

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

April 2011



Pastor Daniel Mejia

March Madness has gotten to me. Although, this year our local school, University of Maryland, did not make the tournament, there are still lots of good basketball games to enjoy.

Watching and enjoying the tournament made me think of the importance of good, solid coaching. Many teams that on paper are better than their lower seeded opponents cannot handle the pressure in this “win or go home” format.

There are some coaches that made the NCAA tournament their time to shine. In particular three names come to mind: Dean Smith, Bobbie Knight, but no one better than coach John Wooden from UCLA. Coach Wooden is considered by many to be the greatest Men’s College Basketball Coach of all time. Among his illustrious accomplishments at UCLA we can mention an unmatched 88 game winning streak, seven NCAA championships in seven consecutive years, ten NCAA men’s basketball championships, the most appearances in the Final Four, 16, and the list goes on. Coach Wooden is still greatly revered and fondly remembered

by his basketball players, fans, and even opponents. Coach Wooden died at the age of 99 on June 10, 2010. However, Coach Wooden was not simply a “good coach” but a “good person.” His success as a coach was not only attributed to his strategies and well thought-out defensive schemes but to the fact that he took a genuine interest in his players beyond the basketball court. He understood that success on the court was preceded by success, balance, and wholeness in their personal lives. In order to accomplish that success, Coach Wooden had many maxims and many rules for his players. From all of them I found these three fascinating: **don’t use profanity, be on time, and never criticize a teammate.**

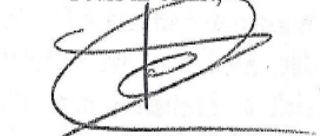
I can see how these three rules would have a significant impact on a basketball team. But not exclusively. I believe that family life, work life, personal life, civic life, political life, school life, and church life can benefit from this approach. Can you imagine not being cussed at when with no ill intent you switch lanes while driving? Can you imagine going to a doctor’s appointment and the doctor actually seeing you on time? Can you imagine a faith community in which its members would “**agree to disagree**” without hurting each other and stay working together?

Coach Wooden knew that personal relationships could positively or negatively affect the performance of his basketball team. I find it interesting that not only being late, using profanity and proffering ill intended criticism would keep you out of

Coach Wooden’s team but these actions also could potentially keep you from inheriting the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 25:1-13, Galatians 5:19-22, James 3:1-18)

Coach Wooden was the first one to admit that his philosophy of life came out of his relationship with God. He was a man of faith, a successful one, but just a simple man who took seriously loving God and his neighbor. What if we were to live by and apply Coach Wooden’s three simple rules? Try it, and then let me know how things go for you. Actually, if you live by these rules, you don’t have to tell me, we will all notice it.

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Daniel Mejia



Famed Basketball Coach John Wooden

## PLEASE ENJOY MY EGGS

By Nancy Thrush

Eggery has been one of my hobbies over the years. Although my vision no longer permits me to do this craft, I can still enjoy my display in my china cupboard. I have displayed some of these eggs in the memorial case in the Narthex.

For several years, 5 of us attended a class once a week to work on eggs and relax. This was a great therapy session for us.

The eggs (mostly goose or quail eggs) were cut very carefully, decorated and painted and made into jewelry eggs, necklaces and brooches. The finished product is glazed with egg sheen and sanded. Sometimes as many as 15 coats of egg sheen.

When you are going through the front hallway, please take a minute to stop by the case and enjoy looking at my eggs.

## THANK YOU

By Debbie McNitt, President UMW:)

Your support really helped us reach towards our goal. We pledge \$3000 toward UMW mission projects each year. The UMW Rummage sale was very successful. The baked goods were delicious and so was lunch! We had a fabulous selection of items to pick from. There will be a breakdown of sales per room in the next lamplighter. Our goal is \$2000.00. Thank you to Amvets for picking up our leftover items.

## 175 Years of Methodism in Beltsville April Update



Great news! We have received confirmation from Bishop John Schol that he will be preaching at our Anniversary Worship Service on Sunday, September 18, 2011. Emmanuel has only hosted a visit from our bishop twice before, most “recently” when Bishop John Wesley Lord preached at the consecration of the Education Building. That event took place September 18, 1966, which means that Bishop Schol’s visit will take place 45 years after Bishop Lord’s visit, to the day! That’s quite a coincidence.

The commemorative ceramic mugs and T-shirts displaying our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo are in! You may purchase a candy-filled mug for \$6.00 each, or 4 for \$20. The T-shirts range in size from small through 4XL, and cost just \$12.00 each, or 2 for \$20. Persons who contribute \$175 to the Kitchen Makeover Fund in honor of our anniversary year will receive special recognition in a commemorative program book and a complimentary mug and T-shirt.

The commemorative cookbook and a new photodirectory being pro-

duced in conjunction with this special anniversary are discussed in separate articles. The choir is also commissioning an anthem in honor of our anniversary! See Kathryn Griffin’s article for details

Future meetings of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will work out the details for the Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction on September 17<sup>th</sup> and the Anniversary Worship Service on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark the dates on your calendar now! The Committee will also plan additional celebratory events. The next fundraiser for a “renewed” kitchen will be a chicken dinner. Get involved!

Come to our next meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!

## Trustees

After many attempts to get through to Pepco and an e-mail to Councilwoman Mary Lehman’s office, the light pole that we rent from Pepco once again shines.

Other good news is that the hole in the roof over the trash area has been repaired. A wind blew away a section of the roof, making access to the trash cans available to raccoons. All is sound again and the raccoons will have to find another diner.



# Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast of Your Shell

We are inviting women of all ages to the Mother-Daughter Breakfast on Saturday, April 30, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You don't need to bring a mother or a daughter to attend. We are all part of God's family. This year's theme is God's Handiwork (Quilting Bee). You can make your reservations (prepaid) every Sunday in April after the first service or before the second service, or call Becky Cavallo at 301-937-7146. The price is \$3.00 for children ages 3-10 and \$6.00 for ages 11 and older.

If you have a quilt or sampler or other special handmade item made by a special woman in your life, we'd love for you to bring it with you to show us and share its story with us.

## Pajama Collection for Foster Care Teens

Sisters in Spirit are collecting clothing items and toiletries for teens in local foster care and homeless shelters. During the month of April you will find a suitcase in the narthex for collected items. Needed items are t-shirts, socks, slippers, new underwear, belts, wallets, purses, and cosmetic bags. Call Jane (301-937-6392) or Becky (301-937-7146) if you have any questions.



Join the Chancel choir. We meet on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We sing at the 11:15 service. You do not have to read music, but carrying a tune is helpful!!! If you would like to try us out, come during Lent and sing with us through Easter. Lent begins on March 9th-Ash Wednesday. Easter is April 24th. This would involve 7 Sundays, and 7 Thursdays and one Saturday rehearsal on March 16. (We have treats during Lent, so don't give up sugar.)

### WHY SING IN THE CHOIR?

1: Physical Health – singing demands oxygen and controlled use of breath. Your body, especially your brain, needs oxygen to function at a high level and singing requires more breath than merely breathing to stay alive.

2: Mental Health – Music requires total concentration. You can put aside your concerns and rejuvenate your mind.

3. Spiritual Health - We are told to sing at least 100 times in the Bible. Anthems and hymns are a great way to learn scripture and express our faith. God created us and gave us many gifts. The greatest of these is the gift of creativity God has shared with us. Fulfill God's gift to you. Join the choir and create a joyful noise!

### MORE REASONS TO JOIN THE CHOIR!!

Make new friends. Meet interesting people. Improve your health. Serve your church. Help others worship. Praise the Lord. Actively participate in worship. Develop new skills. Get the best seats up front. Wear "cool" robes.

### PRACTICAL REASONS FOR JOINING THE CHOIR!!

1. You don't make anything. 2. You don't bake anything. 3. You don't make phone calls. 4. You don't waste time in meetings where nothing is accomplished. 5. You don't have to make decisions. The director does all the prep work. You just come and sing! 6. Let the choir and our Cantata preparation be your offering for Lent. When you sing, you pray twice.



**Join our Choir ...  
You'll Be Happy  
You Did!**

## April Birthdays



- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Lil Mizzer              | 13 Louisa Claye             |
| 3 Victoria Witherspoon    | 15 George Urick             |
| 4 Monica Hatton           | 16 Grace Buchen-Rodeffer    |
| 5 Kelly Lee               | 18 Ernie Kilbourne          |
| 6 Susan Cunningham        | 19 Ted Ladd                 |
| 7 Patrick Shiplett        | 21 Gerald Coe, Sharon White |
| 8 Lea Claye               | 24 Leslee Welton            |
| 9 Deji Bello              | 25 Evelyn Beasley           |
| 11 Lacey Fadely, Dan Webb | April Ademiluyi             |
|                           | 26 Glenna Pavelka           |

## Altar Flowers

- April 3  
 April 10 Bobbie Deegan  
 April 17  
 April 24 Leslee Weton



## April Anniversaries

4. Christopher & Virginia Butcher  
 28. Roy and Peggy Wells

## Family Life at Emmanuel

Thank you to everyone who has participated and helped with the recent Family Life activities: Breakfast with Santa, the Valentine's Dinner, and the Pancake Supper and Concert. Special thanks to Julie and Chuck Pavelka for preparing the food for the Pancake Supper and to the United Methodist Men for serving Breakfast with Santa. Our Fish Fry is coming up at Beltsville Day on May 15th. We will be serving Fish Tacos this year! If you can help, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex at the beginning of May. If you just like fish, stop by the booth and buy lunch. Anyone who helps with Family Life events will receive a discount on the Church Getaway Weekend, scheduled for September 23-25th.

Kathy and Pat Mellott

## Special Thanks

Thank you to the visitation team for visiting my mother, Charlotte Eccard, every month and brightening her day. She especially enjoys your visits and her birthday card! God Bless You!

Kathy Mellott

## ANTHEM COMMISSIONING

To the glory of God  
and in honor of the Chancel Choir and Emmanuel UMC  
as they celebrate 175 years of service to our  
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ



Many churches commission compositions in honor of retiring ministers or special members, or to celebrate special occasions (anniversaries, new sanctuaries). I think it would be a fitting tribute to the Chancel Choir and to Emmanuel UMC to commission an anthem composed especially for us honoring our 175th anniversary.

I have contacted Ruth Elaine Schram, a composer whose music the choir has sung, about creating a custom vocal score for our choir. We would send her textual ideas and concepts. She would create an anthem tailored to the Chancel choir. Our choir would give the first performance and Emmanuel's name would be at the top of all copies sold.


We do not own the anthem. That is intellectual property and belongs to the composer.

Her fee is \$1,500.00. Half of that would be sent to her with the textual ideas. She would work on the anthem until the choir is satisfied with the product. This may take four months or more. Then we would pay the remaining amount. I have asked several choir directors about the fee and they say the amount is reasonable. We already have the deposit so that will be sent to Ruth Schram shortly.

The choir and I are asking all of you to help us with this project. You can buy a note! There will be someone in the narthex to receive checks and cash. Please make your check to the church and notate it "anthem commissioning." You can also turn your checks and cash into the office.

Elaine Schram wrote her first song at the age of twelve. She studied music at Lancaster Bible College and Millersville State College and taught elementary music in Pennsylvania. She has 1,700 published works with 16 million copies sold. She has won the ASCAP Special Award every year since 1990 and has been a DOVE AWARD finalist. Her music has been heard on the "700 CLUB" and the "Sopranos." She lives now in Birmingham, AL with her husband Scott. They have two grown daughters, Crystie and Celsie.

If you have any questions please ask me.



*Kathryn Griffin*

## WE HAVE A PHOTOGRAPHER!

After meeting with representatives from Olan Mills and Lifetouch, Ernie Kilbourne and I have selected Olan Mills to produce our new the photo directory.

To help us commemorate Methodism's 175<sup>th</sup> year in Beltsville, Olan Mills has agreed to give Emmanuel the following:

A photo directory with 11 free activity pages, free front and back covers, a family photo section, a "not available" page, a "military not available" page, and a directory roster.

A directory for each family whose photo is included plus a directory for persons on the "not available" page.

A free on-line directory companion to the printed version which is very secure and updateable.

A free CD of directory images for church use.

A \$2 cash donation to the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for every family photographed. Whether a family makes a purchase or has their photo appear in the directory is irrelevant.

Families photographed will get:

A free copy of the photo directory.

A free 8 x 10. No one is obligated for any purchase. I will be there each day of shooting. If you feel pressured to buy, tell me!!

Photo packages will be available,

but if a family wants to purchase an additional 8x10 portrait, for example, it would cost just \$20, with free protective coating and UV protection (even on the free portrait). Digital retouching will cost an additional \$10.

Anyone 60 years old or older and anyone with a military I.D. will receive 10% off on their purchases.

I have reserved four photography dates so far:

**Friday, September 16**  
**2:00 pm – 9:20 pm**

**Saturday, September 17**  
**9:30 am – 5:10 pm**

**Monday, September 26**  
**2:00 pm – 9:20 pm**

**Tuesday, September 27**  
**2:00 pm – 9:20 pm**

Saturday, September 17 was chosen knowing that the anniversary dinner and silent auction would be that evening. We are hopeful that some former members and constituents will attend the weekend festivities, and we want them to be able to have photos taken if they would care to do so, for two reasons. First, because this is a special anniversary for Emmanuel, Olan Mills has agreed to allow us an "Out of the Area, But Still in Our Hearts" page. (We may change the title, but you get the drift!) This will allow those "coming home" to be part of our celebration even though they may have a different home congregation now. Second, as you read above, Olan Mills will give us \$2.00 in cash for every family photographed. ("Family" refers to photography units, not individuals, so you can be a "family of one"). A family does not have to worship at

Emmanuel to be photographed or for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee to get the \$2.00 donation. So if a homecoming family schedules a photo on Saturday, September 17 when they are in town anyway, they'll get their free 8x10, they'll be included in the photo directory, and we will get another \$2.00 toward the new kitchen!

For the same reason, I scheduled a photo day on an ESOL night. Emmanuel would get \$2.00 for each ESOL family photographed and the family would get a free 8x10. There is a simple way to exclude "non-Emmanuel" families from being included in the photo directory, so that wouldn't present a problem. Olan Mills will give us as many photo days as we need; the only condition is that we have to have 25 appointments booked per day.

I know that the time slots on Monday and Tuesday evenings will conflict with some activities already scheduled. I will contact the coordinators to what see what we can work out.

If you have digital photos you would like to have considered for the activity pages, please email them to me at [BobbieDeegan@aol.com](mailto:BobbieDeegan@aol.com).

This is going to be a lot of fun. Stay tuned!!



## Game Day 2011

Over 35 people came to Game Day 2011 on Saturday March 12th with hosts Bryant Davis for Pictionary, Walt Gillette for Taboo, and Rick Bergman for Mad Gab! Three teams rotated through the games each 1/2 hour enjoying friendly competition. Turkey Rice and Bean soup, chips/salsa, Chocolate and Carrot cakes for Bryant's birthday were the 'icing' of the day. Great fellowship, laughter, and fun made this event a success!



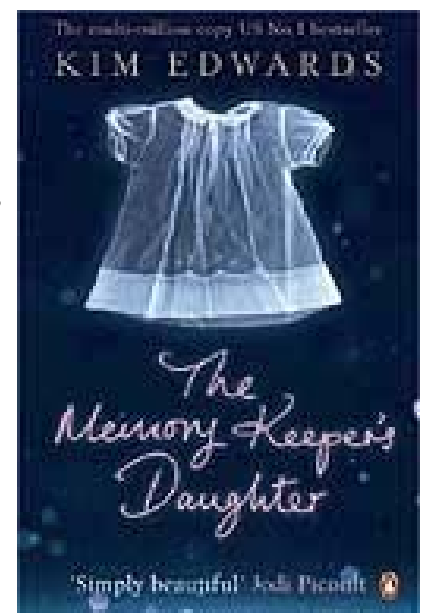
# Faithful Readers Book Club



A small group this month did not deter the conversation about the Amish lifestyle and the people. In discussing Donald Kraybill's "The Puzzles of Amish Life," we discussed the pros and cons of their conservative lifestyle. The group chose the following attributes that we thought would be good to be 'mindful of' in our own 'Englischers' lifestyle:

- Rely on Community
- Encourage 'face to face' interaction
- Humility
- Keep more jobs by relying on human power instead of machines
- Practice 'tough love'
- Take care of people in your own community; young, elderly, ill
- Self-sustaining
- Forgiveness and Acceptance
- Simplicity

Our next book will be the novel "The Memory Keeper's Daughter," by Kim Edwards. There are a dozen copies in the library system. We will be discussing this book, as well as, showing excerpts from the movie on Sat, April 16, 2011 on the 2nd floor of the education building 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Come join us and bring a friend! Questions? Carol Clatterbuck or Bryant Davis.





## Community Place Café (CPC)

By: Ann Rowland

We continue to serve hot nourishing lunches to an average of 80 hungry men and women at CPC located at First UMC in Hyattsville on the third Friday of every month.



Most of the recipients of the program have a place to stay, but have very little resources. Free meals and donated clothing help stretch their dollars so they can pay for necessities such as housing and medication. About 5 to 10% of those we serve at CPC call the nearby woods and streets their home. As one can imagine, their needs are overwhelming. First Methodist is equipped with showers so that those who do not have a place to stay can take a warm and welcomed shower. We can help by donating soap, shampoo and gently used towels.

As always, we can use volunteers to help cook and serve the lunches. If you are a teen looking for community service hours, please consider volunteering at Community Place Café. Let me know if you would like to pick up some hours this summer. To enhance the experience, bring a friend. I can be reached at 301-572-5250 or [annrowland@verizon.net](mailto:annrowland@verizon.net).

## Sunday School

By Todd Reitzel, Superintendent

The Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday, April 24, 10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Use this opportunity to invite a friend to come to church! Don't forget to bring your Easter basket!



Sunday School kids will be collecting donations for the Heifer Project in April, ending on Palm Sunday. Watch for more details!

The EUMC Youth Learning Fellowship continues every Tuesday night 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. through Tuesday, April 26. The first hour is homework help, and the second hour is spiritual growth. Kids age 4 through 18 should come join the fun!

Vacation Bible School will be evenings Monday, July 18, through Friday, July 22, and the theme will be Island Odyssey. We will focus on Biblical island stories involving Christ's disciples spreading the Good News, enriched by other modern island cultures. Our VBS is for kids, youth, and adults. Save the dates and watch for details in April!

## EMERGE -Mental Health Ministry

By: Ann Rowland

Every once in a while we need to evaluate our ministry and ask if there is something more we can do toward addressing the mental health needs of our community within and outside our church.

EMERGE has been very successful in sponsoring the Depression and Bipolar Support Group that has consistently met twice a month for the past six years. Ten to twelve participants from Beltsville and neighboring communities attend each session. Similarly, we could sponsor other Mental Health Support Groups where there is a need. Since dementia, at times, accompanies advancing age (we are an aging congregation) we are exploring whether there is a need and an interest in an Alzheimers/Dementia Caregiver Support Group. Caregivers often feel physically and emotionally drained when they have 24/7 responsibility for a loved one suffering from dementia. A Support Group could offer an opportunity to share concerns with others dealing with similar circumstances. If you think you could benefit from such a group, please let one of us know. If you have expertise in facilitating support groups and would be interested in participating in this ministry we would love to hear from you. Of course, we cannot launch such a program without a show of interest and support. Please contact me at [annrowland@verizon.net](mailto:annrowland@verizon.net) or 301-572-5250 or contact another member of EMERGE listed on the yellow bulletin board.



# April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 3:00 p.m. Lenten Spanish/ English Class
3 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Homeless Ministry	4 7:00 p.m. Sign Language Class	5 7:00 p.m. ESOL & Youth Learning Fellowship	6 6:00 p.m. Maranatha Choir 7:00 p.m. Church Council	7 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	8	9 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
10 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 2nd Sunday Pot- luck Lunch 1:30 p.m. UMW Executive Mtg.	11 12:30 p.m. Belts- ville Women's Club 7:00 p.m. Depression/ Bipolar Support Group 7:00 p.m. Sign Language Class 7:30 p.m. Trustees	12 10:00 a.m. Prayer Fellow- ship 7:00 p.m. ESOL & Youth Learning Fellowship	13 6:00 p.m. Maranatha Choir 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee	14 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	15 11:00 a.m. Community Place Café	16 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir in Sanctuary  10:00 a.m. Faithful Readers Book Club
17 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Cantata "Hosanna in the Highest"	18 12 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle 7:00 p.m. Sign Language Class	19 7:00 p.m. ESOL & Youth Learning Fellowship	20 10:00 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle 12:00 noon Dorcas Circle 6:00 p.m. Maranatha Choir 7:00 p.m. Sis- ters in Spirit	21 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service and Sedar Tasting	22 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service	23
24 <b>EASTER</b> 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt	25 7:00 p.m. Depression/ Bipolar Support Group 7:00 p.m. Sign Language Class	26 10:00 a.m. Prayer Fellow- ship 7:00 p.m. ESOL & Youth Learning Fellowship	27	28	29	30 9:00 a.m. Mother/ Daughter Breakfast

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