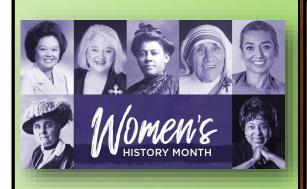




## The Newsletter of Emmanuel United Methodist Church!



#### **MARCH 2020**

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### From the Pastor's Desk



Wait and See!

When I was growing up, I was very inquisitive. I questioned how things were done, how things were made,

and I questioned authority — my parents' least favorite. My questions were mostly answered. But sometimes I would hear "Wait and See." For me, that was the worst response ever! It denied me of immediate gratification. Usually, the response meant one of three things:

- 1. Be patient, I don't know the answer right now
- 2. Be patient, I know the answer, but it is a surprise
- 3. Be patient and get away from me because you are driving me crazy.

When members ask about the future of the church, the little girl inside of me feels camaraderie with the person asking. Unfortunately, the question leads to the response, we must "Wait and See" the outcome of the May vote. But, instead of "Be patient," I feel God asking us to "Be Still and Know." In the words of Psalm 46: 10, whatever happens, know that God is still exalted among the nations and on earth. We won't know what to do until the vote happens. Until that time, join Pastor Lenore and I for "Conversations with the Pastors" after Sunday worship. Since we must wait, we may as well be productive and interactive.

Pastor Jalene

HOLY BIBLE

#### March is Women's History Month!

By Jane Grays



March is designated as Women's History Month in The United Methodist Church, a month in which churches are encouraged to recognize and celebrate the lives and contributions of women to their communities and The United Methodist Church.

In the United States, Women's History Month traces its beginnings back to the first International Women's Day in 1911. In 1978, the school district of Sonoma, California participated in Women's History Week, an event designed around the week of March 8 (International Women's Day). In July 1979, a fifteen-day conference about women's history was held at Sarah Lawrence College, chaired by historian Gerda Lerner and co-sponsored by Sarah Lawrence College, the Women's Action Alliance, and the Smithsonian Institution. When its participants learned about the success of the Sonoma County's Women's History Week celebration, they decided to initiate similar celebrations within their own organizations, communities,

and school districts. They also agreed to support an effort to secure a National Women's History Week. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980, as National Women's History Week. The proclamation stated, "From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung, and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength, and love of the women who built America were as vital as those of the men whose names we know so well. [Women's History] ... is an essential and indispensable heritage from which we can draw pride, comfort, courage, and long-range vision. I ask my fellow Americans to recognize this heritage with appropriate activities during National Women's History Week, March 2–8, 1980. I urge libraries, schools, and community organizations to focus their observances on the leaders who struggled for equality - Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman, and Alice Paul....Understanding the true history of our country will help us to comprehend the need for full equality under the law for all our people." In 1981, responding to the growing popularity of Women's History Week, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Maryland) co-sponsored the first Joint Congressional Resolution...which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Throughout the next several years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as Women's History Week. Schools across the country also began to have their own local celebrations of Women's History Week and even Women's History Month. By 1986, fourteen states had declared March as Women's History Month.

Sometimes we hear or see words in church and we don't know what they mean. From time to time, the Lamplighter will highlight and explain some of these words for you. This month's word is **NARTHEX**.

Narthex— we often see this in Emmanuel's bulletin. It usually is referring to something happening there, such as "pecans are being sold in the narthex," or "you can sign up in the narthex!" So, what is a narthex? According to yourdictionary.com a narthex is "an entrance hall leading to the nave of a church." Now, this poses a problem because many of you are probably asking "what is a nave?" Well, the nave of the church is the section of the sanctuary where the congregation congregates on Sunday morning. At Emmanuel, this is the section of the sanctuary with the pews. That means the narthex is the hallway area outside of the sanctuary. Got it? Good! If you have any questions about words you have seen but don't know what they are, feel free to email us at lamplighter@eumcbeltsville.com and we will find the answer for you!



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#### Who Are We as the People Called Methodists?

By Rick Bergmann

Our Wednesday Night Bible Study is going strong. For Lent, we are going to begin a study by our Bishop, Latrelle Easterling, entitled *Who are We as the People Called Methodists?* It is part of a larger study called *Who Are We From Head to Heart.* 

Through this study we will explore "our identity as United Methodists shaped in the Wesleyan spirit. While first and foremost our identity is rooted in our understanding of God and in seeking to follow Jesus, there are uniquely Wesleyan ways of experiencing and expressing that. Methodism began as a spiritual movement, a response of the Holy Spirit to the needs of the world. In the six weeks of this study, we'll delve into the theology and passion of this movement of faith."

Each week we will have a discussion on the theme of that week's reading as well as a video presentation from clergy throughout the conference. The both the scripture readings and the articles for the week are brief and the study doesn't require a lot of prep time before hand. We encourage you to join us on Wednesdays beginning March 4 at 7 pm.

The Themes and Ideas We Will Study:

MARCH 4: OUR THEOLOGY OF GRACE MARCH 11: OUR WESLEYAN DISCIPLESHIP MARCH 18: OUR WAY OF UNDERSTANDING... MARCH 25: ON JOHN WESLEY, THE RESISTER APRIL 1: OUR FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINE APRIL 8: ON WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN 1968





Is a time to GROW closer to JESUS



Did you remember last month's verse?
Are you ready for the next one?
Here it is:

## Job 5:8-11 Common English Bible (CEB): The answer is God

8 But I would seek God, put my case to God, 9 who does great things beyond comprehension, wonderful things without number; 10 who provides rain over the earth's surface, sends water to the open country, 11 exalts the lowly, raises mourners to victory





#### A Look Back at the UMW Through the Years

The UMW has been an essential part of Emmanuel for decades. For this month's fabulous flashbacks, we are going to share some photos from the UMW through the years in honor of Women's History Month!











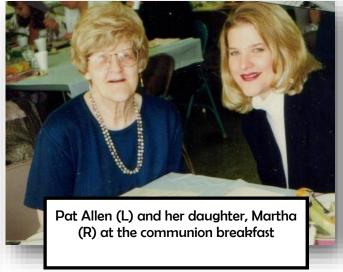




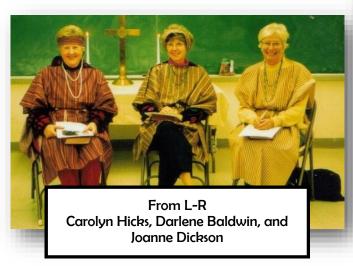


#### A Look Back at the UMW Through the Years continued





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By Debbie McNitt

The Emmanuel United Methodist Woman (UMW) needs your help for our rummage sale! Table rentals are available for \$20.00. We accept household items, accessories, crafts, books, toys, jewelry, purses and more! (We do not accept TVs, computers, printers, or clothing.). You can bring your donations in a box that closes on any Sunday beginning in March. (We need to be able to stack the boxes.) Please take it upstairs in the education room and leave it on the table in the hallway. Please label it UMW Rummage Sale. The Rummage sale will be held on Saturday, April 4 from 10 am - 1pm. We need volunteers to help with setup on April 3 after 7 pm. We could also use people to help with sorting on Thursday, April 2 and pricing on Friday, April 3, as well as help selling and cleaning up on the day of the sale. If you can help contact me, Debbie McNitt, at 301.937.4291. Thank you for your support.



#### New to the Emmanuel Community...

Community outreach is the lifeblood of any church. Working with community organizations either within the church walls or out in the neighborhood is vital to our community. You may have noticed that there are a some new groups who are meeting at the church on a regular basis. For years, the church has been host to many community organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, the Depression and Bipolar Support

Alliance, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, and Narcotics Anonymous. Emmanuel added two more to the list this year, Beltsville Community Cats and UpStage Artists, Incorporated. Both of these community organizations are 501c3 non-profit groups looking to make a difference in the community.

Beltsville Community Cats is an organization whose mission is to "To work with residents and businesses to

humanely manage and reduce the number of free roaming "community" cats in Beltsville, Maryland." The organization provides many services including trapping stray cats throughout the Beltsville Community, helping the trapped cats get either spayed or neutered, coordinating stays of cats that have been



One of the Beltsville Community
Cats volunteers

trapped, including the night the cat was trapped and post-surgery hold up time, and placing young kittens in foster homes. They meet regularly at Emmanuel and are always looking for volunteers. Emmanuel members who are founding members and currently involved include Sally Rhodes and Bobbie Deegan. Learn more about them on the Beltsville Community Cats Facebook page or at their website www.beltsvillecats.net.



Bobbie Deegan, Sallie Rhodes & Maren Mayhew volunteering for Beltsville Community Cats



Some scenes from UpStage Artists "The Carol Burnett Show"

**UpStage Artists, Incorporated** is a local community theater troupe whose current goals are to bring high quality theatre and arts programs to the general population and underserved residents of Maryland and to produce innovative and approachable theatre classics, as well as new works. They also are working on adding an education component to their

program down the line. UpStage Artists began with a group of friends who have spent many years working in various community theaters and decided that they wanted to bring theater to a larger audience in the area. They are currently working on producing 3 shows, the first, *Thanks for the Laughter: A Tribute to the Carol Burnett Show,* was held last month and was a great success. As part of their goal of presenting new works, their next show is an evening of 10-12 minute one act plays from Jeff

Dunne. Jeff is a local playwright who lives in the greater Baltimore area. His work has been

Upstage Artists Board Member and Director of Carol Burnett, John Cusamano, taking notes during a rehearsal of Carol Burnett.

featured around the country. In the fall, they are planning an evening of Edgar Allan
Poe and other scary stories for Halloween. All of their auditions and performances are open to the public. Emmanuel
Member Rick Bergmann is one of the founders of UpStage Artists. Mike Hatton, Greg Stiggers, and Gary Heath have
worked with them as well. If you have ever had the acting bug or would like to work backstage, they would love to
have you. You can find out more information at www.upstageartists.com.

It's because of members like you that Emmanuel is able support community groups like these!

# **News from Nan McCurdy at Give Ye Them to Eat (GYTTE)**

By Lorna Marselas





GYTTE will have an intermediate course with the Health Promoters from March 8 - 14. In December, GYTTE hosted a group of 10 women

and one teenager from Washington, Pennsylvania, Texas, and California. The group got to know Methodists from other places and built stone walks and stone structures for troughs for the goats and sheep.

In January, GYTTE hosted a group from Virginia with three new workers and seven who had worked with GYTTE several times. This group also built two new



troughs for the animals and began a home for Veronica and her family who had been living in a makeshift house behind her mom's home. The Palapa was scraped, spackled and painted. The group also spent time with former staff member Juan Lauro who is very debilitated with little use of his arms and legs. He enjoyed it and told some great stories.

GYTTE's regular training activities continue and they facilitate day workshops and tours of the center by groups—schools, universities or church groups.



The Pastor is available for appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Email office@eumcbeltsville.com or call 301.937.7114 to make arrangements.

#### **SUNDAY MORNING?** WHY, YES, I'M FREE\*

Thom S. Rainer, the founder of Church Answers, an online community for church leaders, asked ministers and churchgoers alike to share the best excuses they've heard for skipping church:

♦ "I couldn't get the lid off of the peanut butter."

♦ "The church is too close to drive and too far to walk"

♦ "Both of my girlfriends attend church there.

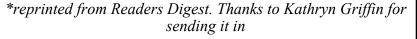
♦ "The pastor stays in the bible too much."

♦ "The pastor is too attractive. When I see him preaching, I have impure thoughts and I am distracted.

◊ "My wife cooked bacon for breakfast, and our entire family smelled like bacon."

♦ "I always get hemorrhoids on Sundays."

♦ "Someone called me 'brother' instead of using my name."



Let your

# Faith

be bigger than your fears, have faith success will be near.



Find us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information www.facebook.com/ groups/EUMCBeltsville



Did you know there is a song called *Methodist Pie?* It is an old folk song that dates back to the 1920's. You can find several versions of it on YouTube. One of the most well known versions can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57FbxliP-1E. Here are the lyrics to this interesting song:

**Verse 1:** I was down to camp meetin' the other afternoon To hear them shout and sing For to tell each other how they love one another

And to make hallelujah ring
There was ald Unala Daniel and Brother Ehen

There was old Uncle Daniel and Brother Ebenezer With his lame gal, Sue

Aunt Polly and Melinda and old Mother Bender Well I never seen a happier crew

Chorus: Oh little children I believe

Oh little children I believe

Oh little children I believe

I'm a Methodist till I die

I'm a Methodist a Methodist 'tis my belief

Methodist till I die

When old grim death comes a-knocking at the door,

I'm a Methodist till I die

**Verse 2:** Well they all go there just to have a good time And to eat their grub so sly

Have applesauce butter with sugar in the gourd

And a great big Methodist pie

Well you ought to hear the ringing

When they all get to singin' that good old bye and bye

See Jimmy McGee in the top of a tree

Saying how is this for high (Chorus)

**Verse 3:** Then they catch a hold of hands and march around the ring

Kept a singin' all the while

You'd think it was a cyclone coming through the air

You can hear them shout a half a mile

Then the bell rings loud and the great big crowd

Breaks ranks and up they fly

While I took board on the sugar in the gourd

And I cleaned up the Methodist Pie (Chorus)

\*\*You can find the recipe for Methodist Pie on Page 10



#### **Troop 1033 Update**

Spring will be here before you know it and it'll be time to spruce up your landscaping! Troop 1033 is here to help! For our annual fundraiser, we will be selling mulch and other garden

products to be delivered to your Beltsville/Calverton area home! Save yourself time, an achy back and a dirty vehicle by letting us deliver mulch to you! All this, while knowing you are helping kids raise funds to help cover the cost of summer camp and other adventures! As of the time submitting this, the Troop is still finalizing the details, but we expect to have order forms available by the end of February and have tentatively set the delivery date for April 4th. As always, Troop 1033 thanks Emmanuel for their continued support!

#### **UMW News!**

By Ernie Kilbourne, UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator

The United Methodist Women (UMW) invite all women to the general meeting on Saturday, March 14 at noon. The executive board members are providing 5 different types of homemade soups for lunch. This meeting is the our annual prayer and self-denial meeting. The guest speaker will be someone from Shepherds Staff, a Christian Outreach and Support Centerin Westminster, MD. They will be talking to us about their work. They are also seeking donations of supplies that they need. They could use the following items:

- **♥** Toilet Paper
- **♥** Shampoo
- ♥ Bars of Soap
- **♥** Laundry Powder
- ♥ Monetary donations are always welcome as well

You can bring your donations to the meeting with you.

Don't forget about the Rummage sale on April 4!



Emmanuel's Food
Pantry will now be
open on Sunday
Mornings. If you need
food or know of a
neighbor or a friend
that may be in need,
feel free to stop by and
take some food.

#### **Emmanuel Hosts UMW Leadership Day**

By Rick Bergmann

On Saturday, February 15 Emmanuel played host to around 100 women from all over the conference. It was a day for them to come together in fellowship and the learn about the work done by the UMW on a district level. Leaders and members from all over the Washington-East District were in attendance for this all day training. The ladies enjoyed a time of fellowship and breakfast before convening in the sanctuary for a presentation by UMW district leaders. After the presentation, they met in smaller break-out groups to hold smaller, more intimate conversations. The day was a wonderful success for the UMW. Thank you to Becky Cavallo, Jane Grays and all of the UMW leadership team for putting this day together. Check out some pics from this wonderful day below!













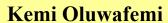






## WE ARE THE CHURCH







How long have you been a member of Emmanuel? I became member of Emmanuel in 1989 or 1990.

Who was the Pastor when you began attending Emmanuel? Reverend Karpal was the pastor when I joined.

What is your fondest memory of being a member?

The children programs; summer trips to Christian concert/workshops in Ocean City; Halloween decorations of the education building; Summer Bible school

What are some of the ministries you have been involved in over the years? I have been part of Food Pantry for many years. In addition, I have been part of Finance Committee and as part of the committee; I have reviewed the financial records of the church for many years.

#### What is your favorite thing about Emmanuel?

My favorite thing about Emmanuel is the friendliness of my Emmanuel family and connection to God spiritually.

#### What is your favorite scripture or Bible verse?

My favorite scripture or Bible verse is John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

#### Anything else you would like to say?

Emmanuel United Methodist Church is my home church and I feel Gods presence within me and my Emmanuel family.

#### Methodist Pie Recipe: A Layered Pie with a Graham Cracker Crust

#### Laver 1:

1 Cup of Pecans, 1 Cup of Graham Cracker Crumbs, 1 stick of melted Margarine/Butter, 2 tablespoons of sugar. Mix ingredients and press into a sheet cake pan, Bake at 350° for 15 minutes. Let it cool.

#### Laver 2:

8 oz of cream cheese— softened, 1 cup of powdered sugar, 12 oz. of cool whip or whipped cream. Mix ingredients and spread over the crust.

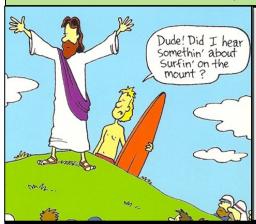
#### Laver 3:

1 large box of instant chocolate pudding, 1 large box of instant vanilla pudding, 3 1/2 cups of cold milk, 1 teaspoon of vanilla. Mix ingredients and beat until they are thick. Pour and spread them over layer 2.

#### Laver 4:

Top the pie with cool whip or whipped cream and sprinkle with pecans. Chill and enjoy!





#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Flower Chart is posted on the red bulletin board in the narthex. Altar flowers are \$30. When you sign up, please fill out a Flower Request Form 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.



#### **Emmanuel has Online Giving!**

And it's easy to use! Just go to our website —

www.eumcbeltsville.com — and follow the prompts to go to a secure Online Donation page hosted by Vanco
Services, LLC. If

you prefer, you can scan the QR code.



# & In Memoriam &

Christian love and sympathy to the families of: David Henry, Ruth Herbert, Maxine Riggleman

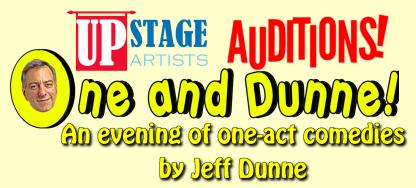


"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more.

There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for

the former things have passed away."

~Revelation 21:4



UpStage Artists is looking for several actors and actresses for One and Dunne!
An Evening of One Act Comedies by Jeff Dunne.

When: Sunday, April 5 and Monday, April 6 at 7:00 pm Where: Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705

Show dates: May 15-16 at 7 pm; May 17 at 3 pm

Please bring a headshot and resume if you have one. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the scripts. Rehearsals will take place in the evenings on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

For a list of titles and characters go to www.upstageartists.com/auditions

If you have any questions email us at auditions@upstageartists.com

# Please pray for our sick and shut in

### Those who are homebound:

Evelyn Adkins, Harry Cottman, Norma Hall, Carolyn Scarcia, Doris Shirey

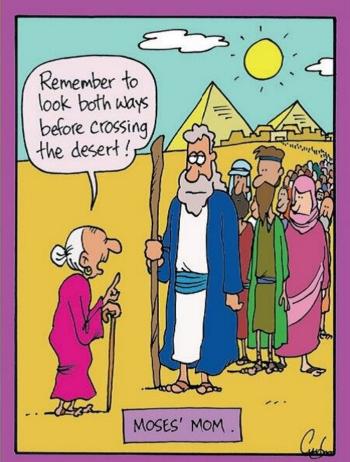
Those who are out of state:
Edith Marcus, Lil Mizzer, Doris Wray

## Fun Facts About March!

- 1.) It is the first month of Spring, which begins between March 19-21.
- 2.) In the Southern Hemisphere, March is the same as September in the Northern Hemisphere.
- 3.) Each year March and June end on the same day of the week.
- 4.) It is the time of year when animals start to wake up from hibernation.
- 5.) There are 5 Sundays in March this year!







Do you have something for our newsletter? Send items to the editor, Rick Bergmann at lamplighter@eumcbeltsville.com



#### THANK YOU

Thank you to Johnnie Randolph and Pastor Lenora for filling in while the Pastor was away!



The Mitten Tree is overflowing with warm outerwear because of the generosity of so many, including the Sunday School students and teachers, who engaged in a fun project of crafting toasty warm fleece hats and scarves. Your contributions were delivered to the Beltsville Academy and Calverton Elementary. Thank you all for helping the kids stay warm this winter.

#### **Maryland Employment Opportunities**

A list of job opportunities are posted on the Community bulletin board (red) in the Narthex.



#### **CAN YOU HELP?**

Share your talents at Emmanuel by welcoming visitors or sharing the Word! Help for a single Sunday or choose several. You choose how many Sundays you are able to help. To volunteer to serve as a **Greeter** or **Scripture Reader**, just put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the red bulletin board in the narthex outside the Sanctuary.

No experience needed! We will train you on the job!

# EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

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Hyacinths (3 blooms)	\$12.00 (white, pink, blue	
Tulips (5-6 blooms)	\$12.00 (red, pink, yellow	
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Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Household Goods, Jewelry, Pocketbooks, Toys and Books Light Breakfast Available Starting At 9:30 AM

Lunch will be sold

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

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