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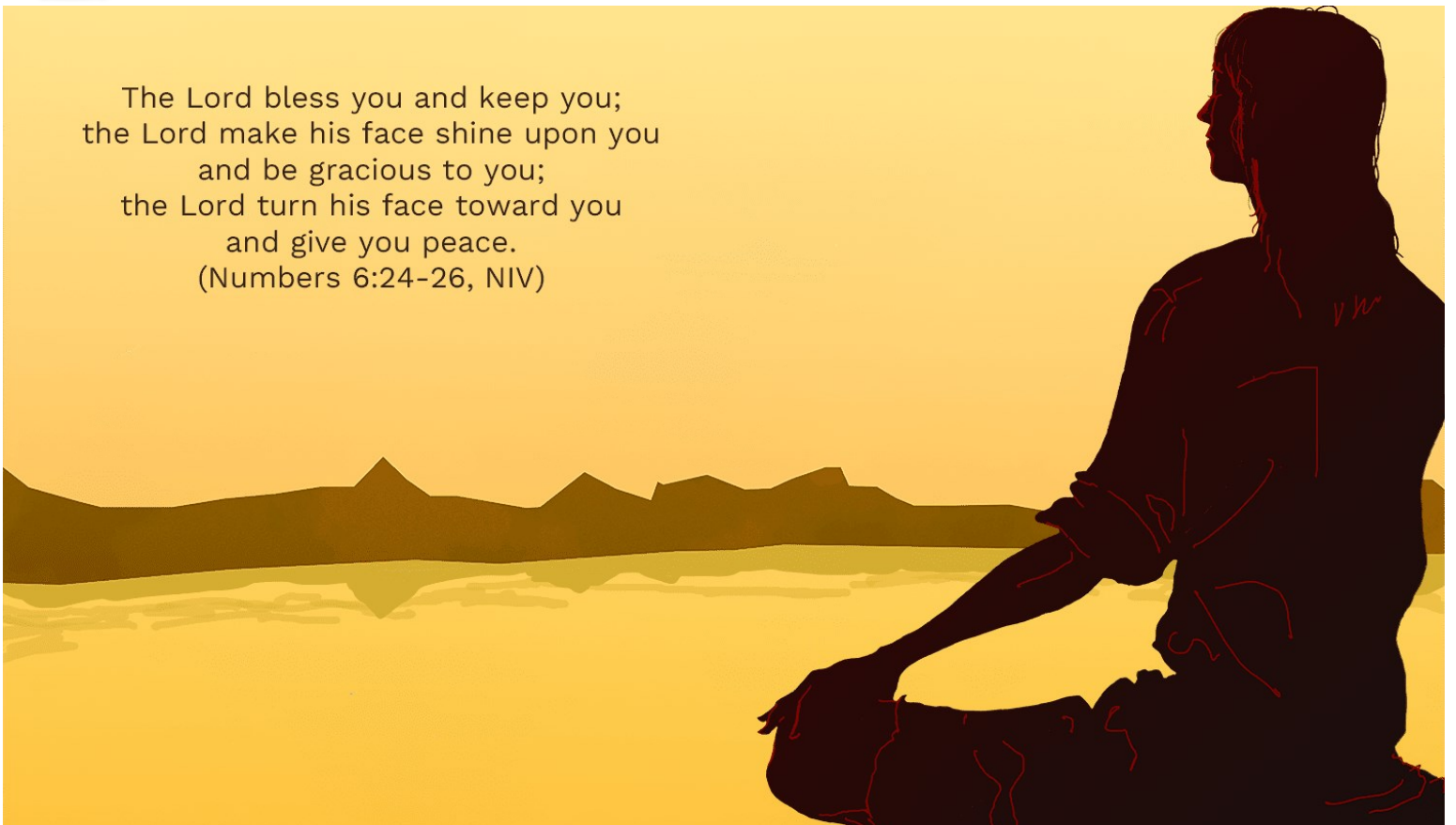
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The Lamplighter

The Newsletter of Emmanuel United Methodist Church

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.
(Numbers 6:24-26, NIV)



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From the
Pastor's
Desk...

Stop The Hate

God loves us, but God hates certain things that we do. According to the book of Proverbs 6:16-19 (NIV):

- 16 There are six things the Lord hates,
seven that are detestable to him:
- 17 haughty eyes,
a lying tongue,
hands that shed innocent blood,
- 18 a heart that devises wicked schemes,
feet that are quick to rush into evil,
- 19 a false witness who pours out lies
and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

Let us examine ourselves to see if we are guilty of any of these things: Those with haughty eyes consider themselves better than others. They "look down" on people who they do not think "measure up" to their standards. People with haughty eyes are arrogant and lift themselves above others and ultimately above God.

People who lie and shed innocent blood are those who intentionally attack others who have done no wrong, but the liars are carrying out character assassination upon often unsuspecting victims. Anyone who is a habitual liar is someone is more associated with being the child of the Devil and not a child of God (John 8:44)

A heart that devises wicked schemes typically makes a plan to harm or undermine others, manipulate systems or people to achieve a desired end to benefit themselves and intentionally harm others. People who are quick to rush to evil are those who "enjoy" the chaos and confusion generated by the people who bring discord. In fact, they delight in spreading the lies or facilitating the wicked schemes without even stopping to consider the harm they are doing by not analyzing what's really happening.

A false witness is one who will "swear on XYZ's grave" that something happened a certain way or that they personally participated in a situation or conversation that never even happened. A false witness will take the position of authority in a matter, share that position with others who have no idea that what they are being told are distortions and lies. Sadly, the people who listen to false witnesses have fallen prey to half-truths and groundless gossip.

The people who stir up conflict in the community are consistently the ones whose end game is to deflect, divide, and bring about discord. Christ came to unify the Body, the Devil's job is to bring about division, especially in the Church.

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

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Did you notice that all the things that God hates happen to be things that Satan loves?

When people, church people in particular, are actively practicing those things that are hated by God, we all should be grateful for the grace that is available through Jesus Christ as we turn away from these detestable acts, ask God's forgiveness, and move forward in behavior that uplifts us all. God hates evil behavior; God does not hate us.

Pastor King



SAVE THE DATE

FOR

REV. DR. JALENE C. CHASE'S

RETIREMENT & 65TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

JUNE 15, 2024

4:00PM-8:00PM

CELEBRATION SERVICE & RECEPTION

AT GOSHEN UMC

19615 GOSHEN ROAD GAITHERSBURG, MD

TICKETS

\$30 FOR ADULTS

\$15 FOR CHILDREN (15 AND YOUNGER)

The UMC Conferences

By Pastor King

The United Methodist Church is organized in various "conferences." The General Conference is the largest overarching conference, where delegates from across the globe meet typically every four years to make legislative decisions for the whole denomination. The upcoming General Conference is postponed from 2020 because of the COVID-19 restrictions, but much of the legislation that was slated to be voted upon still remains the same (with some exceptions). Although the General Conference is being held in 2024, it is officially considered the Postponed 2020 General Conference. The 2024 General Conference will be decided as a different matter altogether.

Following the General Conference, the Jurisdictional Conferences will be held. Jurisdictional Conferences are composed of multiple Annual Conferences, which will gather in their respective geographical areas (Northeastern, Southeastern, North Central, South Central, Western) for the primary purpose of electing new bishops. During Jurisdictional Conference, retiring bishops are honored, and bishops who are newly elected or continuing are assigned to serve in their respective episcopal areas. Each bishop is given oversight of a region, which can be one or more Annual Conference.

The Annual Conference is a collective of local United Methodist Churches in a given geographical area (for example, Baltimore-Washington, Virginia, California-Nevada, Florida, etc.). "Annual Conference" is also the term used for the annual gatherings of Lay and Clergy delegates at the local church level, where legislative proposals are sent to the General Conference for denominational consideration, which will impact every church. Annual Conferences are where elections are held for the delegates who vote at the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

At the local church level, each congregation has voting representatives who are eligible to attend the Annual Conference, which is usually held in May or June. The laity who vote are referred to as Lay Members to Annual Conference.

For Emmanuel UMC, please note that (as of this writing) Susie Mendolsohn and Ted Ladd are the official Lay Members to Annual Conference. Susie's position became effective January 1, 2024. Previously, Roy White served as one of the Lay Members to Annual Conference while he was also serving as the Lay Leader. Being the Lay Leader does not automatically make one the Lay Member to Annual Conference because those positions have different roles.

The Lay Member to Annual Conference votes on behalf of the local church. Each local church gets at least one laity vote and one clergy vote (if the Pastor is recognized by the Annual Conference as a voting Clergy Member). The number of voting delegates for a congregation is decided by the Annual Conference and impacts the voting delegates. The matters that will go before the Postponed 2020 General Conference were voted upon or submitted before 2020 (with some exceptions made for the timeline delay). All UMC "conferences" impact the life of the local church at some level, so please cover the delegates to upcoming conferences with your prayers.

Cooking with Pastor King: Paper Plate Quiche



Spray a paper plate (or bowl) with cooking spray.
Crack two eggs (some may only want 1 others may want 3) unto plate.
Sprinkle with oregano or Italian seasoning, and whisk together.
Add a 1/4 - 1/2 cup chopped spinach (or peppers, mushrooms, whatever you like). Add any extra seasoning to your veggies, which should be fresh or thawed (if your veggies are frozen, microwave them separately for about 2 minutes or so until they are thawed).
Microwave on high for 30 seconds, then pull cooked edges towards the middle.
Microwave another 30 seconds, then pull cooked edges towards center. Add shredded cheese.
Microwave another 15-30 seconds.

NOTE: Your microwave time could vary, but only try 30 second increments until you know how fast your microwave will work. Also, if you use one paper plate/bowl and a disposable fork, cleanup is a breeze!





Join Beltsville Community Cats For Our Spring Yard Sale & Adoption Event

**Saturday, May 4, 2024 (10:00 - 2:00)
Emmanuel United Methodist Church**

**11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705
(Indoors. Park behind the church and enter up the hill.)**

**Hundreds of household items donated from multiple estates. Meet some of
BCC's foster kittens.**

Apply to adopt at:

<https://www.shelterluv.com/matchme/adopt/BCC/Cat>

Check out our adoptable kitties at:

[https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/md/beltsville/beltsville-community-cats-
md506/](https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/md/beltsville/beltsville-community-cats-md506/)

Follow two of our litters.



#disney_kittens



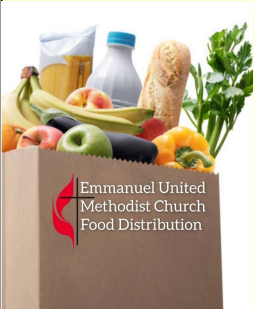
#mamacookiescrumbs

Emmanuel's Food Distribution Is Back!

Emmanuel's Food Distribution, a staple in our community for over a decade, is back up and running after taking a brief hiatus. The format changed during Covid to a drive through process, but will be returning to it's walk-in and pick up food format. Thank you to Mekai Nicholas, Yolanda Watson and others who helped get it up and running again. They could always use help so if you are interested reach out to Mekai, Yolanda, or email community_outreach@eumcbeltsville.com.

Food Distributions take place on the 4th Saturday of the month from 8 am to 11 am. Upcoming dates are:

- Saturday, May 25, 2024
- Saturday, June 22, 2024
- Saturday, July 27, 2024
- Saturday, August 24, 2024



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.



1. Joelle Onukwubiri
5. Pam Midkiff
6. Joel Tyler
8. Emmy Lear
12. Megan McNitt
13. Nancy Thrush, Jason Kresge
14. Diane Embrey
17. Scarlet Robertson
19. Kevin Kresge
20. JoAnne Blakley
22. Nancy McNealy, Roy White
29. Preston Gregory, Sr.
30. Darwin Aguilera



Please pray for our homebound
Glen and Pauli Colburn
Bob Humphrey
Ernie Kilbourne

Christian Love and Sympathy to
The family of Yvonne Curry



♥️ HAPPY ♥️
ANNIVERSARY

4. Lynne & Robert Miller
6. Karen & James Mackey
15. Nancy & Michael McNealy

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.

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
If you're calling on the telephone the information is
Meeting ID: 978 3988 9289 Passcode: 479360





Dearest Friends:

March 21, 2024

Here at GYTTE we hope that you are beginning to get a taste of spring! We have had a lot of wonderful work with the advanced course for Health Promotors as well as an AWARE mission team.



The AWARE mission team is from Belmont UMC in Nashville. They usually come every year and this time 3 young adults participated. We pray they will bring other young adults next year.



This year the major project the team worked on was a thermal house: A strong metal structure and walls made of clay and chopped up grass of some kind. The walls are very strong and the house is thermal, if it's hot outside it's much cooler inside. And you can see the view that the family will have – a family who had a lot, but no home. In one photo some of those working on the house are presenting Alejo's wife, Carolina with a Talavera plate that says "God Bless You."



The pictures of Estela, Pat and Norm and the one of Catalino (director of the Tree of Life Training Center) are at the chapel where they are building walls with a technique that is likely thousands of years old called Zacatlanilolli. It uses earth with a high percentage of clay, and long grasses.



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These three women are teaching about sexually transmitted illnesses like HPV Human Papiloma Virus for which there is now a vaccine. Young people who get the vaccine will never have cervical-uterine cancer!



Every day the women designed and acted out socio dramas to show what they had learned that day. Here they show the difference it makes to plan your family.



Finally, the 16 women all graduated as Health Promotors – a great accomplishment. The pastor from Tlancualpican and the Bishop for the South East Conference were present.



The week after the AWARE team left Catalino, Miguel and son Daniel (visiting), plus fulltime and parttime workers began redoing the roof of the Palapa, made primarily of a kind of bamboo and palm leaves. This will take about six weeks.



We could not do this wonderful work without your prayers, interest and gifts. Please consider an AWARE trip to GYTTE very soon!

In Christ,

Nan, Miguel, Clara, Cata and the whole Give Ye Them to Eat team

History of Hymns: “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” UMH 204 by Elizabeth Yoo

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel” by Bob McGee The United Methodist Hymnal, 204

Refrain:

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.*

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CHRIST'S GRACIOUS LIFE

204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Unison C E+ F Dm7 E+ Em

Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el,

A7 A/C# Dm G7 C Cmaj7 C9 E+

his name is called Em-man - u - el. God with

F Dm7 E+ Em A7 A/C#

us, re - vealed in us, his name is

Dm G7 C F/C D.C. C (final)

called Em-man - u - el.

WORDS: Bob McGee, 1976 (Mt. 1:23)
MUSIC: Bob McGee, 1976
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“Emmanuel, Emmanuel” (1976), an early praise chorus by Bob McGee, has reached beyond its initial release. While little is known about Bob McGee or the origins of “Emmanuel, Emmanuel,” the song mimics other praise choruses and songs connected with the “Jesus People” movement of the late 1960s and 1970s. “Behind the Praise,” ONC Worship from the Heart, describes the origins of the song:

In 1976, Robert McGee, then an associate pastor at The King’s Temple Church in Seattle, Washington, wrote the chorus “Emmanuel.” The chorus first appeared in a collection of 11 choruses entitled Choruses From The King’s Temple, 1976, Book I, and was used by the church in their worship services. In 1983, C.A. Music, Inc. acquired the copyright in “Emmanuel” and licensed the song to dozens of companies. Bob McGee was sued in 1999 by a former associate who claimed he stole the song from another popular song in the church. After a court battle, McGee was cleared of the charge of plagiarism.

Now included in more than twenty-five hymnals, McGee’s song is an example of how praise choruses have moved from the “contemporary worship” idiom into the hymnals and corpus of congregational singing of churches in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

Following the rock ‘n’ roll revolution of the 1960s, the “Jesus People” movement sought to bring some of the changing societal practices and music into the life of the church. By 1973, the release of “Only Visiting This Planet,” a Christian rock album by Larry Norman and heavily influenced by the “Jesus People” movement, showcased a new genre of Christian music combining rock ‘n’ roll with sacred/spiritual texts. Gradually, this new genre of music found its way into the worship of church congregations, introducing new instrumentation, texts, and styles to worship. As a result, congregations began incorporating praise bands into new contemporary worship services that still influence today’s churches. Songs like “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” suggested a new approach beyond the organ/piano dominant, strophic hymn traditions of most mainline Protestant churches in America. The Jesus People movement was responsible for creating a Christianized version of popular culture as a means for evangelizing unbelieving youth and building up, teaching, and inspiring children who came from evangelical homes and churches. This music has had a lasting impact on congregational singing and worship practice into the twenty-first century.

Even with its rock ‘n’ roll influences, “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” provides an incarnation text rooted in scripture. The hymn’s repeated and simple lyrics are an expansion of Matthew 1:23 (KJV), “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel,” which means “God with us.” This verse of scripture is the message of the angels to Mary when she learns she will give birth to Jesus. For this reason, this song is primarily sung during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

The song has spread around the world with translations in languages that include large Christian populations, such as Korean and Spanish. Music often reflects the history of the era in which it was composed. “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” certainly reflects this reality. However, it is the lasting impact of “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” and similar pieces that makes it worthy of review. This and other praise choruses served as early gate openers for the inclusion of popular styles in mainline, Protestant worship, quickly becoming a “game changer” for the corpus of congregational singing.

William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing



*When: May 31, June 1, 7, 8 at 7:30 pm
June 2 and 9 at 2 pm*

*Where: Emmanuel United Methodist Church
11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705*

Price: \$10.00

www.upstageartists.com/tickets

May 2024

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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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



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