

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

December 2017- January 2018

*A Vibrant Multi-Cultural Church*

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



Greetings!

Now, we are going through the most precious season of the year, Advent and Christmas. The world just began to sing Christmas carols. Streets, houses, and shops are decorated with Christmas decorations. During December, the church will light Advent

Candles and wait for the coming of baby Jesus.

Whenever Advent begins, a play comes to my mind. The title of the play is "Waiting for Godot," written by playwright Samuel Beckett. It is considered by many to be the most significant English language play of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The play was first performed in America in the late 1950s. Soon, the play was being produced throughout the world. In the play, the two main characters go to the same place every day to wait for the coming of someone named "Godot." Both of them wait expectantly. But every day, Godot's arrival is delayed. Their friends and neighbors tell them to stop waiting. Nevertheless, they keep waiting. This is the basic storyline of the play. What "Godot" represents is not clear in the play. Yet, the play helped me think about the meaning of waiting and, theologically speaking, of hope. The author wrote this play while he was hiding in a small French village during the Nazi occupation of France. I believe that "Godot" meant freedom to him.

Now, the world is waiting for the coming of baby Jesus. Like the two characters in the play, we wait every day for the coming of baby Jesus. Our minds are already filled with hope. Let us rejoice, because He is coming.

Several special services are planned for December. At the service on December 10<sup>th</sup>, we will accept two new members into the congregation. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have a single service at 10 a.m. featuring the Cantata presented by the Chancel Choir.

December 24<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday this year, so we will have one Sunday worship service that morning, at 10 a.m. Sunday evening, we will have our usual two

Christmas Eve services – the Family Service at 6:30 p.m. and the Candlelight Service at 11 p.m.

I pray that all of you will have a peaceful and joyful time during the Christmas season.

"Glory to God among the highest!  
"And on earth peace, among men, delight!  
"Our Lord, come!" Amen.

## Christmas Giving

by Iris W. Bray

Christmas is for giving  
And for showing that we care,  
For honoring the Christ Child  
With the loving gifts we share.

The wise men gave of riches;  
The shepherds, faith and love.  
Each gift, in its own measure,  
Was smiled on from above.

Let every gift be treasured;  
Not always size or price  
Determines the extent of love  
And willing sacrifice.

Handsome gifts with festive trim  
Bring smiles of sweet content,  
But modest gifts of humble means  
Are oft times heaven sent.

Whether it be large or small,  
Each gift will share in part  
The message of true Christmas joy  
If given from the heart!



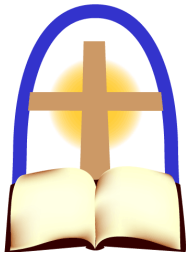
## UMW Happenings



**December 9, 12 Noon:** We hope you will join the United Methodist Women and enjoy a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The pledge meeting will be led by Treasurer Alice White. A Christmas party will follow the general meeting. We will have a mystery Christmas ornament exchange.

**February 17, 12 Noon:** The first general meeting in 2018 will be held on February 17 with a soup lunch provided. Becky Cavallo will be the program leader for A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. We hope you will join us in the Fellowship Hall at 12 Noon.

**March 17, 10 AM—1 PM:** Mark this date on your calendar for the annual Rummage Sale.



## WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

by Lorna Marselas

Have you heard of Jemimah, Keziah, and Keren-Happuch? They are the daughters of Job. Job remained steadfast despite the devastation of his life, and God restored all he had lost, including children. Job's second daughter, Keziah, received a name that is associated with the fragrance of a flower. Read how the Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life in **Job 42:12-17**.



## Come one, come all, to the Christmas celebration in the Fellowship Hall –

Women of Emmanuel, you are invited to the UMW Christmas Celebration on **December 9 at noon**. Food and fun will be provided for all. Look for information in the bulletin about making a craft, exchanging a fun small gift, and other fun activities! Sisters in Spirit will be finalizing plans at their November meeting.

The UMW would like to thank you for helping us raise over \$1200 at the Apple Festival!



We still have bags of fresh **Georgia pecans** for sale. "Plain" pecans come in halves or pieces. We also have bags of chocolate-covered or glazed pecans. A bag of pecans is only \$10.00, and makes a great hostess gift!

Stop by our table in the hallway after church, or give Karen Mackey a call at 301-937-3324.

Peace and joy,

~~ Debbie McNitt

## SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS ARE AVAILABLE

The Salvation Army's Holiday Stuff-a-Stocking program serves thousands of children in need at Christmas. Salvation Army volunteers distribute the stuffed stockings to the parent/guardian of boys and girls during the annual Christmas Assistance Distribution.

Emmanuel has supported this effort for many years. The Salvation Army stockings now are available. Please sign one out and return it by **December 3**. (The Salvation Army needs them back on December 4)! Hurry to take advantage of this opportunity to brighten a child's Christmas.



**The annual Mitten Tree** sponsored by the Sunday School will return in January!

To avoid adding one more event to the glut of holiday activities (you're welcome), the Sunday School will be accepting donations of children's hats, scarves and mittens from **January 1 to January 31, 2018**. See Rick Bergmann if you have questions.

**December 20th at 10 a.m.,**  
Emmanuel is  
**Caroling at Hillhaven.**

All are welcome, so join us! See Kathryn Griffin for details.





 **Emmanuel UMC**  
Beltsville, Maryland

## Invites you to a fun, family Dinner

**When: Saturday December 9 at 5pm**

**Where: Emmanuel UMC 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD 20705**

**How Much: \$10 for adults and children 12+, \$5 for children 3-12.  
Under 3 are free.**

**Menu: Lasagna, bread, salad, drinks and dessert.**

**(We will have buttered noodles for young ones who don't like lasagna)**

**Join us for a night of good food, activities for children and adults and a visit from Santa Claus! Buy tickets in the church hallway on Sunday mornings or at the door on December 9.**

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## 2018 Emmanuel Church Officers and Committees

Please note: CC indicates a member on the Church Council

<b>Pastor</b> .....	Jacob Young
<b>Deaconess</b> .....	Jane Grays
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<b>Recording Secretary CC</b> .....	Lorna Marselas
<b>Lay Members of the Annual Conference CC</b> .....	Ted Ladd, Roy White
<b>Membership Secretaries CC</b> .....	Dottie Gilbert, Kathy Rodeffer
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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch CC</b>	
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<b>IT Committee</b> .....	Rick Bergmann, Mike Hatton
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<b>Native American Ministries Representatives</b> .....	Becky Cavallo, Bryant Davis
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<b>Safe Sanctuary</b> .....	Ann Rowland
<b>Scout Advisor CC</b> .....	Julie Pavelka
<b>Superintendent of Sunday School CC</b> .....	Rick Bergmann
<b>United Methodist Men CC</b> .....	Rick Bergmann
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 Lay Leader – Roy White

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 Butcher,  
 Bart Seedee

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 Ann Rowland, Sallie Rhodes

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- Lay Leader.....Roy White
- Lay Members to Annual Conference..Ted Ladd
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- Margie Mock, Ann Rowland
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- Kathy Mellott, Mamie Smith, Remi Samu, John Claye

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

My name is **Tammy White**. I was born in 1959. I have lived in the Silver Spring area for most of my life. I was married for 33 years to Michael David White, who passed in 2014. I have two adult children, Sean White, who is married and resides in Gaithersburg, and Crystal Insel, who also is married and has a three-year-old son, Max. They live in California.

I was baptized and raised Catholic, but left the church after I was married. My husband was not Catholic. I joined the Free Methodist Church and was re-baptized and raised my children in that church. I began my personal relationship with God during those years. I went on a mission trip to Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia for two weeks with 14 other Christians. During that trip, we brought more than 150 adults to the Lord. It was during that mission trip that I felt the Holy Spirit fill my soul for the first time.

In 2014, my husband passed. I continued to be very active in my church, but by 2017, I felt like I needed to move on. I was looking for another church with a contemporary service that served the community, and saw this church advertised in the Calverton directory. I came, I loved the music, everyone was warm and welcoming, and I decided this would be my new church home.

Hello everyone, my name is **Lois Schulze**. I am a native of Prince George's County. I'm retired and a widow. The first half of my working career, I taught music and various instruments in my home studio. The second half, I ran an educational program for adults. I live with my older sister and I have two cats.

I found this church through the Beltsville News while having breakfast at TJ's. I decided to try it out. I had never walked into such a warm, friendly, and loving atmosphere in my life. I first met Ms. Judy, and her smile just said, 'You've come home!' Everyone has been so friendly. People know my name and I don't even know them. This church offers so much - not only for its parishioners but for the entire community - which is what a good Methodist does.

I was raised in the Methodist Church. As an adult, I attended the Episcopal church for several decades and, not by chance but not by my design, I have found myself back into the Methodist church. I am very happy to become a member of Emmanuel's UM Church. Thank you for allowing me.

## Little Known Black History Facts

**Lonnie G Bunch III** (American, b 1952) Educator, Historian, Museum director)



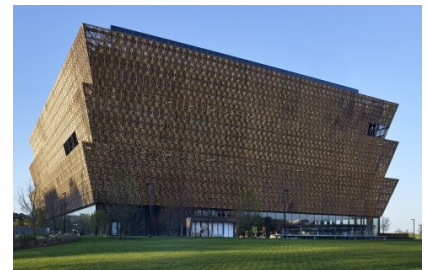
In 2005, Lonnie G Bunch 3<sup>rd</sup> was named one of the 100 most influential museum professionals of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by the American Association of Museums. In that same year, he was selected as director of the first national African American history museum, the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Since his childhood in New Jersey, Bunch has had a thirst for history. His early reading of historical biographies fueled his interest and eventually led him to history-related jobs as a teacher, curator, lecturer, documentary producer, and museum director. He received his Master's and Bachelor's degrees from American University in Washington, D.C.

From 2001 to 2005, Bunch served as president of the Chicago Historical Society, where he spearheaded a reorganization and fundraising campaign that fueled the museum's transformation for its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Prior experience included more than a decade filling various roles within several Smithsonian museums. Using well-honed managerial and curatorial skills, Bunch oversaw several major exhibits within Smithsonian museums in Washington, D.C, and at the California African American Museum in Los Angeles.

Bunch has written several books, among them *Call the Lost Dream Back: Race and Museums*.

As director of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, Bunch has defined the museum's mission and is developing exhibitions and public programs while coordinating the museum's fundraising and budget development. Of his directorship acceptance, Bunch said, "What I realized and what ultimately convinced me is that the Chicago Historical Society had nurtured my soul. But helping to create the museum was nurturing my ancestors." He further stated, "This museum will tell the American story and this museum is for all Americans."



The museum opened in 2016, and is located at 1400 Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C.

~ ~ Submitted by Jane Grays

## *Share hope, joy and promise -- Share a book!*

**New and gently used children's books are being collected at the BWC Mission Center in Fulton.**



From December 1 – 23, children's books will be collected at the Mission Center by the BWC's Young Adult Council, to be used by Project Transformation at their summer camps in Washington D.C. Each day this summer, children entering grades 1 through 6 will read one-on-one with community volunteers and participate in activity-based literacy intervention. Workers at Project Transformation have developed an Amazon gift list for anyone needing assistance with their selections.

The Mission Center, open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, is located at 11711 E. Market Place in Fulton.

**Give a child a book. Give a child a future.**

*If you can't read, it's going to be hard to realize dreams.*

~ ~ *Booker T. Washington*

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- December 3 — Alice White
- December 10 — Cline/Rhodes
- December 17 —
- December 24 — Scotland
- December 31 —

The flower chart for 2018 is posted in the hallway next to the mailboxes at the end of the hall. Arrangements are \$30. Please fill out a Flower Request Form when you sign up 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

December

- 18. Jeanette & Charles Vannoy
- 30. Charline & Bob Frederick

January

- 14. Nancy & Rick Zerbe

**IN MEMORIAM**

Christian love and sympathy to:

Mary and John Kallenberger and family on the death of brother-in-law **Fred Frederick**;

**Cale Fuller** and family on the death of his father, **Garland (Butch) Fuller, Jr.**;

The family of "**Baker Bill**" **Raulin**, who passed away on November 23rd.

May the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all of the families who are mourning the loss of a loved one, especially during the holiday season.



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1. Motunriyo Oluwafemi
3. Ann Rowland
4. Gretchen Buchen
7. John Stewart
13. Cheryl Grays
15. Becky Cavallo, Michael McNealy
16. Jennie Owens
26. Alexandra Scotland
27. Rogers Beasley
30. Kim Hiner, Maggie Leatherman, Maxine Riggleman



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1. Carrie White
3. Doug Galloway
7. Katherine Cavallo, Dan Kenyon
11. Jane Grays
12. Dare Hassan
13. Geoffrey Kaufmann
14. Hazel Newell
25. Bonnie Bland, Todd Reitzel
26. Bobbie Deegan
28. Rebecca Vaughan
30. Grace Song, Eric Young
31. Rick Bergmann



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 " " **GUESTS** visiting Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in October  
 " " included:  
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| Rebekah Bolding       | Dale Secules      |
| Khalia Flores-Madison | Helen Coutscoudis |
| Tammy White           | Mike & Barb Druck |
| Lois Schulze          | Collins Ezebuihe  |

" " We welcome you to our church family! Please worship with us  
 " " again soon.  
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**MEMORIAL AND  
 COMMEMORATIVE  
 BRICKS**

are still available for just \$100. See the poster in the hallway. If interested, please fill out an order form and leave it in the offering plate or turn it in at the Church Office. If you have questions, please talk to Ted Ladd.



**BE A GREETER OR  
 SCRIPTURE READER!**



Help make Emmanuel a friendly and 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!*

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## December 2017

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3 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:45 pm Chancel Choir	4	5	6	7 7 pm Bible Study	8	9 12 Noon UMW General Meeting 5 pm Dinner With Santa 5 pm NA
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17 10 am Worship Service & Cantata	18	19	20 10 am Hillhaven Hymn Sing	21	22 7 pm Food Prep	23 10 am Food Distribution 5 pm NA
24 10 am Worship Service 6:30 pm Family Service 11 pm Candlelight Service	25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b> 	26 Church Office closed	27	28	29 11 am Community Place Café	30 5 pm NA
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**January 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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