

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

March 2011



Pastor Daniel Mejia

Are National Holidays still meaningful to us? I'm pondering this question, as we are about to celebrate "President's Day" on February 21.

Let me re-phrase my question; on the day when we pause from all our activities to celebrate the legacy and contributions from all our presidents, do you know what number president Barack Obama is? Who was the president during World War I? Who was the second president of our nation? How many times did Abraham Lincoln run for office? How many answers did you get right without using google?

Do we really care to celebrate and honor the lives of our presidents on their "Federal Holiday?" Or are we mostly excited about getting the day off and enjoying the "President's Day Sale" at Macys?

We know that President's day comes every year, but do we care about its history and meaning? No matter your position or opinion about President's day, enjoy it. However, on more serious matters, the Season of Lent is fast approaching again. In fact, we are getting ready to celebrate Lent; we do it every year, but is Lent meaningful to

us? Let me re-phrase my question, What is Lent? Why do we celebrate Lent? During our Lenten season this year we will explore it from a slightly different perspective. We will be taking an in-depth look into the last 24 hours of Jesus' life as his ministry collapsed and his disciples and followers abandoned him to face the cross alone. Who, how, and what kept Jesus going in the midst of this tragedy? How do Jesus' actions relate to us today? Come and join us this Lent and allow Jesus' sacrifice to renew and re-direct your life.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Mejia

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RETRACING THE
LAST 24 HOURS
OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT
PERSON'S LIFE IN
HUMAN HISTORY

NO SINGLE EVENT IN HUMAN HISTORY HAS RECEIVED MORE ATTENTION THAN THE SUFFERING AND CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS OF NAZARETH.

DURING MARCH AND APRIL, WE WILL EXPLORE THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF JESUS' LIFE.

WHETHER WE ARE LONG-TIME CHRISTIANS OR SIMPLY CURIOUS ABOUT THE STORY OF CHRIST, WE ARE INVITED TOGETHER TO RETRACE THE LAST 24 HOURS OF JESUS' LIFE.

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR 9 AM & 11:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICES THIS LENTEN SEASON.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
MARCH 9, 7:30 PM

THE LAST SUPPER
MARCH 13, 9 & 11:15 AM

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE
MARCH 20, 9 & 11:15 AM

THE ARREST
MARCH 27, 9 & 11:15 AM

THE SENTENCE
APRIL 3, 9 & 11:15 AM

THE CROSS
APRIL 10, 9 & 11:15 AM

THE DEATH
APRIL 17, 9 AM
EASTER CANTATA 11:15 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
APRIL 21, 7 PM
APRIL 21, SEDER TASTING 8 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
TENABRAE SERVICE
APRIL 22, 7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 24, 9 & 11:15 AM
EGG HUNT 10:15 AM



FOOD CLOSET

By Carol Clatterbuck

Adrian Villarroel, a Boy Scout from Troop 1033, has completed his Eagle Scout project of redesigning our food pantry. Troop 1033 is sponsored by Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

We now have new beautiful looking wood shelves and a stainless steel-lined pantry, which meets the requirements of the D.C. Food Bank.

Adrian's hard work, talent and growing knowledge of construction and design has given us the opportunity to take EUMC's food pantry a step closer to becoming a vital point for monthly food distribution in our Beltsville community.

Please thank Adrian, his dad, and their team of helpers and suppliers when you see them.

Thank you again, Eagle Scout Adrian, for a job well done!

Newly Improved Food Closet

The office has a new email address!

You may have already heard, but the office's new email address is: office@emmanuelumcbeltsville.net

Please use this email address to reach the office staff, Beth and Jo Anne. For the time being, the old Earthlink email address will route your email to the new one, but please update your address book.

This change was part of the IT Committee's work to convert the church over to use Gmail and Google Apps, which contains online tools for document creation and sharing, and managing calendars and schedules among others.

Gmail is a popular and powerful email system that features state of the art spam controls and Google's top notch search capabilities. We hope to eventually expand Emmanuel's Google accounts to other church members who may need it.

Furthermore, these changes are part of a larger effort to put in place sound IT processes and tools at Emmanuel. If you have any questions or comments about the changes, please feel free to contact Rick Bergmann, Patrick Elliott, or Mike Hatton.

Pre-Shrove Pancake Supper

By Kathy Mellott

Our annual Pre-Shrove Pancake Supper is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th, which is the Saturday before Ash Wednesday. A Concert by the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Combo will begin at 5:00 p.m. and supper will be served beginning around 5:30 p.m. Supper includes all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage, with a variety of juices, coffee and milk. Tickets are \$10 for the Concert and Dinner and are available Sunday mornings and through the office. Hope to see everyone at our "Samedi Gras" (Fat Saturday) celebration before Lent.

HELPING HANDS

By Jane Grays, Lay Leader

Please pass this information to anyone who may have a need for these services or who is available to serve as a volunteer.



Partners In Care Maryland

www.partnersincare.org
301-600-6008 / 800-227-5500

Building a community is as easy as HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR

Partners in Care Maryland is a grassroots community nonprofit organization empowering older adults to remain independent in their situation of choice. The program is based on reciprocity among people. Anyone who helps out will get help back from the community when they need it.

Services are non-medical and neighborly

Ride Partners is our transportation program; volunteer drivers traveled over 100,000 miles last year using their own cars to give arm-in-arm rides to doctor appointments, pharmacies, grocery stores, and errands.

Repairs With Care is our handyman program. Volunteer members make minor repairs to help maintain homes for safe and independent living. Typical repairs include changing light bulbs, light painting, changing screens to storm windows, and fixing leaky faucets.

Additional programs include:

Emergency Kits to help people to a safety shelter in place for the first few critical days following a power outage, snow storm, or other events.

A Service-Exchange Program

Partners In Care uses a service-exchange concept as the foundation for its network of support for older adults. The goal is to build a strong community by engaging people to help themselves and each other to accomplish the task of everyday living. Neighbors volunteer their time and talent to help each other live with dignity, choice, and independence. Everyone has something to offer and is valued for it.

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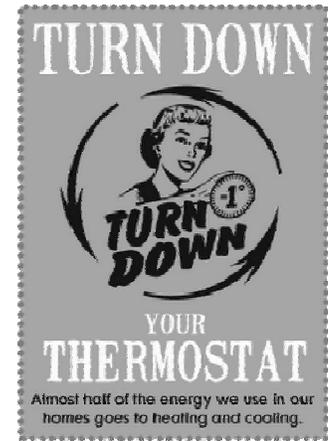
By Barbara Butcher

We are in the heating season and want to refresh your memory on turning on and off heat in classrooms using the wall thermostat.

The only thing to touch is the silver part on the top. When off, the silver part is as far to the left as possible. (This keeps the heat at 55.)

To turn up the heat, slide the silver part to the desired temperature. The fan in the air blower should come on and the room will heat. When leaving, slide the top part to the far left.

There is an instruction sheet next to each thermostat.



Thanks for support of Super Bowl subs

Thank You to everyone who supported Super Bowl Subs! We had a great time making subs on Saturday and it was super successful!

Shalom,

Michelle Thorne
Ministerial Assistant
Emmanuel United Methodist Church

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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| 3. Ray Midkiff,
Bill Robertson | 17. Brendan McNealy |
| 6. Mary Nicholson,
Sherry Cohen | 18. Nancy Cavallo,
Stacy Graham,
Colin McGlynn |
| 7. Janet Carter,
Daye Hassan | 21. Morgan Graham,
Marian Henninger |
| 9. Charlotte Eccard | 22. Erin Mellott,
Sue Young |
| 11. Maureen Sciannela,
Bryant Davis | 24. Jennifer Kresge,
Margie Mock |
| 12. Adel Wortman,
Kemi Oluwafemi | 28. Dennis McGlynn |
| 14. John Bouma | 31. Stephanie Ladd |



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March	April
6	3
13 Wells	10 Deegan's
20 Elmo Webb	17
27 Charline Frederick	24 Leslee Weton

Happy Anniversary

9. Isaac & Kemi Oluwafemi
22. Nancy & Samuel Shiplett

Play Games at Church

Get your game party groove on! Come play fun games at church: MadGab, Balderdash, Trivial Pursuit, Taboo, and Pictionary. Hot soup, and/or chili and snacks will be provided too! Game day is Saturday, March 12, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To participate, tell Carol Clatterback or Bryant Davis, sign up in the Narthex, or write bryant.davis@montgomerycollege.edu so we can provide enough food.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Todd Reitzel, Superintendent

Below, our Sunday School teachers share what their classes have been doing. On Sunday, March 6, between worship services you can learn more directly from the teachers themselves at the Back to School Sunday event in the church narthex.

Pre-K to 1st grade. The last several weeks, the children have learned that Jesus taught God's Word in many different places. They are learning about the Old Testament, what kind of stories are told, and the people who were part of those stories. Our games and projects make for a fun learning experience. The class also continues to learn the Lord's Prayer.

—Linda Hiner

2nd to 5th grade. The class has been studying the life of Jesus this semester. We are learning about His life through Bible stories, games, and crafts. The lessons are based on the *All-in-One Bible Fun* study book for elementary children.

—Scarlet Robertson and Donna Horton

6th to 12th grade. Through dramas, discussions, and games, we explore our relationship with God. During the month of March, we will be studying the teachings of Jesus through lessons from our online curriculum, including, "I gotta do what?" and, "You're invited but dress appropriately..." Visitors and new students are always welcome!

—Tracy Fuller and Debbie McNitt

Adult Bible Study. Please join the adult Bible class at 10:15 a.m. Sunday morning as we journey through Lenten studies. It will be a 5-week study beginning on March 13 in room 23 of the Education Building. We look forward to seeing you!

—Jane Grays

Adult Topical Study. The class, which began last fall, completed two Bible studies, and the third one will be completed on February 13. The first two studies were, "Unnamed." and, "Meeting the Messiah." "How To Be Human," one of nine 6-week Bible studies from LifeBibleStudy, will be completed soon. There has been an average attendance of 7 members and visitors. Our next study, beginning February 20, will be, "Flawed." Marilyn Tucker has volunteered as a sign language interpreter for deaf members every Sunday except first Sundays.

—Roy White

Please stop by to chat with the teachers Sunday, March 6, between worship services in the narthex. You can also talk with teachers of an upcoming bilingual class. There is something for everyone in Emmanuel UMC's Sunday School!

MOTHER-DAUGHTER COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The annual *Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast* is planned for Saturday, April 30, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This year's theme will be God's Handiwork (Quilting Bee). Prepaid reservations can be made beginning April 3 and will continue through the month of April. Someone will be in the narthex between services or you may call (see phone number below) to make your reservations. The price is \$3 for children ages 3-10 and \$6 for ages 11 and older. Children under age 3 are free. You need not bring a mother or a daughter to attend. All women are invited. Hoover Circle will host the event.

Sisters in Spirit are going to be collecting clothing items for teens in

local foster care and homeless shelters during the months of March and April with the last day being the Mother Daughter Communion Breakfast on April 30. The project is called the "Pajama Connection." The items we are collecting are: T-shirts, socks, slippers, new underwear, belts, wallets, purses, and cosmetic bags. There will be a place in the Narthex for these items soon.

If you have any questions, contact Jane (301-937-6392), Becky (301-937-7146) or Kathy (301-937-7538).

YOUTH NEWS

The youth raised over \$450.00 selling sub sandwiches for the Super Bowl. This money will go toward paying for a mission trip this summer. The youth would like to thank everyone who bought a sub and who helped make them, including Chick-fil-A for donating the mustard and mayonnaise packets, Costco in Beltsville for donating a \$25.00 gift card, and the Calverton Giant for donating \$25.00. The youth will meet twice in March, on March 13 and March 27.

IMPACT CHURCH

By Roy White

When my wife and I were visiting our daughter Andrea in Atlanta recently, I attended IMPACT United Methodist church on February 6. I learned about this church through attending Bishop's Day Apart with Laity on September 25, 2010. Its pastor, Rev. Olu Brown was the keynote speaker. He spoke about how local churches can be revitalized to reach out into communities and grow. More information about this retreat is provided in <http://www.bwcmc.org/content/laitydayapartarticle>, which is in the October 6, 2010 issue of Baltimore-Washington Connection.

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The 10:00 a.m. church service was held in an auditorium of Brown Middle School in the southwest section of Atlanta. Assuming the seating capacity was at least a thousand, it was packed. The service began with a commercial of announcements via video on 2 screens. Tuned in with the super bowl theme, a man dressed as a referee appeared on the stage and asked for a Green Bay fan and a Steelers fan to come up and participate in something like a TV quiz show. The fans competed to answer the most questions about football rules, football players, etc. Whoever won received a prize that turned out to be a box of food and other things. Then there was a fund raising presentation. Finally an opening song was sung by 9 singers and was accompanied by a small band. The sermon of “3 minutes” focused on the importance of praying as part of preparation towards challenges of life. The scripture reading of Daniel was referenced frequently. Rev. Brown mentioned that Daniel had bowed and prayed 3 times a day prior to being thrown into the lion’s den. Three minutes of praying every day is recommended. The video of the sermon can be accessed through <http://www.impactdoingchurchdifferently.org/index.php/live/sermons/>.

This church has been “doing church differently.” This approach has brought in thousands of people from the community and the area. I felt it was worthwhile to participate in this church to learn how this church has successfully harvested every day people.

175 YEARS OF METHODISM IN BELTSVILLE

By Charlie Deegan

Plans are moving along for Emmanuel’s celebration of 175 years of Methodism in Beltsville! At our February 8th meeting, the 175th Anniversary Committee laid the groundwork for an Anniversary Weekend in mid-September. Former members, pastors and district superintendents will be invited to join us for activities, which will include:

- An Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, September 17, at a time and place to be determined.
- Our Anniversary Worship Service on Sunday, September 18. We are hopeful the bishop will join us in worship that day.

As you know, the committee proposed that funds raised during our anniversary year be used for a new-and-improved kitchen. The Church Council has given us their support. Since the project was announced, many folks have indicated that they are very excited about the prospect of making better use of that space. Many thanks to Rick Bergmann and Mike Hatton for kicking off the fundraising!!! Not only was the spaghetti dinner on Super Bowl Sunday a lot of fun, but it raised nearly \$300 for the Kitchen Makeover Fund.

Andy Onukwubiri and John Stewart are working with an architect and kitchen suppliers to get ideas on what can be done. The early estimate is that a new kitchen would cost \$75,000 – \$100,000. Yes, this is a large amount, but with perseverance we will get there, and hopefully we will be able to make improvements in stages. To raise additional funds for the kitchen improvements, the

175th Anniversary Committee has adopted a 3-color logo designed especially for Emmanuel’s celebration and plans to sell commemorative ceramic mugs and T-shirts displaying the logo. Persons who contribute \$175 to the Kitchen Makeover Fund in honor of our anniversary year will receive special recognition in a commemorative program book and a complimentary mug and T-shirt.

Future meetings of the 175th Anniversary Committee will determine other fundraisers (bake sale, Christmas ornaments, etc.) and additional celebratory events. Get involved! Come to our next meeting on March 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!



Historical marker near the site of the first Methodist Church in Beltsville



Proof copy of embossed coffee mug celebrating 175 years of Methodism in Beltsville. The flame is red, semi-circle and banner gold, wording is black.

YES, WE WILL HAVE A COOKBOOK!

By Bobbie Deegan



Cover of the previous cookbook

The recipes have started coming in! Thanks to all who have taken the time to share them with me. It's not too late! Take a few minutes this afternoon and pull out your favorites. I will be happy to make a copy and return the originals to you.

You can get your recipes to me in several ways:

- Give them to me at church (I go to the 2nd service now that I am in the choir);
- Leave them for me with an usher, in the Church Council mailbox or in the Office;
- Mail them to me at 4316 Knott Street, Beltsville, MD 20705; E-mail them to me at BobbieDeegan@aol.com; or Call me at 301-937-7070 and I will pick them up from you and make copies!

Stephanie Ladd has kindly agreed to help me pull the cookbook together. Thanks for your help, Stephanie!

Thanks, too, to Charline Frederick for loaning me a cookbook that Killbuck First Church of Christ in Killbuck, Ohio compiled to celebrate their 150th anniversary in 1997. It's giving me some fun ideas!

Remember, participating in our cookbook is open to all – members, friends, family, young and old, male and female! Baker Bill is sharing his family recipe for gingerbread. No recipe is too old or too simple! I'd like our cookbook to represent our favorite foods over the years – 175 years of covered dish suppers! So call your siblings and get the family recipe for your grandmother's favorite casserole from the Depression, your mom's favorite cookie during "The War" (it didn't need sugar!), your sister's favorite Jell-O salad or Aunt May's pot roast cooked with onion soup in aluminum foil. You'll relive old memories and make new ones for the current generation.

Don't worry about whether someone else has already submitted a recipe for that dish. Each recipe will probably be a little different. Charline's First Church of Christ cookbook has 8 recipes for meatloaf plus one for meat pie. The only ingredient they all have in common is an egg, and they all look scrumptious.



Emmanuel United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale

By Debbie McNitt

On March 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. we will need many volunteers to make this mission fundraiser a success.

This year we are doing something new. We are renting out tables in what was our clothing room. Tables cost \$20.00 to rent. Karen Mackey is in charge of table rentals. 6 of the 10 are still available. Reserve your space now!

We will be accepting donations the week before and putting them in the room with the pool table. Our preference is to receive the majority of the donations on WEDNESDAY evening during our table set up time of 6:00-8:30 p.m.

I can pick up small items if that would be more convenient for you. 301-937-4291 Debbie.

We accept accessories, but not clothing this year. We also collect books, toys, jewelry, household items, and more and smaller pieces of furniture.

Doris Wray has a sign up sheet and she would like your name and phone number on the sheet.

Circle Leaders please call your members if they can't make your Circle meeting this month. Please put fliers anywhere you can think of.

Thank you for your support.

Super Bowl Party at Church

About 60 gathered at the church on Super Bowl Sunday, February 6, to enjoy a spaghetti dinner and watch the Super Bowl in the Fellowship Hall. It was a great party, and at the same time about \$300 was raised toward renovation of the church kitchen. Below are photos of some of those attending and enjoying the game and the fellowship.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p>7:00 p.m. ESOL Classes & Youth Learning Fellowship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Maranatha Choir</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pancake Supper 5:00 p.m. Concert & 5:30 p.m. Dinner</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p>10:15 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>12:30 p.m. UMW Exec. Meeting in Library</p> <p>1:00 p.m. 175th Anniversary Committee in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Fellowship</p> <p>7:00 p.m. ESOL Classes & Youth Learning Fellowship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>7:30 p.m. service at EUMC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast</p> <p>Game Day at the Church 3:00-5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>13 Daylight Savings Time Begins</p> <p>9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p>10:15 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>2nd Sunday Lunch</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Beltsville Women's Club</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Group</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Trustees</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 p.m. ESOL Classes & Youth Learning Fellowship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle</p> <p>Noon Dorcas Circle</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Maranatha Choir</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Sisters in Spirit</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Community Place Café</p>	<p>19</p>
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