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From the
Pastor's
Desk...

So You Think You Can Sing

Most people have heard of So You Think You Can Dance, a reality show where people audition and compete to see who will be crowned the best dancer of the season, but have you ever heard of GUITARO 5000?

Regginald "GUITARO 5000" Guillaume is a full time musician and Youtuber, who invites ordinary people from the streets of New York (and other metropolitan areas) to "Sing with Me for Free." Each volunteer gets to perform and afterwards, Reggie asks, "Now that you've sung, how do you feel?"

Almost everyone expresses some satisfaction or exhilaration for having sung. They just plain feel better!

Singing in and of itself makes people feel better, and according to Stanley Thurston, when people sing in groups like choirs, the experience supports our "total growth" as human beings. Stanley Thurston is the founder and artistic director of the Heritage Signature Chorale in Washington, D.C., which was established to preserve African American choral music. Thurston was featured in a Washington Post article, which stated:

Although many choirs in the United States operate out of churches, plenty of others are community based, including Heritage. Choirs are large families, he says, and singing in them promotes social bonding, which contributes to a sense of belonging and joy. Thurston made these observations during the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic, when essentially public singing and especially choir singing came to a halt. However,

Beltsville Has Talent, and Emmanuel is blessed with an experienced choir singer in the person of Donna Williams, the daughter of Rev. Gertie T. Williams, who has a desire to restore the joy of singing to the Beltsville community. Anyone who thinks they can sing is welcome to make themselves known to Donna when she attends church on 4th Sundays, or call or email the church office to express your interest. Your contact information will be used to provide you with further details.

Singers need not be members of the church because this will be a Community Choir, which will learn to sing acapella. Choir singing promotes social well-being, builds relationships, and just makes everyone feel better! Best of all, it is not a competition, and everybody wins!

Pastor King

Troop 1033 Update

By Jenny Kresge



After a brief break over the winter holidays, Troop 1033 is busy again! In addition to regular meetings, the troop observed Scout Sunday with Emmanuel on the second Sunday in February by presenting the flags and leading the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our troop was joined by scouts from Troop 214G and Cub Scout Pack 1031. We thank Emmanuel for their many years of continued support.

Also in February, the troop participated in a District competition called the Klondike Derby. The scouts demonstrated their knowledge of various skills such as first aid, knot tying, nature identification, fire building and cooking. The scouts had a lot of fun and earned second place.

Upcoming planned activities include cabin camping, indoor rock-climbing and our Spring Mulch fundraiser. Details for the fundraiser will be emailed to the congregation once they are finalized.



United Women In Faith Soup Luncheon

Thank you to The United Women In Faith for providing a lovely Soup Luncheon after service on February 11. The food was excellent and it was a great time for us to get together and fellowship outside of service. Thank you also to everyone who donated soup and crackers for our sick and shut in.



2024 Mitten Tree Was A Huge Success



The United Women in Faith's 2024 was a big success. They were able to collect over 150 pieces of winter clothes to donate to area school children. Thank you to everyone who donated. Your generosity means a lot to our local families!



ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Virtual Bible Study

Wednesdays from 7 pm-8 pm! Join us online for Bible Study on Wednesdays from 7 pm to 8 pm. Come and discuss the Bible and learn from each other and other Emmanuel folks! No preparation needed! You just need to log on! Go to <https://bit.ly/3PPrgjE> to join us. The Meeting ID is 929 3284 2856 Passcode: bible
Any questions, email Rick Bergmann at rick.bergmann@eumcbeltsville.com

Lillian (Lil) Mizzer has passed away

Lillian (May) Shrive Mizzer passed away peacefully on January 1 st , 2024, surrounded by her family. She was 97 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband Ernest and son Ernest Jr. She is survived by her son Douglas (wife, Cheryl Ann Mizzer). She was the proud grandmother of four. Melissa, Rebecca, Samantha and Deborah. She also cherished her four great-grandchildren, Joshua ,Joseph, Everett and Isla.

She grew up in Moosic, PA, then moved to Washington, DC where she worked for the government and met and married her husband, Ernest Mizzer. They were married for 27 years until his passing in 1974.

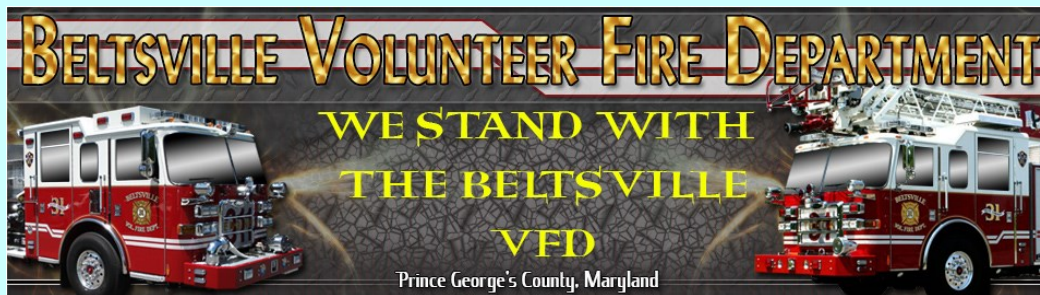
Lil was a valued and active member of the Emanuel United Methodist Church of Beltsville, Young at Heart, Laurel Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and countless other volunteer positions throughout her years.

She was a child of The Depression and saved everything that could be of use. She enjoyed making decorations, blankets, and even crocheted Christmas stockings.

We will all cherish her for what she gave to the community and her family. She always asked that people be happy and eat cookies at her funeral so bring your best recipe and fond memories.

A Celebration of her life was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD on Saturday, February 24 from 2pm to 4pm.

Update on the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department



On January 24 at a meeting with the Fire Chief of Prince George's County, it was announced that the paid, career firefighters from the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department on Prince George's Avenue. They cited safety concerns as their reason. To say that Beltsville Citizens were shocked and outraged is an understatement. After the conclusion of this meeting, the citizens and community leaders began a campaign that included calls and emails to elected officials, reaching out to News organizations that included NBC4, WJLA7, WTOP, DCNewsNow, and others. The community was able to find that several of the concerns the fire chief was using to justify the move had either already been corrected or were outright falsehoods. After several weeks of pressure from the citizens of Beltsville the county announced at a community meeting on February 13 that the plan to move the firefighters had changed and that the station was going to be renovated. During this time, the firefighters would be temporarily housed in trailers on the property. The Beltsville Community and many members of Emmanuel rallied and saved our firehouse.



Cooking with Pastor King: Multi-Layered Salad

Before we get started, the point of this recipe is to have something colorful at the end of the layering process. Some suggested substitutions are within a certain color range.

Ingredients

Salad:

- 1 pound bacon (cooked), OR diced ham, shredded pork, bite sized chicken, crabmeat (whatever protein you prefer)
- 1 large head iceberg lettuce - rinsed, dried, and chopped (or a mixed bag of salad greens of your choice)
- 1 red onion (thinly sliced) or 1 can of sliced beets, drained. (If anyone is allergic to or simply doesn't like one of these ingredients, use purple cabbage, cherry tomatoes or strawberries)
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen green peas and carrots, thawed (you can also used straight frozen peas or the frozen mixed veggies)
- 10 ounces shredded sharp Cheddar cheese (again, your cheese, your choice)
- 1 cup chopped cauliflower (sliced jicama or boiled eggs - I like cottage cheese, but then I would have to switch the other cheese to pineapple or peaches for the colors)

Dressing (optional):

- 1 cup mayo
 - 2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 2 tablespoons white sugar
 - 1/4 cup white vinegar
- Whisk these ingredients together. Alternatively, use your favorite dressing when it's time to serve.

Directions: In a large glass bowl, layer:

1. your choice of lettuce or salad greens.
2. Beets or red onion
3. Peas & carrots
4. Cauliflower
5. Cheese
6. protein
7. French fried onions is an optional top layer for those who want the crunch of crisp bacon but have used a different protein.
8. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

History of Hymns: “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” by Henry Ernest Nichol; The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 569

*We’ve a story to tell to the nations, That shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy, A story of peace and light.*

Refrain:

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning, And the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth, The kingdom of love and light.*



If you attended Sunday school or vacation Bible school in the United States any time during the twentieth century, you are likely familiar with “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations.” This gospel hymn was written in 1896 by Henry Ernest Nichol (1862-1926), a British civil engineering student turned musician. Nichol frequently signed his texts with pseudonym, an anagram of his middle and last names — Colin Sterne. According to Hymnary.org, Nichol/Sterne wrote around 130 hymns, almost all for children. Most were included only in Sunday school songbooks rather than larger hymnals. Even so, few made it into more than two publications. “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations,” on the other hand, which was first published in 1896 in London in *The Sunday School Hymnary*, has been included in at least 250 songbooks and hymnals. According to William

J. Reynolds, a Southern Baptist musician and scholar, in the *Companion to Baptist Hymnal* (1976), this text’s first printing in the United States was probably in *Turner’s Hymns and Tunes for Schools*, published in 1908.

Carlton R. Young, in the *Companion to the United Methodist Hymnal*, writes, “This hymn . . . is typical of hundreds that were written to express the determined, dynamic, energetic, and expansive attributes of . . . Christian missions” (Young, 1993, 686). He goes on to describe these songs and their reflection of the theology of missions at the time. Christians in the Western world, and especially in the United States, saw their version of religion as superior to the culture and belief systems elsewhere in the world. In the early twenty-first century, this view of Christian missions continues in some areas, but it has been gradually changing in most of the Western church, leaning more toward building mission partnerships instead of hierarchical relationships.

What has made this particular gospel hymn so popular through the years despite its narrow concept of missions? And what about it has compelled hymnal editors to continue including it a century or more after its writing? Stanzas 1, 2, and 4 certainly set up the disparity of “us” and “them” common to the time period. The third stanza differs slightly with its use of “us”: God has “sent us his son to save us.” Even with the attention drawn to religious and cultural differences and the resulting superior/inferior dichotomy, Young argues that this text encourages peace and unity found in Jesus Christ, thus its survival into contemporary hymnals.

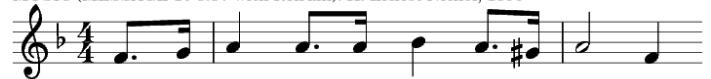
As is the case for many of his texts, Nichol also wrote new music for “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations.” MESSAGE is lively and march-like, supporting the feeling of going out to spread the gospel. Words and music are similar in content and mood to other songs of the period included in *The United Methodist Hymnal*, such as Arthur Sullivan’s ST. GERTRUDE (“Onward, Christian Soldiers,” UMH 575), James Walsh’s TIDINGS (“O Zion, Haste,” UMH 573), and William H. Doane’s RESCUE (Fanny Crosby’s “Rescue the Perishing,” UMH 591).

Rinda Coleman, in her column about Nichol’s hymn in the *Chalice Hymnal Worship Leader’s Companion*, explains that this style of hymn was part of an effort to maintain Christians’ enthusiasm for mission projects, and, in turn, secure their energy and money toward these endeavors. She suggests that “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” be used as a closing hymn, reminding worshipers that they are to be missionaries throughout the week.

569 We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations

WORDS: H. Ernest Nichol, 1896

MUSIC (MESSAGE 10 8.87 with Refrain): H. Ernest Nichol, 1896



1. We’ve a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions,
2. We’ve a song to be sung to the na - tions,
3. We’ve a mes - sage to give to the na - tions,
4. We’ve a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions,

UpStage Artists Presents "A Raisin In The Sun"



UpStage Artists is excited for you to come out and see our latest production, the Tony Award Winning "A Raisin In The Sun." Lorraine Hansberry's celebrated play is set on Chicago's South Side and concerns the divergent dreams and conflicts in three generations of the Younger family: son Walter Lee, his wife Ruth, his sister Beneatha, his son Travis, and matriarch Lena. When her deceased husband's insurance money comes through, Mama Lena dreams of moving to a new home and a better neighborhood in Chicago. Walter Lee, a chauffeur, has other plans: buying a liquor store and being his own man. Beneatha dreams of medical school. Hansberry's portrait of one family's struggle to retain dignity in a harsh and changing world is a searing and timeless document of hope and inspiration.

This is a wonderful show full of heart warming and tense moments. Emmanuel's own Binta Kassarbara has a starring role as the youngest member

of the Younger Family, Travis. You don't want to miss this show. Show dates are February 23, 24, March 1, and March 2 at 7:30 pm and February 25 and March 3 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at www.upstageartists.com.

- 1. Alice White
- 7. Dayo Hassan
- 10. Ian Kresge
- 11. Bryant Davis
- 12. Kemi Oluwafemi
- 18. Nancy Cavallo
- 19. Sallie Rhodes
- 22. Sue Young
- 24. Jennifer Kresge, Margie Mock
- 29. Dara Hassan
- 30. Mary Jane Kenyon 3
- 1. Stephanie Ladd



Worship Through Giving: How Can I Give?

Online: www.eumcbeltsville.com/giving or scan the QR Code below. This is a great way to keep up with your giving if you are out of town, are sick or if you can't come to church.

Through the Mail: mail your offering to 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.



Please pray for our homebound

Glen and Pauli Colburn
Bob Humphrey
Ernie Kilbourne

Christian Love and Sympathy to

Christian Love and Sympathy Benny Coluntuano (sister in law of Dela Martin) who lost her husband



- 9. Isaac and Kemi Oluwafemi

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10 am. Use this link if you wish to attend virtually: <https://zoom.us/j/97839889289?pwd=YzUxZjJKTzUybTJnZEt4UC9qTkl4QT09> or go to zoom.us and click join a meeting.

The meeting number is 978 3988 9289. The Password is EUMC
You can call in on any telephone (cell or landline) at 1-301-715-8592
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Treasure Hunt (In-door Yard Sale)

Saturday, April 6, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Treasure Trove
Nice Clothing
Accessories
and Gift Items



Vendor Tables
Available to Rent
Please Call
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Homemade Baked
Goods and Hot Lunch
for Sale

*Proceeds Benefit Women and
Children Through Approved
United Women in Faith Mission Programs*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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BELTSVILLE, MD

Life is a journey, don't travel it alone

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3 10 am Worship 2 pm A Raisin In The Sun 2:30 pm Zimbabwe Church 6 pm Boy Scouts	4 9:30-2:30 Office Hours	5 Office closed	6 9:30-2:30 Office Hours 7 pm Bible Study	7 Office closed	8 9:30-2:30 Office Hours	9 5 pm NA
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24  10 am Worship 6 pm Boy Scouts in Chester Stewart Room	25 9:30-2:30 Office Hours	26 Office Closed	27 9:30-2:30 Office Hours 7 pm Bible Study	28 Office closed 	29 9:30-2:30 Office Hours 	30

31 EASTER!
10 am Worship



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