

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

February 2017

A Vibrant Multi-Cultural Church: All God's Children Are Welcome!



Greetings! You probably have heard this many times, but let me say it once more: "Happy New Year!"

In December, the church observed Advent and Christmas Eve. In January, Emmanuel installed the new church officers.

Also in January, church members set Growth as the 2017 Church Goal. This goal includes spiritual growth and making disciples. I ask all church members to keep the goal in mind and pursue it in 2017. I pray that God will lead us to the goal when we pursue the goal.

I've been very glad to see that there are around 10 new people attending our worship services. From November to mid-January, two new families and two individuals have started worshiping with us. They are happy with our church and have indicated that they plan to continue attending worship services here. I am very happy that they have found a new spiritual family at Emmanuel. I am in the process of introducing them one-by-one each Sunday, so that church members can recognize them, make them feel welcome, and become friends to them.

On the other hand, three of our church members have gone to their permanent home recently – Lois Rodriguez, Betty Osborn, and Sam Shiplett. Please pray for their families.

In February, the church is scheduled to have Boy Scout Sunday (February 12). Ash Wednesday, when the Lenten season starts, will be March 1. There are not many activities scheduled in February. February will be a time of preparing to observe Lent.

Three or four months ago, I was contacted by a friend in Korea. He has been a friend of mine since elementary school, but over the years, we had lost contact with each other. He Googled my name and found me! Since then, we have kept in touch via social networking on our cell phones. Through him, I found two other old friends, too. All of them turned out to be Christians. One of them is a pastor and the other two are lay leaders in their churches. They often visit the website of Emmanuel UMC and

share their opinions about it. Emmanuel's website is becoming international! A long time has passed since we last saw each other, but now we are serving the same God. The next time I visit Korea, I will definitely visit them.

Our God is great. His greatness extends beyond all kinds of boundaries. Our God is working everywhere in the world. It is always great to serve our God. Nowadays, I am meeting new church comers from nations all over the world, such as Ghana, Jamaica, and Nigeria. Emmanuel is becoming even more multicultural.

The church vision is "Vibrant Multicultural Church." I pray that God will continue to bless and guide this church, particularly in 2017. I ask you to pray for the vision and continue to support the church with your prayers, as well.

Have a blessed February!

~ ~Pastor Jacob

"DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME"

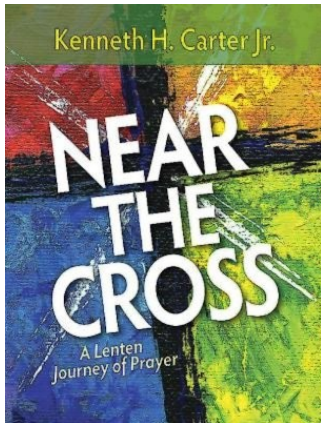
Serving as a Communion Steward is a great way to actively participate in the Methodist Church's central act of Christian worship, the service of Holy Communion. It is the Lord's Supper, a means of grace.

Communion Stewards help prepare the Lord's Table, the place where the congregation is fed and transformed by Christ, who offers us himself.

Opportunities to serve as Communion Stewards at the 9:00 a.m. worship service are open to all members, and are available year-round. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary. For more information, call Pat Allen at 301-937-2081.



THE THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY IS GOING ON THE ROAD by Rick Bergmann



Last June, Emmanuel began a Bible Study group on Thursday nights. Since then, the group has studied the connection we all have as part of the universal church, as well as the teachings of John Wesley and the Wesleyan way. Currently, the class is studying the parables of Jesus. After this study finishes, it will be time to transition into the season of Lent and Easter. To celebrate this special time in the life of Christians, participants in the Thursday Night Bible Study group are going to break out of the church walls!

Beginning **Thursday, March 2, at 7 pm**, the Thursday Night Bible Study will meet at **Panera Bread in Beltsville** (10914 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705). You are invited to join us as we read, discuss, and study Near the Cross: A Lenten Journey of Prayer by Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. The group will meet at Panera weekly on Thursdays during the season of Lent.

During this study, we will learn how prayer nurtures faith and encourages spiritual growth with practical, everyday applications. You don't need to be a member of Emmanuel, or even a Christian, to participate. Why not invite your friends and neighbors to join you in what promises to be a very interesting study? If you have any questions, please feel free to email me, the Bible Study leader, at rick.bergmann@eumcbeltsville.com.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

by Mary Ann Vaughan

I am reminded of the lyrics, "I am the church, You are the church, We are the church together." I like to think this is true with stewardship, too. Please remember that it's never too late to pledge. We would like to be able to estimate our income versus the budgeted expenses. This will allow the church to better manage the blessings that we are given. Thank you for prayerfully considering making a pledge.



SERVE GOD ON A LAPTOP!



WANTED — a few people who would be willing to run the computer during the 11:15 a.m. service. This would require the person to put the information for the service into the computer and to change the slides with the songs and scripture readings during the service.

Once you learn the program, which is called Media Shout, it would take about 30 minutes a week to put the slideshow together. There is a template for the service, so you wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel every time.

The 30 minutes needed to put the slideshow together, plus the time spent in the 11:15 worship service, would be the extent of the weekly time commitment required.

If you are interested or have any questions, please see Rick Bergmann in the sound booth.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

~ ~Author unknown



What is United Methodist Women?

United Methodist Women is a supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women grow spiritually, develop as leaders and serve and work to create a world in which all women, children, and youth thrive. United Methodist Women is celebrated as the women's ministry of The United Methodist Church.

What does United Methodist Women do?

Our members nurture one another in community and support U.S. and international projects and partners improving the lives of women, children and youth with their prayers, volunteer and advocacy efforts, and financial gifts.

Why should I join United Methodist Women?

United Methodist Women is a community of women committed to mission. As a member, you can take advantage of many opportunities, including the following:

- Prayer, Bible studies and spiritual retreats.
- Hands-on mission in local communities.
- Mission education experiences.
- Leadership development and training opportunities.
- Supporting work with women, children, and youth.
- Partnership with women in mission in the country and around the world.
- Advocacy for social justice issues, including those pertaining to the environment, domestic violence, immigration, and the many other concerns that impact the lives of women, children, and youth.
- Engagement in racial justice issues.

Emmanuel has three Circles that meet monthly. Information on who to contact is on the UMW bulletin board. General Meetings in 2017 will be February 25, June 3, September 23 and December 9. There are other UMW activities during the year—see the UMW calendar on the bulletin board.

Interested....

....in becoming a part of Emmanuel's United Methodist Women? Contact one of the Circle Chairs, or Lorna Marselas at 301-604-1792 or GMars95@aol.com.

ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER RETURNS



The "Pre-Shrove Pancake Supper" is back! **Date: Saturday, March 4.** (Yes, I know that is a couple of days after Lent starts. Nobody's perfect. Work with me here!) **Time: 5 pm.**
Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3 through 10, children 2 and under eat free.

Come out and join your church family for some all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage. Celebrate the beginning of Lent with some light entertainment. This will be a fun and exciting family event!

Tickets will be sold in the hallway on Sunday mornings and at the door on the day of the event. If you have any questions, see Rick Bergmann!

I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much.

~Mother Teresa

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

by Jane Grays

Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 1 in 2017, is the first day of *Lent* in the Western Christian calendar. It is observed by most Christians, including Catholics, Anglicans, many Lutherans, and Methodists. Ash Wednesday occurs exactly **46 days before Easter** (40 fasting days, not counting Sundays).

Ash Wednesday is named after the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a reminder of human mortality, and as a sign of mourning and repentance to God. The custom of sprinkling ashes as a sign of mourning and repentance is known in many cultures and traditions, including in ancient Egypt, Arabia and Greece.

Traditions associated with Ash Wednesday go back to the time in Leviticus 16 where the Lord established an annual day of repentance for the Israelites, when they should humble themselves through fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday appeared in the liturgy in the eighth century. The first testimony of the practice comes from the tenth century. In 1091, Pope Urban II launched the custom as binding the whole Church. At the same time, it was established that the ash has to come from the palm trees dedicated on the Palm Sunday of the previous year.

On March 1, 2017, Emmanuel UMC will worship with Queens Chapel UMC. Our joint Ash Wednesday service will be held at Emmanuel this year.



If you enjoyed the Advent Devotional, it is not too early to submit something for the Lenten Devotional.

Lent begins on March 1, so the deadline for submissions is **February 12, 2017**. This lead time is necessary to get the devotional published and distributed before Lent begins. Email your stories, poems, photos, drawings, etc. to kpmellott@verizon.net or drop them off at the church office.

Your contributions are essential to making Emmanuel's Lenten Devotionals possible. Thank you for helping us carry on this new tradition.

HELP WANTED

The youth planning to attend

CAMP HOPE 2017

need an adult chaperone who has home improvement skills (roofing, windows, electricity, plumbing, and carpentry repairs). If you want to participate in CAMP HOPE 2017, or know an adult who would be willing to join the young people on this

Thank You!

As our new church officers take over, an equal number of former officers are going, "Whew!!"

Thank You to the outgoing officers who have given so unselfishly of their time during the last three years:

- Andy Onukwubiri, Finance Chair
- Mike Hatton, Trustees Chair
- Bobbie Deegan, SPRC Chair
- Ann Rowland, Lay Leader

What makes Emmanuel so awesome isn't its pastors. By design, pastors come and go every few years. What has sustained Emmanuel as a spiritually fulfilling church home for 180 years and counting is its congregation. As Mary Ann Vaughan noted in her article for the Finance Committee, WE are the Church!

Thank You, outgoing leaders, incoming leaders, and fellow worker bees, for the many things you do for Emmanuel and the community. You've made a difference in many lives.

2017

Emmanuel Church Officers and Committees**(Please note: CC indicates a member on the Church Council)**

Pastor	Jacob Young
Deaconess	Jane Grays
Lay Leader CC	Roy White
Chair of Church Council CC	Ted Ladd
Church Treasurer CC	Beverly Ward
Financial Secretary CC	Gail Belshay
Recording Secretary CC	Lorna Marselas
Lay Members of the Annual Conference CC	Andy Onukwubiri, Ted Ladd
Membership Secretaries CC	Dottie Gilbert, Kathy Rodeffer
Church Historian CC	
2nd Sunday Lunch CC	Emmy Lear
Angel Tree CC	Becky Cavallo/Jane Grays
Child Care Liaison	Mike Hatton
Children's Ministries CC	Tracy Fuller
Coffee Hour Manager	Pat Allen
Community Place Café CC	Elsie Cline, Sallie Rhodes
Coordinator of Communications	Rick Bergmann
Deaf Fellowship CC	Roy White
DBSA Support Group Co-facilitators CC	Linda Hiner, Judy Diedrich
ESOL CC	Pat Allen
Food Closet CC	Kemi Oluwafemi, Grace Eyiba
Health and Welfare	Ilene Forsbacka
Homeless Ministry CC	Julie Pavelka, Theresa Timity
Hospitality Committee (for Funeral Receptions)	Ann Rowland
IT Committee	Josh Geckle, Rick Bergmann, Mike Hatton
Music Ministries CC	Kathryn Griffin (staff)
Native American Ministries Representatives	Becky Cavallo, Bryant Davis
Prayer Ministries CC	Ernie Kilbourne, Ann Anderson
Safe Sanctuary	Ann Rowland
Scout Advisor CC	Julie Pavelka
Superintendent of Sunday School CC	Rick Bergmann
United Methodist Men CC	Rick Bergmann
United Methodist Women CC	
Web Site Manager/Sound Coordinator	Rick Bergmann
Youth Ministry CC	Alexandra Scotland

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Chair CC Kathy Rodeffer

Members — Jaime Hiner, Bryant Davis, Alexandra Scotland, Alice White, Glendy Hernandez, Judy Diedrich, Todd Reitzel, Pauli Colburn

Lay Member to the Annual Conference — Andy Onukwubiri, Ted Ladd

Lay Leader — Roy White

Trustees of the Church

Chair CC Cale Fuller

Members — Willie Taylor, Charlie Deegan, Lynne Miller, Jimmy Bello, Abraham Scotland, Paul Cruz, Barbara Butcher

Finance Committee

Chair CC Mary Ann Vaughan

Members — Kemi Oluwafemi, Sallie Rhodes

Pastor — Jacob Young

Financial Secretary — Gail Belshay

Church Treasurer — Beverly Ward

Church Council Chair — Ted Ladd

Lay Leader — Roy White

Lay Members to Annual Conference — Andy Onukwubiri, Ted Ladd

Trustee Representative — Cale Fuller

Staff-Parish Chair — Kathy Rodeffer

Memorial Committee

Chair — Pastor Jacob

Secretary/Treasurer — Lorna Marselas

Members — Margie Mock, Ann Rowland

Lay Leader — Roy White

Trustee Chair — Cale Fuller

Church Council Chair — Ted Ladd

Committee on Nominations and Leader Development

Chair – Pastor Jacob

Members — Linda Hiner, Scarlet Robertson, Mamie Smith, JoAnne Blakley, Ascenna Scotland, Jody Hammond

Lay Leader – Roy White

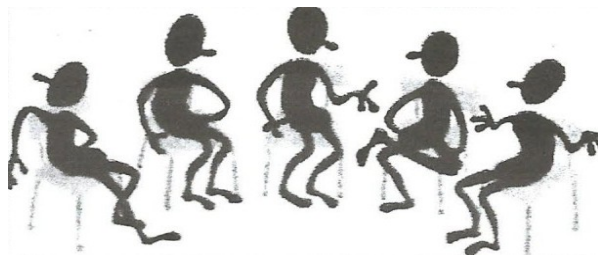
Worship Committee

Chair CC Jane Gray

Pastor Jacob

Members — Scarlet Robertson, Kathryn Griffin, Patrick McGroarty, Pat Allen. May Stewart

KEEPING PEACE WITH OTHERS



- **Don't try to change others. It is a mistake to try to fit another individual into a mold. Accept others for who they are.**
- **Don't publicly criticize others or correct them with words or facial expressions. It is a delusion to think that one can achieve anything by crushing another.**
- **Develop a good sense of humor. Don't be too serious about yourself. If you can look objectively at yourself and laugh when the joke is on you, you'll be able to get along with anyone.**
- **Don't keep harping on the small faults of others, particularly those in your own family. Most quarrels concern only trivial things, not of sufficient importance to disturb the peace.**
- **Be tolerant. Realize that the habits, customs, speech and outlook of others are different from your own.**
- **Realize that others are entitled to their viewpoint. We don't need to agree with them, but if we state our own views, we should do so politely.**
- **Watch your tone of voice. Your tone reveals your attitude, your respect for others. An aggressive tone belittles. A quiet tone invites further thoughts on the issue.**
- **Be an attentive listener. Show interest.**
- **Develop a habit of reading and studying. You'll be amazed how this will broaden your mind and make you more tolerant.**
- **See Christ in others and let others see Christ in you.**

**Respectfully submitted by
Deaconess Jane Grays**



ALTAR FLOWERS

- * February 5 —
- * February 12 —
- * February 19 —
- * February 26 — Olivia Heath

* The 2017 flower chart is posted in the Narthex
 * 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!



February Birthdays

1. Elmer Padgett
2. Emmanuel Forbete, Sarah Rodeffer, Charles Pavelka
3. Patrick Mellott
8. Gloria Slingerland
9. Georgia Reitzel
10. Juliette Jones
11. Amelia Risdon
13. Barbara Butcher, Dean Hoch, Emma McNealy
14. Emmet Croson
15. Therese Onukwubiri
16. Glenn Colburn, Julie Pavelka, Patrick Young
17. Sheun Bello
19. Josh Aplin
20. Patrick Elliott, Bob Rodeffer
21. Tobi Oluwafemi
22. Karen Mackey
24. Nancy Zerbe
26. Gary Heath, Rebecca Kirby

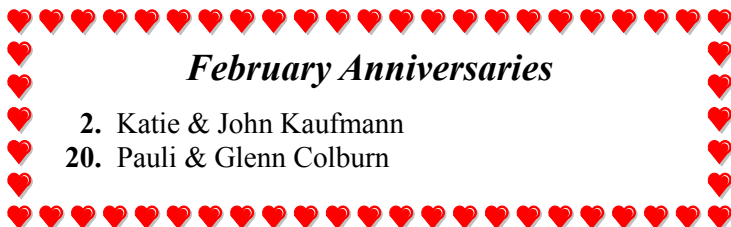
Make Emmanuel a welcoming congregation!

Be a greeter at the 9 AM or 11:15 AM service!

Persons also are needed to read the scriptures at some services in February.

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

Thank you for helping to share God's love and His Word with the people in His Church!



February Anniversaries

2. Katie & John Kaufmann
20. Pauli & Glenn Colburn



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

- Melissa Grocia
- Lori Midkiff
- Ron Midkiff
- Melissa Harris

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

To contact Lamplighter editor Bobbie Deegan, please email her at BobbieDeegan@aol.com or phone her at 301-937-7070.

IN MEMORIAM

Emmanuel's families have experienced a lot of loss recently. Christian love and sympathy to:

- The family of Ann Alushin, who passed away on New Year's Eve;
- Theresa Timity, whose mother, Helen M. O. Timity, went to the Lord on January 10th;
- The family of longtime member Lois Rodriguez, who went home to the Lord on January 17th;
- The family of Betty Osborn, who also passed away on January 17th;
- Gary Heath, whose aunt, Patricia Alcorn, died on January 19th;
- The family of Sam Shiplett, who went to his heavenly home on January 23rd;
- The Mellott family, who have had a series of losses, most recently Pat's uncle, A. Hart McKinley, Jr;
- Cale Fuller, on the loss of his aunt, Mary McCulloch.

May God's love and happy memories comfort everyone who is struggling with the loss of a loved one.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 7 pm Bible Study	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 5 pm NA
<i>5</i> 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 pm UMW Executive Meeting 12:45 Chancel Choir	<i>6</i> 7 pm Stewardship	<i>7</i> 7 pm ESOL	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 7 pm Bible Study	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 5 pm NA
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