

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

November 2016

A Vibrant Multi-Cultural Church: All God's Children Are Welcome!



Emmanuel UMC folks!

I greet all of you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

In October, the church was very busy with a variety of church services and activities. On October 2, Emmanuel celebrated World Communion Sunday by having congregants read Bible verses in different languages. We also used a different style of bread, Hawaiian King bread, for the communion. I am always amazed by the ability of some of our church members to speak several languages.

The following Sunday, October 9, Emmanuel continued to celebrate diversity with a multicultural food festival. I remember there were several culturally-different foods — German, South American, American, Italian, Chinese, Korean, and so on. It was not a big success, but it was a good opportunity for the church to focus on diversity. I think it would be good for Emmanuel to have this kind of multicultural food festival once a year.

On October 15, Emmanuel's annual Charge Conference was held at Queen's Chapel UMC in partnership with that congregation. On October 16, the people of Emmanuel celebrated Laity Sunday. Several church ministries were highlighted during this service. It was a good time for people to reflect on the role and duty of laity in the church. October 23 was a special Sunday, United Methodist Women's Sunday. There was a special guest speaker at both services, and the church celebrated the role and ministry of UMW.

Also in October, I had a chance to serve as a presiding elder for the conference. The role of a presiding elder is to go to the charge conferences of other UM churches and assist the District Superintendent. I went to Bowie UMC and Lanham UMC to serve as a presiding elder. I was able to hear about the ministry of several UM churches in the district. It was helpful for me to hear the good news and challenges among these churches. The opportunity helped me to expand my understanding of ministry.

In November, there will be more special church services and activities. First of all, on November 6, Emmanuel will celebrate All Saints Sunday, the day on which we will remember our saints who have passed away over the past year. Several church members went to their permanent home, heaven, last year. Although they are separated from us physically, their memories still remain within us and the church. If you have a special person to remember during this service, please come and join the worship. It will be a very special service for Emmanuel and its members.

November 13 will be Stewardship Sunday, during which we will think about the blessings we have received from God and plan to support the church with our gifts.

Lastly, the church is getting closer to the most precious seasons of the year, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will have our Thanksgiving service at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22. Thanksgiving Day will be November 24. Soon, we will see whole families get together during the Thanksgiving season. I hope you will have a great family reunion and enjoy family time. Your church family is an important extension of your biological family. Church members are your brothers and sisters in Jesus. As we celebrate Thanksgiving with our family members, I hope we all take the opportunity to think about what "family" is. I hope this special month will give us all a chance to think about the bond and solidarity that exists among church members.

The first Sunday in Advent will be November 27, when Emmanuel will start to anticipate the coming of baby Jesus and gradually prepare for it.

Let me conclude with this blessing:

*May you have walls for the wind and a roof for the rain,
and drinks beside the fire;
Laughter to cheer you and those you love near you,
and all that your heart may desire.*

Sincerely,

Pastor Jacob



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

by Kathy Mellott

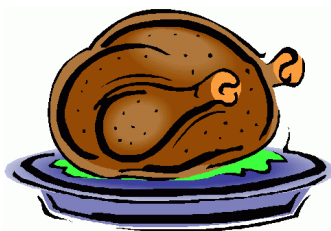


It's that time again! Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. To have the advent devotional booklet ready on time, submissions are due no later than Sunday, November 13. Please help make this our best devotional yet. Send me special stories, poems, photos, and drawings. They don't have to be about Christmas, just inspirational.

If you have questions, please contact me by email at kpmellott@verizon.net or by phone at [301-937-7538](tel:301-937-7538). Thank you in advance for your help with this annual project.

FROM THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

by Mary Ann Vaughan



The Food Distribution program is in need of hams, turkeys, and turkey breasts to hand out at our November and December food distributions. We would be grateful if you would purchase one of these items and donate it to this ministry.

If you prefer to contribute money and have us purchase the item instead, please note on your check that it is for the food distribution program. Thank you in advance for your support of our ministry.

CAKE ANGELS

This is not about a recipe for a cake in the shape of an angel. It's really about angels in a different form – those who bake cakes for Community Place Café.

On the third Friday of every month, four cakes are used for dessert at CPC. In 2006, I assumed the responsibility for finding volunteers to bake cakes. At the present time, the following angels are always ready to put on their aprons and bake a cake: Ann Anderson, Barbara Butcher, Dottie Gilbert, Doris Humphrey, Sue Young (Diane), Lorna Marselas, Nancy Thrush, May Stewart, Jennifer Kresge, Linda Hiner, Emmy Lear, Mary Midkiff, Kathryn Griffin, DeeDee Musachio, JoAnne Blakley, Gretchen Buchen, Kathy Rodeffer, Lois Rodriguez and Alice White.

In past years, many cakes came out of the kitchens of other angels whose ovens are now idle due to illness, a move out of the area, or going home to be with the Lord. Among these ladies are: Lil Mizzer, Mary Lou Galloway, Norma Coyner, Bev Urick, Pat Midkiff, Doris Wray, Renee Hill, Dorothy Decker, Doris Shirey, and Jeanette Vannoy. They also have been faithful servants.

Thank you, Lord, for ALL the angels You send to help us serve You.

Hugs to all,

Elsie Cline



A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

~~ Cicero

John and Charles Wesley in Georgia

by Kathryn Griffin

John and Charles Wesley sailed to the British colony of Georgia in 1735, arriving in early 1736. John saw the venture as an opportunity to carry the Gospel to a new land, encounter hardships, and experience a new understanding of what the Christian faith entailed. John was stationed in Savannah, while Charles was sent to Frederica on St. Simon's Island to serve as James Oglethorpe's secretary of Indian Affairs. Oglethorpe helped found the colony of Georgia.

Frederica was a planned community. But in the beginning, the settlers lived in palmetto huts. Charles held services in the open and prayer meetings in the huts. His health was not good, so he left on May 12, 1736, writing, "I was overjoyed at my deliverance out of this furnace, and not a little ashamed of myself for doing so."

John Wesley served in Savannah and Frederica. He held services on the third floor of a store room and in Christ Church Episcopal in Savannah. John started America's first Sunday school while there and also published the first English hymnal for use in America. He was especially interested in converting the Creek and Cherokee. The brothers were not well received in Georgia, however, because they were concerned with piety and rules. The settlers were concerned with keeping body and soul together in this totally undeveloped colony, dealing with the heat, swamps, snakes (and hurricanes).

The doctor's wife in Frederica attacked John with a pair of scissors and a knife. When that didn't work, she bit his arm and shredded his cassock. Oxford probably did not prepare John for this type of parishioner. John did get along well with the tavern keeper, though. John Wesley left Georgia on December 2, 1737.

He wrote in his journal, "I came to convert the Indians, but oh, who will convert me?"

You can still worship at Christ Church Episcopal. There is a statue of John Wesley in one of the beautiful Savannah squares. There also is a John Wesley tour trolley. The outline of Frederica can be seen. Most of the settlement is gone, but the outlines of many houses are still visible.

SINGING PREVENTS A COLD

Contributed by Kathryn Griffin

The catch — You have to belt it out with other people. Group singing increases levels of SIgA, or secretory immunoglobulin A — the fancy name for an antibody that serves as the first line of defense against bacterial and viral infections. Studies have found that choir singers have lower levels of the stress hormone cortisol and better moods overall, which probably plays a role in the immune system boost. "There's something about having to coordinate your actions with those of others that brings particular health benefits," says Daniel Levitin, PhD, a professor of psychology, neuroscience, and music at McGill University in Montreal.

And Another Health Tip —

The next time you need an afternoon pick-me-up, try watching one of the millions of cute cat videos on the internet. A survey of almost 7000 persons conducted by the Media School at Indiana University in Bloomington found that after people watched online movies of furry felines, they reported having more energy and feeling more hopeful. They also indicated that they had fewer negative feelings, including anxiety. So watch away without guilt!



~ ~Source: Computers in Human Behavior, June 12, 2015, reported in Reader's Digest



Reminder—One service at 10 a.m. on November 6

Emmanuel UMC will celebrate *All Saints Sunday* on November 6th. That day, we will combine the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services into one service at 10:00 a.m. to give us a time to worship together. Then we will have an opportunity to meet and greet each other and share a casual meal in the fellowship hall after the service. A menu will be posted in the narthex and you can select a food item to contribute.

THANKSGIVING/GIVING THANKS

No matter the sequence – the meaning remains the same! In the month of November, we are given the opportunity to set aside ONE day to give thanks for ALL our blessings. This year, we are able to praise the Lord and give thanks to all those who kept Community Place Café alive so that we may continue to serve those in need.

More than twenty years ago, the ladies of Emmanuel decided to be part of this interfaith Community Ministries program of Prince George's County. Although I don't know all their names, and many may be in their heavenly home, by the grace of God some of them may still be found at Emmanuel United Methodist Church. They have expressed their gratitude for CPC's continuance and have supported the Café with their prayers and monetary contributions.

Let me introduce those who are presently involved in providing lunch on the third Friday of every month at CPC, located at First UMC in Hyattsville: Elsie Cline and Sallie Rhodes (co-chairs), Alice White (shopper), Judy Diedrich and Kathy Rodeffer (cooks), JoAnne Blakley (meal supplies set-up), Glendy Hernandez, Ruth Vaye, Marlene Adams and Madea Badio (servers), Nancy Thrush, Barbara Butcher and Margie Mock (substitutes). (See a list of cake bakers elsewhere in *The Lamplighter*). Thanks be to God for these faithful servants. Remember, there is always room for more helpers.

We are optimistic and pray to be able to continue serving those in need in 2017. BUT, there is no budget in place. The cost to feed one person is approximately \$2.15. We serve 60 – 70 people, which comes to \$150.00 per month. Praise the Lord, we have already received offers from a couple of people to "sponsor" a month to get us started. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated, no matter the amount. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel UMC and designate in the memo line that the funds are for Community Place Café 2017.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Sallie and I wish to give thanks to God and all those who have given of their time, talent and monetary contributions. Prayerfully consider helping us continue to be our brother's keeper.

God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Hugs,

Elsie Cline



Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.

Matthew 25:40



2017 Lay Leadership Approved at the Charge Conference

Pastor: Jacob Young

Deaconess: Jane Grays

Lay Leader: Roy White

Church Council Chairperson: Ted Ladd

Recording Secretary: Lorna Marselas

Lay Members to the Annual Conference: Ted Ladd and Andy Onukwubiri

Finance Committee

Chairperson: Mary Ann Vaughan

Members: Kemi Oluwafemi, Sallie Rhodes, Lay Leader, Lay Member of Annual Conference, Church Council Chairperson, SPRC Chairperson, Trustees representative, Stewardship Chairperson, Financial Secretary, Treasurer

Treasurer: Beverly Ward

Financial Secretary: Gail Belshay

Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Chairperson: Kathy Rodeffer

Members: Pauli Colburn, Bryant Davis, Judy Diedrich, Glendy Hernandez, Jaime Hiner, Todd Reitzel, Alexandra Scotland, Alice White, Lay Leader, Lay Member to the Annual Conference

Trustees

Chairperson: To be selected by committee members

Members: Jimmy Bello, Barbara Butcher, Paul Cruz, Charlie Deegan, Cale Fuller, Lynne Miller, Abraham Scotland, Willie Taylor

Nominations Committee

Chairperson: Pastor Jacob

Members: JoAnne Blakley, Jody Hammond, Linda Hiner, Scarlet Robertson, Ascenna Scotland, Mamie Smith, Lay Leader

Young Adult Representative: Ascenna Scotland

Sunday School Superintendent: Rick Bergmann

Children's Ministries Coordinator: Tracy Fuller

Youth Ministries Coordinator: Alexandra Scotland

Safe Sanctuary Coordinator: Ann Rowland

Native American Ministries Coordinators: Becky Cavallo and Bryant Davis

Health and Welfare Ministries Coordinator: Ilene Forsbacka

Communications Coordinator: Rick Bergmann

2017 United Methodist Women President: To be determined

United Methodist Men President: Rick Bergmann

Thank you for your willingness to serve God through His church!

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



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. **Deadline is December 5th.**

Red _____

White _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED: _____

PRICE: \$10.25 EACH

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Please check one: _____ I will take my flowers home. (not eligible for tax credit)

_____ I will donate my flowers to the church.

Place your order in the offering plate or bring it or mail it to the church by the deadline above. Please make your check payable to Emmanuel UMC and note that it is for "Christmas Decoration."

Amount Received _____

Date Received _____

BUDGET APPROVED FOR 2017

On October 12th, the Church Council passed a budget for 2017. Coming up with a final budget was a long process involving multiple meetings and extensive discussion among the members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, the Finance Committee and the Council. The proposed budget was sent back to SPRC and/or Finance several times for additional cuts. The approved budget includes significant cuts in nearly all "discretionary expenses," such as Sunday School, the youth program, and some staffing costs.

A Christian day care center will be opening at Emmanuel soon. Praise the Lord! The Church Council has agreed that this money will not be used for general expenses. One reason we started falling behind in our budget years ago was because we included the rent from a previous renter in our annual budget. When the recession hit and families couldn't pay the school, the school didn't pay us. But our expenses continued. While our new renter is financially sound and we expect to have a long and mutually beneficial relationship, we are taking the following steps to learn from our prior experience:

- A percentage of the monthly rent will go to the general fund, to cover increases resulting from the presence of the day care center (electricity, water, etc.).
- A percentage of the monthly rent will go to the trustees, to be used for additional maintenance and repairs resulting from the presence of the day care center.
- The majority of the monthly rent will be put into a capital expenditure account, to be used when major items (such as the roof or the furnace) need to be replaced. Emmanuel has not had such a fund for many years, and it is greatly needed.

Many, many thanks to Andy Onukwubiri, Beverly Ward and the other members of the Finance Committee for all the hours they put into this effort, as well as to the members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for making the hard choices about staff pay.

The 2017 budget will be printed in the next Lamplighter.

To Order a Memorial Brick

The laser-engraved brick may have up to three lines of letters. Each line can be up to 20 letters and spaces in length.

EXAMPLE 1 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DAVID MATTHEW LADD
OUR SPECIAL ANGEL

EXAMPLE 2 THE GRAZIOLI FAMILY
RUTH, JOHN, JAMES
TIMOTHY, JEAN, SCOTT

EXAMPLE 3 THE BELTSVILLE LIONS
COMMUNITY SERVICE
SINCE APRIL 1958



Please complete this order form and mail it with your check or money order for \$100*, payable to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, to:

**Emmanuel United Methodist Church
Memorial Patio Committee
11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville MD 20705**

Please write Memorial Patio Fund in the memo line of your check.

Please print on the lines below what you want engraved on the memorial brick.

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

When your brick arrives at the church, we will photograph it and send you a copy.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

* Note: The cost of a brick is reduced to \$50 if you previously purchased a brick with a brass plate in the Narthex.

Altar Flowers

- November 6 — Elmo Webb
- November 13 — Scotland
- November 20 — Debbie McNitt
- November 27 — McGlynn

The flower chart is posted in the Narthex 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!

Greeters and Readers Sought!

Friendly folks are needed to greet worshippers as they arrive to attend the **11:15 services in November** or the **9 am services in December**.

We also need someone to **read the scripture** at the **9 am services in November or December**.

Why not volunteer to cover one or more Sundays? Just put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

Thank you for making Emmanuel a welcoming congregation and for sharing God's Word with the people in His Church!



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

- Wilton Mo

We welcome you to our church family, and hope you found your visit spiritually fulfilling. Please worship with us again soon.

To contact The Lamplighter editor Bobbie Deegan, please email her at BobbieDeegan@aol.com, phone her at 301-937-7070, or send her a note at 4316 Knott Street, Beltsville, MD. Ideas for articles are always welcome!

November Birthdays

1. Elisabeth Cavallo
2. Chelsea McGlynn, Crystal Webb
4. Beverly Huneycutt
6. Katie McNealy
12. Ruth Cottman, Jaime Hiner
13. Christie Ademiluyi
14. C. J. Huneycutt, Michael Vaughan
16. Glendy Aguilera, Bobbie Barkley
19. Allan Corman
21. Edward Mougey
25. Patricia Allen, Judy Diedrich, Sarah Elliott, Claire Wray
26. Craig West
27. Charline Frederick, Ginger Butcher
28. Olamide Oluwafemi
30. Edward White, Jr.

November Anniversaries

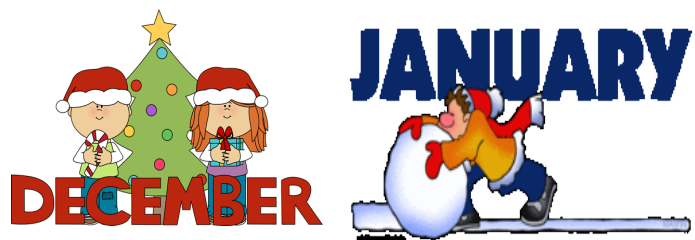
2. Gwija Park and Bryant Davis
12. Suzie Kilbourne and Chris Insley

A church had a picnic and invited the entire community to come. The Pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying, "Take only one apple, please - Remember that God is watching."

On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies where one of the children had placed a sign saying, "Take all the cookies you want -- God is watching the apples."

A word from your Editor:

The next issue of The Lamplighter will be a combined issue covering both December and January. If you have any articles that you would like included, please get them to the church office by November 15th. Thanks!



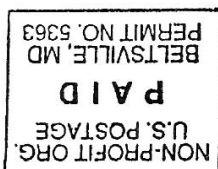
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | <i>1</i> 7 pm ESOL | <i>2</i> | <i>3</i> 7 pm Bible Study | <i>4</i> | <i>5</i> 5 pm NA |
| <i>6</i> Daylight Savings Ends One Worship Service—10 am No Sunday School Fellowship Meal 11:30 am Chancel Choir 12:30 pm UMW Executive Meeting | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7 pm ESOL | <i>9</i> 7 pm Worship Committee | <i>10</i> 7 pm Bible Study | <i>11</i> | <i>12</i> 5 pm NA |
| <i>13</i> 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 2nd Sunday Lunch 12:30 pm Youth Fellowship 12:45 pm Chancel Choir | <i>14</i> 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group | <i>15</i> 7 pm ESOL 7 pm Sisters in Spirit Circle | <i>16</i> 10 am Susanna Wesley Circle | <i>17</i> 7 pm Bible Study | <i>18</i> 11 am Community Place Café 7 pm Food Prep | <i>19</i> 10 am Food Distribution 5 pm NA |
| <i>20</i> 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 pm Memorial Committee 12:45 pm Chancel Choir | <i>21</i> 12 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle 7 pm SPRC | <i>22</i> 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7:30 pm Thanksgiving Service | <i>23</i> | <i>24</i> HAPPY THANKSGIVING  | <i>25</i> Church Office closed | <i>26</i> 5 pm NA |
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“Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will.”

-- President Franklin D. Roosevelt



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