

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

November—December 2019

Our Mission: To share the light of Christ with all people

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November - December Greetings



Have you ever noticed that we dedicate certain times of the year to focus on something, and then we let it pass with the season? Well, I have. Take November as an example. We start off honoring our loved ones for All Saints Day (November 1st) and end the month listing the things we are thankful for at the Thanksgiving table. Then we have December, and the Christmas season that starts before Thanksgiving in the retail world and stops when the decorations come down. We remember people fondly during All Saints and Thanksgiving because we are thankful for the things they did with and for us. We enjoy the festivities during Christmas season and bask in the Spirit of love and fellowship.

I love this time of year. It's a time to reflect and be intentional when thinking about being with family. Let's change the old way of doing things. Why wait until November and December? Every moment we breathe is a reason to celebrate. Every day is a gift. Let's honor the people who have passed on before us by leaving a legacy for others. We should operate in a spirit of thanksgiving daily. And we should consider keeping the Spirit of Christmas alive in our interactions all year. I acknowledge that we may have challenges trying to keep this going. It may be hard to be in a celebratory mode all the time, it may be unrealistic, but we can try. As we end this year and participate in the events of November and celebrate in December, we should commit to continuing the feelings of honor, thanksgiving, love, joy and the gift of relationships all year long. I feel that we owe it to ourselves to strive to live our best lives all year long.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Blessings,
Pastor

Town Hall Meeting

The Town Hall Meeting was the third opportunity to share comments and concerns regarding worship. At the conclusion, we covenanted to stay with one service at 9:45am and address the flow. There are three repeated concerns from all meetings: the lack of worship participants, the music, and the start time. I have sat with these concerns to find a resolution that seems fair. My thoughts are that if the people with musical backgrounds would please step forward, they can form a contemporary band. Lupita came to fill a vacancy. She is filling a music request that is not her style of contemporary music. Creating a band would give the members an opportunity to play and sing the preferred music, stay the entire service, and participate in other areas of worship; and we could move the service to 10am. Also, please consider joining the choir; they can use the support, too.

Blessings,
Pastor



Training Tuesdays, beginning November 5, provides training from local experts for **leaders of local church committees**. This unique, personalized, online training will be provided through Zoom.

Sign up online today for the classes, which will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. To register, go to www.bwcumc.org. On the home page, move the cursor over "Events" and then click on the drop-down box that says "Training Tuesdays."

- Nov. 5 - Staff Parish Relations Committee
- Nov. 12 - Trustees
- Nov. 19 - Finance Committee
- Nov. 26 - Church Council
- Dec. 3 - Nominations Committee
- Jan. 7 - Unified Board

About That Name

Have you ever been called **names** by someone who was making **fun** of you? **Welcome** to the club! You are in good company—the company of **Methodists**.

John Wesley and some of his Christian friends at college believed passionately that the practices of the faith, such as Bible study, prayer, and service, were important for growing closer to God. Wesley and his friends were disciplined about doing these practices. Other students made fun of them for being so methodical -- “those Methodists,” they would say. But John “turned the other cheek” and simply claimed the name. Today, millions of people worldwide proudly follow Wesley’s example and claim the name of **Methodist!**

United Methodists have other **names** in their **heritage. Judeo-Christian**. We come from a very long line of people, including the Jewish who worship the disciplines and many of the men and women in the early church were also Jewish. As with Methodists, people began making fun of the followers of Jesus, calling them “**Christians**” (which meant “owned by Christ”) But they readily claimed the name!

Catholic. The largest group of Christians called themselves Catholic (The word *catholic* means universal). But over time, the church became corrupt. Some key people, like **Martin Luther** and **John Calvin**, began to *protest* some of the practices. So, one of our names is **Protestant**.

In England, the king decided he could create his own brand of Protestant church, not because of his love for God, but because he wanted to do what he wanted to do. But eventually, the Church of England also needed to be **reformed**. That’s when **John Wesley**, a clergyman in the Church of England, started speaking up. Others followed. In time, The Methodist Episcopal Church came to be. At about the same time, two leaders of American congregations, **Philip William Otterbein** and **Martin Boehm**, discovered that they had much in common in their faith, not only with each other. They declared, “*We are brothers.*” From them, together with Jacob Albright of The Evangelical Association, came **The Evangelical United Brethren Church**. Because they were originally German-speaking, it was not until many years later that they became part of Methodism. From them, we got the “**United**” in our name.

With all the groups in our history, we hold some beliefs and practices in common. They have helped make us who we are. But Methodists also have some distinctive emphases that we name as our *Wesleyan heritage*.

Submitted by:

Deaconess Jane Grays

HELP the FOOD MINISTRY MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Emmanuel's Food Distribution Program has been selected as the beneficiary of the Giant Food Community Bag Program for the month of December by store leadership at the Calverton Giant Food store. The Giant Food Community Bag Program, which launched in July 2019, is a reusable bag program that facilitates community support with the goal to make a difference in the communities where shoppers live and work. **Emmanuel's food ministry will receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at the Calverton Giant during December**, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag attached to the bag.

UMW HAPPENINGS

The UMW is having our annual Christmas Party and Pledge Meeting on **Saturday, December 14** in the Fellowship Hall at Noon. This meeting is NOT a potluck. Lunch will be provided. Please join us for fun and fellowship and a short program. This year, the gift exchange is a Christmas towel or hot pad; bring your gift wrapped in Christmas paper if you wish to participate. **Everyone is invited!** You don't need to be a member of UMW to party with us. If you have any questions, ask Becky Cavallo or contact the church office.

We'd also like to thank the church for their support of the Apple Festival. Donating, buying, cooking, baking, eating, setting up, or cleaning up all helped to make the Apple Festival a wonderful success this year. Thank you to Spicknall's for donating all the apples. A special thank you goes to Debbie McNitt for always going the distance to get it all pulled together. We made \$1200 for missions that help women and children locally, nationally, and all over the world!

Keep an eye out for pecans. They will be here shortly!

Submitted by:

Becky Cavallo and Debbie McNitt



A LOOK BACK AT UMW HISTORY

In October 1947, Emmanuel's first Circle was named for Betty Alt. November 1954 Circle minutes say that she was no longer doing missionary work, so instead of sending her a Christmas gift, the Circle donated \$5 to CARE in her name.

The following is what was known about Betty Alt. She was a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and Scarritt College. She was a missionary to Korea. When the 2nd World War ended, Betty returned to the United States, volunteered for the Red Cross and then went on to Fort Meade. From there, Betty was sent to Okinawa in Public Health Service. She then went to Japan, where she was in charge of the Instruction of Nursing in Tokyo, working under General MacArthur. A paper dated January 15, 1954, states she was with the Public Health Service in Baltimore, Maryland and was soon to begin work with the World Health Service of the United Nations. She went first to Geneva and then on to the Philippines before going to her headquarters in Hong Kong. As of January 15, 1954, she was waiting for notification of her departure date.

Activities of the Betty Alt Circle: In 1947, Eileen Boteler was the President of the Betty Alt Circle. In 1948, the Circle held a Stanley Brush Party, clearing \$12. A Spring Fair was held in May and, after expenses, cleared \$91.67. Some of that money was spent on four pairs of curtains for the parsonage. In December 1948, a Lifetime Membership was given to Rose Arminger.

In 1949, Alma Krauch was President of the Betty Alt Circle. In December 1949, the Betty Alt Circle ordered 40 8-oz. bags of pecans from H.M. Thames Pecan Co. in Mobile, Alabama. The total cost was \$20.

In 1950, Marion Sadler was President. Five teas were planned: September Membership Tea, October Founders Tea, January Silver Tea, April Membership Tea, and June Installation Tea. There was to be a bake sale every month.

Submitted by:

Lorna Marselas

Mitten Tree

What happened to the Mitten Tree? Not to worry. It has been moved to the month of January, when there will be fewer collections to compete with. Your 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.



PECANS ARE HERE!



The United Methodist Women are selling fresh Georgia PECANS again this year for their holiday fundraiser, just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas baking.

There are three flavors:

- Pecan halves/pieces, in a 16-oz. bag
- Chocolate-covered pecans in a 12-oz. bag
- Glazed pecans, in an 8-oz. bag

Each bag costs \$12. Please stop by their table in the hallway after the service and pick up several bags of fresh, almost-local pecans for snacks, baked goods, and gifts!

(EDITOR'S NOTE TO THE WISE: The chocolate-covered ones seem to sell out first.)

JOB OPENING

After five years of pulling together the Lamplighter, your Beloved Editor needs to take a break as of this issue and pass the job on to someone else who will bring a fresh perspective. Are you that Someone?

The job isn't hard. Basically, people give you their articles in Word, and you edit them and copy them into a Publisher document. After the issue is laid out, save it as a PDF. It may sound complicated, but trust me, if Ted could teach **me** in one evening, you can do this!

Articles are due on the 15th of the month. Ideally, the editor takes a week or so to get the issue laid out and converted to PDF. (This isn't as bad as it sounds, because the office will give you the calendar, birthdays, anniversaries, flowers and visitors early in the month so you can do them ahead of the due date). Then the office has a week to get it copied, labeled and to the post office so it will be delivered by the end of the current month. Obviously, I haven't met this goal for the last few months, and I apologize to all.

I will be happy to show Someone the ropes, and will be available if a consultation is needed. I have enjoyed doing it and found it very rewarding. But it is time for me to do something else. Please let the office know if you are their Someone to do the January 2020 issue.

Thanks,

Bobbie Deegan
Beloved Editor (Retired)

ADVENT HELPERS NEEDED

Each week during Advent, there will be a brief reading followed by the lighting of the candles. We are looking for a person or family to volunteer to help with this part of the worship service each week. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the red bulletin board or contact the office. Thanks!

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 3 — Beverly Huneycutt
 November 10 — Bobbie Deegan
 November 17 — Ada McGlynn
 November 24 — Elsie Cline



December 1 —
 December 8 —
 December 15 —
 December 22 —
 December 29 —

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.

NEW ADDRESS FOR DONNA HORTON

10104 Aerospace Road
 Lanham, MD 20706

ANNIVERSARIES

November 12 — Suzie Kilbourne & Chris Insley

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.

**DO YOUR BIT**

Share your talents at Emmanuel by welcoming visitors or sharing the Word!

Cover a single Sunday or choose several. You choose how many Sundays you are able to cover.

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

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Elisabeth Cavallo
2. Crystal Webb
4. Beverly Huneycutt
5. Katie McNealy
6. Kayla Hicks
9. Kathleen Galloway
12. Jaime Hiner
13. Christie Ademiluyi
14. C. J. Huneycutt, Michael Vaughan
16. Glendy Aguilera, Bobbie Barkley
21. Edward Mougey
25. Pat Allen, Judy Diedrich, Sarah Elliott, Claire Wray
27. Ginger Butcher
28. Olamide Oluwafemi
30. Edward White, Jr.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1. Motunriyo Oluwafemi
3. Ann Rowland
4. Gretchen Buchen
7. John Stewart
13. Cheryl Grays
15. Becky Cavallo, Michael McNealy
16. Jennie Owens
26. Alexandra Scotland
27. Rogers Beasley
30. Kim Hiner, Maggie Leatherman, Maxine Riggelman

Emmanuel had the following visitors in September and October:

Welcome!

- Mr. and Mrs. William Carter
- Zebedee Dolo
- Betsy and Jack Kaufman

We welcome you to our church family. Please worship with us again soon!

IN MEMORIAM

Christian love and sympathy to:

- **Susie Mendelsohn** and family on the death of her mother, Rhonda Lee Noble;
- **Ilene Forsbacka** and family on the death of her son, Jay; on November 9th;
- The Frederick family on the death of **Charline Frederick** on November 12. Charline and her husband, Fred, were faithful members for many years.



May the Holy Spirit comfort these families and all who are grieving.

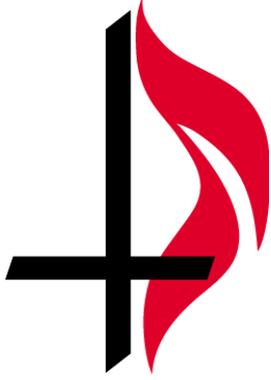
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5pm NA
3 9:45am Worship 11:15am Church Conference 11:15am Chancel Choir	4	5 7pm ESOL	6 7pm Bible Study	7	8	9 12:00 Noon UMW General Meeting 5pm NA
10 9:45am Worship 11:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:15am Chancel Choir 12 Noon 2nd Sunday Potluck Lunch 1:45pm UMW Executive Meeting	11 7pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	12 10am Prayer Fellowship 7pm ESOL	13 7pm Bible Study	14	15 11am Community Place Cafe	16 10am—Noon Chancel Choir 5pm NA
17 9:45am Worship – Stewardship Sunday 11:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:15am Chancel Choir	18	19 7pm Sisters-in- Spirit Circle	20 10:00am Susanna Wesley Circle 7pm Bible Study	21 12 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle	22	23 8am Food Distribution— Seniors 10am Food Distribution— General Public 5pm NA
24 9:45am Worship 11:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:15am Chancel Choir	25 7pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	26 10am Prayer Fellowship	27 7pm Bible Study	28 HAPPY THANKS- GIVING	29 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	30 5pm NA

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<p>15 9:45am Worship – Cantata 11:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 7pm Sisters-in-Spirit Circle</p>	<p>18 10:00am Susanna Wesley Circle 7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>19 12 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle</p>	<p>20 11am Community Place Cafe</p>	<p>21 8am Food Distribution—Seniors 10am Food Distribution—General Public 5pm NA</p>
<p>22 9:45am Worship 11:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>23 7pm Depression/Bipolar Support Group</p>	<p>24 6:30pm Christmas Eve Service Church Office Closed</p>	<p>25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 5pm NA</p>
<p>29 9:45am Worship 11:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				

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