

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

April 2016

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



Hallelujah! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

I greet all of you with Easter greetings!

For the last 40 days, we have done our best to stay with Jesus while he was going through the wilderness, the trial, his passion, suffering and the cross. It was not easy following Jesus during Lent, because it involved being in the wilderness, denial, and taking up the cross. Yet we have faithfully stayed with Jesus during the Lenten season through worship, Bible study, reading the Lenten Devotional, meditation, and observing Palm Sunday and Holy Week services and activities. Finally, on March 27, we were able to celebrate the Easter service!

In February and March, the church had two congregational brainstorming sessions to talk about church ministry and finance. I was a little concerned that the discussion would alarm the congregation. To my surprise, the sessions were calm and everyone was cooperative and positive throughout the sessions. People felt comfortable sharing their opinions. Although individuals preferred different approaches on specific issues, every person attending a session cared deeply about the church and its ministries. Based on the consensus of the attendees, the Church Council and the relevant committees will continue to explore possible, feasible, and best solutions on the issues. The Council will keep the congregation updated on what's being discussed and what is ultimately decided about church finances and ministries.

During the brainstorming sessions, the need for standing committees to address stewardship and church growth was identified. Recruiting members for the new committees has begun. Once the committee members have been selected, each committee will organize and start to discuss stewardship and church growth issues, respectively.

On Sunday, March 6 around 9 AM, there was a car accident in the driveway of the church. Two cars going in opposite directions tried to pass each other where the driveway narrows near the handicapped spaces, and they didn't quite make it. Fortunately, the drivers were not seriously injured. This was a wake-up call to remind all of us that an accident can happen at any time. Please be careful when you drive through the church property.

The church has some good news! On April 3, two new members, Pauli and Glenn Colburn, will join Emmanuel at the 9 am service. Also on that Sunday, we will have our first Fellowship Sunday of the year, between 10 am and 11 am. It will be Pizza Sunday! Please join us that Sunday if you are able.

We also are calling Sunday, April 3, "Name Tag Sunday." We are asking everyone to wear a name tag that day, so that people can get to know each other's names. Without this kind of opportunity, it would be difficult to learn the names of each other. There will be a table in the hallway outside the sanctuary where you can write your name on a name tag. Please put it on your chest. Then, people will see your name. It will be a good opportunity to get to know each other.

Once again, thanks for your faithfulness during the Lenten season. I am proud of you. Now let us continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus during April.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

~ ~ PASTOR JACOB



News From United Methodist Women

by Ernie Kilbourne



The United Methodist Women will not have a regular meeting in April, but we will still have a busy month.

On Wednesday, April 13th at 12:00 noon, we will host a pot luck luncheon to honor a special lady. UMW's guest will be Ms. Sun Lae Kim, who is a missionary to Mongolia. She is a citizen of the United States and a member of the New Jersey Annual Conference. Ms. Kim has earned master's degrees from several universities. Come meet this amazing lady!

Our other big event in April will be the rummage sale on April 16th. The hours will be 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We will need lots of help on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

In May, we will have the annual Ladies Communion Breakfast. The theme will be The Royal Ball. See the story below for more information.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! All Ladies are Cordially Invited to The Royal Ball!



The Ladies' Communion breakfast will be May 7 at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. The Royal "Tax" for royalty over the age of 3 is \$8. Small princesses and princes aged 3 and under are \$4. Reservations may be made in the narthex on April 10, 17, 24 and May 1, or by calling Becky Cavallo at 301-937-7146.

Ball gowns are suggested, but not required.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD ———

Bishop Marcus Matthews has appointed **Sarah Elliott** to pastor a two-point charge in Harford County, Maryland, and Sarah has accepted the appointment. The Susquehanna Charge consists of Hopewell United Methodist Church in Havre de Grace and Wesleyan Chapel United Methodist Church in Aberdeen.

Hopewell UMC, in Havre de Grace, was established in 1866. Its original name was Centenary Church. The current church building was dedicated in 1962. Hopewell has a parsonage. Based on the church's website, the congregation is very involved in missions work, supporting three UMC missionaries; UMCOR; a shelter for homeless families; outreach to new mothers and children in Appalachia; handmade winter hats for St. Labre Indian School; gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child; supplies for a local elementary school; handmade blankets for Project Linus; prayer shawls for those who are ill; and financial and material support for a crisis pregnancy center, among other projects.

The City of Havre de Grace lies where the Susquehanna River empties into the Chesapeake Bay. The name "Havre de Grace" was inspired by the Marquise de Lafayette; the town was burned by the British during the War of 1812 and was a primary stop on the Underground Railroad before the Civil War.

Wesleyan Chapel United Methodist Church in Aberdeen will be 190 years old in 2016! They will celebrate their anniversary on October 2. The original chapel building was built by Christian Hoopman in 1826 on land he owned and out of bricks he made and laid! It has its own cemetery, too. Wesleyan Chapel UMC also is very involved in missions work. Their projects include supporting Operation Christmas Child; making blankets for children in the hospital; and making lunch on the 3rd Thursday of the month for a group similar to Community Place Café.

The City of Aberdeen is home to Cal and Billy Ripken's Aberdeen Ironbirds (which should make Patrick very happy) as well as the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Best of all—Havre de Grace and Aberdeen are approximately five miles apart, which hopefully will make it an easy commute for Sarah!

KAIROS IN MARYLAND



Dear Friends,

Please let me share with you a very special ministry that I am involved with.... Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. (KPMI). Kairos means “God’s special time,” and in the lives of the women we are ministering to, we know it will be God’s special time for them.

Kairos began in a Florida prison in 1976. Kairos Inside is a volunteer lay-led Christian ministry that conducts a highly structured program designed for use in male and female correctional institutions. The mission of Kairos ministries is to bring Christ’s love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them.

The Kairos Inside program strategy brings together inmates who have been identified as having leadership potential for a 3-½ day weekend event of carefully coordinated talks, discussions, chapel meditations, and music led by the loving spirit of the volunteers. After a weekend inside, volunteers commit to a year-long follow-up program. Also after the weekend, inmates are encouraged to establish strong Christian communities within their institution.

I am sharing this information with you because I am thrilled to report that God has blessed us to minister at the only prison for women in the State of Maryland, the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women (MCI-W) in Jessup, Maryland! I will be one of the team members serving at MCI-W on Kairos #16, which will be held April 28 through May 1, 2016.

We ask you to support our mission by surrounding us and the women we seek to help in prayer throughout the weekend. **I’ll have a Prayer Vigil sign-up sheet in the Narthex on April 10-24, 2016.**

As with all mission trips, there are expenses involved with sponsoring volunteers and inmates for this weekend. Volunteers must pay for lodging and meals. The team goes into the prison from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., and we eat meals with the inmates in their “Chow Hall.” Believe it or not, we actually pay for the privilege of eating prison food! Then there are costs for paper goods, Bibles and crosses that each inmate receives at the end of the weekend, etc. Donations of any amount would be greatly appreciated and truly a blessing. **Please take a few minutes TODAY to prayerfully consider a tax-deductible contribution.***

Your prayers and financial contribution will help make it possible for us to share this weekend of God’s love. Thank you for your support as we share the goodness of God with the inmates, correctional officers and prison staff.

God’s love, peace and blessings,

~ ~ *Deaconess Jane Grays*

***Please make your check payable to Kairos in Maryland, note MCI-W #16 in the memo field, and mail it to:**

**Kairos in Maryland
P.O. Box 401
Burtonsville, MD 20866**

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Saturday, April 16 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Furniture, Household Goods,
Jewelry, Pocketbooks,
Toys and Books
Fresh Baked Goods for Sale

Breakfast sandwiches
and hot drinks available
starting at 9:15 a.m.
Chili Dogs will be
available for lunch



Rent A Table And Have
Your Own Yard Sale

Please Call 301-937-7114
For More Details

Proceeds Benefit Women
and Children Through
Approved UMW Mission Programs

SHARING AND CARING

Ray Doetsch has moved to Rockville. His new address is The Alfredhouse V, 18110 Cashell Road, Rockville, MD 20853.

Kathryn Griffin and **Bobbie and Charlie Deegan** attended the spring concert of the *Central Maryland Chorale*. One of the performers was our own **Pat Allen**. Charlie was surprised to find out that a staff member of his Critical Areas Commission and the new treasurer of the Friends of Patuxent also sing in the Chorale! The group shared the stage with the talented members of *Charm City Steel*, who gave the audience a much better understanding of the musical instruments called **steel pans** (they are NOT drums).

Wednesday, April 27th is *Administrative Professionals Day*. Take a few minutes sometime that week to thank our own administrative professionals, **Beth Adle** and **Jo Anne Harrison**, for all they do to keep the church running smoothly. The two of them make sure the bulletins get done every week, keep track of what committee has reserved what room when, and try to get the pastor to his meetings on time. Less visible are the ad hoc tasks they juggle — phone calls from someone needing information or assistance; committees needing information or copies made; and information they are to relay from one person or committee to another. They are the link that keeps the church functioning smoothly. It isn't a fail-safe system, because with so many things going on and so many persons involved, the office sometimes is accidentally left out of the loop. But imagine what it would be like if they weren't there! **Thank you, Beth and Jo Anne!**

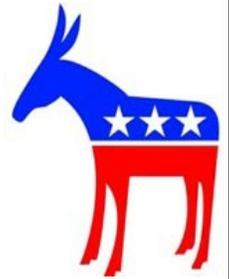
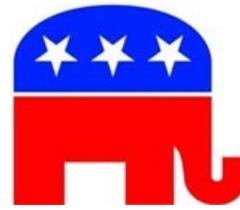
Thank you, Ted Ladd!!

Last month while your beloved editor was working on the March *Lamplighter*, her laptop got an infection and froze up completely. (So much for MacAfee). After a couple of days in the Geek Squad hospital, the viruses were gone and the draft *Lamplighter* was still there. But the Publisher program used to create the *Lamplighter* was gone and there was a delay in getting it re-installed. So Ted kindly stepped in and finished the March issue. Thanks, Ted, you were a life-saver!

Because the March issue was finished so late and it typically takes at least a week for the post office to deliver it, we decided to distribute the March issue at church instead of relying on the mail. I apologize for any inconvenience this caused. I have a new anti-virus, anti-malware, anti-everything software, and hopefully this will not happen again!

~~ Bobbie Deegan

To get in touch with **Pastor Jacob**, please call the Church Office at 301-937-7114. If you prefer, you may email him at Jacob.Young@EUMCBeltsville.com.



**DON'T FORGET
TO VOTE!**

**Election Day is April 26th,
7 a.m. — 8 p.m.**

**Early voting is April 14 — 21,
10 a.m. — 8 p.m.**

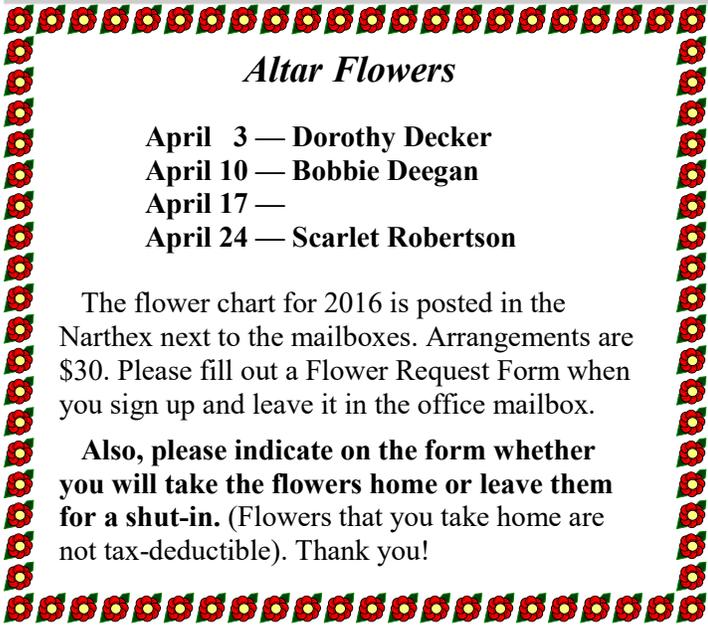
**Try out the new voting system.
Make your voice heard!**

**JUST BECAUSE YOU DO NOT
TAKE AN INTEREST IN
POLITICS, DOESN'T MEAN
POLITICS WON'T TAKE AN
INTEREST IN YOU.**

~~ PERICLES

To submit an article for The Lamplighter or to get in touch with editor Bobbie Deegan, please email her at BobbieDeegan@aol.com, or call her at 301-937-7070.

Articles are due NO LATER THAN the 15th of the month. It's OK to send them early!



Altar Flowers

- April 3 — Dorothy Decker**
- April 10 — Bobbie Deegan**
- April 17 —**
- April 24 — Scarlet Robertson**

The flower chart for 2016 is posted in the Narthex next to the mailboxes. Arrangements are \$30. Please fill out a Flower Request Form when you sign up and leave it in the office mailbox.

Also, please 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!

April Birthdays

- 1. Natalie Corman, Lil Mizzer
- 4. Nancy Bell, Monica Hatton, Janey Lewis
- 5. Kelly Lee
- 6. Susan Cunningham
- 7. Patrick Shiplett
- 8. Lea Claye
- 9. Deji Bello
- 11. Lacey Fadely, Dan Webb
- 13. Louisa Davies
- 15. George Urick
- 16. Cale Fuller Jr., Grace Rodeffer
- 18. Ernie Kilbourne
- 19. Ted Ladd
- 21. Sharon White
- 25. April Ademiluyi
- 26. Glenna Pavelka
- 29. Merton Baird

READERS and GREETERS are Needed

Greeters are needed for the 9 am worship service on **April 10, 17 & 24 and May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**, and the 11:15 service on **May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**.

Scripture readers are needed for the 9 am service on **May 22 & 29** and the 11:15 service on **May 8**.

To volunteer to cover one or more of these Sundays, please put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary in the Narthex. Thank you for helping to make Emmanuel a welcoming congregation!



April Anniversaries

- 4. Christopher & Virginia Butcher

IN MEMORIAM



Condolences to Tracy Fuller and her family on the passing of her brother, Billy Addis, on March 2nd.

Dan Niffenegger's wife Elnor passed away on February 26th. Dan and Elnor were both former members of Emmanuel. Sympathy cards may be sent to Dan at 690 Mason Headley Road, Apt. 315, Lexington, KY 40504.

Pat Mellott's dad, Paul R. Mellott, went to the Lord on March 17th.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the families and friends of all these persons, and with everyone who is struggling with the loss of a loved one. May the Holy Spirit sustain you and happy memories comfort you during this sad time.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."
John 11:25-26

WELCOME, VISITORS!!

The following guests visited Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in February:

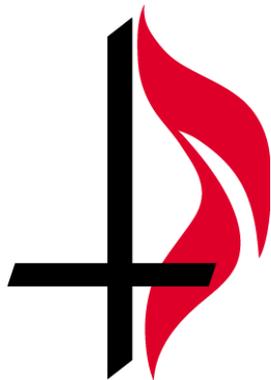
- Ella and Notly Bredbenner
- Collins Ezebuibe
- Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rivas
- Samson and Ian Dhanraj
- Mr. and Mrs. G. Roberson
- Dale Secules
- Linda Roberson

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



April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 11 am Maranatha Choir 5 pm NA
3 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Quarterly Fellowship 12:30 pm Chancel Choir 12:30 pm UMW Executive Meeting	4	5 7 pm ESOL	6	7 7 pm Church Growth Committee– Panera Bread	8	9 11 am Maranatha Choir 5 pm NA
10 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 2nd Sunday Lunch 12:30 pm Chancel Choir	11 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Staff- Parish Relations 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	12 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7 pm ESOL	13 7 pm Worship Committee	14	15 11 am Community Place Café	16 10 am Rummage Sale 11 am Maranatha Choir 5 pm NA
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