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The Lamplighter

The Newsletter of Emmanuel United Methodist Church

summer prayer

Help me enjoy the summer days at hand, the seductive sounds of bird songs, and long days listening to the melody of trees swaying in the wind. Remind me to appreciate creation as my feet gently touch down on green grasses. As I stand blissfully under Your blue skies, I simply say, Thank You, God.

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From the
Pastor's
Desk...

Prepare for Emergencies Now

When was the last time you checked your emergency kit? Every household should have enough emergency supplies on hand for several days in the event of any natural or cyber security event that may arise. Here is a general check list if what you should have in case normal everyday access to retailers or banks is not an option:

Water: At least one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation

Non-perishable food: A several-day supply of easy-to-prepare items like dried fruit, canned food (*and a manual can opener*), granola bars, and peanut butter.

Shelter: Plastic sheeting and duct tape for sheltering in place

Safety Equipment: Flashlight, extra batteries, whistle, dust masks, and waterproof utility gloves

Communication: Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio, cell phone with a charger, and emergency contact numbers. Be in the habit of fully charging your electronic devices, so that the batteries are not low or dead in the event of an emergency. Also, have a car charger on hand.

Hygiene: Moist towelettes, garbage bags, plastic ties, toothbrush, toothpaste, and soap

First Aid Supplies: First aid kit, prescription medicines (enough for 3 or more days), and sunscreen

Comfort: Sleeping bags, warm blankets, change of clothes and shoes, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and activities for children.

Documents: You can also store important documents in a waterproof container, such as birth, marriage, and death certificates, insurance policies, wills, contracts, deeds, stocks, bonds, passports, Social Security cards, and immunization records. It is also good practice to scan and email these documents to yourself and a trusted person who will have the information, also.

Cash: In the event electronic systems are down, you may need some actual cash (in small denominations because there may not be "change") to make purchases if necessary. If the electricity is out, ATMs and most retail outlets cannot do electronic transactions.

Vehicles: If you own a car, routinely keep the fuel tank filled or the battery charged.

better! Best of all, it is not a competition, and everybody wins!

Pastor King

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

Update From The Trustees



The Trustees are always hard at work. This summer, we repaired all of the exit doors in the education building. With the help of Marcel, we also were able to change all of the light bulbs in the exit signs in the education building so that they are all illuminated in compliance with the fire code.

The Boy Scouts noticed one of our outdoor globe lights had fallen off and they were able to fix it. We appreciate their good catch and willingness to help fix the issue.

Finally, Willie Taylor, one of our trustees is working on getting the parsonage in tip top shape so we can go back to renting it in 2025. More details will come when we have them.

As always, if you notice something that needs fixing, please email Rick Bergmann at rick.bergmann@eumcbeltsville.com.

New Chairs in the Fellowship Hall

Our community partner, UpStage Artists, was able to secure a grant from the Prince George's Federal Credit Union to purchase 56 new cushioned folding chairs for the fellowship hall. This will add a level of comfort to those who sit in the fellowship hall during performances and other events. The chairs that they replaced were donated to local community groups.



The Fellowship Hall has new chairs thanks to our community partner, UpStage Artists!

Bible Study Returns This September

Adult Bible Studies



Emmanuel's Wednesday Night Bible Study returns September 10 at 7 pm. Bible Study is done through Zoom so you don't have to leave the comfort of your home. It is led by Ricky Whitecotton and Rick Bergmann. Each lesson is self-contained and you can drop in at any time. Most sessions last 45 minutes to an hour. The Zoom information is:

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92932842856?pwd=N0NOUIRKK1JSdVFoK1o3c3NWb0tpdz09>

Meeting ID: 929 3284 2856 Passcode: bible

If you are calling in: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 929 3284 2856 Passcode: 778812

Claiming
Identity

Fall 2024

Upcoming Events This Fall



We are preparing for the fall at Emmanuel and we have 2 upcoming events. Both of these events dates will be announced in the near future.

The United Women in Faith will be holding their fall festival and sale. This is always a great opportunity to come out and find a bargain or, if you want to sell something, getting a table and making some money for yourself. Get to meet members of the community, have lunch, and find something great!

The Beltsville Community Cats will also be having their fall yard sale to raise money for their continuing mission of controlling the cat population in Beltsville. This is a great place to find bargains on all sorts of items for you and your pets.

What's next from UpStage Artists?



It's hard to believe, but UpStage Artists will be wrapping up their 6th season this year! They have 3 more great shows for everyone to come out and see.

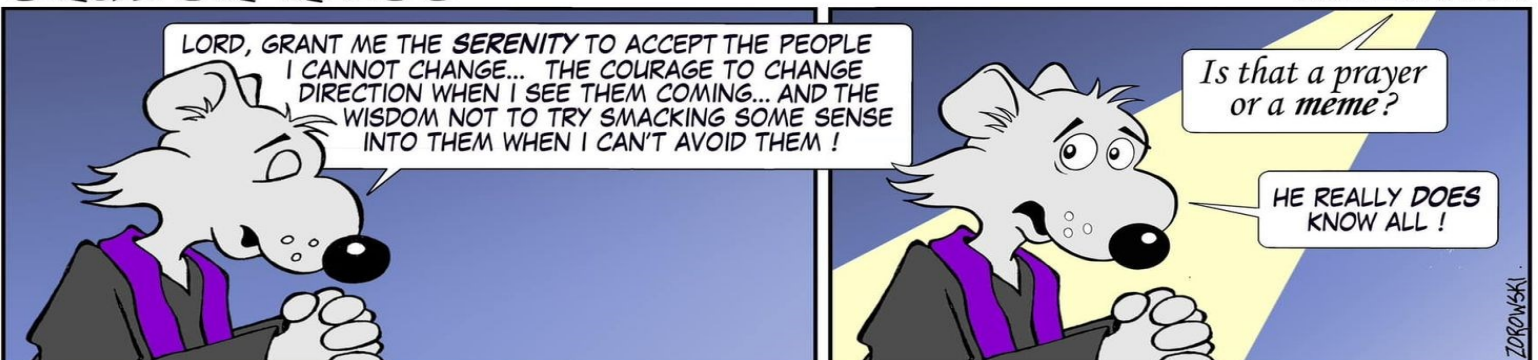
First, their annual family show is "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, the musical." This is a great show for kids and adults and features 20 performers ranging in age from 8 to adulthood. The tale you know, Snow White is the most beautiful princess in all the land and the evil queen is none to happy about this. So, she hires a huntsman (Emmanuel's own Howie Watson) to kill Snow White but he just can't do it and she ends up meeting 7 Dwarves deep in the forest. It's a funny, fun and sweet show that the whole family can enjoy. Show dates are August 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 7:30 pm and August 18 and 25 at 2 pm. Tickets are only \$10.

Next, their fall show is a classic whodunit from the Mind of Agatha Christie, "The Mousetrap." "The Mousetrap" is the world's longest running play. After a local woman is murdered, the guests and staff at Monkswell Manor find themselves stranded during a snowstorm. It soon becomes clear that the killer is among them, and the seven strangers grow increasingly suspicious of one another. A police detective, arriving on skis, interrogates the suspects: the newly-weds running the house; a spinster with a curious background; an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef; a retired Army major; a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift; and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone. When a second murder takes place, tensions and fears escalate. This record-breaking murder mystery features a brilliant surprise finish from Dame Agatha Christie, the foremost mystery writer of her time. Show dates are November 1, 2, 8, and 9 at 7:30 pm and November 3 and 10 at 2 pm. Tickets are just \$10.

Finally, they have a special treat, UpStage will be performing a benefit production of "It's A Wonderful Life, the live radio play." This will be a free performance and donations will be collected for the Emmanuel Food Distribution. UpStage Artists believes community is the most important aspect of our life and we look to help in anyway we can. "It's A Wonderful Life," beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. The performance will be on Saturday, December 7 at 7 pm and all proceeds will go to the Emmanuel Food Distribution.

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski





July 11, 2024

Dear Friends,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and blessed. Here, in Puebla, we have had a lot of rain, which has been good for our fields! At the Tree of Life Center they are planting hibiscus flowers (jamaica) in the biggest field and squash and corn in the terraces.

We continue with the Regional Meetings for our health promoters too. Here we share some of the activities the GYTTE crew have had:

- The staff and groups began to work on Alejo's house last fall. Now, it is finished. He, his wife and his daughter are very grateful.



- The GYTTE staff was invited to participate in a farm market. They talked about the Dry Composting Toilet and other appropriate technologies with 180 people. The board of this market built two dry toilets for the use of people who visit them; our staff helped teach them so they could do this work.



- In the second week of May we started our spring-summer Regional Meetings. Our Health Promoters have learned another theme to reinforce their health knowledge. In these classes they learn about the effects of sugar and fats on our health. We



have already had 5 meetings. We will have one more this week at the Tree of Life Center and the last one by zoom.



- During June, the Center's staff worked on replacing the hoses in the water system. The hoses had many leaks throughout the system. Therefore, they needed to be replaced. No doubt, a lot of work.



- One of the best ways to spread our teaching is by example. Alejo shared the Dry Composting Toilet appropriate technology with his neighbor and he decided to build his own toilet. GYTTE staff gave them a workshop and together they built the toilet.

- Another one of the activities we have at the Tree of Life Center is a one-day workshop that teaches about appropriate technologies. We have had many of them.



These are some of our activities we have been carrying out since our last newsletter. We appreciate all the support you provide.

In Christ,

Nan, Miguel, Cata, Clara and all our GYTTE staff

History of Hymns: “Welcome”

“Welcome”

by Mark Miller and Laurie Zelman

*Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin to build a world where love can grow and hope and enter in,
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace,
Singing welcome, welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share 'cause all of us are welcome here,
all are welcome in this place.**

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Mark A. Miller (b. 1967) is one of the most prolific composers of our time, with well over two hundred compositions to his credit, ranging from anthems and other choral works to solo organ pieces and congregational songs. He often composes music to texts relating to inclusivity, social justice, hospitality, welcome, and reconciliation. Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, the pastor of Trinity United Church in Chicago, Illinois, describes Miller as a musical griot. Moss further offers, “The music of Mark Miller becomes a post-modern psalm, soothing the anxious spirits of twenty-first-century pilgrims” (Moss, Foreword, *Revolution of the Heart*). In addition to his activities as a composer, Miller is a pianist, organist, singer, choral conductor, and edu-

cator. Miller is Professor of Church Music, Director of Chapel, and Composer-in-Residence at Drew University. He is also a Lecturer in Sacred Music at Yale University’s Institute of Sacred Music and Divinity School, and Minister of Music at Christ Church in Summit, New Jersey.

His hymn “Let’s Walk Together” (2007) highlights the themes of inclusion and hospitality. The text was written by Miller along with longtime collaborator and friend, Laurie Zelman, whom he met while Zelman was a seminary student at Drew Theological School in Madison, New Jersey (Doerries, *Canterbury Dictionary*). The three stanzas are anaphoric, each inviting the singer into an act of communal engagement—“Let’s walk together” / “Let’s talk together” / “Let’s dream together.” Biblical allusions throughout allow us to envision the beloved community (Rom 12:9–21; John 13:34–35; Acts 11:1–18).

Stanza 1 invites us to partner in the work of creating the beloved community. The last line of stanza 3 echoes James 3:18 where the biblical writer admonishes his audience to use heavenly wisdom to “plant seeds of peace,” thereby harvesting justice (James 3:18 CEV). Stanza 2 alludes to the heavenly banquet, the Eucharistic meal, one where God invites all to partake of this life-giving food. Where Zelman writes that “joy will set the table” in this stanza, one may be led to recall the words of the psalmist in Psalm 23:5—“You prepare a table before me.” Especially poignant in this stanza is the imagery of the Last Supper, particularly as depicted in John’s Gospel where Jesus washes the feet of his disciples (John 13:1–17). This instructive act illustrates the servant-leader model, “where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least.” The third and final stanza illustrates a vision of the beloved community, much like the final book of the Bible, Revelation, which also describes the new Jerusalem, a holy city (Rev 21:1–2). In this stanza, the singer is drawn into a world of unity, love, light, and joy, “where mourning turns to dancing,” a scriptural reference to Psalm 31, verse eleven.

The hymn was originally published as a choral anthem in 2007 by Abingdon Press under the title “Welcome” in their Mark Miller Anthem Series and in a congregational version in *For Everyone Born: Global Songs for an Emerging Church* (General Board of Global Ministries, 2008). More recently, the hymn has appeared in *Worship and Song* (Abingdon Press, 2011) and *Voices Together* (Harrisonburg, PA, 2020). It was sung at the gathering of the Eleventh Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in Karlsruhe, Germany, in 2022. In its dedication, Miller acknowledges friend Jeff Spelman, whose work in the church models hospitality and inclusion.



June Birthdays!

- 2. Patrick Mackey
- 3. Lori Midkiff
- 4. Linda Hiner
- 5. Angela Hatton
- 8. Ikenna Onukwubiri
- 10. Ann Ladd
- 12. Abel Martin
- 14. Tia Dorsey, Janet Reed, Nancy Shiplett
- 26. Rick Zerbe
- 29. Olivia Heath, Beverly Urick
- 30. Emma Claye

July Birthdays!

- 1. Jason Pavelka
- 2. Whitney Ademiluyi, Abraham Scotland
- 7. Wanda Scotland
- 9. Teresa Dorsey
- 10. Andrew Onukwubiri
- 11. Gail Belshay
- 23. Crispin Wray
- 28. Temitope Oluwafemi
- 30. Kristin Fadely
- 31. Edward Mellott

August Birthdays!

- 1. Preston Elliott II
- 2. Levi Martin
- 7. Theodore Martin
- 8. Michael Belshay, Jr.
- 9. Gregory Stiggers
- 18. Grant Midkiff
- 22. Lynne Miller
- 23. Andrea Onukwubiri
- 25. Christopher Pavelka
- 29. Helen Akers, Cheryl McBride Hoch
- 31. Justin Huneycutt

- June 3. Olivia & Gary Heath
- June 24. Tracy & Cale Fuller, Beverly & C.J. Huneycutt
- June 25. Dela & Abel Martin, Mary & Richard Plantholt
- June 28. Jim & Debbie McNitt
- June 29. Ester and Michael Hatton



- July 4. Beverly and George Urick
- July 25. JoAnne and Donal Blakley
- August 6. Doug and Len Weston
- August 31. Rebecca & John Cavallo

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

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10 am. Use this link if you wish to attend virtually:
<https://zoom.us/j/97839889289?pwd=YzUxZjJKTzUybTJnZEt4UC9qTkI4QT09> or go to zoom.us and click join a meeting.

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