

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

November 2017

A Vibrant Multi-Cultural Church

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



Hallelujah! I greet all of you in the name of Jesus Christ!

I hope you have enjoyed the foliage this fall. Now it is getting cold. We are going through the transition to fall and winter. Soon, we will celebrate Thanksgiving and the Advent season.

The church has been busy in October with a number of church events and activities. First of all, I have provided a membership class for two people: Lois Schulze and Tammy White. They will be accepted as members in December. Most of all, the church had a good Church Conference. It was held at Queen's Chapel UMC. The Church Conference gave us time to celebrate and reflect on our church ministries over the past year. I thank all members of the laity on this occasion. In particular, I thank Emmanuel's administrative assistants, Beth Adle and Jo Anne Harrison, for compiling all the information necessary for the Church Conference.

On October 15th, we observed Laity Sunday. We recognized the efforts of Emmanuel's laity in the church. I appreciate all the work that church members undertake in the church. In particular, I want to thank Doug Galloway for preaching and Roy White for coordinating the worship on Laity Sunday. I was impressed by Doug's sermon. It was well organized and very thoughtful. I got his permission to use his sermon in the future.

Also on October 15th, Emmanuel hosted the annual Blessing of the Animals. The turn-out was low, probably due to the Ravens game. That was kind of discouraging. Anyway, we had a time to introduce our pets and remind ourselves of how precious animals are in our lives. On October 29th and 31st, Emmanuel hosted a community Halloween party and Trunk or Treat, respectively. Our Halloween party was a Christian party, rather than a secular one. It was a meaningful and fun event.

On October 21st, there was a memorial service for Maxine Norris. After worshiping at Emmanuel for many years, Karl and Maxine moved to Alexandria, VA two

years ago. However, they maintained their church membership at Emmanuel. It was good to see Karl. It was like a family reunion. We met and chatted together.

November 5th will be All Saints Sunday, when we will remember those who passed away during the past year. On November 12th, we will have Pledge Sunday. This will be a special time. The youth will lead the worship and share the message. I think it is a good idea that youth will speak up in the church.

On Tuesday, November 21st, we will join with St. John's Episcopal Church to celebrate Thanksgiving. This year, the joint service will take place here at Emmanuel UMC. Thanksgiving is a time to count our blessings and give thanks to God. Also, it is a time for all family members to gather and have a family reunion. I hope you will have a great time with your family.

Soon, we will need to prepare for the coming of Jesus during the Christmas Season. On December 2nd, the church will be decorated. December 3rd will be the first Sunday of Advent.

Recently, I watched a very moving video on YouTube. A foreign country had a heavy rainfall. This caused a small cave where a family of dogs lived to be flooded. The rising water trapped a puppy in the cave. Because of all the water, the puppy couldn't get out and the mother dog couldn't get in. The mother dog approached some people to get help. They began to scoop out the rain water filling the cave, while the mother dog began to desperately dig out the dirt to get into the cave. Finally, she was able to dive into the cave and pull the puppy out. The puppy wasn't breathing. So, a person massaged the puppy and miraculously, the puppy began to breathe.

Watching the video, I was very touched by the love. We need to love each other. This is what Jesus did and taught. Although it is getting cold, we embrace people with love, as Jesus asked us to do.

Once again, have a great Thanksgiving. Keep supporting the church with your love, prayers, presence, time, and gifts. Happy Thanksgiving!

~ ~ Pastor Jacob

ADVENT

It is time to start composing the 2017 Advent Devotional. Feel free to submit your stories, poems, photos or drawings at any time from now until **November 12th**. Email submissions to kathy.mellott@gmail.com, give them to the office or mail them to Kathy. The sooner, the better to have the booklets printed on time. This year, the 1st Sunday in Advent is December 3rd.



Sadly, **Daylight Savings Time will end November 5th**. Turn your clocks back one hour. Autumn is really here!

COURAGEOUS WOMEN WHO LED THE WAY

In 1770, Mary Evans Thorne was appointed class leader by Joseph Pilmore in Philadelphia, probably the first woman in America to be so appointed.

In 1835, Phoebe Palmer, one of Methodism's famous women evangelists, conducted a weekly prayer meeting in her home.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Kate Savin was an early pioneer in our mission work in China.

REMINDER — Emmanuel's first aid kits need your help! We have five first aid kits that need to have a few supplies and out-of-date antibiotic ointments replaced. If you have extra supplies that you would be willing to donate, it would help keep expenses down. I would gladly accept cash donations to purchase needed items, also. A collection container for items is in the narthex.

What do we need?

- Absorbent dressings – 5" x 9"
- Band aids - Assorted sizes and shapes
- 1" adhesive tape
- Scissors - tiny or child size
- Antibiotic & Hydrocortisone ointment - new individual packs or small tubes
- Antiseptic (alcohol) wipes
- Aspirin - new individual wrap pack
- One-way valve breathing barriers
- Instant cold compress
- 3" & 4" gauze roller bandage
- 3" x 3" and 4" x 4" sterile gauze pads
- Triangle bandages – cotton
- Tweezers
- Thermometers - oral non-glass/non-mercury
- Covers for thermometers - sold separately

It would be nice to have pocket-size first aid books and an extra first aid plastic box, too. Thanks for your support!

~~ Ilene Forsbacka

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UMW Happenings - Mark Your Calendar



November 4 — Apple Festival, 10 AM — 2 PM. 2nd Chance Room, Upper Crust Room and vendors in Education Building; Pecans, Apples, Apple Pies, Bake Sale and Lunch for sale in Sanctuary Building.

December 9, 12 Noon, Fellowship Hall — **Potluck Lunch and UMW General Meeting**. Pledge Meeting led by UMW Treasurer Alice White, followed by Christmas Party.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!



The United Methodist Women have several Executive Board vacancies for 2018. We are looking for YOU if you would like to be more involved in helping with our mission work. If interested, you can check us out at the next Executive Board meeting on Sunday, November 5th in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

~~ Lorna Marselas



“It’s natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. They are too modest to be soloists and too worldly to sing in unison. When they are singing in the key of C and slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of them, it’s an emotionally fulfilling moment. By joining in harmony, they somehow promise they will not forsake each other.”

~~ Attributed to Garrison Keillor, shared by Kathryn Griffin

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

by Lorna Marselas



Although the Bible does not name this woman, it describes her as a Prophet’s widow. When her husband died and left debts, his creditors were going to take her two children as slaves. Elisha went to her aid and asked what was in her house. She had nothing of value but a little oil. Elisha told her to go to her neighbors, get empty jars from them, and then bring the jars home and fill them with oil. So she and her sons gathered jars and poured oil into them. When the jars were full she said to her son, “Bring me another one.” The son replied, “There is not a jar left.” Then the oil stopped flowing. The widow went to Elisha, who told her to sell the oil and pay the debts, and then she and her sons could live on what was left.

Reference: 2 Kings 4:1 — 7

Briefing on 2018 Church Budget

2017 has been a year of stewardship for Emmanuel. During Lent, we focused on not just our financial fast, but our prayer lives, increased presence at church activities, and our service to others.

John Wesley said about stewardship, “Not, how much of my money will I give to God, but, how much of God’s money will I keep for myself?” This quote reminds us that, without God’s blessings, we would not have anything. Emmanuel is a light to all in the community, with programs that touch many lives in Beltsville and beyond.

This year we will hold a Budget Information Meeting between services on **November 5th at 10:15 am** in the **Fellowship Hall**. The purpose is to give the entire congregation an opportunity to see the adopted budget and ask questions.

The Finance and Stewardship Committees work hard to be the best stewards of the resources that you entrust to them. They want to make sure the church’s financial position is transparent to everyone. So please plan to attend this meeting and ask all your questions!

POINSETTIA ORDER



To beautify the church during the Christmas season, we are again offering the opportunity for you to purchase poinsettias. Please use this form to place your order.

Red _____ White _____ (Deadline is December 4th)

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED: _____ PRICE: \$10.25 EACH

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Place your order in the offering plate or bring/mail it to the church by the deadline above. Please make your check payable to Emmanuel UMC and mark it “Christmas Decoration.”

(Please check one) I will take my flowers home: _____ (not eligible for tax credit)

I will donate my flowers to the church: _____

Date Received _____

D. C. Congregation Creates Affordable Housing

Adapted from **Emory's beacon illuminates neighborhoods in D.C.**, by Erik Alsgaard, posted at <http://www.bwcumc.org/news-and-views/emorys-beacon-illuminates-neighborhoods-in-dc>, October 24, 2017

After years of dreaming and at least seven tries at getting started, Emory Fellowship, a United Methodist congregation on the Georgia Ave. corridor in Washington, D.C., through its 501(c)3, the Emory Beacon of Light, Inc. (EBOL), is in the middle of a \$55.5 million renovation that will create affordable housing units, homeless units, and more.

The Beacon Center, scheduled to open late next year, will have 99 units, 91 of which are designated as affordable housing, with eight units of permanent supportive housing for the homeless; 30,848 square feet of multipurpose facility and office space (church and EBOL); 9,469 square feet of recreation and community program space; a business center, fitness center, bicycle parking, resident lounge, outdoor courtyard area, resident and community programs, and 87 precious parking spaces.

People who serve in the infrastructure of the city – teachers, police officers, hotel workers – can’t afford to live in the city. The new housing will not only help people moving from homelessness to residency, it also will help people who are the working poor.

Rev. Joe Daniels, pastor at Emory Fellowship, said he is extremely proud of his congregation, who has had to worship in a nearby school for the past three years. “They have had to weather many storms during this whole construction process. We’ve had delays, we’ve had times when we thought the project was stopped, we’ve had times when we thought the vision was crushed.” Three principles have helped the congregation, Daniels said: patience, persistence, and prayer. “Those three things have held us together and gotten us through,” he said.

GRATITUDE



Have you ever made a gratitude list? The month of November affords us an opportunity to do just that – for an entire day – Thanksgiving! As the end of the year draws near, stop to take time to reflect on the blessings you have received in the past 11 months. This day of Thanksgiving is very important and should not be overlooked as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

At this time of thanksgiving, Sallie Rhodes and I would like to extend our gratitude to all those who have volunteered during this past year to enable us to continue to participate in the Community Place Cafe. This terrific team of angels consists of Alice White (shopper), Judy Diedrich and Kathy Rodeffer (cooks), and JoAnne Blakley (meal supplies set-up). The following angels have helped serve the meal on the third Friday of the month and/or have agreed to substitute as needed: Glendy Hernandez, Nancy Thrush, Ruth Vaye, Madea Badio, Marlene Adams, Marian O'Donnell, Helen Akers, Frances Cruz, Olivia Heath, Linda Hiner, Barbara Butcher and Margie Mock.

Pastor Chili (aka Pastor Young) is the star player of this team – he doles out the chili! We also were blessed during the summer with students Patrick Young, Maddie Cruz, and Glendy and Darwin Hernandez, who not only took time out from their summer vacation but also were able to earn community service credits.

Last, but not least, are all the ladies who volunteer to bake the four cakes we need for dessert to top off the meal. (See the list of cake bakers in an earlier edition of [The Lamplighter](#)).

There is always room for more volunteers. Although this list seems impressive, some of these angels are no longer available to help. But it was a pleasure to have worked with them in 2017. Definitely not to be overlooked are all the angels who supported this mission with their money and prayers. You know who you are – God Bless!

Praise the Lord for good news for the year 2018! EUMC has allocated \$750 toward the Café's budget. In addition, one-third of the communion offering will be credited to Community Place Café every month. Coupled with these amounts, donations already have been received to enable this mission to continue. By the grace of God and the generosity of so many people, we are off to a good start. Many thanks to all of you who continue to support this mission.

Remember on Thanksgiving Day to “give thanks in ALL circumstances.” *(1 Thessalonians 5:18)*

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

~~ Elsie Cline, Co-chair

THE HAIRCUT



A teenage boy had just passed his driving test, and asked his father when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son. "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car." The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut." The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that. I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

The Dad's reply: "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"



Little-known Black History Facts

by Jane Grays

Mavynee Betsch (American, 1935-2005) Opera singer, Activist



On the Atlantic coast of Florida sits Amelia Island, where slave traders continued to bring in thousands of slaves after 1808 when the United States outlawed the importation of slaves—because the island belonged to Spain. From the island, slaves were smuggled to drop-off points in Georgia. Today, Amelia Island is a celebrated resort and home to American Beach, the domain of MaVynee (pronounced MaVeen) Betsch, “The Beach Lady.”

This renaissance woman, operatic diva, and sister to a noted university president and national museum director, relinquished fame and fortune to fight for preservation of the beach her great-grandfather founded so that blacks would have a beach to visit and enjoy where race was not an issue.

Born in Jacksonville, Florida, Betsch graduated in 1955 from the prestigious Music Conservatory at Oberlin College, Ohio, studying voice and piano. This led to a successful singing career, performing operas in London, Paris, and Germany, but she longed for her home. She returned to Jacksonville and moved to American Beach in 1975, determined to protect the beach from land-hungry developers.

The Beach Lady was an army of one, working until her death for the preservation of American Beach and its natural habitat. Most often, she’d be found living on the beach in a trailer, frequently giving historical tours to visitors. Through her efforts, NaNa, the highest sand dune in Florida, was designated as a protected landmark.

Never at a loss for words, the Beach Lady had a formidable presence, and one meeting could make a strong impression. Her activism is celebrated in a documentary, a book, numerous magazine and newspaper articles, and a plaque that highlights American Beach and its “African Queen.”

Special Thanks from Maryland Correctional Institute for Women

by Deaconess Jane Grays

Many of you are aware that I serve and advocate for prison ministry at the Maryland Correctional Institute for Women (MCI-W) in Jessup, MD. This marginalized population is one of the many whom society has forgotten. I’m very proud that Emmanuel UMC, along with other churches around the conference, answered the call to provide hygiene products for the women at MCI-W.

Excerpts from a letter from Chaplain Karen Hale follow:

Thank You

 for your Kindness

“Wow! How can I begin to express my gratitude and the delight of all the residents of MCI-W for the United Methodist Women’s very generous gift of sanitary hygiene products? Your gift met a critical need at exactly the right time. That morning, I had been informed that the usual supplier of items was running low and the ladies’ needs would be placed on back order. Then, as if the heavens opened, your gift of three carloads of sanitary products arrived.

God is so good! Realizing that the products represent the many prayers of the churches and groups that are praying for the ladies and the institution makes my heart sing. Please continue to hold us in your prayers.

In His Service,

~ ~ Chaplain Karen Hale

HOW UNITED METHODISTS VIEW ALL SAINTS DAY

Adapted from “All Saints Day: A holy day John Wesley loved,” by Joe Iovino, United Methodist Communications, as posted on www.UMC.org

November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows’ (Saints’) Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it “a festival I truly love.” On the same day in 1788, he writes, “I always find this a comfortable day.” The following year he calls it “a day that I peculiarly love.” This may sound odd. United Methodists don’t believe in saints. Right? Well, yes... and no.

Wesley cautioned against holding saints in too high regard. The Articles of Religion that he sent to the Methodists in America in 1784 include a statement against “invocation of saints” (Article XIV—Of Purgatory, Book of Discipline ¶104). Wesley did not see biblical evidence for the practice and discouraged Methodists from participating. However, he also advised against disregarding the saints altogether.

Tradition: A Theological Guideline

In studying John Wesley’s theological method, scholars have found four, inter-related theological guidelines: Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason. These are the sources of our understanding of our faith. By *tradition*, we mean all that has gone before us in the Christian church. We are part of a long history that goes back through John Wesley, to the early days of the Church and the apostles of Jesus. When we think theologically we need to keep in mind the creeds, prayers, sermons, books, music, and all other ways Christians have understood the work of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Those to glory gone

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church.

From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a “great cloud of witnesses” surrounds us, encouraging us and cheering us on.

Charles Wesley, John’s brother, picked up on this theme in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as “Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above,” #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

*Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone,
For all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.*

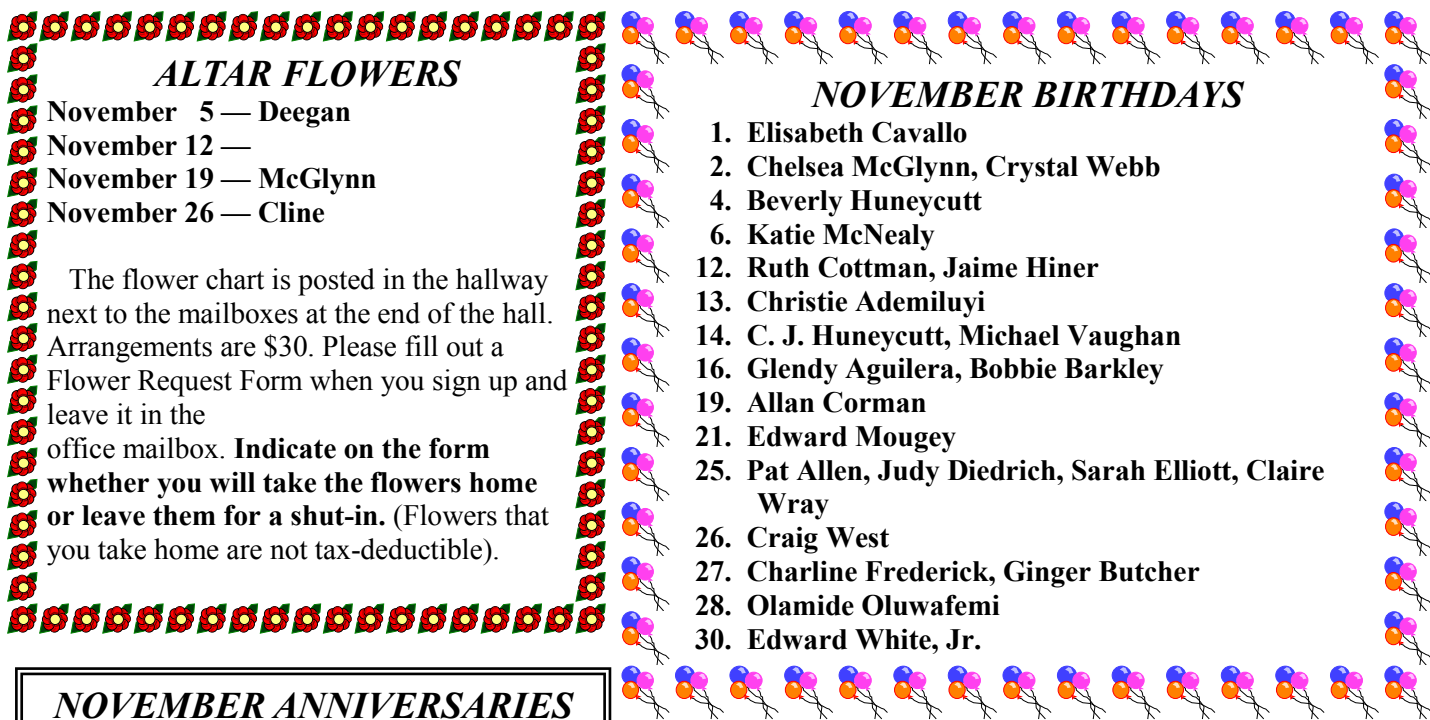
On All Saints Day, we remember all those—famous or obscure—who are part of the “communion of saints” we confess whenever we recite The Apostles’ Creed. We tell the stories of the saints “to glory gone.”

Alongside the likes of Paul from the New Testament, Augustine, Martin Luther, and John and Charles Wesley, we tell stories of the grandmother who took us to church every Sunday. We remember the pastor who prayed with us in the hospital, and the neighbor who changed the oil in the family car. We give thanks for the youth leader who told us Jesus loved us, the kindergarten Sunday school teacher who showered us with that love, and the woman in the church who bought us groceries when we were out of work.

Retelling these stories grounds us in our history. These memories teach us how God has provided for us through the generosity and sacrifice of those who have come before us. The stories of the saints encourage us to be all God has created us to be.

Saints on earth

On All Saints Day, let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



ALTAR FLOWERS

- November 5 — Deegan
- November 12 —
- November 19 — McGlynn
- November 26 — Cline

The flower chart 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).

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Elisabeth Cavallo
2. Chelsea McGlynn, Crystal Webb
4. Beverly Huneycutt
6. Katie McNealy
12. Ruth Cottman, Jaime Hiner
13. Christie Ademiluyi
14. C. J. Huneycutt, Michael Vaughan
16. Glendy Aguilera, Bobbie Barkley
19. Allan Corman
21. Edward Mougey
25. Pat Allen, Judy Diedrich, Sarah Elliott, Claire Wray
26. Craig West
27. Charline Frederick, Ginger Butcher
28. Olamide Oluwafemi
30. Edward White, Jr.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12. Suzie Kilbourne & Chris Insley

IN MEMORIAM

Christian love and sympathy to Lorna Marselas and family on the death of her niece, Sherri Norris-Fisch, on October 3rd.



May the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain Lorna and her family during this sad time.



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!

GUESTS



visiting Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in September included:

- Brad, Lynette & Courtney Maynard
- Stephanie Thomas
- Ella & Molly Bredbenner
- Gloria Darlington
- David Conant
- Roger Conant

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

The Lamplighter is your means of communicating with everyone associated with Emmanuel—those who worship here, those who are homebound, and those who live out of the area but still consider Emmanuel their home church. Do you have something you'd like to share with everyone?

Do you have a burning desire to write The Great American Novel but don't know where to start? Why not get your creative juices flowing by contributing a feature article to The Lamplighter?

Do you have a suggestion? A complaint? (Don't worry, I can take it. But I can't fix what I don't know about)!



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November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7 pm Bible Study	3	4 10 am UMW Apple Festival 5 pm NA
5 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School, Bible Study 12:30 pm UMW Executive Meeting 12:45 pm Chancel Choir	6 7 pm Nominations, Room 23	7 7 pm ESOL	8	9 7 pm Bible Study	10 Youth Lock-in	11 5 pm NA
12 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School, Bible Study 2 nd Sunday Lunch 12:30 pm Youth Group 12:45 pm Chancel Choir	13 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	14 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7 pm ESOL	15 7 pm Worship, Room 23	16 7 pm Bible Study	17 11 am Community Place Café 7 pm Food Prep	18 10 am Food Distribution 5 pm NA
19 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School, Bible Study 12:45 pm Chancel Choir	20 12 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle 7 pm SPRC, Room 23	21 7 pm Thanksgiving Service at Emmanuel	22	23 Thanksgiving Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	24 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	25 5 pm NA
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