining payments on time, but you must participate in a majority of the fundraisers and activities if you want to pay less than \$300. Also, if you decide after February 1<sup>st</sup> that you won't be able to attend, you will not receive a refund and will still be required to pay the rest of the \$300.

If you have questions, please contact coordinator Alexandra Scotland. She may be reached by email at [az.scotland@gmail.com](mailto:az.scotland@gmail.com), or by cell phone at [\(301\) 830-1964](tel:3018301964). If you call her cell phone, please leave your name and direct phone number.

### UMW General Meeting will be January 23

You are invited to the UMW general meeting on January 23 at 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall. A soup lunch will be provided.

The program will be a short study of the Lord's Prayer, led by Lorna Marselas. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. He answered their request by giving them a pattern of prayer. We hope you will join us to study and discuss the Lord's Prayer and get a better understanding of it.

### 2015 Giving Statements

Our 2016 Stewardship Drive has ended, but if you haven't submitted your pledge card yet, it's never too late to send it in! Thank you all for supporting our church and its ministries.

Giving Statements for 2015 will be mailed out by mid-January.

### LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Thank you to all the contributors to our Advent devotional booklet. You did a great job!

Now it's time to do it again! With your help, we can have another inspirational devotional for Lent in 2016.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 10 this year. To have the Lenten devotional booklets printed in time, Kathy Mellott needs to receive your submissions by **February 1**. Please email them to Kathy at [kpmellott@verizon.net](mailto:kpmellott@verizon.net), or mail them to her at:

Kathy Mellott  
11402 Howard Court  
Beltsville, MD 20705-1956

Questions? Give Kathy a call at 301-937-7538.

## 2016 Emmanuel Church Officers and Committees

Please note: **CC** indicates a member on the Church Council

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Pastor</b> .....   | Jacob Young                              |
| <b>Deaconess</b> .....                                      | Jane Grays                               |
| <b>Lay Leader CC</b> .....                                  | Ann Rowland                              |
| <b>Chair of Church Council CC</b> .....                     | Ted Ladd                                 |
| <b>Recording Secretary CC</b> .....                         | Patrick Elliott                          |
| <b>Lay Members of the Annual Conference CC</b> .....        | Andy Onukwubiri, Ann Rowland             |
| <b>Membership Secretaries CC</b> .....                      | Dottie Gilbert, Kathy Rodeffer           |
| <b>Church Historian CC</b> .....                            |  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch CC</b> .....                 | Emmy Lear                                |
| <b>Angel Tree CC</b> .....                                  | Becky Cavallo/Jane Grays                 |
| <b>Adult Coordinator/Christian Education CC</b> .....       | Todd Reitzel                             |
| <b>Children's Ministries CC</b> .....                       | Tracy Fuller                             |
| <b>Coffee Hour Manager</b> .....                            | Pat Allen                                |
| <b>Community Meals (co-chairs thru March) CC</b> .....      | Ann Rowland, Elsie Cline                 |
| <b>Coordinator of Communications</b> .....                  | Rick Bergmann                            |
| <b>Deaf Fellowship CC</b> .....                             | Roy White                                |
| <b>DBSA Support Group (co-facilitators) CC</b> .....        | Linda Hiner, Judy Diedrich, Hazel Newell |
| <b>ESOL CC</b> .....  | Pat Allen                                |
| <b>Food Closet CC</b> .....                                 | Carol Clatterbuck                        |
| <b>Homeless Ministry CC</b> .....                           | Julie Pavelka, Theresa Timity            |
| <b>Hospitality Committee (for Funeral Receptions) .....</b> | Ann Rowland                              |
| <b>Music Ministries..CC</b> .....                           | Staff: Kathryn Griffin                   |
| <b>Native American Ministries Representatives</b> .....     | Becky Cavallo, Bryant Davis              |
| <b>Prayer Ministries CC</b> .....                           | Ernie Kilbourne/Ann Anderson             |
| <b>Scout Advisor CC</b> .....                               | Julie Pavelka                            |
| <b>Superintendent of Sunday School CC</b> .....             | Dee Lewis                                |
| <b>United Methodist Men CC</b> .....                        | Rick Bergmann                            |
| <b>United Methodist Women CC</b> .....                      | Debbie McNitt                            |
| <b>Visitation Ministries (co-chairs) CC</b> .....           | Hazel Newell                             |
| <b>Web Site Managers</b> .....                              | Rick Bergmann, Patrick Elliott           |
| <b>Welcome Committee (was Hospitality Committee).....</b>   |  |
| <b>Worship Ministries CC</b> .....                          | Rick Bergmann                            |
| <b>Youth and Young Adult Ministry CC</b> .....              |  |

### Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Chair CC Bobbie Deegan  
 Jaime Hiner, Roy White, Bryant Davis, Alexandra Scotland, Alice White,  
 Glendy Hernandez, Judy Diedrich  
 Lay Members to the Annual Conference - Andy Onukwubiri, Ann Rowland  
 Lay Leader - Ann Rowland

### Trustees of the Church

Chairperson CC (to be elected from membership of committee by Jan. 30, 2016)  
 Mike Hatton, Charlie Deegan, Barbara Butcher, Lynne Miller, Cale Fuller, Jimmy Bello,  
 Abraham Scotland, Paul Cruz, Willie Taylor

## 2016 Emmanuel Church Officers and Committees (continued)

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### Finance Committee

Chairperson **CC**.....Andy Onukwubiri  
 Mary Plantholt, Kemi Oluwafemi, Sallie Rhodes  
 Pastor .....Pastor Jacob Young  
 Financial Secretary **CC**.....Gail Belshay  
 Treasurer **CC**.....Beverly Ward  
 Chairperson of Church Council.....Ted Ladd  
 Lay Leader.....Ann Rowland  
 Lay Members to Annual Conference.....Andy Onukwubiri, Ann Rowland  
 Trustee Representative.....(to be selected by the trustees)  
 Staff-Parish Chairperson.....Bobbie Deegan

### Memorial Committee

Chairperson — Pastor Jacob  
 Lois Rodriguez, Margie Mock  
 Lay Leader — Ann Rowland  
 Trustee Chair — (to be selected by the trustees)  
 Church Council Chair— Ted Ladd

### Committee on Nominations and Leader Development

Chairperson – Pastor Jacob  
 Lay Leader – Ann Rowland  
 Lois Rodriguez, Linda Hiner, Scarlet Robertson, Mamie Smith, JoAnne Blakley, Ascenna Scotland

### Worship Committee

Chairperson **CC** Rick Bergmann  
 Cheryl Grays, Scarlet Robertson, Pat Allen, May Stewart  
 Pastor — Jacob Young  
 Deaconess Jane Grays  
 Music Director — Kathryn Griffin  
 Song Leader — Patrick McGroarty

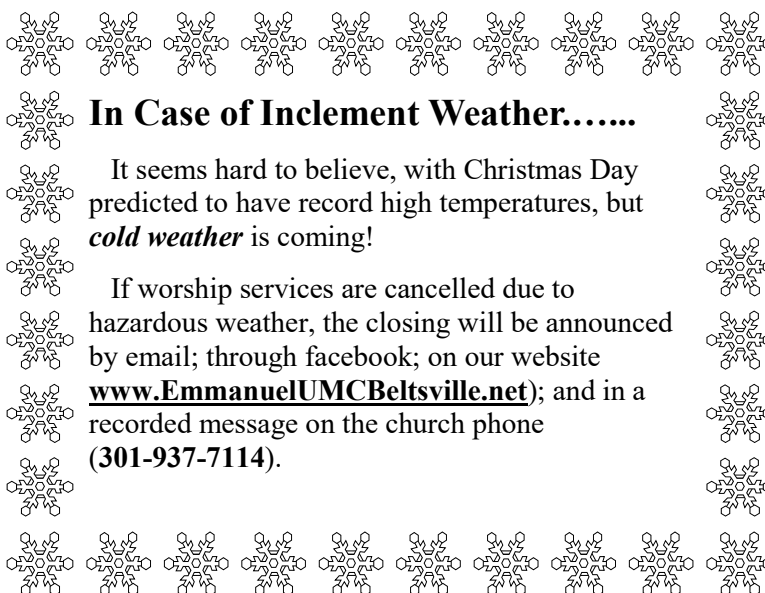
*As of December 1, 2015*

**SHARING AND CARING**

It was great to see **Ernie and George Kilbourne** back in church on December 13th after Ernie's lengthy recuperation. We've missed you!

**Lois Rodriguez, Kathryn Griffin and Bobbie Deegan** joined proud parents **Mike and Ester Hatton** at **Monica and Angela Hatton's** school Christmas concert. The performers were delightful, and it was great having Lois able to get out again!

Korean cuisine was a big hit at our Fellowship Day on December 20th. It was standing-room-only. Thank you, **Pastor Jacob, Grace Song, Gwija Park, Misun Jeong, Mirae Oh, Eric and Patrick Young, Bryant Davis** (?!), and everyone else who contributed to its success.



**In Case of Inclement Weather.....**

It seems hard to believe, with Christmas Day predicted to have record high temperatures, but *cold weather* is coming!

If worship services are cancelled due to hazardous weather, the closing will be announced by email; through facebook; on our website [www.EmmanuelUMCBeltsville.net](http://www.EmmanuelUMCBeltsville.net)); and in a recorded message on the church phone (301-937-7114).

**DID YOU FILL OUT THE SURVEY?**

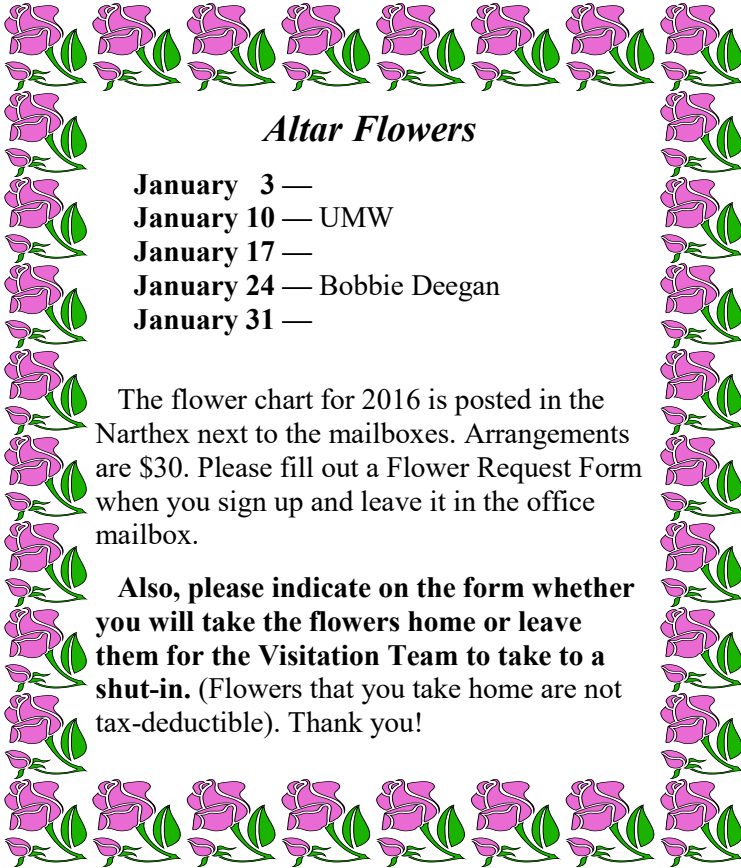
The Finance Committee has been exploring the possibility of allowing you to make donations online by credit card. Last month's Lamplighter included a brief survey to assess your interest in electronic giving. If you did not return your survey, please do so now and put it in the collection plate or mail it to the church office. The Finance Committee won't pursue this option at this time if it is not something our givers want. Thank you.

**MEMBER SURVEY ON ELECTRONIC GIVING**

*Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.*

- |   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| 1. Emmanuel should offer online giving by credit card for those persons who want to do so.                              | Yes | No |
| 2. Emmanuel should offer direct payment from bank accounts (ACH) for those persons who want to do so.                   | Yes | No |
| 3. Were such a service offered:   |     |    |
| I might use it occasionally.  | Yes | No |
| I would probably use it regularly.  | Yes | No |
| I probably would never use it.  | Yes | No |
| 3. I would be willing to pay a reasonable transaction fee in addition to the amount of my gift, if I used this service. | Yes | No |

***Thank you for sharing your thoughts with the Finance Committee. Please put your completed form in the collection plate, or mail it to the church office at 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.***

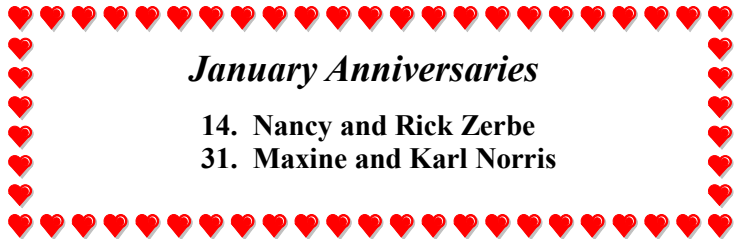


**Altar Flowers**

- January 3 —
- January 10 — UMW
- January 17 —
- January 24 — Bobbie Deegan
- January 31 —

The flower chart for 2016 is posted in the Narthex next to the mailboxes. Arrangements are \$30. Please fill out a Flower Request Form when you sign up and leave it in the office mailbox.

Also, please indicate on the form whether you will take the flowers home or leave them for the Visitation Team to take to a shut-in. (Flowers that you take home are not tax-deductible). Thank you!



**January Anniversaries**

- 14. Nancy and Rick Zerbe
- 31. Maxine and Karl Norris



**WELCOME, VISITORS!!**

The following guests visited Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in November:

- Steve Akers*
- Ella Bredbenner*
- Patrick R. Chin*
- Pauli Colburn*
- Dana Morrison*

Welcome! Please worship with us again soon!

To get in touch with **Pastor Jacob**, please call the Church Office at 301-937-7114, or email Pastor at [Jacob.Young@EUMCBeltsville.com](mailto:Jacob.Young@EUMCBeltsville.com).

**January Birthdays**

1. Carrie White
3. Doug Galloway
7. Katherine Cavallo, Dan Kenyon
8. Michael Baker
9. Walt Schlegel
11. Jane Grays
12. Dare Hassan, Sabrina Painter
13. Geoffrey Kaufmann
14. Hazel Newell
19. Kimberly Beach
22. Kyrston West
25. Bonnie Bland, Todd Reitzel
26. Bobbie Deegan
28. Rebecca Vaughan
30. Darlene Norris, Grace Song, Eric Young
31. Rick Bergmann

**IN MEMORIAM**



Willie Taylor's mother, Claudia Taylor, passed away on November 24th.

Kim Beach's mother passed away on November 30th.

On December 20th, Janet Doetsch passed away.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families as they grieve, and with everyone who is struggling with the loss of loved ones. May happy memories comfort you.

**CONTRIBUTORS NEEDED**

**(And no, this isn't about money)!**

The Lamplighter is for **everyone** at Emmanuel. You do not have to be a Church Council member to contribute to it! (I would love to have more committees provide updates on what is going on in their committees, though)!

If you come across something you think others would like to know, please share it! It can be something as simple as a book or movie you really liked; as useful as a "worthy cause" you want to bring to everyone's attention; or as fun as a new recipe. Help make The Lamplighter interesting as well as informative!

To submit an article or get in touch with editor Bobbie Deegan, please email her at [BobbieDeegan@aol.com](mailto:BobbieDeegan@aol.com), or call her at 301-937-7070. Thanks!

# January 2016

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu                         | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|---|--|-----------------------------|---|---|
|   |   |   |  |                             | 1<br><i>HAPPY NEW<br/>YEAR</i>                                  | 2   |
| 3<br>9 & 11:15 am<br>Worship Services<br>10:15 am<br>Sunday School  | 4   | 5   | 6  | 7<br>7 pm<br>Chancel Choir  | 8<br>7 pm<br>Maranatha Choir                                    | 9<br>5 pm NA  |
| 10<br>9 & 11:15 am<br>Worship Services<br>10:15 am<br>Sunday School<br>2nd Sunday Lunch<br>1 pm Youth<br>Fellowship | 11<br>7 pm Trustees<br>Meeting<br>7 pm<br>Depression/<br>Bipolar Support<br>Group | 12<br>10 am Prayer<br>Fellowship              | 13<br>7 pm Worship<br>Committee  | 14<br>7 pm<br>Chancel Choir | 15<br>11 am Community<br>Place Caf e<br>7 pm<br>Maranatha Choir | 16<br>5 pm NA   |
| 17<br>9 & 11:15 am<br>Worship Services<br>10:15 am<br>Sunday School   | 18<br>12 Noon Ellen<br>Hoover Circle  | 19<br>7 pm ESOL<br>Registration               | 20<br>10 am Susanna<br>Wesley Circle<br>12 Noon<br>Dorcas Circle<br>7 pm Sisters in<br>Spirit Circle | 21<br>7 pm<br>Chancel Choir | 22<br>7 pm<br>Maranatha Choir<br>7 pm Food Prep                 | 23<br>10 am Food<br>Distribution<br>12 Noon UMW<br>General Meeting<br>5 pm NA |
| 24<br>9 & 11:15 am<br>Worship Services<br>10:15 am<br>Sunday School<br>12:30 pm Youth<br>Fellowship                 | 25<br>7 pm<br>Depression/<br>Bipolar Support<br>Group                             | 26<br>10 am Prayer<br>Fellowship<br>7 pm ESOL | 27<br>7 pm<br>Church Council   | 28<br>7 pm<br>Chancel Choir | 29<br>7 pm<br>Maranatha Choir                                   | 30<br>5 pm NA   |
| 31<br>9 & 11:15 am<br>Worship Services<br>10:15 am<br>Sunday School   |   |   |  |                             |   |   |

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