

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

July 2018

A Vibrant Multi-Cultural Church

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

Greetings My Sisters and Brothers,

It is an honor to be appointed by Bishop Easterling to be your new pastor. On July 1, 2018, we embark on a journey together. Unlike the journeys that we plan and therefore try to control, the plan for this one is in God's hands. We can lay out our visions, and I hope that we do, but the road will contain some unexpected twists, turns and detours. Prayerfully, those distractions won't be enough to discourage us from moving forward.



I sat with the idea of what the new appointment *feels* like. Oddly enough, the thing that came to mind was the concept of a blind date. I don't know about you, but I have tried blind dates a few times and I don't have any success story to share. But, I do know some people who have had great success. It's not the success or failure that I am referencing, it is the unknown. If you are reading this edition of *The Lamplighter*, most likely you may have read the June edition. If so, you may have read some of the things of my past that have made me, me. You've read my profile, so you know that I am Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase and I have a diverse background. 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.

Our profile could read something like this: *We are a courageous group of people who are not afraid of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We love God, self and neighbor, and we strive to put our best self forward. We realize that we are not perfect, but we are striving toward perfection. We like to pray, praise and play because it's good for the soul. We are interested in outreach, partnerships and engaging with organizations. If you are looking for a God-time that lifts your spirit and increases your faith, come join us. We can't promise to be all that you need, but we know the One who is, and that relationship is beyond what you could ask or think.*

Let's enter this relationship looking at the things we have in common, while honoring and respecting the things that make us different. I'm Pastor Jalene, and I look forward to meeting you in person.

In His Service,
Pastor Jalene

Disaster Response — From the Conference

Parts of Maryland and West Virginia are dealing with immense flooding due to heavier than expected rainfall over the past several weeks. Extensive damage occurred in Ellicott City, Frederick and Washington counties, and parts of West Virginia. Pastor Fred Sipes, Disaster Response Coordinator for the Baltimore Washington Conference, is currently meeting with local officials to determine their needs.

St. Matthew's UMC in Bowie is the collection point for all Washington East District churches contributing to these present needs. Please contact Dan Blades, Disaster Response Coordinator at St. Matthew's, at 240-463-8662 or 301-262-5148, should you have any questions. If you would like to make a donation to support flood disaster, enter "Flood Relief" on the memo line of your checks and giving envelopes. All donations will be sent to agencies involved in recovery operations from the recent flooding.

What's Happening in United Methodist Women



Our next UMW executive board meeting will be on August 26th. Remember, our Apple Festival will be early this year, on October 13th, so we will need to be ready to plunge into planning and preparation at that meeting.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN INVITE YOU to their meetings when they begin again in September 2018. There are three circles for you to visit, each of which meets during the third week of the month.

The **Hoover Circle meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:00 Noon**, on the 2nd floor of the Church School building. Barbara Butcher is the circle leader. Each member brings a sandwich. Coffee, tea, and dessert are provided. Then, we have a study and discussion.

The **Susanna Wesley Circle meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 AM**, also on the 2nd floor of the Church School building. Each member brings something to share for brunch. After brunch, there is a study and discussion. Emmy Lear is the leader of this circle.

Sisters in Spirit meets at **7:00 PM on the 3rd Tuesday** in the Powell Parlor, which opens off the Sanctuary. The members talk about upcoming UMW activities and discuss articles in *Response* (the UMW news magazine). Kathy Mellott is the leader of this group.

Every woman is invited to come to any circle and/or the general meeting, which is usually held monthly in the Fellowship Hall. You do not have to be a member of Emmanuel UMC, or of any church, to participate. Just come whenever you can!

~ ~ ~ Ernie Kilbourne

SUMMERTIME AT EMORY GROVE

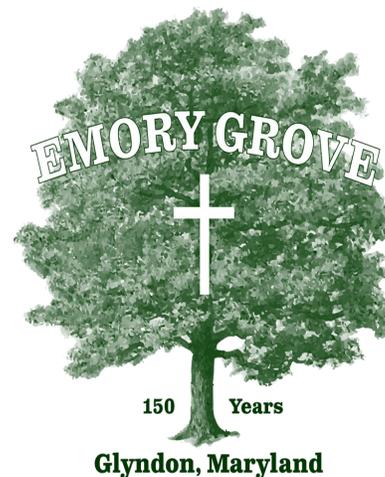
Emory Grove is a 150-year-old (1868-2018) Methodist Camp Meeting Ground in Glyndon (Reisterstown), MD. As many of you know, my family has had cottages there for about 50 years, from my grandparents to my children. Emory Grove has planned a summer filled with fun, informational and inspirational activities. All the activities, events and religious services are on the website at www.emorygrove.net.

Besides our worship services every Sunday evening at 7 pm during July and August, there are Hymn Sings every Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the open-air Tabernacle. Of note is the **Hymn Sing on August 22nd at 7 pm**. Our very own Chancel Choir (also known as the Abundant Life Singers) will be the guest performers that night. It is a tradition that Emmanuel UMC has their own potluck in the historic Emory Grove Hotel at 6pm. Then, it is but a short walk (or drive) to the Tabernacle for the Hymn Sing at 7 pm. The Emory Grove Hymn Sing provides the accompanist and the hymn books, but the congregation picks the hymns for that evening.

Also scheduled are a lecture series and a concert series on certain Monday and Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the Hotel. A Blueberry Bake Sale and a Corn Roast are a few of the other events planned. Plus, there are a few cottages for sale, and some will be open to tour during certain events.

If you have any questions or need directions, feel free to contact me at kpmellott@verizon.net or 301-706-4122. Hope to see some of you at Emory Grove this summer!

~ ~ ~Kathy Mellott





Little-Known Black History Facts
Martina Arroyo
American Opera Singer (1936 —)

Martina Arroyo was born in New York City on February 2, 1936, the younger of two children of Demetrio Arroyo, originally from Puerto Rico, and Lucille Washington, a native of Charleston, South Carolina. The family lived in Harlem. Her father was a mechanical engineer at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He earned a good salary which enabled Arroyo's mother to stay at home with the children. His job also allowed the family to experience New York's cultural offerings, and the family frequented museums, concerts, and the theatre. It was attending several Broadway shows during the 1940s that first inspired Arroyo's interest in becoming a performer. Her mother humored her dreams and allowed Arroyo to take ballet classes. A talented amateur classical pianist, her mother also taught her daughter to play. Arroyo's other childhood musical experiences included singing in the choirs at her Baptist church and at Hunter College High School.

Her older brother grew up to become a Baptist minister. Martina earned a B.A. in Romance languages in 1956 at the age of nineteen. While there, she studied voice as a hobby in an opera workshop with Joseph Turnau. Turnau recognized that Arroyo was a major talent who just needed proper training. After the workshop ended, he introduced her to voice instructor Marinka Gurewich, who immediately accepted her as a student. But when Arroyo did not take her training as seriously as her teacher wanted, Gurewich threatened to end their lessons. Arroyo said of the incident, "It was a real wake-up call. Up to then, I must have been, in my mind, treating singing as a hobby, a lark—something I loved that I was dabbling in."

After graduating from college, Arroyo was faced with the difficulty of working while trying to study singing. On the advice of her mother, she became an English teacher at Bronx High School in the fall of 1956. But Martina found it difficult to balance her teaching responsibilities with continued training under Gurewich. Arroyo decided to leave her teaching position and take work as a social worker at the East End Welfare Center. For two years, she managed a case load of over 100 welfare recipients while continuing her voice training. Arroyo found the work fulfilling and stated of the experience, "My life had been centered on music for so long, and suddenly there I was, deeply involved in other people's problems."

After making her debut at the Metropolitan Opera, Arroyo moved to Europe, where she began to appear in roles with minor opera houses. While performing in Italy in 1959 she met her future husband, professional violist Emilio Poggioni. Their marriage ended in divorce. Later, Arroyo married Michel Maurel, a marriage which lasted until his death in 2011.

Arroyo's first major break came in 1963 when she was offered a contract to join the Zurich Opera as a principal soprano. She made her debut there in the title role of Verdi's *Aida*, and she was received enthusiastically. She continued to sing regularly at that opera house through 1968. *Aida* became an important role for Arroyo early in her career, serving as a calling card for her at many major opera houses during the 1960s. Arroyo performed at the Met in October 1965 with a critically acclaimed performance of Elizabeth in *Don Carlo*. She immediately became a favorite singer at that house, portraying mostly Verdi heroines, and the Met became her principal home from that point up until 1978. During her years at the Met, Arroyo would frequently travel to perform at other opera houses, both in the United States and internationally. In 1968, she sang for the first time in Israel and made her first appearance in the United Kingdom as Valentine in a London concert performance. By 1980, Arroyo's career had started to slow down and she was much more selective in what roles she chose to take. She made her last appearance and 199th performance at the Met on October 31, 1986. In 1987, she sang her last portrayal of the title role in *Turandot* with the Seattle Opera and in 1989 she announced her retirement from the opera stage. She came out of retirement in 1991 for one last performance in the world premiere of Leslie Adams's *Blake*, an opera whose story is set in pre-Civil War America when slavery was still a reality. Throughout her career, Arroyo was also a frequent performer of the concert repertoire and appeared with many of the world's leading symphony orchestras. In 1964, she appeared as herself in an episode of the *CBS Repertoire Workshop* entitled "Feliz Borinquen" with the CBS Symphony Orchestra under conductor Alfredo Antonini. Martina Arroyo is a recipient of a 2010 Opera Honors Award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

~ ~ ~Submitted by Jane Grays

Editor's Note: A few years ago, The Beltsville News published an article highlighting the lengthy service of two of Emmanuel's longtime ushers, Karl Norris and Rogers Beasley. Karl moved to Virginia some time ago to be near his daughter. Rogers just moved to Arizona for the same reason. To show our deep appreciation to Rogers and Karl for their many, many years of faithful service, The Lamplighter is reprinting that news article. Our thanks go to author Jim Butcher for giving us permission to do so, and to Ann Rowland for making the suggestion.

Ushering the Faithful

By Jim Butcher

...be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em. Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, 1602.

The two distinguished gentlemen we meet today have led long, enriching lives. Neither was born to vast wealth or noble name. Yet, each has achieved or had thrust upon him high success and measures of greatness. There may be some question as to achieved or thrust upon. The words that follow may spark an interest in that question for some readers. Such considerations will be left to the gentle reader.

Let us begin with ushering the faithful at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville. Conceptually, ushering is as old as the Bible. The scriptures speak of early ushers as doorkeepers, gatekeepers, guards and guardians, and collectors and organizers of tithes and offerings for counting. Some religious scholars have suggested that the disciples may be counted as ushers in the sense of preparing the way for Christ. Today's ushers continue many traditions from the long ago. They stand at the door greeting the faithful; they distribute bulletins and pamphlets; they collect and organize tithes and offerings for counting; they assist at communion. They assume the role of church emissary to the people and have become vital to church services — their single most distinctive characteristic being a warm and welcoming manner. Karl Norris, senior of the two in years of ushering service, has ushered at Emmanuel for more than 30 years. Rogers Beasley, the relative newcomer, is well into his 14th year of ushering the faithful.

Our distinguished ushers came of age during the early 1940s. World War II raged fiercely across much of the globe. Each man would earn a secure place among that extraordinary group of Americans whom journalist Tom Brokaw labeled "America's Greatest Generation." After finishing an engineering degree at Pennsylvania State University, **Karl Howard Norris** volunteered for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). Forerunner of today's Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the OSS coordinated espionage activities behind enemy lines, gathered intelligence information, and more. Ever the creative engineer, Karl served out the war years in Calcutta, India, overseeing his unit's sophisticated electronic hardware and listening devices. He rose from lowly private to the OSS rank of sergeant.

Five days after finishing high school, **Rogers Franklin Beasley** glanced out from a troop train rumbling its way through Georgia. He was bound for Camp Macon, Georgia, and army basic training. After training, Rogers stood anti-aircraft duty in close-by Ft. Myers, Virginia. During rare free moments, Rogers paused to enjoy the company of lonely young women, thousands of whom had flocked to Washington to support the war effort. By 1944, nineteen-year-old Corporal Rogers Beasley was in the thick of the final push to defeat Nazi Germany. His field artillery unit was witness to the brutal, near-decisive Battle of the Bulge. The Americans suffered thousands of casualties in that famous WWII battle, the Germans thousands more. When the carnage had finally ended, the struggle for Victory in Europe was essentially won.

After the war, Rogers completed a degree in business management. He returned to his native Richmond, Virginia, where for the next several years he worked for the Royal Globe Insurance Company of Liverpool. He thrived and advanced, becoming a supervisory claims adjuster. In 1963, Rogers was elected President of the Richmond Claims Association, a society of insurance professionals, claims department employees, risk managers, insurance agents and brokers, and attorneys. Rogers Beasley was on his way.

Three years later, Rogers moved to the Washington area permanently. For the next 26 years, Rogers was a manager for the giant Hartford Insurance Company, usually known as "The Hartford." He earned the impressive title of Senior Supervisory Claims Adjuster, specializing in general liability policy and management. He became a Hartford "go to guy" for settling tough insurance claims — murder, product liability, robbery, grievances, more.

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Engineer Karl Norris would join the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service and, later, the Agricultural Research Service. His principal focus would be finding non-invasive, non-destructive ways of using light to examine the quality of such foods as eggs and cereal grains. Based at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Karl would be at the core of some of the most notable agricultural science discoveries of the 20th century. He would come to be known among peer scientists world-wide by the esoteric title, "The Father of Near-Infrared Spectroscopy."

Further clarification of that title lies well beyond the reach of the *Beltsville News*. Mentioning just two Karl Norris achievements will need to suffice. Take eggs... Before Karl's breakthrough work, for centuries eggs were examined by exposing them one-by-one to a lighted candle—hence the term "candling." Enter Karl Norris, who demonstrated the ability to examine eggs for internal imperfections by measuring light transmittance and reflectance. Moreover, Karl created special egg-sorting machines capable of examining eggs without human assistance. An iconic photo published in the August 1953 issue of *National Geographic Magazine* has Karl demonstrating egg-sorting techniques to President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Karl recalls the President reaching for a sorted egg and asking, "What would happen if we asked the machine to sort this egg again?" Karl's egg-sorting machine promptly re-sorted the egg with the same result as before. An impressed President shouted to Karl, "Amazing!" Popular wisdom holds that Karl's lab never suffered from insufficient funding from that day forward.

Then there is Karl's enormous contribution to unlocking the secrets of *phytochrome* —that built-in, light-sensitive substance within plants that directs them to switch from growing leaves and stems to growing flowers and seeds. Just this July, the vaunted American Chemical Society informed the Beltsville Center of its intention to declare Beltsville Agricultural Research Center a "National Historical Chemical Landmark" for its pioneering work on *phytochrome*. ACS grants landmark status for seminal achievements in the history of the chemical sciences through its NHCL program.

Rogers Beasley and wife, Evelyn, were married 63 years. Widowed now, Rogers has two daughters and three grandchildren. He has lived in Beltsville since 1966, having moved to Riderwood Village in 2003. Born in Richmond, Virginia, Rogers began religious life a Baptist and later settled on the United Methodist Church as his religious home.

Karl and Maxine Norris have marked 66 years of married life. They have a daughter and a son, two grandsons, and three great-grandsons. They have lived in Beltsville since 1951, and have been members of Emmanuel UMC since February 1953. Born in the tiny coal-mining town of Glen Richey, Pennsylvania, Karl Norris and his three brothers and three sisters grew up active members of the Primitive Methodist Church in Glen Richey.

And last. Ushers Norris and Beasley extend to all a personal and gracious invitation to Sunday services at Emmanuel United Methodist Church. You will find them ushering the faithful at the regularly scheduled 11:15 service, normally Rogers on the left, Karl on the right as you enter the sanctuary. You may choose Southern charm (Rogers) or Pennsylvania cool (Karl), or high success and measures of greatness, either or both ushers.

UPDATES, by Ann Rowland

Since the "Ushering the Faithful" article by Jim Butcher appeared in *The Beltsville News* in the autumn of 2014, Karl Norris and his wife, Maxine, left Emmanuel and the Beltsville area to live in a Continuing Retirement Community in Northern Virginia. Sadly, Maxine passed away last year, on August 29, 2017. If you would like to **contact Karl, his address is: Sunrise Senior Living, 8033 Holland Road, Apt. 339, Alexandria, VA 22306 – 3133.**

Emmanuel Says Farewell to Rogers Beasley

On Sunday, June 24th, after the second service, members and friends met in the Fellowship Hall to wish Rogers well at a cake and coffee reception. We sadly said our goodbyes knowing he will be greatly missed, but at the same time found ourselves cheering him on as he embarks on this new and exciting chapter in his life.

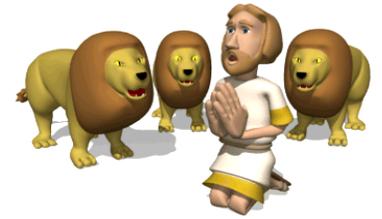
Rogers' daughter, Linda, lives in the area nearby, and daughter Dana lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Recently, Rogers made a decision to be closer to his Arizona family — Dana, his two living grandchildren, Jessica and Gray, and Dana's love, Tripp. He also will be living nearby to several furry friends: two sister white labs named Abbi and Cammer, a young black lab named Henry and a 15-year-old grey tabby named Oliver. Rogers' longtime love of animals began in early childhood, where he enjoyed milking Betsy, the family cow, and taking care of his favorite dog, Pal. Rogers surely will feel right at home surrounded by his loving family (furry ones included).

We are certain Rogers would welcome notes and cards from his Emmanuel friends from time to time.

His new address is: 15815 S. 50th Street, Apt. 139, Phoenix, AZ 85048.

Join Us for Vacation Bible School This Summer!

Join the children and adults of Emmanuel and learn about what it truly means to be courageous in the face of new challenges! We will be holding our annual Vacation Bible School **July 23–27, from 6–8 pm**. Remember, VBS isn't just for children; we could all use a little Bible study sometimes!



This year's theme is Daniel and his courage in captivity. Daniel was way more than the guy who survived a den of hungry lions! Travel back to Babylon and join Daniel — torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Imagine the pressure of learning a new language and culture and the shock of discovering your best friends have been tossed into a fiery furnace! Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Kids and adults will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.

There will be activities and classes for adults and children. Vacation Bible School is a free program open to anyone who wishes to attend. You can get more information at www.eumcbeltsville.com/vbs or 301-937-7114. You also can email the church at office@eumcbeltsville.org. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor, bring a friend of a neighbor! Let's make this our most successful VBS yet!

Babylon - Daniel's Courage in Captivity

Vacation Bible School Program for children ages 4-5th grade and adults
6th- through 12th-graders may earn service hours (contact church for more info.)
Program Runs July 23-27 from 6pm-8pm
(Nursery Care for ages 1 -3 will be provided for participants only)

Registration Form (one form per family)

Name and age: _____

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Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Number of family members participating in Babylon VBS: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Will parents/guardians be participating in the Adult Bible Study at VBS? Yes No

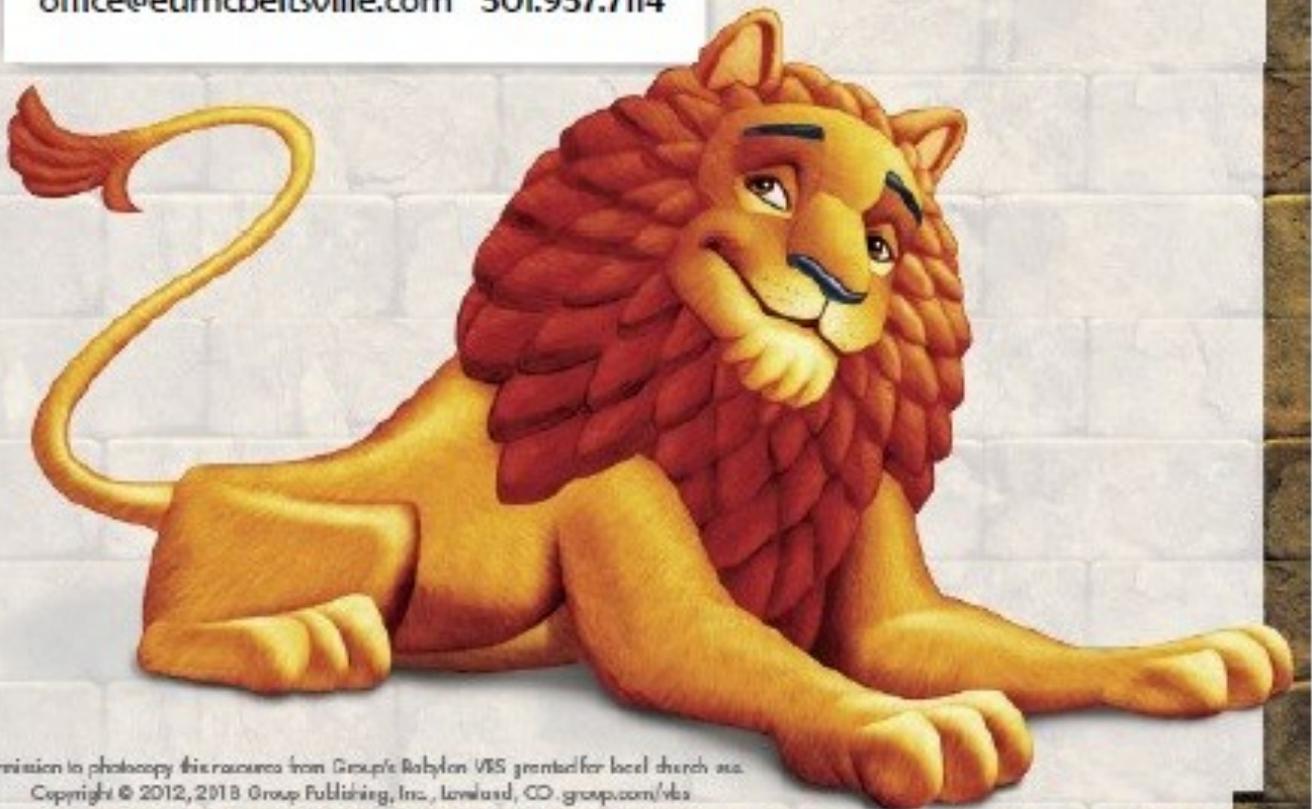
In case of emergency, contact: _____
(name and phone number)

This VBS is something worth roaring about!

Join us in Babylon, where we'll explore what life was like for Daniel and his friends, captives in a strange land. You'll craft cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Daniel, and eat some interesting food. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

For Ages 4 through 5th grade and adults. Teens may volunteer and earn Service Learning Hours. (Nursery Care for ages 1 -3 will be provided for participants only)

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ALTAR FLOWERS

- July 1 — Beverly Ward
- July 8 — Alice White
- July 15 —
- July 22 —
- July 29 — Olivia Heath



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.

IN MEMORIAM



Christian love and sympathy to:

The family of Tom "T. C." Huntington, who passed away on May 22nd.

Gail Belshay and family on the passing of her uncle, James Hagy, on May 30th.

Hazel Newell and family on the death of her niece, Apryle McNeel, on June 7th.

Doug Kresge and family on the death of his brother, Eddie Kresge, on June 21st.

May the Holy Spirit comfort these families 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

Emmanuel now has online giving! Just go to our website — www.EUMCBeltsville.com — and follow the prompts or scan this QR to go to a secure Online Donation page hosted by Vanco Services, LLC.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2. Bob Hiner, Abraham Scotland
- 5. Frances Cruz
- 7. Wanda Scotland
- 9. Teresa Dorsey
- 10. Andrew Onukwubiri
- 11. Gail Belshay
- 17. Lorna Marselas
- 23. Crispin Wray
- 25. John Kaufmann
- 28. Temitope Oluwafemi
- 30. Kristin Fadely
- 31. Paul Cruz, Edward Mellott



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4. Beverly & George Urick
- 7. Wanda & Abraham Scotland
- 12. Kathy & Pat Mellott
- 25. JoAnne & Donal Blakley



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

- Ellen & Molly Bredbenner
- Suzie Mendelsohn
- Brenda Sellers
- Charles & Shirley Nelson
- Gwen Council
- Wilton Mo



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

THE LAMPLIGHTER IS A TEAM EFFORT!



To contact Lamplighter editor Bobbie Deegan with an article, suggestion, or story idea, please e-mail her at BobbieDeegan@aol.com, or phone her at 301-937-7070.

Contributions are always welcome!

There will be **NO SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH** in July or August.

Enjoy your summer, and plan to join the rest of the congregation for lunch after the 11:15 service on **September 9th!**



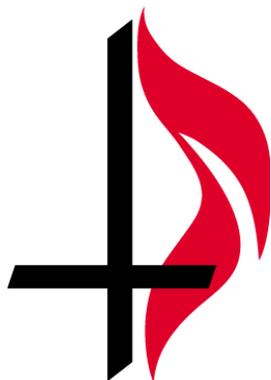
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