

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

November—December 2018

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

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Greetings, My Sisters and Brothers,

It's the holiday season. This is the time for family, friends and food. For those of us in the church, it also is a time of fellowship. Thanksgiving in November, and Christmas in December, present times for us to come together, especially if we are not connected. No one should be or feel alone. Being a part of something gives us an opportunity to share and receive. Like other things in life, each opportunity to interact challenges us and sometimes takes us out of our comfort zone. But that's okay; everyone is experiencing the same thing.

You may remember that in my message from the July issue, I compared my idea of a new appointment with a "blind date." I wrote, ***"You've read my profile.... And like dating service profiles, the skills of the writer can make a person sound great on paper. But it's the reality that keeps people in relationship. It is my desire to be a person who continues to do things that require me to use my God-given gifts and talents. I pray that you will use yours, too. In doing so, together we can embark on a journey that honors God, brings us into meaningful relationship, and embraces the uniqueness of who and whose we are."*** Like any initial date that goes well, the time following is spent getting to know each other. I'm back with an update!

We have spent time together that made us laugh, cry, ponder the possibilities, remember the past, and desire to journey forward together. As in any new relationship, we do our best to build something new. We cannot achieve a healthy foundation if we spend time comparing what we have now to what we've had in our past relationships.

The last few months have been purposeful. We have examined some of the components of who we are through these sermon series:

- "God With Us – All" was about the church. Using the meaning of Emmanuel, we went through the early stages of our relationship and explored what brought us together.
- "Hand – Me – Downs" and "Wisdom" were about us as individuals. The message challenged us to do a self-assessment of what makes us unique. Traditions passed down from family, friends and acquaintances, along with our decisions, shape what we bring to the relationship.
- "Membership – Prayer, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness" was about covenant. We shared what we agree to when we join the body of believers in the United Methodist Church.

This is 2018. The number 8 in the Bible represents New Beginnings. This holiday season, let's look forward to what God has in store for us, by: remembering the past that shapes who we are; embracing the present and its possibilities; and anticipating the good things that come from God leading, guiding and shaping our future.

If you are reading this and you have feelings of loneliness, or you don't want to be alone, you don't have to be. Join us in our 'group dating' experience. If you cannot physically make it to church at 9am or 11:15am, follow us on Facebook, go to our webpage (www.eumcbeltsville.com), and listen to the sermon on YouTube. If you don't have internet access, I will share some of my sermon notes in future issues of *The Lamplighter*.

God loves all of His creations. We were created as social beings – we were not meant to be alone (Genesis 1:18). This is the season that we come together on purpose, with purpose, for a purpose. Be present in person or through social media – the longevity of our time together depends on it. As we move forward, I offer this prayer:

P – Pour out your Spirit on us, Lord. Only you can make the difference in our lives.

R – Renew us. Bring us into relationship with you and with each other.

A – Acknowledging that you deserve our praise, we receive your grace and mercy.

Y – Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is not promised. Today we start anew.

E – Enrich our lives with the gift of your ever-present Spirit.

R – Rendering ourselves daily, hear our pray today. AMEN

Have a Blessed Holiday!

In His Service,

~ ~ ~ Pastor Jalene Chase

Prepare the Way for the 2018 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Advent begins Dec 2nd

Advent is a season of preparation and waiting for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. The term 'advent' is from the Latin translation of "coming." God's prophecies in the Old Testament prepared the way for His promise. During December, we take part in advent as a way to celebrate the promise of the Savior, Jesus Christ, both at birth and looking forward to His return.

Advent begins December 2nd. Now is the time to begin submitting stories, poems, photos, drawings, etc. for the annual Advent Devotional booklet. The **deadline** for submissions is **November 18th** so that it can be prepared and printed in time. Send your entries to Kathy Mellott at kpmellott@verizon.net, or drop them off in the church office.

... 'Prepare the way for the LORD's coming! Clear the road for him!' Mark 1:3

**The Mitten Tree Is Back!**

The Mitten Tree is back again for 2018, but it will be a little earlier than in past years. The Sunday School will be collecting mittens, hats and scarves for area school children during the month of **November**. You can place them on the tree in the sanctuary hallway beginning Sunday, November 4th. Items will be delivered to Beltsville Academy during the last week of November.

**ANGEL TREE MINISTRIES
CHRISTMAS OUTREACH**

One in 28 children in America has an incarcerated parent. Many of these children suffer heartache, loneliness, and shame. They also are some of America's most at-risk kids, twice as likely to suffer major depression, attention disorders, and other mental health problems. They are four times more likely than their peers to grow up in poverty, and three times more likely to one day be involved in the criminal justice system themselves.

Angel Tree is a Prison Fellowship® program that serves incarcerated parents by giving them a pathway to restore and strengthen relationships with their children and families. Every Christmas, Angel Tree mobilizes local churches and community organizations to minister to hundreds of thousands of children by delivering a gift, the Gospel message, and a personal message of love on behalf of their mom or dad behind bars. In addition, many of our partner churches meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of prisoners' families through year-round ministry, such as summer camps and mentoring.

Emmanuel UMC will share God's love with some families of the incarcerated who live in our area. A Christmas tree in the hallway outside the sanctuary will be decorated with two "angels" for each child in those families. Each angel will list the first name, age, and gender of the child, plus some gift suggestions provided by the incarcerated parent or caregiver. One angel will suggest clothing items and the other will list ideas for a "fun" gift. So each child will receive two gifts – a clothing item and something fun. You can select both angels for the same child or choose just one. Gifts usually cost around \$20 each. ***Please return gifts to the church by December 8, 2018.***

If you have questions, please contact Becky Cavallo (rocavallo@hotmail.com or 301-937-7146) or Jane Grays (Ladyjanegra@aol.com). Thank you for helping an incarcerated parent give his/her child a nice Christmas!!

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16



We're having a family dinner and you're invited!

When: Saturday December 8, at 4 pm

Where: Emmanuel UMC 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville. MD 20705

How Much: \$10 for adults and children 12+.

\$5 for children 3-12.

Under 3 are free.

**Menu: Veggie & meat lasagna, bread, salad, drinks and dessert.
(We will have buttered noodles for those who don't like lasagna)**

Join us for a night of good food, activities for children and adults, and a visit from Santa Claus! Buy tickets in the church hallway on Sunday mornings or at the door on December 9.

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POINSETTIA ORDER

To beautify the church during the Christmas season, we are again offering the opportunity for you to purchase poinsettias. Please use this form to place your order.



Red _____ White _____ (Deadline is November 26th)

NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED: _____ PRICE: \$10.00 EACH

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

(Place your order in the offering plate, or bring it/mail it to the church by the deadline above. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel UMC and mark it "Christmas Decoration").

(Please check one) _____ I will take my flowers home. (not eligible for tax credit)
 _____ I will donate my flowers to the church.

Date Received _____

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings



Emmanuel UMC will once again support the children in our community by filling Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army to distribute to families in need. The girls and boys range in age from infants to 12 years old. If you would like to brighten the Christmas of a child, please sign up at the table in the hallway and pick up your empty stocking(s), program guidelines and gift suggestions. Please return filled stockings by **December 8, 2018**.

If you know of a family in need who would like to receive gifts, please ask them to contact one of the Salvation Army centers in our vicinity:

- Salvation Army Family Store & Donation Center in Savage, MD; (301) 776-4888
- Salvation Army Family Store & Donation Center in Takoma Park, MD; (301) 830-6531
- Salvation Army Family Store & Donation Center in Hyattsville, MD; (301) 403-1704

What exactly is the "Salvation Army," anyway?

The Salvation Army movement was founded in 1865 by a one-time Methodist circuit preacher named William Booth. It started in the East End of London, England, but has spread to many other parts of the world since then. The goal of the Salvation Army is to share the word of God through ministry, helping those in need. It is an integral part of the Christian Church, although distinctive in its government and practices. All Salvationists accept a disciplined and compassionate life of high moral standards which include abstinence from alcohol and tobacco. Women have been equal in status from the Salvation Army's earliest days, with every rank and service open to them. The Salvation Army currently is led by General Brian Peddle, who was elected as the 21st General on August 3, 2018.



The movement partners with private and public philanthropy to bring comfort to the needy, while the proclamation of God's redemptive love offers individuals and communities the opportunity to enjoy a better life on earth and a place in Christ's everlasting Kingdom.

If you have questions, please contact Jane Grays at Ladyjanegra@aol.com or 301-937-6392.

What's Happening in United Methodist Women



The United Methodist Women of Emmanuel UMC held their annual Apple Festival on October 13th. We made about \$1600! The UMW thanks everyone who made this possible. Kathy and Pat Mellott cooked a delicious lunch. Emmy Lear and her team made 36 apple pies, all of which were sold except one. UMW gave the last apple pie to the Spicknalls to thank them for providing the apples from their farm market.

Our next meeting will be December 8th. The Executive Committee will provide lunch at 12:00 noon. Alice White will present a Pledge Program. Then we will have our annual Christmas Party. You will be getting more information later!

Deaconess Pat Marks is collecting new and gently-used books for children and youth ages 0-17 whose mothers are incarcerated at Maryland Correctional Center for Women in Jessup. If you would like to help a mother share the joy of reading with her children during a very tough time in all their lives, please put a book in the "Book Box" in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. The deadline for bringing in books is **December 9th**.

Thank you!

~ ~ ~ Ernie Kilbourne

"Well Done, My Good and Faithful Servant"

(Extracted and condensed from "Eugene Peterson, Bible popularizer, dies," by Heather Hahn, United Methodist News Service, October 22, 2018)

The Rev. Eugene H. Peterson wanted to get the words of the Bible into the heads and hearts of his Maryland congregants so that they would live its message. One problem: The words had gone flat from familiarity. So the pastor went back to the Hebrew and Greek to do his own paraphrase, one that aimed to be both colloquial and free of cliché.

Peterson, who died October 22, 2018 at 85, is probably best known for the resulting work, The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language. He also penned more than 30 other books that have influenced Christians well beyond his home Presbyterian Church (USA). Born in 1932 in Washington and reared in Montana, Peterson began his vocation as both a scholar and a pastor. He was a professor of biblical languages at New York Theological Seminary while also serving as an associate pastor in White Plains. In 1962, he organized Christ Our King Presbyterian Church in Bel Air, Maryland, where he served as pastor for 29 years. After retiring, he became professor of spiritual theology at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, before retiring again in 2006.

It was while serving as Christ Our King's pastor that Peterson sought to make Galatians more accessible to a Bible class. An editor at NavPress saw Peterson's treatment and encouraged him to continue the work that eventually led to The Message, published in 2002. Throughout the process, Peterson told Christianity Today, he was thinking of his congregation. "I didn't want to be cute; I didn't want to just get people's attention. So I was always working very closely with those Greek and Hebrew texts, trying to get underneath them and get into them, and then let it come out as the kind of language that we're using."

While Peterson drew on the early texts, he was very clear that The Message is a paraphrase. A paraphrase has the primary goal of putting the Bible in current language without regard for being a word-for-word or even thought-for-thought match with the original languages. Many English translations, from the King James to the Common English Bible, are the work of committees that will debate the exact meaning of a word or phrase. The Message very much results from the deliberations of one individual.

Denise Dombkowski Hopkins, Professor of Biblical Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, advises students to use standard translations in worship but welcomes them, when preaching about a particular verse, to cite Peterson in their sermons. Nine out of 10 times, she said, he nailed it. Here is one example. The King James Version of John 1:14 reads, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." The Message offers this: "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood." Rev. Jeffrey Campbell, executive director of conference relationships at United Methodist Discipleship Ministries, says this is his favorite verse in the paraphrase. "This is essentially what Peterson was trying to do with his translation, help God's Word become incarnational and accessible for present and future generations. This incarnational quality of The Message is at the heart of what most Methodists seek: 'How do I live out this faith in my neighborhood in ways that embody the love of Christ?'"

Little Known Black History Facts The Tuskegee Airmen



The **Tuskegee Airmen** is the popular name of a group of black military pilots who fought in World War II, and formed the 332nd Fighter Group and the 477th Bombardment Group of the United States Army Air Forces. They were the first African-American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces. The name also applies to the navigators, bombardiers, mechanics, instructors, crew chiefs, nurses, cooks, and other support personnel. During World War II, black Americans in many states were still subject to the Jim Crow laws and the American military was racially segregated, as was much of the federal government. The Tuskegee Airmen were subjected to discrimination, both within and outside the army.

All black military pilots who trained in the United States trained at Moton Field, the Tuskegee Army Air Field; and they were educated at Tuskegee University, located near Tuskegee, Alabama. The group included five Haitians from the Haitian Air Force and one pilot from Trinidad. It also included a Latino airman born in the Dominican Republic.

Although the 477th Bombardment Group trained with North American B-25 Mitchell bombers, they never served in combat. The 99th Fighter Squadron was the first black flying squadron and the first to deploy overseas (to North Africa in April 1943, and later to Sicily and Italy). The 332nd Fighter Group was the first black flying group. It deployed to Italy in early 1944. In June 1944, the 332nd Fighter Group began flying heavy bomber escort missions. By July 1944, it had four fighter squadrons, including the 99th.

The 99th Fighter Squadron was initially equipped with Curtiss P-40 Warhawk fighter-bomber aircraft. The fighter squadrons in the 332nd Fighter Group initially were equipped for combat missions with Bell P-39 Airacobras (March 1944). Later they flew Republic P-47 Thunderbolts (June–July 1944). Their final aircraft was the one with which they became most commonly associated, the North American P-51 Mustang (July 1944). When the pilots of the 332nd Fighter Group painted the tails of their P-47s red, the nickname "Red Tails" was coined. The red markings that distinguished the Tuskegee Airmen included red bands on the noses of P-51s as well as a red rudder. The P-51B and P-51D Mustangs flew with similar color schemes, with red propeller spinners, yellow wing bands and all-red tail surfaces.

~ ~ ~Submitted by Jane Grays

Watching your blood pressure?

We have **Blood Pressure Monitoring at 11am and 12:15 pm** on the last Sunday of every month. Just stop by the Powell Parlor (inside the Sanctuary room — ask an usher to point it out if you are not sure where it is located!)

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 4 — Elmo Webb
 November 11 — Bobbie Deegan
 November 18 — Ada McGlynn
 November 25 — Beverly Ward

December 2 — Alice White
 December 9 —
 December 16 —
 December 23 —
 December 30 —

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.

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
19. Allan Corman
21. Edward Mougey
25. Pat Allen, Judy Diedrich, Sarah Elliott, Claire Wray
27. Charline Frederick, 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

GUESTS visiting Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in September included:

Jim Hall **Kolyn**
Thaddeus Hasell **Jan Soeren Zinke**

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



The UMW would like to thank you for helping us raise **more than \$1600** at the Apple Festival!

ANNIVERSARIES

November

12. Suzie Kilbourne & Chris Insley

December

18. Jeanette & Charles Vannoy



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 this QR instead.



BE A GREETER OR SCRIPTURE READER!



Help make Emmanuel a friendly and welcoming congregation! Share the Word of the Lord! To



volunteer to cover one or more Sundays as a **Greeter** or **Scripture Reader**, please put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.

No experience necessary — we will train!

To contact Lamplighter editor Bobbie Deegan, give her a call at 301-937-7070, or email her at BobbieDeegan@aol.com.

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 pm Bible Study	2	3 5 pm NA Daylight Savings Time Ends — TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
4 9 & 11:15am Worship 10:15am Sunday School, Bible Study, Sign Language 12:30pm Youth Fellowship 12:45pm Chancel Choir	5	6 6pm Annual Church Conf. 7pm ESOL 7pm SPRC	7	8 7pm Bible Study	9	10 5pm NA
11 9 & 11:15am Worship 10:15am Sunday School, Bible Study, Sign Language 2nd Sunday Lunch 12:30pm UMW Executive Meeting 12:45pm Chancel Choir	12 7pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	13 10am Prayer Fellowship 7pm ESOL	14 7pm Trustees	15 7pm Bible Study	16 11am Community Place Café	17 10am Food Distribution 5pm NA
18 9 & 11:15am Worship 10:15am Sunday School, Bible Study, Sign Language 12:30pm Youth Fellowship 12:45pm Chancel Choir	19 12 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle	20	21 10am Susanna Wesley Circle	22 HAPPY THANKS- GIVING! 	23 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	24 5 pm NA
25 9 & 11:15am Worship 10:15am Sunday School, Bible Study, Sign Language 12:45pm Chancel Choir 11am & 12:15pm Blood pressure monitoring	26 7pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	27 10am Prayer Fellowship 7pm ESOL potluck dinner	28	29 7pm Bible Study	30	

December 2018

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<i>9</i> <i>9 & 11:15am Worship</i> <i>10:15am Sunday School,</i> <i>Bible Study, Sign</i> <i>Language</i> <i>2nd Sunday Potluck</i> <i>Lunch</i> <i>12:45pm Chancel Choir</i>	<i>10</i> <i>7pm Depression/</i> <i>Bipolar Support</i> <i>Group</i>	<i>11</i> <i>10am Prayer</i> <i>Fellowship</i>	<i>12</i> <i>7pm Trustees</i>	<i>13</i> <i>7pm</i> <i>Bible Study</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>9am</i> <i>Chancel Choir</i> <i>Angel Tree</i> <i>Party</i> <i>5pm NA</i>
<i>16</i> <i>10am Worship Service &</i> <i>Cantata</i>	<i>17</i> <i>12 Noon Ellen</i> <i>Hoover Circle</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <i>10am Susan-</i> <i>na Wesley</i> <i>Circle-</i> <i>LUNCH</i>	<i>20</i> <i>7pm</i> <i>Bible Study</i>	<i>21</i> <i>11am</i> <i>Community</i> <i>Place Café</i>	<i>22</i> <i>10am Food</i> <i>Distribution</i> <i>5pm NA</i>
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