

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

April 2019

Our Mission: To share the light of Christ with all people

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Springing Forward

This has been an interesting beginning of the year. What we usually call the “Winter Season” is more of a “Winter Smorgasbord.” I grew up with these seasons: winter – cold, spring – warm, summer – hot, and fall – warm. The last three months have given us a little of it all. The change seems to be confusing the vegetation, the animals (especially the birds), and the people. As usual, I am confused about the concept of changing the clock – losing sleep in the morning to gain an afternoon nap (that’s my interpretation and I’m sticking to it). But it is all a reminder that nothing stays the same. We must be flexible enough to adjust to the atmosphere/ season / times around us.



In my sermon titled “The Path of Peace,” I shared that in 1951, Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr wrote a sermon that contained the words we commonly call the “Serenity Prayer.” It has been quoted, altered, prayed and posted numerous times over the years. For people who are struggling with many things, they have been words of comfort. As we leave this season that is traditionally known as winter, I pray we embrace this concept. To successfully “Spring Forward” we want to leave the baggage of unwanted, unhealthy and unnecessary stuff behind. We may not know what lies ahead, but we know there are things we definitely must let go.

God, grant me (us) the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.

Pastor Jalene

CLUSTER LENTEN SCHEDULE 2019

Date	Location	Preacher
March 27 Wednesday 7 pm	Cluster Lenten Service Mt. Zion UMC 3592 Whiskey Bottom Rd. Laurel, MD. 20724	Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase
April 3 Wednesday 7 pm	Cluster Lenten Service First UMC 424 Main St., Laurel, MD 20707	Rev. William Butler
April 10 Wednesday 7 pm	Cluster Lenten Service Emmanuel UMC – Beltsville 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD 20705	Rev. Caprice Brown

Breaking News:

THE THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY HAS MOVED TO WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

SAME TIME AND PLACE: 7 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON POWDER MILL ROAD ON EASTER MORNING, APRIL 21. THE PROCESSIONAL BEGINS AT 6 AM FOLLOWED BY THE SERVICE AT 6:15. EVERYONE IS INVITED!

REMINDER — THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:

APRIL 14 — PALM SUNDAY (The worship service will feature the Cantata on this Sunday)
APRIL 21 — EASTER

Health and Wellness

by Ilene Forsbacka

There has been little interest in the scheduled blood pressure monitoring on the last Sunday of each month, so I have decided to discontinue this. Instead, everyone will have access to use the monitor at their convenience. The monitor is now located with the first aid kit in the kitchen. **I am available to take anyone's BP when I'm at church; just ask.**

I have not had anyone volunteer to be in charge of the proposed **Automated External Defibrillator Program**. The main requirements are to be CPR-certified and manage the state requirements. I am willing to help with this, but I cannot meet the CPR certification requirement. Please let me know if you are interested.

Troop 1033 Boy Scout Performs Eagle Scout Project at Emmanuel UMC

by Todd Reitzel, Trustees



Another member of Boy Scout Troop 1033 has completed an Eagle Scout project, and like many previous such projects, this one has benefited the church community. Vladislav (Vlad) Kovalskiy, of Beltsville, organized a project to improve the church grounds. The project was completed on February 18, with several dozen volunteers from the troop, the community, and the church.

Improvements included clearing out undergrowth on the south side of the church property line, removing a trash pile from behind the church storage shed, moving parking ties back into place, and constructing a mulch path from the church parking lot to the church parsonage.

The project required organization and leadership, which is a hallmark of Eagle Scout projects. Vlad lined up tools, volunteers, and several trucks for hauling away trash and yard waste. He also acquired donations of mulch and beverages for use during the day. Hungry volunteers were fed lunch and worked about 6-7 hours on the various projects.

Congratulations and thanks to Vladislav Kovalskiy on leading to completion this project beneficial to the Emmanuel UMC community!

What's Happening in United Methodist Women



United
Methodist
Women

By the time you read this report, the Rummage Sale on April 6th probably will be over.

The Kitchen Committee has had everyone who uses the kitchen look through it and tell the Committee what they use. Some items no longer being used will be given to the Rummage Sale. The kitchen will be cleaned by a professional cleaning company.

The Big News – **The UMW Communion Breakfast will be May 11th**. Tickets will go on sale soon. All Ladies, young & older, are invited to come to this special party.

THE THEME WILL BE:
HAPPY BIRTHDAY UMW -- 150 YEARS

Yes -- the party is taking place in 1869! Breakfast will be food they may have eaten in those years.

If you have anything to share from this time period -- pictures, artifacts -- please call Becky Cavallo at (301) 937-7146.



JOIN THE FINANCIAL FAST DURING LENT

Lent is a time to focus on growing closer to God. It's about being thankful for what we have and recognizing that all of our best efforts will never come close to matching the sacrifice Jesus made 2,000 years ago.

Everyone is encouraged to prayerfully participate in this year's 40-Day Lenten Financial Fast. Spend the next 40 days fasting and praying, believing that you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer to God. Set a daily financial fasting goal for yourself. For these 40 days, consider giving up a small item, such as a cup of coffee at Starbucks, a movie, or perhaps a foot-long sub. Consider packing a lunch instead of stopping for fast food.

Set aside the value of whatever you choose to forego and count it toward your financial fast goal. For example, if you cut your expenses by \$5 a day during Lent, you will have accumulated \$200 in sacrificial giving by Easter. Drop your 40-day Lenten Fast gift in the offering plate on Easter Sunday. Every contribution, of whatever size, is welcome. Thank you, and may God richly bless you.



A LOOK BACK

Shared by Lorna Marselas

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Emmanuel Methodist Church was organized in 1940. There were 28 charter members.

The Betty Alt Circle was organized in October 1947 for young women with children. Eleven women attended that first meeting, which included a discussion on what was to be done at these types of meetings and ideas on what to do. Officers were installed and pledges were made in November 1947. The women were asked to pay a "cultivation fee" of 15 cents to become a member. They also decided to have "Sunshine Sisters" (secret sisters whom they were to remember on special occasions). At the December meeting, the members decided to name their circle the Betty Alt Circle, after a missionary in Korea.

STROKE SYMPTOMS

Stroke can happen to anybody, at any age, and at any time.
Learn and share the F.A.S.T. warning signs and you might just save a life.

F - Face Drooping - Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven or lopsided? Does one side of the face droop, or is it numb?

A - Arm Weakness - Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward? Is one arm weak or numb?

S - Speech Slurred - Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Is the speech slurred?

T - Time To Call 911

Additional Signs -

- **Sudden Numbness or Weakness** of face, arm, or leg, especially on one side.
- **Sudden Confusion** – trouble speaking or understanding.
- **Sudden Trouble Seeing** in one or both eyes.
- **Sudden Trouble Walking** – dizziness, loss of balance, or coordination.
- **Sudden Severe Headache** with no known cause.

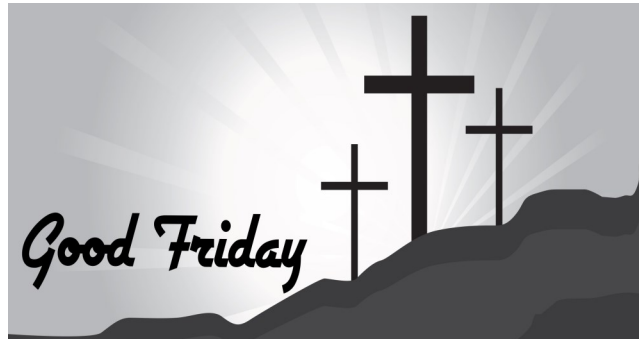
To get treatment started fast for the best recovery, Call 911!

~ ~ ~Submitted by Ilene Forsbacka, Health and Wellness

Thank You

I want to thank the members of Emmanuel for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy during the recent passing of my mother. Thank you to Pastor Jalene for all your words of comfort and support. Thank you to Beth for filling in for me when you thought it would be your last day working for the church. Thank you also to the Prayer Fellowship for being so faithful in praying for my mom during her illness and for keeping me in your prayers. It means so much to know you care. Thank you for thinking and praying for me during this difficult time.

~ ~ ~Jo Anne Harrison



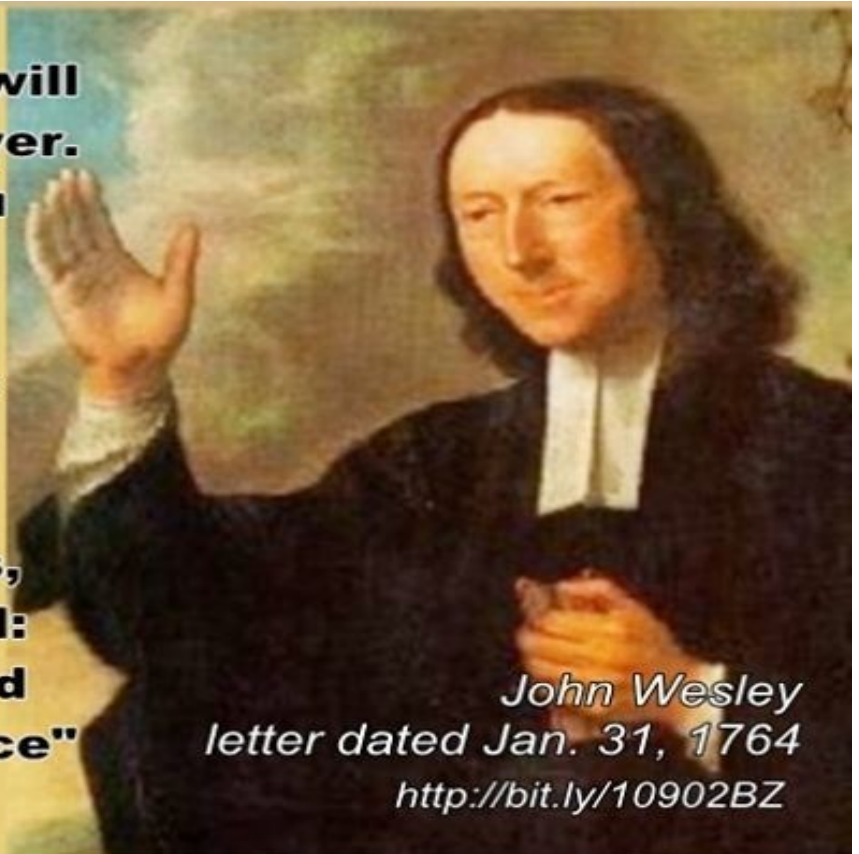
Good Friday observes the commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Good Friday is a day of sorrow, penance, and fasting.

Until the 4th century, Jesus' Last Supper, death, and resurrection were observed in one service in the evening before Easter. On Good Friday, there is no Mass in the Roman Catholic Church or the Eastern Orthodox Church: therefore, there is no Communion. There is a service. The cross is draped in black, the altar is bare, and there is no instrumental music.

The earliest use of "guode Friday" is found in the South Legendary text from 1290 in England. The term may come from the German, "Gottes Freitag," or God's Friday. The day was called "Long Friday" by the Anglo-Saxons, and it is still referred to as such in Denmark.

~ ~ ~Shared by Kathryn Griffin

"Indeed, nothing will avail without prayer. Pray, whether you can or not. When you are cheerful, and when you are heavy, still pray; pray with many or with few words, or with none at all: you will surely find an answer of peace"



*John Wesley
letter dated Jan. 31, 1764*

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Saturday, April 6
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Light Breakfast Available
Starting At
9:30 AM

Household Goods,
Jewelry,
Pocketbooks,
Toys and Books

Steamers &
Steamer Dogs
Will Be Sold for Lunch

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 7 — Alice White
 April 14 — Carrie White
 April 21 —
 April 28 —



The FLOWER CHART is posted in the hallway next to the mailboxes at the end of the hall. 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 this QR instead.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Christian love and sympathy to:

- Jo Anne Harrison and family on the death of her mother, Elizabeth Fisher, on March 2. Jo Anne is one of Emmanuel's Administrative Assistants.
- Tammy White and family on the death of her cousin, John Paul.
- The family of Bonnie McBride, who passed away on March 16.
- Norma Hall and family on the death of husband and father William T. Hall, Sr. on March 7.



May the Holy Spirit comfort these families and all who are grieving, especially during this holy season.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1. Natalie Corman, Lil Mizzer
4. Monica Hatton
8. Lea Claye
9. Deji Bello
11. Lacey Fadely, Dan Webb
15. George Urick
16. Cale Fuller Jr., Grace Rodeffer
18. Ernie Kilbourne
19. Ted Ladd
21. Sharon White
25. April Ademiluyi
26. Glenna Pavelka

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

4. Christopher & Virginia Butcher

**BE A GREETER OR SCRIPTURE READER!**

Help make Emmanuel a friendly, welcoming congregation! Share the Word of the Lord!

To volunteer to cover one or more Sundays as a **Greeter** or **Scripture Reader**, please put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.

No experience necessary — we will train!

GUESTS visiting Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in February included:

Sampson DjanAmoako

We welcome you to our church family! Please worship with us again soon.

HAVE A SUGGESTION OR AN ARTICLE TO SHARE?

Email editor Bobbie Deegan at BobbieDeegan@aol.com, or phone her at [301-937-7070](tel:301-937-7070). Contributions are always welcome!

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Then sign up for **BIBLE TRIVIA** and get a new question every day!

Go to www.BibleTrivia.com



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 7pm ESOL	<i>3</i> 7pm Bible Study	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 10am Rummage Sale 5pm NA
<i>7</i> 9 & 11:15am Worship 10:15am Sunday School, Bible Study 12:30pm UMW Executive Meeting 12:30pm Youth Fellowship 12:45pm Chancel Choir	<i>8</i> 7pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	<i>9</i> 10am Prayer Fellowship 7pm ESOL	<i>10</i> 7pm Lenten Cluster at EUMC 7pm Bible Study	<i>11</i> 7pm Trustees	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 9am Chancel Choir-Sanctuary 5pm NA
<i>14</i> 10am ONLY Worship— CANTATA 2nd Sunday Lunch	<i>15</i> 12 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 10am Susanna Wesley Circle 7pm Bible Study	<i>18</i> 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	<i>19</i> 11am Community Place Café 7pm Good Friday Service	<i>20</i> 5pm NA
<i>21</i> 6:15am Easter Sunrise Service @St. John's Episcopal 10am ONLY Worship— EASTER 	<i>22</i> 7pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	<i>23</i> 10am Prayer Fellowship 7pm ESOL	<i>24</i> 7pm Bible Study	<i>25</i> 7pm Church Council	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 8am Food Distribution — Seniors 10am Food Distribution — General Public 5pm NA
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