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# The Lamplighter

## The Newsletter of Emmanuel United Methodist Church!

February

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect joy. Be positive.

Serve with compassion.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you're not alone.

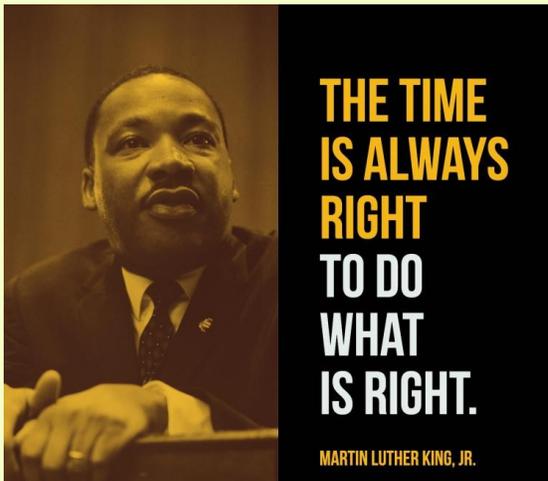
Give thanks for everything.

See goodness in others. mary davis

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### From the Pastor's Desk Patience and Kindness

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*  
~1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13

This is February, the LOVE month. It seems that we are on a constant quest to define what love means. There is even a day set aside to acknowledge it. People's expectations and anxiety are high on that day because we erroneously judge someone's feelings for us by the gifts they do or do not give. We also use love to describe our interest in things; I love it because it's faster, slower, prettier, taller, we love our hair, music, vehicles, phones, you name it. When we reduce love to human standards and qualify it, it doesn't seem like love at all.

Society appears to have digressed to be envious, boastful, proud, dishonest, self-seeking, angry, and evil, and that's not loving our neighbors as ourselves. But when we pause for a moment, and we are patient before we act or speak, we avoid hurting others and we build healthy relationships. This scripture tells us that patience and kindness is love. Those two things strengthen us and build community.

For almost a year, we have been forced to shelter in place. Whether we live alone or with others, plays a part in how well we do. Alone we are motivated to connect with family, friends, and acquaintances. With others in the home, we do the same and we renew relationships. The best part is, we learned that some of the things we felt were important, weren't that important after all.

The world needs that great combination of Love mixed with Patience and Kindness. It never fails. It is reliable because it protects, builds trust, offers hope, and it will persevere. I have experienced the "love is not" and "love always" moments in my life. During those times, it is my relationship with God that I cherish most because it was constant. I know that I am loved even when I have unlovable moments. It is the God modeled, healthy relationships that will sustain us for the duration of this seemingly never-ending pandemic. During this month when people expect gifts, we must give them the Greatest one – Love, and patience, and kindness. In Jesus' name.  
Blessings,  
Pastor

HOLY BIBLE

## Keeping Peace with Others

*This was originally submitted in February 2017 by Jane Grays.  
I am reprinting it this month because I think it's message is more important now than ever before.*



- † Don't try to change others. It is a mistake to try to fit another individual into a mold. Accept others for who they are.
- † Don't publicly criticize others or correct them with words or facial expressions. It is a delusion to think that one can achieve anything by crushing another.
- † Develop a good sense of humor. Don't be too serious about yourself. If you can look objectively at yourself and laugh when the joke is on you, you'll be able to get along with anyone.
- † Don't keep harping on the small faults of others, particularly those in your own family. Most quarrels concern only trivial things, not of sufficient importance to disturb the peace.
- † Be tolerant. Realize that the habits, customs, speech and outlook of others are different from your own.
- † Realize that others are entitled to their viewpoint. We don't need to agree with them, but if we state our own views, we should do so politely.
- † Watch your tone of voice. Your tone reveals your attitude, your respect for others. An aggressive tone belittles. A quiet tone invites further thoughts on the issue.
- † Be an attentive listener. Show interest.
- † Develop a habit of reading and studying. You'll be amazed how this will broaden your mind and make you more tolerant.
- † See Christ in others and let others see Christ in you.



### February Memory Verse

For we walk by faith,  
not by sight  
2 Corinthians 5: 7



### Kick off Lent at our Virtual Ash Wednesday Reflection Service!

Wednesday, February 17th at 7pm

On Zoom at

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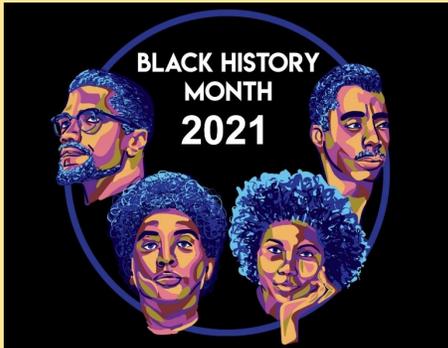
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## What is Black History Month

By Jane Grays

Black History Month celebrates the contributions made by African-Americans to the history of the United States. The U.S. observes National African-American History Month in February of each year.

In 1915, historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, which later became the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History. This organization inaugurated the first formal acknowledgement of African-Americans' place in U.S. history by designating the week that included February 12 as "Negro History Week" in 1926. This week was chosen because February 12 was President Abraham Lincoln's birthday, and February is the month of famed African-American abolitionist Frederick Douglass' birthday.



In the late 1960s, the Black United Students at Kent State University voted to expand Black History Week into Black History Month. This designation expanded to other academic institutions in the early 1970s. In 1976, President Gerald Ford acknowledged the observance of Black History Month, and Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan continued that tradition.

In 1986, Congress passed a law officially designating February as Black History Month and called upon the president to recognize the designation with a proclamation encouraging Americans to observe it with appropriate ceremonies and activities. In 1996, the Senate passed a resolution recognizing Black History Month and the achievements of black senators. Since 1996, each President has issued proclamations recognizing Black History Month.

The Black church and its rich traditions of worship, mission and justice-seeking play a key role in United Methodism. In the Baltimore-Washington Conference, 28 percent of the churches, 23 percent of conference membership, and 29 percent of the pastors are African-American.

## Shirley Chisholm (1924-2005)

By Debra Michals, PhD | 2015

*Originally printed on <https://www.womenshistory.org/>*

*Submitted by Jane Grays*



Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm was the first African American woman in Congress (1968) and the first woman and African American to seek the nomination for president of the United States from one of the two major political parties (1972). Her motto and title of her autobiography—Unbossed and Unbought—illustrated her outspoken advocacy for women and minorities during her seven terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, on November 30, 1924, Chisholm was the oldest of four daughters to immigrant parents Charles St. Hill, a factory worker from Guyana, and Ruby Seale St. Hill, a seamstress from Barbados. She graduated from Brooklyn Girls' High in 1942 and from Brooklyn College cum laude in 1946, where she won prizes on the debate team. Although professors encouraged her to consider a political career, she replied that she faced a "double handicap" as both black and female.

Initially, Chisholm worked as a nursery school teacher. In 1949, she married Conrad Q. Chisholm, a private investigator (they divorced in 1977). She earned a master's degree from Columbia University in early childhood education in 1951. By 1960, she was a consultant to the New York City Division of Day Care. Ever aware of racial and gender inequality, she joined local chapters of the League of Women Voters, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Urban League, as well as the Democratic Party club in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn.

In 1964, Chisholm ran for and became the second African American in the New York State Legislature. After court-ordered redistricting created a new, heavily Democratic, district in her neighborhood, in 1968 Chisholm sought—and won—a seat in Congress. There, "Fighting Shirley" introduced more than 50 pieces of legislation and championed racial and gender equality, the plight of the poor, and ending the Vietnam War. She was a co-founder of the National Women's Political Caucus in 1971, and in 1977 became the first black woman and second woman ever to serve on the powerful House Rules Committee. That year she married Arthur Hardwick Jr., a New York State legislator.

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## Missionaries cope with coronavirus challenges

By Jim Patterson



**Innocent Afful (third from left), a Ghanaian missionary who works with orphans and vulnerable children in Congo, has seen his job change during the COVID pandemic. Photo courtesy of Innocent Afful.**

As Chanmony Ek goes about her missionary work in South Africa, more than 6,000 miles from her home in Cambodia, the threat of the coronavirus leads to dire thoughts.

“What if I get infected by COVID-19 and my situation got worse? I might die here, plus my family is not going to see me a last time,” Ek wrote in an email to UM News about the stress of the pandemic.

The United Methodist Board of Global Ministries has 350 missionaries serving in 70 different nations, said the Rev. Judy Chung, executive director of missionary service. The highest numbers are located, in order, in Africa, North America and Asia.

“We did offer to evacuate our missionaries back in March when we didn’t know exactly what the reality would be,” Chung told UM News, adding that just a few evacuated. She said most wanted to “stay in place to be engaged in mission.”

Ek was in South Africa four months when the COVID-19 crisis began. She worked in the Gauteng province at the Northfield Methodist Church in Benoni and the John Wesley Community Centre. Her duties included working with a support group for family members and friends of addicts, a gardening project, teaching English to preschoolers, working at a charity shop, teaching

children’s Sunday school and working with a food ministry.

“Suddenly COVID-19 comes and the full lockdown started,” Ek said. “The John Wesley Community Centre and Northfield Methodist Church closed.”

But the food ministry became even more important, she said. The government and Northfield now are working together to feed 500 homeless people staying in shelters three times daily.

“It was a good chance for me to learn different things,” she said. “Especially the way that the church gets involved and helps the community.”

Moinina Minah, a missionary from Sierra Leone serving in St. Lucia in the Caribbean, had a similar experience.

“Because of the second wave of COVID-19 in St. Lucia, schools are closed and people are not allowed to gather in groups,” Minah said. He said restrictions to contain the virus ended the character development sessions, after school programs and community worship that he did.

Now, he uses Zoom to keep in touch with youth and records devotions for schools to share on social media pages.

“Because of this new approach, I have been able to minister to youth and children from four congregations, including parents,” Minah said. He’s also been helping with the church livestream worship service and has learned video editing, graphic design and how to broadcast worship services online.

Hannah Reasoner, who is working in communications in Colombia, had to adjust how she helps produce radio shows for religious and social organizations.

“Combine the stress of starting a new job, moving to a different country and living in a pandemic all into one tightly-wound bundle, (and) that’s pretty much how this year has been,” she said. “Even so, I know I’ve had it pretty easy. I am able to continue working and doing work I am passionate about and my family and friends and I are healthy.”

She was used to working collaboratively in an office with a studio.

“Now, it is a very different experience,” Reasoner said. “I walk the same route to the office but with a mask on and through empty streets. I get to the office to disinfect and wash my hands and awkwardly greet people from a distance.”

Sometimes, she stays in her apartment, which has a stronger internet connection. Adjustments allow her to produce the programs without having to be in the studio.

“The sound quality isn’t always as good, but it has allowed us to continue the work and listening hours have also gone up as people stuck at home tune in more frequently,” Reasoner said.

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## Fabulous Flashbacks

On January 12, 2010 a magnitude 7 earthquake struck Haiti. An estimated 250,000 people died. At least 300,000 people were injured. At the time of the quake, 70% of the population lived below the poverty line. Two weeks later, the members of Emmanuel spent an afternoon putting together hundreds of hygiene kits which were then sent to Haiti. Here are some photos from that afternoon.



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Shirley Chisolm  
Campaign Poster

Discrimination followed Chisolm's quest for the 1972 Democratic Party presidential nomination. She was blocked from participating in televised primary debates, and after taking legal action, was permitted to make just one speech. Still, students, women, and minorities followed the "Chisolm Trail." She entered 12 primaries and garnered 152 of the delegates' votes (10% of the total)—despite an under-financed campaign and contentiousness from the predominantly male Congressional Black Caucus.

Chisolm retired from Congress in 1983. She taught at Mount Holyoke College and co-founded the National Political Congress of Black Women. In 1991 she moved to Florida, and later declined the nomination to become US Ambassador to Jamaica due to ill health. Of her legacy, Chisolm said, "I want to be remembered as a woman ... who dared to be a catalyst of change."

## Assault on US Capitol dismays United Methodists

By Linda Bloom, Vicki Brown, Joey Butler and Sam Hodges



**Supporters of President Donald Trump storm into the U.S. Capitol in Washington after clashing with police to protest the certification of the 2020 U.S. presidential election results by Congress on Jan. 6. Photo by Shannon Stapleton, REUTERS.**

Throughout the evening of Jan. 6 and into the early morning, the Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo was texting with members of Capitol Hill United Methodist Church who were under siege at the U.S. Capitol.

The Capitol Hill church, at Fifth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, is about five blocks away. Many members also live in the neighborhood and know someone who works at the building, the pastor said.

United Methodists both near and far were disturbed by the actions of a mob that forced its way into the U.S. Capitol as Congress was starting to fulfill its constitutional role by certifying the election of the next U.S. president.

“I am appalled by the reckless behavior of some political leaders since the election and by the lack of respect shown today for our institutions, our traditions and our law enforcement,” said former President George W. Bush, a United Methodist, in a statement.

“The violent assault on the Capitol — and disruption of a Constitutionally-mandated meeting of Congress — was undertaken by people whose passions have been inflamed by falsehoods and false hopes.”

At First United Methodist Church in Arlington Heights, Illinois, members gathered for a drive-in prayer service and candlelight vigil.

“We see tonight in D.C. a symptom of what ails our nation, our world and even ourselves,” said the Rev. Melissa Earley. “May we recommit ourselves to the work of forgiveness and may we recommit of work of abiding in the peace of Christ.”

Eventually, lawmakers were able to return to the building, finishing the work of confirming the election of Joseph R. Biden Jr. as president shortly before 4 a.m. U.S. Eastern time Jan. 7.

For those Wailoo and others had been concerned about, “everyone is home and safe, but the peace that was robbed from them yesterday is really significant,” she told United Methodist News.

“Part of what has so saddened me has been to watch our members who have given up so much to serve their country and have been dehumanized and villainized by this president. And we know that dehumanization eventually leads to violence.”

Wailoo said her church has both Republican and Democrats who are members. “We want to be a place that God brings us all together and we do intensive work to do that.”

But she added that challenging hate speech and lies, like those about fraud, is not about politics, it is about following the call of Jesus to speak the truth.

The actions of the mob grieved the heart of the Rev. Ianther M. Mills, senior pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, who was born in the district.

“Never in my lifetime would I have expected anything like this to ever happen,” she said. “Of course, we are praying more vigilantly for order and peace. At the same time we are praying for ourselves.”

Asbury members were engaged in a 24-hour prayer vigil for peace with several other downtown Washington congregations when the violent disruption occurred. They already had hired private security because the church’s Black Lives Matter banner was torn down and burned in the street on Dec. 12 and a replacement banner was stolen over the Christmas weekend.

Denominational offices at the United Methodist Building on Capitol Hill have largely been closed because of the pandemic and were undisturbed by the demonstrators.

The Rev. Susan Henry-Crowe leads the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, which has its headquarters there. In a statement, she noted that “the peaceful transition of power is a pillar of representative democracy. Even as we affirm the right to peaceful assembly, nothing must disrupt this democratic process.”

The National Council of Churches also has offices at the United Methodist Building. “While we support non-violent protests, and have often organized and participated in them, demonstrators desecrating the Capitol and disrupting our fair democratic process cannot be tolerated or go unpunished,” the council said in a statement released as events at the Capitol were unfolding.

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## WE ARE THE CHURCH

This month's member is Scarlet Robertson



Scarlet Robertson with her late husband, Bill.

### How long have you been a member of Emmanuel?

In searching for a church closer to our home in Beltsville, Bill and I visited Emmanuel for several months before deciding to transfer our membership from Cheverly United Methodist Church in the fall of 1982.

### Who was the Pastor when you began attending Emmanuel?

When we began visiting Emmanuel, Rev. Dick Karpal was the Pastor. He and the members were so friendly and inviting that we decided to move our membership to Emmanuel.

### What is your fondest memory of being a member?

I have many fond memories of being a member of Emmanuel. My years of being a teacher in the children's Sunday school department have given me many fond memories. I bonded with many of the children that I taught and they became very special to me.

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

I have been involved in a number of ministries. One, as mentioned above, is being a teacher in the children's Sunday School. I began as a co-teacher with Lorna Marselas in the fourth/fifth grade class a few years after becoming a member. When Lorna moved on to other ministries in the church I began teaching on my own. Then over the years I taught all grades ranging from kindergarten through sixth grade as well as teaching a class for VBS for several summers. I've been a member of the following committees at various times throughout the years: Nominations and Leader Development, Worship, Safe Sanctuary, and Hospitality. I have served as the Children's Ministries Coordinator, and as a Member at Large on the Church Council.

### What is your favorite thing about Emmanuel?

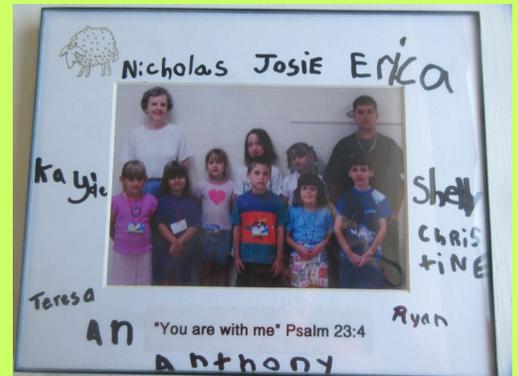
My favorite thing about EUMC is the friendships that I have formed with many of the members.

### What is your favorite scripture or Bible verse?

I don't have just one favorite, but here are a few of my favorites. One is Matthew 19:26. Another is Isaiah 40:31.

### Anything else you would like to say?

Emmanuel has been a very important part of my life over the past 38 plus years. Being a member has helped me to grow in my relationship with God and as a Christian.



Scarlet with the students of one of her many Vacation Bible School classes.

Offerings take longer since First Church lets people give items the church can sell on eBay.



Is there a church that hands out chocolate rabbits? Asking for a friend.



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The president of Wesley Theological Seminary, a United Methodist school in northwest Washington, spoke with emotion about the chaos on Capitol Hill.

“This is my front yard,” the Rev. David McAllister-Wilson, leader of the school since 2002 and an area resident for 39 years, said by phone. “Those grounds and the people that work there and in the agencies inside the Beltway are family and friends and our neighborhood.”

In a statement posted on the seminary’s website, McAllister-Wilson called for prayers but also for phone calls to members of Congress to “cast shame on those, starting with President Trump, who have incited this violent insurrection.”

Wesley has had students serving in internships on Capitol Hill and members of Congress have served on its board, and the school’s proximity to the Capitol is a draw for many students, he said.

Some United Methodist members of Congress took to social media to say they were safe and to share their dismay at the tragic scene.

Rep. Greg Steube (R-Fla.) wrote on Twitter that he and three others were barricaded in a room surrounded by demonstrators until the hallway was clear for them to get out.

“The violence and lawlessness we saw today was completely unacceptable and as a nation, we must do better,” he wrote.

Baltimore-Washington Conference Bishop LaTrelle Easterling said the day’s events had prompted a watershed moment “to raise our voices to heaven and take stock of who we, as Americans, have become.”

“The rioters who climbed the steps and walls of the Capitol sought to overturn the law, a fair election and justice, and claimed their motivation was to defend God and their freedoms,” she wrote in a statement on the conference website.

“They waved banners emblazoned with the words, ‘Jesus Saves,’ but this is not what Emmanuel came to earth to embody. This is a perversion of the Gospel. This should drive all of us to our knees.”

The Gospel message, Easterling said, “is a message of love, but a love that speaks truth and stands against immorality.”

“As a church, as Christians, we must condemn all the forces that led to the unprecedented insurrection today — forces of hate, of white supremacy, of distorted self-interest and abuse of power.”



Police confront supporters of President Donald Trump as they demonstrate on the second floor of the U.S. Capitol in Washington near the entrance to the Senate after breaching security defenses on January 6. Photo by Mike Theiler, REUTERS.

Five things to do  
before you get out of bed:

1. Express gratitude.
2. Set your intentions for the day
3. Take five long deep breaths in and out.
4. Smile for no reason.
5. Forgive yourself for yesterday's mistakes.



## A PRAYER FOR TIMES OF TRANSITION

Lord, we praise You for your **unchanging love**.

You sent Jesus to us, **who is the same** yesterday, today, and forever.

We thank You for walking beside us wherever we go, **leading us** into your plans and purposes for us.

Lord, **set us free** from all that holds us back so that we can move forward during seasons of change.

**Help us** ask the hard questions and open up to the changes You want to make inside of us.

Help us to remember how deeply **You love us** and how **faithful** You are.

In Jesus name, Amen



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**Moinina Minah (left), a missionary in St. Lucia, helps haul trash from a beach there with other climate defenders. Photo courtesy of Moinina Minah.**

The Rev. Andrew Lee, a native South Korean who previously pastored a church in Hawaii, has witnessed hardships related to the coronavirus while serving as a missionary in Cambodia.

“The Cambodia government suspended the issuing of visas for tourists the whole year, which affected the local economy of Cambodia immensely,” Lee said. “Personally, I have seen an increasing fear and anxiety among Cambodians, and indeed, the poor became poorer, especially the widows and children and other marginalized ones from the society.”

The Asia regional office of Global Ministries created a relief fund to support Cambodians hurting economically, Lee said. COVID-19 prevention education also was provided and about 1,000 needy families identified for extra help included homeless people, street children and widows living in poverty.

Those people received 10-kilogram sack of rice, as well as soaps, reusable masks and sanitizer.

“We also have reached out to women factory workers because many garment factories in Cambodia have shut down and the workers were on unpaid leave since March,” Lee said.

The pandemic in Congo has changed the job of Innocent Afful, a Ghanaian working with orphans and vulnerable children.

“During the pandemic period, everything is down and hunger seems to be the most dangerous situation to our various orphanage homes,” Afful said. “That is the reason we have to be self-reliant and cultivate our own crops to feed the various homes and the vulnerable children, rather than seeking much from the society and other donors.”

A handful of missionaries, including Minah, were unable to return home on schedule, Chung said.

“We had five young adults who are in a two-year fellow’s program and they were scheduled to go home in May or June of (2020),” Chung said. “Most of those flights were either canceled or postponed.

“Those who had to stay longer, we were able to work things out with the partners so that they can still continue to engage in some work, although there’s been limitations on how much they can do sometimes due to local lockdowns and things like that.”

One missionary had his flight changed 18 times before finally making it home, she said.

Lee and his family had planned to leave Cambodia during the summer to visit relatives. His wife and daughters were able to make the flight, but Lee opted to stay behind.

“I decided to stay in Cambodia because of the COVID-19 relief project,” Lee said. “I realized that people needed me more than ever before. ... I’m thankful that God granted me this opportunity to stay with friends and become much closer to them during this challenging time of our lives.”

The 55 prospective missionaries in the 2020 Global Ministries class stayed home because of travel restrictions. Recruiting for the 2021 class has started, but a smaller number will be chosen.

“We’re hopeful that we can move forward,” Chung said. “The (new recruits) may or may not get to their placements. If we are in a place where we are able to send missionaries, then we are recruiting for that.”

COVID-19 has caused some prospective missionaries “to make a decision that they are not quite ready to be outside of their home community in the midst of what is happening,” Chung said.

“But there are others who are sensing the need for missions in times like this. There’s a greater need.”

Ek plans to return to her native Cambodia and work at a rural community school there, as well as help grow a church.

“The school needs good resources to educate the kids, especially in the English language,” she said.

Her time in South Africa was not what she expected. She hadn’t anticipated being worried about dying far away from home.

“Many emotions came up in my mind: scary, sadness, homesick,” Ek said.

“One thing that God speaks to me is He is the one who sets my death time. ... I realized that during this difficult time, it might be a good time for me to give my faith to God and the community.”



**Missionary Chanmony Ek (center) helps serve food and drink to needy people in South Africa. Photo courtesy of Chanmony Ek.**

## United Methodist Black History Month Quiz

*This month we invite you to take a brief quiz on your knowledge of Black History in the United States and the United Methodist Church. Answers can be found on page 12*

1. Historian Carter G. Woodson chose February as the month to honor black history because:
  - A. Woodson was born in February.
  - B. Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass were born in Feb.
  - C. February was the shortest month.
  - D. All of the above
2. True or False, Black History Month is only celebrated in the United States.
3. The first Black History Month celebration in the U.S. took place when?
  - A. 1945
  - B. 1957
  - C. 1970
  - D. 2000
4. This former slave became a famous abolitionist and a Methodist preacher.
  - A. Sojourner Truth
  - B. Harriett Tubman
  - C. Harriett Beecher Stowe
  - D. David Walker
5. Which United Methodist church is named after one of the "founding fathers of Gospel music?"
  - A. Tindley Temple
  - B. Jones Memorial United Methodist Church
  - C. Barratt's Chapel
  - D. Seay-Hubbard United Methodist Church
6. This former school, once a haven from racial prejudice, is now an UMCOR relief center:
  - A. Scarritt Bennet Center, Nashville, Tennessee
  - B. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
  - C. Sager-Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana
  - D. The New Room, Bristol, England
7. After the U.S. Civil War, this trailblazing African American woman went to college, owned a business, and became a Methodist missionary.
  - A. Susanna Wesley
  - B. Susan Angeline Collins
  - C. Billie Holiday
  - D. Bishop Sharma Lewis
8. Mother African Zoar United Methodist Church in Philadelphia housed...
  - A. The first well-baby clinic for African Americans
  - B. A stop on the Underground Railroad
  - C. A school
  - D. All of the above
9. Who was the first African American bishop in the UMC?
  - A. Roy G. Biv
  - B. Roy C. Nichols
  - C. Roy Rogers
  - D. Roy Brown
10. Who was the only woman besides Coretta Scott King on the platform when MLK gave his "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963?
  - A. Jacquelyn Kennedy
  - B. Lena Horne
  - C. Mahalia Jackson
  - D. Dorothy Height

**YOU CAN FIND THE ANSWERS ON PAGE 12**

## How Can I Give?

**Online:** You can now give online through Emmanuel's website at [www.eumcbeltsville.com/giving](http://www.eumcbeltsville.com/giving) or scan the QR Code below. This is a great way to keep up with your giving if you are out of town, are sick or if you can't come to church. If you have any questions, contact Kemi Oluwafemi.

**Through the Mail:** You can mail your offering to the church. The address is 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.



Share your talents at Emmanuel by Sharing the Word as a Scripture Reader during our Sunday Zoom Service! Help for a single Sunday or choose several. You choose how many Sundays you are able to help. To volunteer to serve as a Scripture Reader during our Zoom Sunday Service, just email the office at [office@eumcbeltsville.com](mailto:office@eumcbeltsville.com) and they will let you know which weeks are available!

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1. Elmer Padgett
2. Emmanuel Forbete, Sarah Rodeffer
3. Pat Mellott
9. Georgia Reitzel
13. Barbara Butcher, Dean Hoch, Emma McNealy
16. Glenn Colburn, Juliet Pavelka
17. Sheun Bello
20. Patrick Elliott, Bob Rodeffer
21. Tobi Oluwafemi
22. Karen Mackey
24. Nancy Zerbe
26. Pastor Jalene Chase, Gary Heath, Rebecca Kirby



## Start your week off with Virtual Worship at Emmanuel!

Join us on Sunday mornings in virtual worship through Zoom. Join us for 30 minutes of fellowship from 9:30-10:00 am followed by worship at 10:00. Use this link:

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or go to [zoom.us](http://zoom.us) and click join a meeting.

**The meeting number is 851 2578 5976.**

**The Password is 850888**



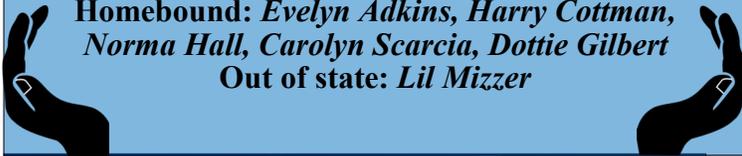
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## Happy Anniversary



**2. Katie & John Kaufmann**  
**20. Pauli & Glenn Colburn**

Please pray for our sick and shut in  
**Homebound: Evelyn Adkins, Harry Cottman, Norma Hall, Carolyn Scarcia, Dottie Gilbert**  
**Out of state: Lil Mizzer**



## Christian Love and Sympathy To:

- ~Abel Martin & family on the death of his Aunt Victoria.
- ~The family of Mirna Reinoza (community member)
- ~The family of Dorothy May Weaver (friend of Tammy White)
- ~The family of Mary "Sue" Conway (mentor/friend of Kathy Rodeffer) on her death on January 6.
- ~Pastor Jalene and family on the death of her sister-in law, JoAnn Smith.
- ~The family of Gary Bauchan, former scout leader of Troop 1033, who passed away from COVID.
- ~the family of Brad Shutt (cousin of Kathy Mellott) on his death on January 7.



*In Memoriam*



*Stand tall and proud  
Go out on a limb sometimes  
Be content with your natural beauty  
Remember your roots  
Drink plenty of water and  
Enjoy the view  
(thank you to Margie Mock for this submission)*



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## Answers to the United Methodist Black History Month Quiz

1. **The correct answer is B.** Woodson chose February as the month to honor black history because: Woodson chose February as the month to honor black history because Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass were born in February. Woodson's initial concept in 1926 was for "Negro History Week" to be held near the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and of Frederick Douglass on February 14. Black communities had celebrated those dates together since the late 19th century. Learn more about African American contributions to The United Methodist Church.
2. **The correct answer is False.** According to Wikipedia, Black History Month, also known as African-American History Month in the U.S., is an annual observance in Canada, Ireland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States. It began as a way to remember important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. It is celebrated each February in the United States and Canada, and in October in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and the Republic of Ireland.
3. **The correct answer is C.** Black educators and members of Black United Students at Kent State University organized the first month-long event. In 1976, President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month during the U.S. Bicentennial celebration. He urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."
4. **The correct answer is A.** Born a slave named Isabella Bornefree, she changed her name to Sojourner Truth after New York abolished slavery and she co-founded Kingston Methodist Church. In 1843, Truth began to travel and preach and was heavily involved in the abolitionist movement. In her public speeches, she spoke of her religious faith along with her experiences as a slave.
5. **The correct answer is A.** Charles Albert Tindley was a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a founding figure in American Gospel music. Born in Berlin, Maryland in 1851, he died as pastor of a 12,500 member congregation in Philadelphia. He also wrote the words and music to dozens of Gospel hymns, including five published in the current United Methodist Hymnal and others found in the Songs of Zion songbook. Tindley was one of the "Founding Fathers of Gospel Music."
6. **The correct answer is C.** Started in 1867, Sager Brown provided housing and education for black orphans of the U.S. Civil War. When the program was in financial straits in the early 1900s, Mrs. Addie Sager and Mrs. C. W. Brown purchased the school and gave it to the Woman's Home Mission Society to operate. The school closed in 1978 but became a disaster center in 1992 after Hurricane Andrew devastated the nearby area. Since then United Methodist volunteers by the thousands have come to the site to pack relief kits for those in need.
7. **The correct answer is B.** Born in Illinois in 1851, the daughter of an indentured servant, she was the first African American student to attend Upper Iowa University. Collins worked in the home of a Methodist pastor in Iowa and went on to own a laundry business in Huron, Dakota. She later sold the laundry to follow a call to serve in the mission field. In 1887, at the age of 36, she went to Angola and served 13 years with no pay. She established a boarding school in Angola. And her story does not stop there.
8. **The correct answer is D.** Mother Zoar UMC served African Americans in Philadelphia as a stop on the Underground Railroad; the first well-baby clinic for African Americans; a school; and a source of credit for home loans
9. **The correct answer is B.** He was elected a bishop at the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference in July 1968 and assigned to the Pittsburgh Area where he served for 12 years. He then served the New York Area until his retirement in 1984. As clergy, Nichols served in Berkeley at one of the first integrated churches and he hosted a radio show called "The Christian Answer." In 1964 he became the pastor of the 4,600-member Salem United Methodist Church in Harlem and helped build a community center. Nichols was chair of the development committee at Africa University after his retirement. He died on Oct. 9, 2002.
10. **The correct answer is D.** Dorothy Height was also on the platform when the first African American president of the U.S., Barack Obama, was sworn in 45 years later. As president of the National Council of Negro Women, Height helped organize voter registration in the South, voter education in the North and scholarship programs for student civil rights workers. Known as the "Godmother of the Civil Rights Movement" Height's advocacy helped pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

**HOW DID YOU DO?**