

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

June 2011



Pastor Daniel Mejia

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer. If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Isaiah 58:9a, 10-11

Mission is what brings life and growth to the church. Mission is what we do and who we are. Mission is where God's heart is and where God wants to see us all participate.

This summer Emmanuel's youth group will travel 280 miles southwest to Christiansburg, VA from July 23-29 to participate in Project Spy, building and remodeling homes for people of low income and filling a great need in our present economic crisis.

Thirteen youths and 7 adults will have an opportunity to get their hands dirty and engage directly in serving people who are less fortunate than they are. We understand that no matter the age, it is never too early or too late to use our talents and abilities in serving others. Our hope is that our youth will catch from an early age the "service bug" that will remain with them for the rest of their lives.

I've recently heard that true mission in the church happens when the missionary can tell exactly the color of the eyes of the person whom he or she is serving.

Mother Teresa seemed to be of the same opinion when she said, "Giving needs not to be confined to money or material gifts, but I would like more people to give their hands to serve and their hearts to love--to recognize the poor in their own homes, towns and countries, and to reach out to them in love and compassion." *Although, there are practical realities that may impede many of us from going and doing mission work locally or overseas, we can all attest that the transformation that takes place in the service of others is undeniable.*

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what we do and who we are. Mission is where God's heart is and where God wants to see us all participate. We ask for your prayers as the youth embark on this mission trip. But we also ask you to pray and think about the ways in which you will get involved in missions this summer. Along with your well thought-out summer vacation plans don't forget to schedule time to help and attend Sunday school and Vacation Bible School, help Community Place Café feed the homeless lunch on the third Friday of every month, come to church, etc. I think that you get the idea.

Have a wonderful and mission filled summer.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Mejia



Mother Teresa

Mission Trip for Youth in July

By Bryant Davis

Car washes and talent shows are two of the activities that the youth of Emmanuel United Methodist Church have engaged in to raise money to go on a mission trip in July.

The cost is \$300 per person, but the payoff is so much greater. The mission is done through Project Spy, a ministry of Fieldstone United Methodist Church located in the New River Valley section of southwest Virginia.

In the past, the ministry has repaired homes, cleaned trash from backyards, and even built a sixty-foot bridge so the ambulance could get through when needed. On this mission trip, from July 23-29, the youth from our church will make homes warmer, safer, and drier.



Former participants in the Project Spy Program

You can help by contributing financially to the mission trip. The youth have to pay their own way, and, though they have been working to earn money for the trip, the car wash and the talent show will only go so far. The \$300 for each participant covers the program, meals, housing, and building materials. If you would like to help, you can donate cash by writing on the envelope "Project Spy" or write a check and putting "Project Spy" on the memo line.

Fire Extinguisher Inventory

There are sixteen fire extinguishers on church property. All are ABC dry chemical type (multi purpose). Ten are located in the Sanctuary Building.

One is located in the Narthex just outside the Sanctuary, and another is located in the Sanctuary on the wall nearest Cedar Lane. Two are located on either side of the altar.

Another is just outside the fellowship hall. One is just outside the Pastors office and another inside the church office. One is in the boiler room and another two in the kitchen.

Six more are in the Education Building. One in room 23, two in the upper hallway, one outside the Library, one between rooms 17 & 18, and one outside room 14.

Thanks from Hoover Circle

The Hoover Circle wishes to thank those who shared their quilts, afghans and needlework which were shown at the Mother-Daughter breakfast. We had some very old items from the 1800's to some 21st Century work.

Chicken Barbecue & Community Yard Sale

The 175th anniversary committee will be holding a community yard sale and chicken barbecue on Saturday June 18th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. You can rent a table for \$10. This is a great way to get to know some of our neighbors and maybe get rid of some stuff that you no longer need. If you would like to reserve a table e-mail Rick Bergmann at rick.bergmann@emmanuelumcbeltsville.net or call 301-785-7516.

All proceeds from the sale of food and rental of tables will go toward remodeling the kitchen.

Emmanuel Computer Lab Update!

By Patrick Elliott
Computer Lab Project Manager

As many of you read in the February Lamplighter, our church is working on creating a computer lab to serve a variety of ministries and needs within Emmanuel UMC.

These needs include use for ESOL, Sunday school, homework lab, and many others. To help move forward, we have created a Computer Lab Steering Committee. This group is comprised of members who represent nearly every ministry and area in the church and our goal is to help make decisions about the scope, design, and implementation of the computer lab.

The group first met on May 10th to discuss the purpose, funding, and options for the computer lab. The group will meet again on Tuesday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship hall. The agenda will include updates on our research related to costs associated with the computer lab and options to minimize its impact on the media center. We will also prepare for our update to Church Council the next night. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. If you have any questions or feedback, feel free to let me know (patrick@elliott.com, 301-937-1035).

Membership-Representation on the Computer Lab Committee

Pat Allen - ESOL
Rick Bergmann - IT Committee

Becky Cavallo - UMW/Librarian
Patrick Elliott - Project Manager
Mike Hatton - IT Committee
Olivia Heath - Trustees
Gary Heath - Wiring & Networking
Jamie Hiner
Katie Kaufmann
Julie Pavelka - Homeless Ministry
Daniel Mejia - Pastor
Margie Mock - Historian
Todd Reitzel - Sunday School
Jon Stewart - Trustees
Ann Rowland - Church Council



Community Place Café (CPC) By Ann Rowland

Attention all youth!! Are you looking for Volunteer Service Hours? If so, CPC may be the answer you're searching for this summer.

We need help with cooking and serving and will award service hours to students who help us out. We cook in our church kitchen on the third Thursday of the month. Cooking is usually done from 10:00 a.m. 'til 12 noon, but we're flexible. We return to the church at 10:00 a.m. on Friday to complete our food preparation. After packing up the food in cars we head on over to First UMC in Hyattsville to serve 40 to

80 hungry men, women and (sometimes) children. Only 5 to 10% of the program recipients are homeless. The others have a hard time making ends meet. Some are the working poor earning only minimum wage while others pick up work when they can. Feeding the hungry is very rewarding. Try it. You just might like it!

To volunteer contact me by email at annrowland@verizon.net or phone at 301-572-5250. I hope to hear from you when school's out.

175th Anniversary Update By Charlie Deegan

Last month, I shared the news that we will have our **Anniversary Dinner** on September 17th at the Knights of Columbus, coupled with a Silent Auction. I am happy to report that Bill Raulin has agreed to help me lead the effort to solicit Beltsville businesses for auction items and/or ads for the program book.

Ads are reasonably priced at \$35, \$50, \$75 and \$100, depending on the size. If you would like to join their team by enlisting the support of businesses you patronize, we would welcome your participation! See either Bill or me to get copies of the cover letter and donation forms.

Thanks to Rick Bergmann for designing and printing the tickets for the Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction.

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Rose Garden Under New Management

By Jim Butcher

By my reckoning, 30 years and more have passed since my old friend and mentor Herman Todd convinced me to establish a small rose garden on the Emmanuel church grounds. One may observe a memory to my old friend and his dear wife Margaret with a glance to the stained-glass window that graces Emmanuel's sanctuary. At the time, Herman Todd chaired the Trustees Committee, as I recall. I was mightily engaged with my two sons in Emmanuel's very own Boy Scout Troop 1033. (Both sons hold a slot among the ever-expanding roster of Troop 1033 eagle scouts.)

Over the intervening years, I have come to the garden, usually alone, almost daily during

blooming season. I've rarely gone a week without visiting the garden, even during winter's coldest months. You see, solace may be found there, solace of the kind vividly framed in the hymn, *In the Garden*, or as we once of the Southern Baptist tradition know the title, *I Come to the Garden Alone...* The garden is the perfect locale for a quiet man of few words...perhaps others as well.

After so many years, the time has come to pass the garden to younger, more forceful management. Grace and good fortune are with us. Troop 1033 Scoutmaster David Timus, Sr., and his worthy troop of lively young Boy Scouts have stepped forward to assume responsibility for the garden.

Indeed, they have already begun. On a recent Saturday morning, Scoutmaster Timus, Asst. Scoutmaster Rick Deery, Senior Patrol Leader Patrick Deery, Junior

Asst. Scoutmaster David Timus II, and Scouts Al Diagne, Jose Orellano, and Justin Nowlin -- all arrived early at the garden, bent on removing an excess of the Liriope that borders the garden. A tough job that, but they hung in there with earnest Boy Scout zeal. Final score: Scouts 1, Liriope 0. Later, Scoutmaster David Timus e-mailed that the troop had added 15 bags of hardwood mulch (to the already mulched garden). "We wanted to give it a finished feel," e-mailed Scoutmaster Timus. Did someone say Scout character? It doesn't come stronger than that!

Last, my immense and lasting gratitude to the good parishioners of Emmanuel for allowing me to share their hallowed grounds. In the coming days and years, I plan to come often to the garden, usually, but not always, alone. I'd be pleased to meet you there.

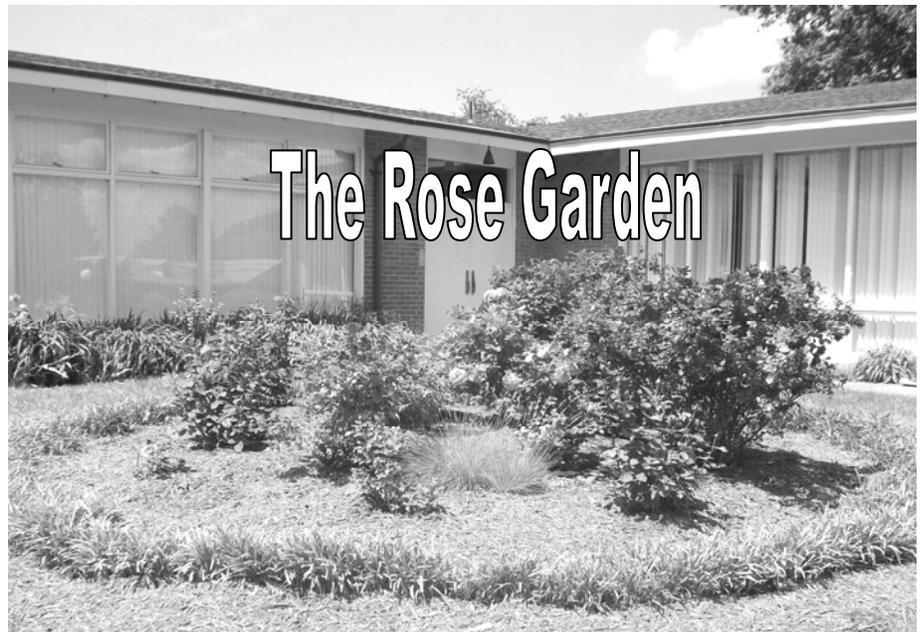
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We are limited to 200 diners due to the size of the banquet room, so get your tickets early! Tickets cost just \$35 and will go on sale beginning the first Sunday in June.

Cook Book Update Bobbie plans to submit the materials to the publisher in June, so we can take advantage of the "early Christmas" bonus. This should enable us to get the finished cookbooks well before Anniversary Weekend.

As you can see, a lot is going on, and time is running short! The next meeting of the 175th Anniversary Committee will be **Sunday, June 5th** at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us. There'll be pizza!





June Birthdays

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| 2 George Kilbourne,
Megan Wesley | 14 Tia Dorsey,
Janet Reed, |
| 3 Lori Midkiff | Nancy Shiplett |
| 4 Linda Hiner | 18 Ruth Smith |
| 5 Angela Hatton | 21 Lisa Baker |
| 7 Matthew Sciannella | 24 Bob Frederick,
Ralph Guynn |
| 8 Ikenna Onukwubiri,
Patrick Mackey | 26 Rick Zerbe |
| 9 Katherine Faulkner | 28 Janet Doetsch |
| 10 Ann Ladd | 29 Olivia Heath,
Beverly Urick |
| | 30 Emma Claye |



- June 5 Wells
- June 12 Alice White
- June 19 Frederick
- June 26 Ward

June Anniversaries



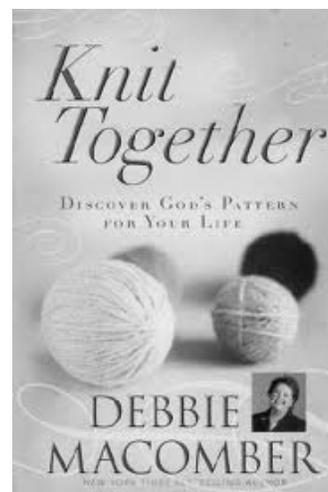
- 3 Olivia & Gary Heath
- 4 Frances & Paul Cruz
- 5 Janet & Raymond Doetsch
- 6 Candace & Richard Davis
- 14 Tobi & Robert Haufe
- 24 Beverly & C.J. Huneycutt
- 25 Mary & Richard Plantholt
- 28 Cindy & Jim Banville,
Jim & Debbie McNitt
- 29. Ester & Michael Hatton

Faithful Readers Book Club

By Carol Clatterbuck

OUR NEXT READ is "Knit Together" by Debbie Macomber, which can be found in our public library. Macomber tells listeners to follow their dreams and never give up. Chapters are named for different facets of life we are created for. *We will each choose a chapter that resonates with us and share with the group how and why.*

Next meeting: Saturday, June 18th, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Room TBA. Questions? Contact Bryant Davis or Carol Clatterbuck.



CONGRATULATIONS

GRADUATES

High School Graduates

Sylvie Jones, High Point

Jenneh Nyaley, Paint Branch

Joelle Onukwubiri – Kent Island

Alexandra Scotland – High Point

College Graduates

Elisabeth Cavallo

Corcoran School of Art – M.F.A
(Interior Design)

Emma Claye – University of
Maryland, College Park – B.S. -
Biology

Chinasa Onukwubiri

University of Maryland,
College Park – B.A.

Glenna Pavelka

Anne Arundel Community College
Associate Degree

Nancy Cavallo Trinkle

University of Maryland, Baltimore
B.A - Linguistics

Christian Education

By Todd Reitzel

It's time to get set for an Island Odyssey! Vacation Bible School this summer will be every evening the week of Monday, July 18, to Friday, July 22, with something new to learn every evening. The VBS Planning Committee is making plans for a great week of learning and fun in fellowship that you should plan to join in.

This year's VBS theme will focus on Biblical island stories involving Christ's disciples spreading the Good News, enriched by facets of other modern island cultures. We will have classes for all ages from 4 and up and will have nursery provided for those younger than 4. Kids and teens classes will be divided by age, and two adult classes will be offered: one traditional adult class using the Island Odyssey adult study book, *Island to Island*, and one adult bilingual English-Spanish class for native speakers of either language who want to learn some about the other language. We will also offer music, science, crafts/drama for kids, as well as science for teens.

Each evening's classes and activities will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dinner is included in the registration fee and will be served between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Registration costs only \$10 per person, with a \$40 maximum per family. You may find forms on the VBS table in the church narthex or on the church website, at <http://www.emmanuelumcbeltsville.net/VBS.html>. Forms and fees may be turned in by depositing them in the registration box in the narthex, by giving or mailing to the church office, or by emailing to the office at office@emmanuelumcbeltsville.net.

Our goal is 175 registrants for this year's VBS. If that seems like a lot, please know that College Park UMC is working with us on this year's program, and so many of our brothers and sisters will be volunteering for and registering for our VBS. So we think we can easily reach 175 registrants, which should

be a lot of fun.

Our registration incentive for this year is the hula. Once we get 50 registrations, a group of volunteer children will hula for the congregation. Once we get 100, a group of volunteer teenagers will hula. At 150, a group of volunteer women, and at 175, a group of volunteer men. Want to see some of your congregation members hula? Take the VBS Registration Challenge and put in your registration today!

Church Directory Update

By Bobbie Deegan

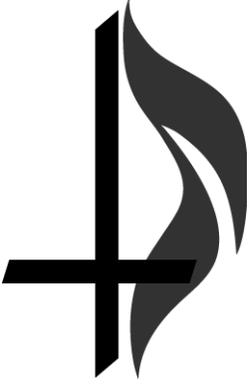
Don't forget that **Olan Mills** is coming on September 16, 17, 26 and 27 to take photos for our new church directory! We will begin reserving photo times in late June. Please reserve your photo time early. You can always change it later if you need to, but if we fill up most of our times, we can book some additional dates. Remember, Olan Mills will give Emmanuel \$2 toward our Kitchen Fund for each 'family unit' photographed (a family unit may be just one individual), and persons photographed do not have to be affiliated with our church. The Olan Mills representative has encouraged me to open the photo dates to friends, neighbors and extended family as well. Any 'visitors' photographed will get a free 8 x 10. Emmanuel will get \$2 for each visiting 'family unit' photographed, and we will be able to limit photos included in the photo directory to just those families affiliated with Emmanuel. So **please** talk the project up with your friends and neighbors, and make appointments for them to be photographed, as well!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 p.m. <i>Maranatha Choir</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>Church Council</i>	2	3	4 12:00 noon <i>UMW General Meeting</i>
5 9 & 11:15 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 10:15 a.m. <i>Sunday School</i> 1:00 p.m. 175th <i>Anniversary Meeting</i> <i>Homeless Ministry</i>	6	7 7:30 p.m. <i>ESOL Classes</i>	8 6:00 p.m. <i>Maranatha Choir</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>Worship Committee</i>	9	10	11 8:30 a.m. <i>Men's Breakfast</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>Maranatha Choir</i>
12 11:15 a.m. <i>Children's Musical</i> 9 & 11:15 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 10:15 a.m. <i>Sunday School</i> 2nd Sunday <i>Potluck Lunch</i>	13 12:30 p.m. <i>Beltsville Women's Club</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>Depression/ Bipolar Support Group</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Trustees</i>	14 10:00 a.m. <i>Prayer Fellowship</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>ESOL Classes</i>	15	16	17 11:00 a.m. <i>Community Place Café</i>	18 10:00 a.m. <i>Chicken Barbecue & Yard Sale</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>Faithful Readers Book Club</i>
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