

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

October 2019

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

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October Observance



For as long as I can remember, I have been an inquisitive person. When the teacher said, “We are finished, so if there are no questions?”, I was the person in school who would raise my hand. Of course, that wasn’t very popular with my classmates. Later, I would find out that others had the same question but were afraid to ask. People are afraid to ask questions because in their past, someone led them to believe that they had asked a “stupid” question, and they won’t take the chance of getting embarrassed again by possibly asking another. My experience has been that the person may not have known the answer and was afraid to admit it. No human knows everything. We should ask questions about the things of life, or how will we learn?

When I was a child, I remember hearing, “Don’t question God.” Well, if God is all-knowing but we can’t question God, where does that leave us? I have observed people lost or discombobulated (one of my favorite big words, which means confused), walking in a daze, reading signs, maps, or devices instead of asking someone for assistance. Maybe it’s that fear of asking questions welling up in them. It isn’t just directional; it’s basic life. We were meant to be in relationship, but some would rather struggle than ask for help. Neither we nor the church can survive without helpers. We need all our gifts and talents in the body of Christ. We want to help but we are afraid to ask if our help is needed. Some need help but are afraid to ask for it. Let me help you. The first question we should consider asking is, “God, where do you want me to use my gifts?” When God gives us the answer, no man or woman should stand in our way.

This is Stewardship season in the church. We must use the gifts and talents that God has given us to be good stewards over God’s church. Discernment is needed for when and where to participate; please participate. The church cannot survive without us. Stewardship is more than money; it’s our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. This October, I would love to observe new faces among the ones that I see often. I think God may like that, too. That’s Stewardship.

Blessings,

~ ~ ~Pastor Jalene

WHAT TIME IS CHURCH???



The summer worship schedule is continuing into the Fall. From now until November 3, we will continue to have one worship service only, 9:45AM — 11AM. Nursery Care and Sign Language Interpretation will be provided. Come get to know the people who usually attend the “other” service the rest of the year!

Laity Sunday 2019

Contributed by Lay Leader Roy M. White



Laity Sunday is a special Sunday defined by General Conference “to celebrate the ministry of all Christians” (2016 *Book of Discipline*, ¶ 264.2). Traditionally observed on the third Sunday in October (this year, October 20), Laity Sunday is one way we express the deep conviction that *all* are called to participate in God’s mission and live this calling through the ministry of the church.

Laity Sunday celebrates the ministry of *all* Christians. On Laity Sunday, we embrace our shared vocation (lay persons and clergy) to proclaim, grow in, and embody the good news of saving love in Jesus Christ. As we welcome and offer the good news of Jesus to all, we commit to grow in love and respond to a world that needs God’s life-mending, justice-creating grace. Therefore, go (with hope) through purpose!

The word “Purpose” relates to the quadrennium brochure called H.O.P.E., which stands for **H**ospitality, **O**ffer Christ, **P**urpose, and **E**ngagement. The statement for Purpose is “Purpose is the preparation in life as a disciple by learning what it means to live out one’s belief through acts of piety and acts of mercy, sharing one’s faith, being nurtured in the faith, and engaging in service.”

We are often tempted to see laity as “temps;” the real agents of grace are the professionally religious, like clergy and those who work on a church staff. But lay persons aren’t temps. They aren’t “volunteers.” They’re not occasional “helpers” or “hourlies.” They are, in fact, the primary agents of holy love incarnate in the world – and the implications are profound for a “great commission” faith.

In this sense, lay discipleship is always leadership and leadership is always evangelism – because all who follow Jesus *lead* others to him. Laity are called to be disciples – and disciples lead others to Christ.

This calling extends well beyond weekend work or off-hour voluntarism. As Christian educator Rev. Jack Seymour reminds us, our calling, our very purpose—our vocation—is a whole life matter of reflecting God’s love for all. God calls all to respond to grace through forms of faithfulness that amplify “outreaching love” for all people.

This is what we celebrate on Laity Sunday. All called. All loving. And all experiencing God’s rescuing and redeeming love in Jesus Christ.

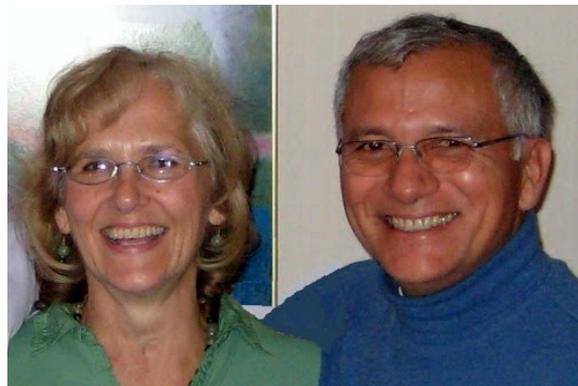
IT’S APPLE FESTIVAL TIME

The UMW Apple Festival and Craft Show returns on **October 19, 10 am - 2:00 pm**. Come enjoy that Western Maryland classic, "Slippery Pot Pie!" With some goodies from our bake sale, of course! Any day is a great day for Apple Pie. (Novice or expert bakers are welcome to assemble pies on Thursday, October 17th from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm). Join our camaraderie during table set up and donation drop off on Wednesday evening, October 16th, from 6-8 pm. On Thursday, 10 am — 2 pm, we need your help with sorting our two sales rooms or pie making. Friday, October 18th, 10 am — 2 pm, is pricing and signing. On Saturday, we "sell! Sell! Sell!" And then there is clean-up till 3:30 pm .

Bring your gift list and find beautiful handmade items to delight the giver and gifted! The money earned will benefit women and children through approved UMW mission programs. We have paid \$2000 so far this year for our UMW District pledge! Call Karen Mackey for craft table rentals or pie questions. Thank you to Spicknall’s for their huge apple and apple cider donations. Questions? Call Debbie McNitt, 301-937-4291.

News from Missionary Nan McCurdy

Shared by Lorna Marselas and Ernie Kilbourne



Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena

Nan asks for prayers for Missionaries Muriel and Terry Henderson. Muriel has health problems, and went into the hospital in August for surgery on a broken bone in her back.

At the farm, they planted Flor de Jamaica, which is used to make juice. They also planted corn. There was a very dry period, but they got rain just in time to save the crops. Ivonne Mendoza, who has been with Give Ye Them to Eat (GYTTE) for many years, has moved to Cuautla. Her husband became Pastor of a Methodist Church there.

Because of people's generosity, a new group of about 25 women started training in September to become Health Promoters. From October to January, a sixth straw-bale home will be built by two groups. GYTTE friends at Pasadena UMC raised money for four straw-bale homes after the 2017 earthquake. A group from the semi-

inary in Mexico City will join them in January to learn and work.

A great deal of work has been done on the water system, so now they will always have water.

Trunk or Treat

Thursday October 24, 2019

6pm-7:30pm

Beltsville Academy parking lot



We are excited to announce that we will partner with Prince Georges' County District V1 COPS Unit. This is their 3rd annual Trunk or Treat event, and they are asking for our support and invite us to come out and be part of this year's event! They are looking for candy donations and Trunk or Treat participants to decorate their cars and help pass out candy.

Community events like this give us an opportunity to join with our neighbors for an evening of fun. Please complete the participation form and don't forget to wear your Emmanuel tee shirt.

CHANGING SEASONS/CHANGING CLOSETS



The nip in the October air reminds us of the cold temperatures soon to be upon us. It also reminds us it is usually the time of year we switch the summer clothes in our closet to warmer clothes we wear in cold weather months.

When doing this closet switchover, please keep in mind that some of the people who eat at Community Place Café live in shelters and homes, while others have their "homes" on the streets. They would welcome any clothing you plan to discard due to a shortage of space in the closet – or, perhaps - the dryer has shrunk them since the last time they were laundered!

Gloves and socks also would be especially welcomed as well as clothing. All items may be placed in the box near the kitchen door. You may call Elsie Cline if you would prefer to have them picked up.

Hugs to all,
~~~Elsie

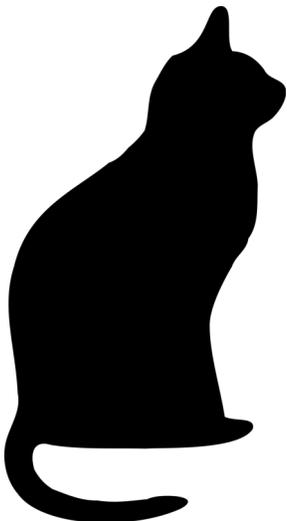
# *Blessing of the Animals Service*

**Sunday, October 6 at 2pm**

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, who believed that all God's creations reveal something about the nature of God and His love.



We will gather by the Cross on the front lawn at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, and celebrate the joy and blessing that our pets bring to our lives.



**All are welcome!**

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# ***Apple Festival and Craft Show***

**Saturday, October 19, 2019  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

## **Upper Crust Boutique**

**Nice Clothing, Accessories  
And Gift Items**

**Homemade Baked Goods For  
Sale, As Well As Our Fabulous  
Handmade Apple Pies**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance  
Small Household  
Goods,**

**Jewelry, Pocketbooks,  
Toys and Books**

**Fresh apples  
Hot lunch  
for sale.**



**Craft Tables Are  
Available To Rent  
Please Call  
301-937-7114 For  
More Details**

**Proceeds Benefit Women and  
Children Through  
Approved UMW Mission Programs**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- October 6 — Nancy Thrush
- October 13 — Hattons
- October 20 — Mellotts
- October 27 —



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.

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4. Sallie Rhodes & Norman Beaver
- 7. Mary Jane & Dan Kenyon



**Emmanuel has Online Giving!**

And it's easy to use! Just go to our website — [www.EUMCBeltsville.com](http://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.



**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!*



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1. Rose Johnson, Abraham Scotland
- 2. John Cavallo
- 4. Erica Belshay
- 5. Cale Fuller
- 8. Kathy Rodeffer
- 9. Elizabeth Galloway
- 13. Lauren Fadely, Alexandra Butcher, Mike Hatton
- 15. Magdalena Elliott, Elizabeth Elliott
- 16. Jonayn Hicks
- 17. Glendy Hernandez
- 18. Madison Cruz
- 19. Kathy Mellott, Tammy White
- 22. Mary Plantholt
- 24. Patricia Embrey, Ruth Vaye
- 25. Mabel Claye
- 26. Pauli Colburn
- 27. Joyce Yarwood
- 29. Donna Horton
- 31. Ronald Midkiff



Emmanuel didn't have any guests visit during August.

Why not invite a neighbor, friend or family member to attend a service with your church family?

**IN MEMORIAM**

Christian love and sympathy to:

- The family of Rev. Roland Timity, an elder in the United Methodist Church. Rev. Timity was the father of Theresa Timity, an interpreter for Emmanuel's Deaf Ministry for many years.
- Gary Heath and family on the passing of his uncle, Bobby Blue, on September 3.
- The family of Inez Wood, a former member of Emmanuel.

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

***Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.***

*Matthew 5:4*



**“CAN WE TALK?”**



Pastor Jalene Chase is available for appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call or email the church office ([office@eumcbeltsville.com](mailto:office@eumcbeltsville.com) or 301-937-7114) to make arrangements.

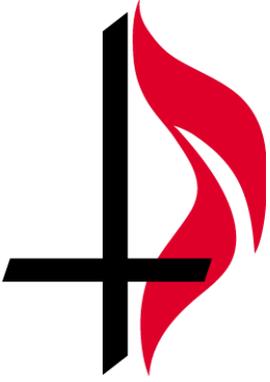
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| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                | Mon                                                      | Tue                                                       | Wed                                                                       | Thu                                                                                                                     | Fri                                          | Sat                                                                                                         |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                          | <i>1</i><br>7pm ESOL                                      | <i>2</i><br>7pm Bible Study                                               | <i>3</i>                                                                                                                | <i>4</i>                                     | <i>5</i><br>12:00 Noon —<br>Memorial Service<br>for Karl Norris<br>5pm NA                                   |
| <i>6</i><br>9:45am Worship<br>11:15am Sunday School<br>& Adult Bible Study<br>11:15am Chancel Choir<br>11:15am UMW<br>Executive Board<br>2:00pm Blessing of the<br>Animals Service | <i>7</i>                                                 | <i>8</i><br>10am Prayer<br>Fellowship<br>7pm ESOL         | <i>9</i><br>7pm Bible Study                                               | <i>10</i><br>7pm Trustees                                                                                               | <i>11</i>                                    | <i>12</i><br>5pm NA<br>7pm Upstage<br>Artist Performance                                                    |
| <i>13</i><br>9:45am Worship<br>11:15am Sunday School<br>& Adult Bible Study<br>11:15am Chancel Choir<br>12 Noon 2nd Sunday<br>Potluck Lunch                                        | <i>14</i><br>7pm Depression/<br>Bipolar Support<br>Group | <i>15</i><br>7pm Sisters-in-<br>Spirit Circle<br>7pm ESOL | <i>16</i><br>12:00 Noon<br>Susanna<br>Wesley Circle<br>7pm Bible<br>Study | <i>17</i><br>12 Noon<br>Ellen Hoover<br>Circle                                                                          | <i>18</i><br>11am<br>Community<br>Place Cafe | <i>19</i><br>10am<br>Apple Festival<br>5pm NA                                                               |
| <i>20</i><br>9:45am Worship —<br>Laité Sunday<br>11:15am Sunday School<br>& Adult Bible Study<br>11:15am Chancel Choir<br>12:30 Memorial<br>Committee                              | <i>21</i>                                                | <i>22</i><br>10am Prayer<br>Fellowship<br>7pm ESOL        | <i>23</i><br>7pm Bible<br>Study                                           | <i>24</i><br>Trunk or<br>Treat @ Belts-<br>ville Academy<br>parking lot                                                 | <i>25</i>                                    | <i>26</i><br>8am Food<br>Distribution—<br>Seniors<br>10am Food<br>Distribution—<br>General Public<br>5pm NA |
| <i>27</i><br>9:45am Worship<br>11:15am Sunday School<br>& Adult Bible Study<br>11:15am Chancel Choir                                                                               | <i>28</i><br>7pm Depression/<br>Bipolar Support<br>Group | <i>29</i><br>7pm ESOL                                     | <i>30</i><br>7pm Bible<br>Study                                           | <i>31</i><br>HAPPY<br>HALLOWEEN<br> |                                              |                                                                                                             |

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