

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

September 2018

*Our Mission: To share the light of Christ with all people: All God's Children Are Welcome!*



The UMW Membership Meeting will be on September 15! Why not join us? We will have special guest speakers from Shenandoah Women's Shelter. Ms. Kris Detro from their Sexual Assault Department will be speaking. Ms. Tina Branson from their Business Administration office also will be joining us. You can "Shower them with Support!" by donating items from their wish list. We have a collection box in the hallway outside the sanctuary. The potluck lunch is at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend. New guests will receive a gift!

The UMW Apple Festival and Craft Show returns on October 13! We need helpers to make pie crusts, post signs, set up tables on Wednesday evening 6-8pm, slice apples on Thursday, and make pies, set up the upper crust and toys & books rooms, and bake pies on Thursday and Friday. We need people to sort and price items on Friday. We need cashiers and helpers on Saturday, as well as people to help clean up from 1-3:30. Donations will be accepted beginning October 7 in the craft room. Bake sale items can be dropped off Saturday morning. Come join the fun!

~ ~ ~ Debbie McNitt (301) 937-4291

## ENGLISH for SPEAKERS of OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL), Fall Semester

We are looking forward to opening our 12<sup>th</sup> year of ESOL classes on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Our veteran teachers – Bryant Davis (beginning, level 1), Bobbi Meyers (intermediate, level 2), Pat Allen (intermediate, level 3), and Bobbie Deegan (advanced, level 4) – are raring to go, hoping to welcome many new as well as returning students. We believe that we have been a positive force in helping our new neighbors from other lands become integrated into our culture, and we have had lots of fun getting to know them in addition to learning about their various backgrounds.

As always, this mission project could use some helping hands. Our biggest need is for one or several people willing to present short Bible stories (predominantly parables) during our snack breaks at 8:00 pm. using the flannel board system set up by Pastor Daniel Mejia. All of the story material is available. Our students seemed to enjoy these presentations in past years, but we have not been able to go forward with this important aspect of our program for several years. For some of our students, such as those from mainland China, this might be the only opportunity they have to hear the stories of Jesus. Please consider helping us share the stories of Christ with our ESOL students.

It also would be wonderful if we could have an "assisting teacher" in each class. It is always good to have helpers to reinforce important points in lessons and move conversations along.

Please consider participating in this very worthwhile ministry!

~ ~ ~ Bobbie Deegan

## FAITH IN ACTION

### Was it Divine Intervention?

*Editor's Note: Last month's FAITH IN ACTION story was about showing the love of Christ to others by serving as a greeter. This month, Margie Mock shares a story of what it was like to be on the receiving end of unexpected kindness.*

I had just started mowing the lawn at my mother's house when a woman came up to me. "My husband will mow your yard for you," she said. He mowed for about an hour, and would take no money for his efforts. The family did select four VHS tapes from my collection, so at least I was able to give them something to show my thanks.

The family lives in Hyattsville. They were total strangers to me, and were on their way to an event when they saw me mowing and stopped to help. They left their phone number and told me to call when the grass needs cutting again.

What a blessing!

~ ~ ~ Margie Mock

## Annual Blessing of the Animals



On Sunday, October 7th at 2 pm, Emmanuel will host its annual Blessing of the Animals service. It will take place in the front yard of the church. If it rains, it will be held inside the church building. Everyone who loves animals is welcome! If you have a pet, please bring the animal and have him/her blessed at the service. Please make sure that dogs are leashed, and that cats and smaller animals are caged or otherwise restrained.

Animal blessing is a special ceremony conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi and his love for all creatures. St. Francis considered animals to be his brothers and sisters, saying "All praise to you, O Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." In many families, their pet is like a member of their family. Animals experience emotions such as happiness, love, fear, or loneliness just like people do. They also build close emotion-

al bonds with human beings.

Everyone in the community who loves animals is invited to participate in this event. Please join us for what is always a joy-filled occasion!

## Sunday School

Sunday classes will resume on September 9 at 10:15 am for children, youth and adults. Thursday Bible Study will resume on September 6 at 7 pm. We will be doing a 12-week study on discipleship. See page 3 for more information.

~ ~ ~Rick Bergmann

Dear Emmanuel Church Members and Congregation,

Thank you for the lovely reception for my father, **Rogers Beasley**, on June 24th. He was so pleased, but sad to say good-bye. Rogers is adjusting well and we see him almost every day. **His address is: 15815 South 50th St., Unit 139, Phoenix, AZ 85048.** Rogers sends his love and blessings to all of you!

~ ~ ~Dana Morrison, Roger's daughter

## SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 9TH.

**BRING A LUNCH ITEM TO SHARE AND JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER THE 11:15 SERVICE!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE TAMMY WHITE.**

## Health and Wellness

by Ilene Forsbacka



I am looking for a special person in order to have a life-saving Automated External Defibrillator device available on church premises. This person would be CPR-certified and would coordinate the program to meet the requirements. I am not able to meet the CPR requirement, but I am willing to assist as needed. I have someone who is willing to teach CPR should that be needed. If you are interested in this program, please let me know at [ileneforsbacka@gmail.com](mailto:ileneforsbacka@gmail.com) or 301-937-8767.

Looking ahead to Second Sunday Lunch in October, I have planned a speaker to talk about the new Medicare Guidelines. Those on Medicare are aware of the open enrollment window during which you may make changes to Medicare Part D. This presentation is timed to give you an opportunity to make changes if needed. Bring your questions and a dish to share after the 11:15 service on October 14, 2018.

*Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.*

~ ~ ~ 3 John 1:2 (NIV)

## 2018 Fall Sign Language Classes

Beginning- and intermediate-level sign language classes will be offered this fall. Ten-week classes will begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September and end the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November.

The paperback text entitled "Sign Language Made Easy" will be used. It costs around \$13.00. The same textbook also will be used in intermediate classes so that what's learned will be reviewed.

The previous class was held between worship services. It became too small in size, which limited the learning environment. It appears that that day and time was inconvenient for many people who want to learn sign language. Therefore, it has been suggested that classes be held on Tuesday or Wednesday evening at 7 PM.

The survey below will let us know how many people are interested. Please indicate your preferred meeting day. If you haven't completed the survey yet, please do so as soon as possible and place it in the Deaf Ministry mailbox at the end of the hallway. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Level:            \_\_\_ Beginning            \_\_\_ Intermediate

Preferred Day:   \_\_\_ Tuesday            \_\_\_ Wednesday            Other Day \_\_\_\_\_

Textbook Needed:   \_\_\_ Yes            \_\_\_ No

Questions? Please contact Roy White via [rwhite8088@aol.com](mailto:rwhite8088@aol.com).

## Fall Thursday Night Bible Study Will Begin September 6

by Rick Bergmann

On September 6, our Thursday Night Bible Study will begin its fall program. We will be studying the basics of discipleship for 12 weeks. We will be using 3 Discipleship Studies - Citizens of Hope, The Road to Amazing, and Get in the Game. All three are authored by Mary Brooke Casad and Clayton Oliphint.

The Basics Series consists of three four-week basic discipleship studies that provide a foundation for spiritual growth. With a focus on three aspects of Christian life: who we are, what we do, and how we serve, and through "holy conversation" in small groups, participants will increase their spiritual knowledge and grow as Jesus' disciples. The books that we will be using are:

- Citizens of Hope - Hope is central to our identity as Christians. Just as our bodies need food, our souls need hope, and the supreme hope is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. How does that relationship become real to us? In this book and 4-week study, readers are guided on a formative path of understanding who God is and who they are as God's children.
- The Road to Amazing - After we invite Christ into our lives, then what? What do we do differently? How do we live out our faith? How do we move from being to doing? In this book and 4-week study, readers will learn to recognize God at work in their lives through the presence of Jesus Christ.
- Get in the Game - Living in Christ brings us joy and fulfillment. But true Christian discipleship involves more. Following the example of Jesus, we are called to serve others through Christian service. In this book and 4-week study, readers will discover the joyful service that results when faith is put into action.

This will be a great study for everyone, whether you have been a Christian for 30-plus years, less than a year, or you haven't decided to commit your life to Christ yet. The wonderful thing about this study is that it will give us a chance to learn and grow together as we strive to be strong, faithful members of the body of Christ!

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**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1. Mary Ann Vaughan
4. Dottie Gilbert
6. Jody Hammond, Isaac Oluwafemi
8. Don Hammond
9. Jessica Leatherman
10. Charlie Deegan, Ester Hatton
11. James Mackey Jr.
12. Tracy Fuller
14. Evelyn Adkins
15. Elsie Cline
18. Robert Galloway
21. Bob Miller, Carol Lee, Lois Schulze
22. Beverly Ward
23. Chinasa Onukwubiri
29. Victoria Galloway, Carolyn Hicks, Ascenna Scotland
30. Kathryn Griffin, Jennifer Embrey

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- September 2 — Ward
- September 9 — Deegan
- September 16 — Cline
- September 23 —
- September 30 — Rodeffer



The flower chart is posted in the hallway next to the mailboxes at the end of the hall. Arrangements are \$30.

Please fill out a Flower Request Form when you sign up 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.

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

1. Carrie & Roy White
2. Mary Ann & Don Roberts
4. Donna & Jim Tock
5. Bobbie & Charlie Deegan
6. Barbara & Jim Butcher
8. Priscilla & Chrispin Wray
18. Julie & Chuck Pavelka
24. Ada & Dennis McGlynn
27. Ann & Ted Ladd



**IN MEMORIAM**

Christian love and sympathy to:

Mary Lou Bernota and family, on the death of her husband Matt on July 5th.



May the Holy Spirit comfort this family and all who are mourning, and may the Lord surround them with love as they adjust to a "new normal" without their loved one.

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4*

Persons visiting Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in July included:

- Shane Plantholt
- Rosa Stiggers
- Frances Notley
- Dale Secules



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

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## September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5 pm NA
2 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services	3 <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	4 7 pm ESOL	5	6 7 pm Bible Study	7	8 5 pm NA
9 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 2nd Sunday Lunch 12:30 Youth Group 12:45 Chancel Choir	10 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	11 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7 pm ESOL	12	13 7 pm Bible Study	14	15 12 Noon UMW General Meeting 5 pm NA
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