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The Lamplighter

The Newsletter of Emmanuel United Methodist Church

November Prayer

God, help me to be thankful for family

God, help me to be thankful for my job

God, help me to be thankful for a house

God, help me to be thankful for safety



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From the
Pastor's
Desk...

Hubba Bubba

If you've been hearing the word "HUBs" tossed around lately and aren't quite sure what it means, you're not alone! Let's take a quick moment to explain what HUBs are and how they help strengthen our church community.

The **Baltimore-Washington Conference (BWC)** recently reorganized into **HUBs**—groups of nearby churches that work together to build relationships, deepen discipleship, and serve their local communities more effectively. Each HUB creates **Missional Action Plans (MAPs)**—essentially ministry game plans—to address the unique needs of their surrounding neighborhoods. It's all about sharing ideas, resources, and energy so we can have a greater impact together than we could alone.

Here at **Emmanuel United Methodist Church (Beltsville)**, we're part of the **Harvest HUB**, which falls under the newly formed **Two Rivers District**. You might still see "Washington East District" on some older forms, but we're now officially part of Two Rivers. Don't worry—our leadership hasn't changed! We still have **Dr. Johnsie Cogman** as our District Superintendent and **Sherrill Cole** as our District Administrator.

So, what exactly does a HUB do? During a recent *Training Tuesday* session, a few main purposes were highlighted:

1. Strengthening Collaboration

Each HUB includes five to twelve nearby churches that team up for ministry and fellowship. The **Harvest HUB** includes:

Bowie UMC – Bowie, MD
Ebenezer UMC – Lanham, MD
Emmanuel UMC – Beltsville, MD
Glenn Dale UMC – Glenn Dale, MD
Lanham UMC – Lanham, MD*
Queens Chapel UMC – Beltsville, MD
Saint Matthews UMC – Bowie, MD
Wilson Memorial UMC – Gambrills, MD

2. Putting Faith into Action

HUBs design **Missional Action Plans (MAPs)** that focus on real needs expressed by their communities. It's ministry that listens first—responding to what people are actually asking for.

3. Promoting Vitality

The goal behind all of this is to help churches *see and respect all people, deepen discipleship, live and love like Jesus, and multiply their impact*—all while growing in vitality and connection.

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

From the Pastor's Desk continued

4. Sharing Resources

Each HUB has a "Connecting Church" that helps link the group to Conference resources and support staff (called *Resource Coordinators*). In our Harvest HUB, **Pastor Nona Colbert of Lanham UMC** serves as the **Hub Coordinator**—our go-to connection point.

Finally, it's important to remember that our HUB's ministry doesn't stop at church walls or denominational lines.

We're called to partner with others in our communities—schools, organizations, neighbors—anywhere there's a need and God's people are ready to serve.

After all, ministry can happen anywhere, and when we work together, the light of Christ shines even brighter!

Pastor King

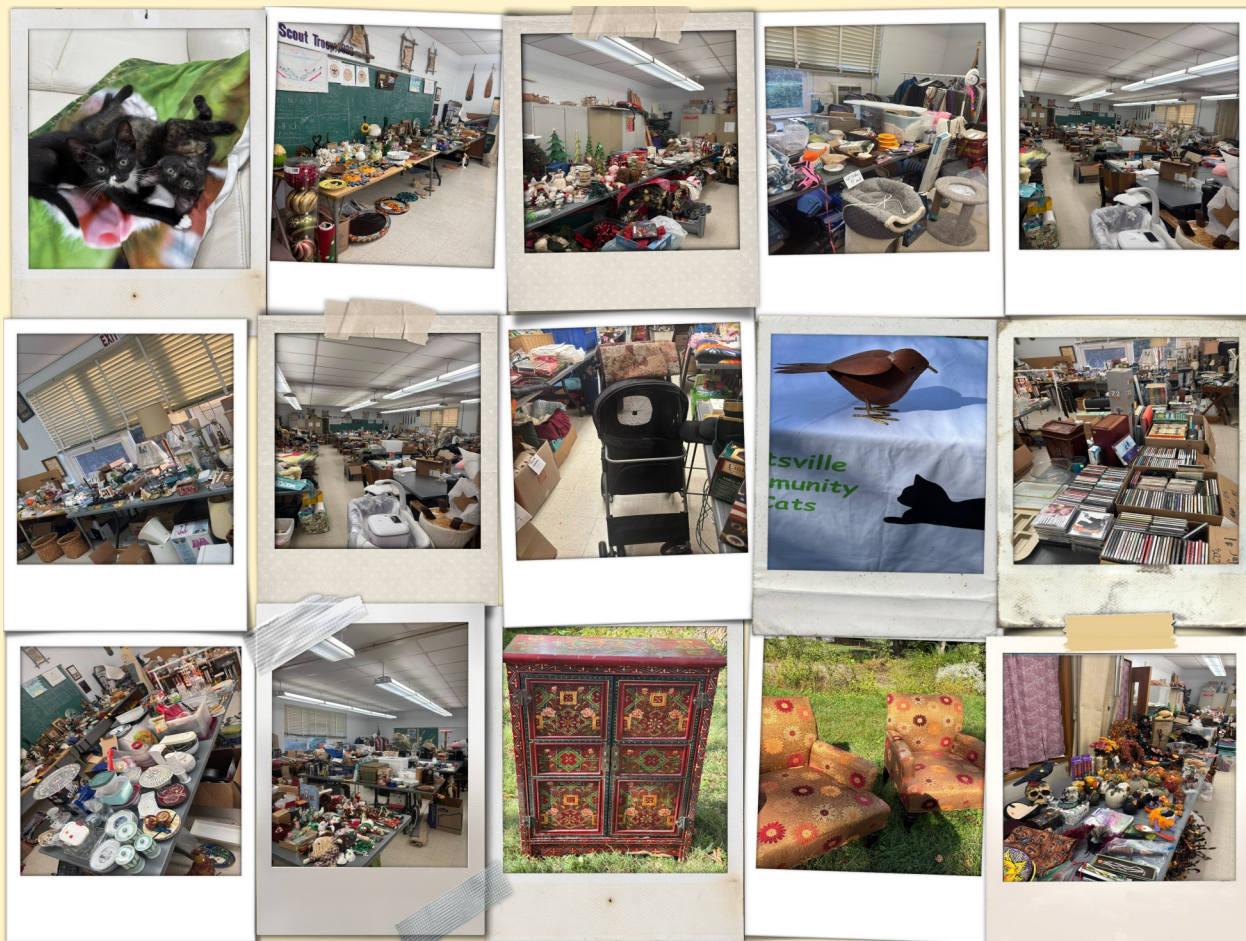
Congratulations To The United Women In Faith and Beltsville Community Cats On Another Successful Yard Sale!

It's YARD SALE SEASON—and no one does it better than United Women in Faith and Beltsville Community Cats!

Every year, these two amazing groups join forces to raise money for women, children, and our furry feline friends. And every year, they pull off another crowd-pleasing success!

Just take a look at the photos below—tables packed with treasures, smiling faces, and happy shoppers everywhere. It's no wonder their turnout is always through the roof!

Huge thanks to all the hardworking volunteers who make it happen. You're the heart (and muscle!) behind the magic.



November 2 Is All Saint's Sunday!

We will be celebrating and remembering those we have lost this year on All Saint's Sunday, November 2, 2025.

All Saints Day: A holy day John Wesley loved

By Joe Iovino (UMNews.org)



November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

This may sound odd. United Methodists don't believe in

saints. Right?

Well, yes... and no.

Wesley cautioned against holding saints in too high regard. The Articles of Religion that he sent to the Methodists in America in 1784, include a statement against "invocation of saints" (Article XIV—Of Purgatory, Book of Discipline ¶104). Wesley did not see biblical evidence for the practice and discouraged Methodists from participating.

However, he also advised against disregarding the saints altogether.

In an All Saints Day journal entry dated Monday, November 1, 1756, Wesley writes, "How superstitious are they who scruple giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints!" If your 18th century English is as rusty as mine, it might help to know that the word scruple means not doing something because you think it's wrong.

Those To Glory Gone

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church.

From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.

Charles Wesley, John's brother, picks up on this theme in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

*Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.*

On All Saints Day we can remember all those who are part of the "communion of saints" we confess whenever we recite The Apostles' Creed. We share stories of those "to glory gone."

Retelling these stories grounds us in our history. These memories teach us how God has provided for us through the generosity and sacrifice of those who have come before us. The stories of the saints encourage us to be all God has created us to be.

Saints on earth

Charles Wesley's hymn tells us those "to glory gone" are joined by the "saints on earth." We think of the inspirational people with whom we worship on Sunday, and those across the world we will never meet. We celebrate fellow United Methodists who inspire us, and those of other denominations whose lives encourage us. We give thanks for those with whom we agree, as well as those whose views we do not share.

Additionally, we remember and pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ who faithfully follow Jesus in places where being labeled a Christian puts them in harm's way.

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One Song

On All Saints Day, we recognize that we are part of a giant choir singing the same song. It is the song Jesus taught his disciples; a tune that has resonated for more than 2,000 years; a melody sung in glory and on the earth. Our great privilege is to add our voices to this chorus.

The last verse of "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above" encourages us to sing faithfully while on earth, so we might join the heavenly chorus one day.

*Our spirits too shall quickly join, like theirs with glory crowned,
and shout to see our Captain's sign, to hear His trumpet sound.
O that we now might grasp our Guide! O that the word were given!
Come, Lord of Hosts, the waves divide, and land us all in heaven.*

On All Saints Day, let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God for the lives of his saints.

Support for Furloughed Government Employees in Maryland



If you're a government employee in Maryland who has been furloughed without pay due to the government shutdown, you may be protected from having your gas or electric service shut off.

This protection applies whether or not you are still required to report to work during the shutdown. Gas and electric companies cannot disconnect your service for nonpayment during the shutdown or for seven days after it ends, as long as you contact your utility before your scheduled

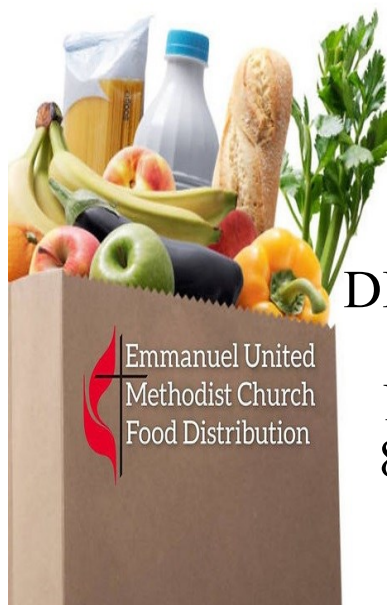
shutoff date to:

Verify that you're a government employee affected by the shutdown, and set up a plan to pay your overdue balance once the shutdown is over.

Be sure to call your utility directly to discuss your options and confirm your eligibility.

Governor Moore has also launched a dedicated resource page for furloughed workers, with essential information on Unemployment Insurance, housing assistance, and services for veterans.

Visit response.maryland.gov/federalpublicservants/shutdown for more information and resources to help during this time.



FREE
MONTHLY
FOOD
DISTRIBUTION
Saturday
November 22
8 am to 11 am

Emmanuel is on Instagram!

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Instagram



Join us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville>

Cooking with Pastor King: Faux She Crab Soup

Ingredients:

1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup onion minced
1/4 cup flour (or potato starch)
3 cups stock (I simmered veggie stock with a pack of roasted snack seaweed for the sea flavor, optional)
2 cups cream (You can also use non-dairy cream)
1/2 tsp worcestershire
1/2 tsp lemon zest
1/2 tsp nutmeg
1 tsp Old Bay Seasoning
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
1 lb extra firm tofu, drained and pulled apart as if making tofu scramble
1/4 cup dry sherry

Instructions:

Melt butter on medium heat in large stock pot. Cook onion until soft (about 3-5 mins)
Add flour (starch) and whisk to make roux. Add stock to roux, stirring well. Reduce to medium low heat and stir until thickened (about 5 mins)
Add cream and bring to a simmer. Add next 5 ingredients, salt to taste, and tofu. Simmer 10 mins. Reduce heat to low. Just before serving, mix in sherry or dry white wine. You can also substitute sherry and white wine with apple cider vinegar and soy sauce.
Serve hot, topped with paprika.

NOTE: Marinate tofu (mushrooms) with 1 TSP lemon juice and 1 TSP old bay while prepping everything else.



Join Us For Virtual Bible Study

Virtual Bible Study is back. We meet on Tuesdays at 7 pm on Zoom. Each lesson is self contained so you can drop in whenever you are available. Join us for a good discussion of the Bible and how it relates to our lives each week.

ZOOM INFO

<https://bit.ly/4dO5iry>

Meeting ID: 929 3284 2856

Passcode: bible

If you are calling in:

1-301-715- 8592

Meeting ID: 929 3284 2856

Passcode: 77881

Worship Through Giving: How Can I Give?

Online: 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.

Through the Mail: mail your offering to 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.



 **HAPPY**
Thanksgiving

Advent Is Coming!

Advent means “coming”

*Advent is a season of preparation
for Christ's coming at Christmas,
and for his second coming to
judge the living and the dead*

Advent begins November 30, 2025. Like last year, we will be sending out a daily email devotional during this time. We will also be seeking individuals and groups who would be willing to light the advent wreath and do a brief reading each Sunday. If you are interested, please email the office. On Christmas Eve we are working on putting together a special program for those at Emmanuel and the Community. We will have more information as we get closer to Advent.

Thank you, Emmanuel!

By The Board of Directors of UpStage Artists

When we began producing shows back in 2019—pre-COVID, remember those days?—we weren't sure what kind of reception to expect. Over the years, Beltsville had seen very little community theater right here in town. There was the Prince George's Summer Teen Theater, which ran at High Point for over 50 years, and another effort with the Theater Project at Abiding Presence Church around 2013 that lasted a few years. But a long-standing community theater, open to all ages and demographics, had yet to take root. We knew we were venturing into untested waters. And we could not have done this without the support of Emmanuel. Because of your generosity we were able to weather COVID and bounce back stronger than ever.

Seven years later, we're still here—and we've just produced our 20th production! None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of Emmanuel.

November is a month to reflect on what we're thankful for, and at UpStage Artists, we are truly thankful for you—the community of Emmanuel UMC. We look forward to seeing you in the new year with an all-new lineup of shows!



★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

- 01. Elisabeth Cavallo
- 02. Crystal Webb
- 04. Beverly Huneycutt
- 05. Katie McNealy
- 06. Kayla Hicks
- 12. Jaime Hiner
- 13. Chris Ademiluyi
- 14. C. J. Huneycutt, Michael Vaughan
- 16. Glendy Aguilera
- 21. Edward Mougey
- 25. Patricia Allen, Judy Diedrich,
Sarah Elliott, Claire Wray
- 27. Ginger Butcher
- 28. Olamide Oluwafemi

HAPPY
Anniversary

12. Susie Kilbourne and Chris Insley

**Please pray for our
homebound**

Glen and Pauli Colburn
Ernie Kilbourne
Emmy Lear



**Christian Love
and Sympathy**

The family of Rose (friend of
Judy Dietrich)
The family of Charles Hayer
(Nancy Thrush's Brother)
The family of Paul Grodt

WITH DEEPEST
sympathy

*Thanksgiving
Potluck*



BRING A DISH!

NOVEMBER 9

After Service

Bring A

Thanksgiving Main
Course, Side Dish,
or Desert to Share!

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OFFICE HOURS M, W 10-12 pm Calendar Room Key: (FH) - Fellowship Hall (Sanctuary Building) (CSR) - Chester Stewart Room (Education Building) (Zoom) - Virtual (S) - Sanctuary						
2 10:00 am Worship (S) 6:00 pm Scouts (CSR)	3 Office Open	4 Office Closed	5 Office Open	6 Office Closed	7 Office Closed	8 5:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous (CSR)
9 10:00 am Worship (S) 11:15 am Potluck 6:00 pm Scouts (CSR)	10 Office Open	11 Office Closed	12 Office Open 6:30 pm Lion's Club (CSR)	13 Office Closed	14 Office Closed	15 5:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous (CSR)
16 10:00 am Worship (S) 6:00 pm Scouts (CSR)	17 Office Open	18 Office Closed	19 Office Open	20 Office Closed	21 Office Closed	22 8:00 am Free Food Distribution 5:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous (CSR)
23/30 10:00 am Worship (S) 6:00 pm Scouts (CSR)	24 Office Open 7:00 pm Depression Bi Polar Support (V)	25 Office Closed	26 Office Open	27 HAPPY THANKS-GIVING Office Closed 	28 Office Closed	29 5:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous (CSR)