The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

May 2012



Pastor Daniel Mejia

The season of Easter is upon us. In fact, it goes for 50 days starting on Easter Sunday and ending on Pentecost with the coming of the Spirit. With that in mind I would like to share with you a poem by 1920's English poet, Herbert E. Palmer, who wrote this interesting paraphrase of Psalm 23. Its description of the green meadows and the low winds made me think of the glorious change of our seasons from winter to spring. Its reading also made me think of the beginning of the Easter season by which we are reminded that God is with us even as we grope through the Vale of the Shadow of Death. And secondly, to continue with our British invasion theme, I'm sharing a prayer by the Scottish lay theologian William Barclay who captures very eloquently the reason and spirit of Easter. Enjoy it!

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want, I lie down in his meadows so green, I follow his lead where the low winds chant By the softly stealing stream; And I seek to obey whate'er he saith Because he is my Lord; Though I grope through the Vale of the Shadow of Death He draws near me, my friend and adored. For his rod and his staff are so comforting, Director, and comrade, and priest; When my foemen are boasting and trumpeting He leads me awhile to his Feast. O, surely his mercy and kindness Shall abide after seeing is dim! He is everlasting divineness, I will house me in Him

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Daniel Mejia

Herbert E. Palmer

O God, our Father, at Easter time we remember the great hope of eternal life which you have set before us, and we feel within our hearts the longings for goodness and for you. Grant that nothing may hinder the hope of eternal life from coming true, and the desire for goodness and for you from being realized. Grant, O God, that we may never lose the way through our self-will, and so end up in the far countries of the soul; That we may never abandon the struggle, but that we may endure to the end, and so be saved; That we may never drop out of the race, but that we may ever press forward to the goal of our high calling; That we may never choose the cheap and passing things, and let go the precious things that last for ever; That we may never take the easy way, and so leave the right way; That we may never forget that sweat is the price of all things, and that without the cross there cannot be the crown.

So keep us and strengthen us by your grace that no disobedience and no weakness and no failure may stop us from entering into the blessedness which awaits those who are faithful in all the changes and the chances of life down even to the gates of death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. William Barclay



Assistant Pastor Ben Sloan

Music is a fitting subject to conclude my series of articles on United Methodism and Worship. Historically, we have been a denomination with a strong connection to song.

John and Charles Wesley were both hymn writers. Charles Wesley wrote between 6500-9000 hymns. The Wesley's hymns were distinctive because they were more autobiographical and concerned with personal experience than the English hymns written prior (See "Jesus Lover of My Soul" or "O For a Heart to Praise My God"). Much of their hymn writing came out of an impulse to reach the poor and uneducated who would not have had exposure to books of theology.

As the Wesley's recognized, hymns and worship songs are one of the most powerful ways of teaching and learning about God. According to the National Training Laboratory Institute we only remember about 20% of what we hear spoken to us (like a sermon). On the other hand what we ourselves say or articulate (as in a song) we remember 70%. This is one of many reasons why it is important to sing along in wor-

ship. I can personally testify that in times of distress or struggle, hymns and other Christian songs I've memorized have been a huge comfort and source of strength.

Another blessing that comes from music is that it exposes us to a range of concerns and perspectives on God. On any given Sunday we might sing a spiritual, a folk hymn, or contemporary music. These different types of song are invitations to view God through different eyes. For example "Wade in the Water" (TFWS #2107) is explicitly about the Israelites crossing the Red Sea to escape from Pharaoh, but it gains deep significance when considered in light of the African American struggle for liberation. I do think highly of Pastor Daniel and our other guest preachers, but the people speaking from the pulpit at Emmanuel on any given Sunday represent one very small portion of the body of Christ. We all benefit from the expanded perspective of the song writers we hear from each Sunday.

The sermon I remember most from when I was young was one my mother gave about singing. I love music, but I haven't always been good at hitting the right notes or singing in time. Even though I experienced God strongly through the hymns, I was ashamed to sing.



In her sermon my mother reminded all of us in the congregation that singing is about making a joyful noise to God. This freed me to be less self-conscious in my singing, and to let singing be a form of public prayer. Music is a way of expressing emotions that often elude words alone. When we are able to freely express ourselves through music, it can be a powerful way of connecting to God.

John Wesley has provided us with several suggestions for singing together in worship. In the beginning of our hymnal Wesley gives us these convicting instructions, "Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan." Furthermore, everyone should sing seeking to unite their voices with each other by singing at a similar volume (unless others are singing as if they were half dead, or half asleep) and with the same timing. Most importantly Wesley reminds us to sing to God in all that we sing.



At Emmanuel we are blessed to have wonderful musical leadership for both our traditional and contemporary worship services. Every Sunday I am reminded of this, and I am grateful to worship in such a talented and committed community.

EMUW Epworth House Awards Luncheon

On March 31, 2012 seven ladies from EMUW attended the luncheon which was held at Good Hope UMC in Silver Spring. We recognized our current missioner-in residence Ms. Tabea Muenz. The United Methodist Women, Washington East and Greater Washington Districts from the Baltimore Washington Conference, presented \$5,000 to Wesley Theological seminary for a scholarship for an International Theology female student.



Tabea Muenz Biography

My name is Tabea Muenz and I am 26 years old. I grew up in a Methodist family in Germany as the oldest among seven children. Both my father and my grandfather are ordained and serve as pastors in the United Methodist Church

In 2009, I finished my Bachelor's in Theology at the only Methodist seminary for German speaking countries: The School of Theology in Reutlingen. Afterwards, I came to the U.S. for a semester abroad, not knowing that I would soon have the chance to work for a German-American church and

finish a Masters in Theological Studies at Wesley Theological Seminary.

This will be my last semester at Wesley, thanks to your help! It has been a very exciting time here at the United Church, Wesley and in the United States. I am still astonished by the things I was able to experience and learn, and especially grateful for the women of Epworth house and the wider UMW network that have always supported me with great hospitality and love.

Being so far away from home and exposed to another culture has given me a broader perspective on life, faith and the church. Leaving all well-known relationships, lifestyles and structures has challenged me to find out who I really am and what I have been called for as a servant of Christ.

I am excited that I have the opportunity to serve United Church for another year until 2013. In the future, I would love to work with people from different backgrounds and cultures within the worldwide Methodist church. My passion for dancing, children, and young adults will hopefully find use in my future ministry here or abroad.



Please join us on Saturday June 9, 2012 to greet Tabea ... she will be our guest speaker at Emmanuel United Methodist Women's General Meeting. We will have a pot luck luncheon at noon followed by her presentation. Everyone is welcome!

Seder Tasting

Thank you to all who contributed to and partook of our Seder Tasting on Maundy Thursday, and especially to Becky and Olivia who stayed to help clean up. It was a great success due to everyone's help. God Bless You,

Kathy Mellott





A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who prayed, sent cards, and visited during my time of surgery and my re-

covery. The surgery went well and my recovery is progressing each day.

George Kilbourne

CONGRATULATIONS TO Doug

and Jenny Kresge on the birth of their son, Ian Douglas, on March 10^{th} . He was 8lbs and 19 ½ inches long.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Aimee and Larry Summers on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Victoria Summers, on March 17, weighing 5 lbs 14 oz; she is the granddaughter of Scarlet and Bill Robertson.





MIRACLE ON CEDAR LANE

By Charles Deegan, Finance Chairman Believer in Miracles and God's great works

By now, you may have heard that Emmanuel has purchased the house directly behind the church, at 11421 Emack Road, to be our new parsonage. I am not one given to hyperbole, but I truly believe that our congregation purchasing that house is a miracle!

Given the age and cost of maintaining our current parsonage, it has been clear for some time that we needed to explore alternatives. I had looked at the Emack Road house years ago when I was on the trustees. But the housing market was "hot" back then. Before we could schedule a charge conference and possibly make an offer, the home was sold. When the house was sold again in 2007, it was way out of our price range, selling for \$605,000.

I've realized now that, all those years ago, God wasn't saying "no" to Emmanuel getting the house on Emack; he was saying, "Not yet." We needed to wait until 2012, when the owners of the Emack house negotiated a short sale with their bank and the initial sales contract fell through. That resulted in Roberta Yaklich, the real estate agent who had shown me the house years ago, letting me know it was back on the market as a short sale.

What's so miraculous about us getting the house, you ask?

- The Baltimore Washington Conference fast-tracked a special Charge Conference to obtain the Council's consent. So our contract for the house was the first submitted
- The bank approved our contract for a short sale in record time (for them). So when they later received a contract for a higher amount, they had to hold it as a "back-up" contract in case our financing fell through.
- We were able to obtain a mortgage through Prince George's Federal Credit Union at a time when banks are refusing to loan money to churches.
- We found a renter for the current parsonage whose payment will cover our mortgage payment.
 Now we can wait to sell the house until the real estate market is stronger.
- We were blessed to have Nancy McNealy handling the settlement for us! The bank's real estate agent tried her best to void our contract so she could take the back-up contract instead. The credit union's underwriter wasn't experienced in processing a commercial loan for a church, and threw up all kinds of roadblocks. But Nancy was tenacious, and the settlement went off as planned.

I see God's hand at work in bringing all these variables to a fa-

vorable conclusion. Now it is time for us to do our part! The mortgage covered 75% of the purchase price. Emmanuel's savings covered the rest, including an additional \$7500 in expenses unexpectedly incurred when Bank of America's realtor reneged on an agreement to reduce our purchase price by that amount instead of paying part of the closing costs. We prevailed and got our parsonage, but our finances took a hit in the short term. When we sell the current parsonage, hopefully next year, we will be able to pay off the mortgage and restore our savings, but money will be tight until then. The Council will keep an eye on both our budget and our expenditures, and I know all of you will do your best to honor your pledges so we can continue to pay the staff and keep the lights on!

Emmanuel's realtor, Roberta Yaklich, and her husband Jim generously donated \$1000 of her commission back to the church to help defray the costs of sprucing up the new parsonage for our pastor and his family. We've used that money to purchase paint and hire someone to paint the main floor of the house. By the time you read this, the painting should be done. The next step will be to tear out the carpeting, wash the windows, and generally get the new parsonage clean and ready for Rev. Mejia and his parents to move in. Please volunteer to help with some of these tasks! Many hands make light work.

I want to close by thanking all of those who worked so tirelessly to bring this purchase about – Trustees John Stewart and Barbara Butcher, Treasurer Beverly Ward, Church Council chairperson Ann Rowland,

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"Closer Extraordinaire" Nancy McNealy, Diane Brown at PGFCU and realtor Roberta Yaklich. You did a great job!

UPDATE:

That Emmanuel got a great value for our money was recently confirmed when our insurance company appraised the replacement value of the house on Emack Road at \$443,000. And their assessment doesn't include the value of the land.

Preparing the new pastorage is well underway. The locks have been changed. The ceiling and walls of the living room and 1st floor bedrooms have been painted with two coats of primer and flat white; the kitchen area has been painted with two coats of primer and semi-gloss shell white; the laundry room walls have been painted with dry-lock and two coats of flat white paint, the laundry room floor has been painted with two coats of gray paint, and the downstairs railing has been painted with black enamel. The bedroom walls have been painted with colors selected by Rev. Mejia. The old, heavily stained carpet has been removed. The basement carpet was a particular challenge, because it had been glued to the cement floor, but it too has been removed. The hardwood floors on the main level have been cleaned. The electrical outlets have been replaced with GFI outlets in the bathrooms and kitchen. Smoke detectors have been installed. A new washer and dryer have been generously donated by the Fredericks and will be installed soon. The mound of dirt abandoned in the yard has been removed. All should be ready by the time the Mejias move in on April 21.

Vacation Bible School

Are you ready for an exciting summer? This year the Vacation Bible School is preparing an exciting study called, "NO FRIEND LIKE JESUS!" We invite you to come and explore how we can be friends with Jesus. This interactive Bible study will explore how we can be God's friend and share the good news of Jesus Christ in the age of Facebook and Twitter.

The focus scripture for VBS this year is from 2 Corinthians 5:20: "Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you." (The Message) God has already decided to be our friend; we only have to open ourselves to receiving that friendship.

Vacation Bible School offers an exciting experience for all ages, from curious children to knowledgeable adults. Come and be part of the experience and learn more what it means to be a friend of God.

VBS this year will be held July 9th through July 13th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. with dinner included. Be sure to fill out your registration sheet that will be available beginning May 6th.

Your friend and Jesus' friend, Sarah Elliott

Whoever you are, there is some younger person who thinks you are perfect. There is some work that will never be done if you don't do it. There is someone who would miss you if you were gone. There is a place that you alone can fit. **Jacob M. Braude**

AND NOW A WORD FROM THE FINANCE **COMMITTEE**

(or at least its chairman, Charlie Deegan)

As you know, obtaining a new parsonage while much needed, was not included in our 2012 budget. Because of the past faithfulness of the congregation, we had financial resources we could use in an emergency to make it happen. But now we are facing a "cash flow" problem in the short term. The amount of tithes and offerings Emmanuel collects each month 'ebbs and flows,' depending on such factors as the number of Sundays in a month, vacation schedules, illness and weather. At the same time, we have fixed costs that must be met on a regular basis, such as biweekly staff salaries and monthly utility bills for the parsonage and church. Some months we take in more than we spend; other months, expenses exceed income. Normally, we have monies available to tide us over from one month to the next when necessary. However, buying the new parsonage has severely depleted our financial reserves. Weekly collections traditionally are lower during the summer, while expenses increase due to Vacation Bible School and other summer programs. There is some concern that we will be unable to cover all of our expenses in the immediate future.

The Finance Committee is not asking our fellow congregants to 'give more' to rebuild our reserves (although any increase would be gratefully accepted)! We know you gave prayerful consideration to determining the amount you pledged for 2012, and we respect your decision. However, it would be greatly

appreciated if those congregants who are able to do so would pay a larger proportion of your pledge in the next few months and a smaller proportion of it in the later months of the year. It also would be a great help if congregants continued to pay their tithes and offerings on those Sundays when they are away, especially over the summer. You can mail your check to the office or place it in the offering plate before vou leave.

I continue to believe that the opportunity to purchase the house on Emack Road was a blessing from God to the people of Emmanuel. However, it came at a price, not just literally but spiritually. We could cut Emmanuel's overhead costs to the bone, eliminate programs and "coast" until the real estate market strengthens and we are able to sell the old parsonage for a good price. But Emmanuel isn't a small business just trying to survive until the good times return. We are Christ's church sharing the Good News, living his commission to "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere." (Mark 16:15)

Eliminating programs and "hunkering down for the duration" isn't an acceptable option. Instead, we take heart from Paul, who said, "We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us – they help us learn to endure. And endurance develops strength of character in us. and character strengthens our confident expectation of salvation." (Romans 5:3-4)

The blessing of the new parsonage has brought with it a renewed responsibility to be good stewards so we will have the resources

needed to do God's work.

I know that together, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will rise to the challenge.

Community Place Café

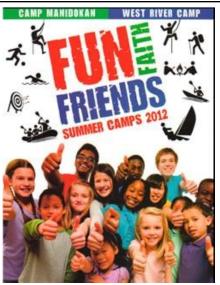
Summer is on the way. That means school will be out soon and students will have an opportunity to earn community service hours by volunteering at various sites throughout the area. It would be a blessing to the people at Community Place Café if you would choose to spend some of your volunteer hours there.

Help is needed in preparing the food on the third Thursday of the month and serving on the third Friday. The summer dates are: July 19th and 20th and August 16th and 17th. Those of us who serve at Community Place Café find it a very rewarding experience. Most of the people we serve are not homeless; they have a place to stay, but in these economically challenging times have difficulty putting food on the table every day. Having a place to go for a free lunch several days a week helps them tremendously. If you (not just students) would like to participate in this ministry just once, occasionally, or on a regular basis please contact Ann Rowland at 301-572-5250 or anna.rowland@comcast.net.



Summer Camp

Thanks to the overwhelming response from the congregation, the campership fund is able to help several Emmanuel kids go to summer camp at Baltimore-Washington Conference camp. There are two kids already signed up and there is room for more. If your child is going into 2nd grade through 12th grade, there is a camp for him/her. Check the brochure on the Family Life board in the Narthex, sign-up for a camp and fill in a campership form. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Kathy Mellott at 301-937-7538 or e-mail kpmellott@verizon.net

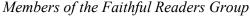


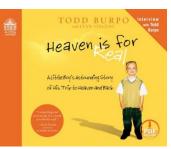
Faithful Reader's Group

The Faithful Readers group met this month and had a very active discussion of Dorothy Hamill's book, *The Skating Life*. Overall, we gave the book a 3/5 and agreed that Dorothy's life was not at all that the public saw. It is good to hope that she is still overcoming her depression and living a happier life with her family in Baltimore. Julie made the date coffee cake from a recipe in the book, juice from Elsie and Jennie and Alice brought Chocolate Chip cookies, chips and dip, as these were favorites of the skaters in Lake Placid.

Our next pick is *Heaven Is For Real* by Todd Burpo and Lynn Vincent. It is available in our library system. We will meet Saturday, June 9th, 2012 in the education building from 10 to 11 a.m. If you are looking for a good short read before the summer, this book is it! Contact for Carol Clatterbuck or Bryant Davis for questions, or see our website.







United Methodist Women Mother Daughter Communion Breakfast May 5 at 9 a.m.

The theme this year is "wedding receptions." Bring your bride or bridesmaid gown to display in the narthex. Break out the wedding photos to display. Be here at 9 a.m. to have a great day. \$6 for adults over 10. 3-10 costs \$3. It's free if you're under 3. Prepaid reservations only. The UMM will be serving breakfast casseroles, fruit salad and breads. Reserve and pay before April 30. Call me, Debbie McNitt, at 301-937-4291. SIS is collecting toiletries to give to the Crescent City Center Nursing Home. Please help up by placing your donations in the box in the narthex. We will drop them off before Mother's Day. Thank you for your help.

Debbie McNitt, Social Action.

Important Information

- Church Office hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday thru Friday
- The office e-mail address is office@emmanuelumc.net
- The Church Web-page address is www.emmanuelumcbeltsville.net/
- Deadline for the Lamplighter is always the 15th of the month, unless otherwise noted in advance.
- Announcements for the Sunday bulletin are due to the office by 10 a.m. Thursday morning.

Beltsville Day is May 20th

"Celebrate Community" is the theme of 2012 Beltsville Day and Emmanuel UMC has a lot to celebrate in the community. We will be having our annual Fish Fry for Family Life activities and there will be an information table for all our wonderful ministries. We can use your help. There is a sign-up sheet on the red bulletin board in the Narthex. If you can help set up, clean up, serve food, cook food, collect money or give out information, please sign up for a time on Sunday, May 20th from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

A copy of the sign-up sheet is included here for your convenience.

Beltsville Day—Sunday, May 20, 2012 10 a.m.	
Meet at church and set up at Rec. Center	
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Fish Fry
Help with food	MENU
Serve Food	IVIENU
Collect Money	Waffle Fries \$7
	Fish Sandwich only \$5
2 to 3:30 p.m.	Waffle Fries only \$2
Help with food	DRINKS: SODA OR WATER \$1
Serve Food	. !
Collect Money	EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
	11416 CEDAR LANE, BELTSVILLE, MD 301-937-7114
3:30 to 5 p.m.	Man w
Clean Up	
Serve Food	
Collect Money	

The Food Distribution Ministry Turns 1 This Month! By Rick Bergmann

This month, The Emmanuel Food Bank turns one year old. This has been an exciting and fulfilling year for all of the members involved. In honor of this anniversary, we are printing two testimonials from our volunteers.

JULIE PAVELKA

This past year the Holy Spirit took hold of the Food Distribution ministry in a big way! Since it began in May of 2011, many people have volunteered their time to start up a monthly distribution to approximately 40 families, which soon blossomed into serving over 120 families per month! Not only have we been helping those in need of food, but our congregation and community have been generous in their time, money and donations to help fill our boxes, find freezers, refrigerators and shelving to hold all this food. We expanded from food into giving out clothing, baby items and health/ beauty items too. Each area has a separate room where people can get what they need to supplement their family's needs.

With the help of an Eagle scout and other scouts, a clothing shed was built on the grounds by the parking lot. We built three garden carts to move food boxes and household items. Most recently, a demonstration nutrition cart with food and recipes has been set up so that, while

Food Bank Wish List

Socks, underwear, t-shirts for men women and children and diapers, wipes and formula. people are waiting, they can taste test and learn how to make nutritious and tasty foods. Hopefully this added educational component will enhance the whole experience of our ministry so that when people come for assistance, our church makes them feel welcome, so they can go home renewed with food, clothing, and knowledge that their life can continue through tough economic times. In addition, we are now partnered with Behnke's who has donated four raised garden beds for us to grow our own veggies. Again, dedicated workers have already done the first planting, and more will be needed for the second planting as well as helping to weed these large raised beds during the year, but it will be well worth it when harvest time comes. Hopefully, as this community garden becomes better known, it too will become self sustaining for all who need it. A big thank you to all who have provided and participated to make this project go and grow! Next year will be even bigger and better as Emmanuel becomes known for this outreach program in Beltsville.

MARY ANN VAUGHN

This year has passed so quickly. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful program that serves the community as a whole. I started helping in May, and was a bit concerned I would be welcomed. I was received with open arms, and have come to know more people within the church better. I have also met so many kind people that we assist. We have gained some volunteers that had been recipients of our assistance or others who read of the program and decided to help. This is a wonderful outreach that we have. We work hard each month, but we do this, not for recognition, but for service to our Lord and Savior.

The individuals serving are not like the Sadducees and Pharisees, but we do it in a quiet way, and are rewarded by the smiles and appreciation of those we serve. We are continuing to contact local businesses to establish more sponsors of our program. We are fortunate to have Tischer, Panera Bread. Spicknall's, and Behnke's. We welcome any volunteers to come help us on the fourth weekend of each month.





May Birthdays

- 1 Joelle Onukwubiri
- 2 Walter Ademiluyi
- 3 Ada McGlynn
- 4 Buck Aplin
- 5 Pam Midkiff,
- 6 Joel Tyler
- 8 Emmy Lear
- 10 Benjamin Cunningham, Sam Shiplett
- 12 Megan McNitt
- 13 Nancy Thrush, Jason Kresge
- 14 Diane Embrey
- 16 Roy Wells
- 17 Scarlet Robertson, Doris Shirey
- 18 Maxine Norris
- 19 Kevin Kresge
- 20 JoAnne Blakley
- 22 Nancy McNealy, Roy White
- 23 Karl Norris
- 28 Sylvie Jones, Elizabeth Oldenburg, Chester Warner
- 29 Nemahun Jones, Preston Gregory, Sr.
- 30 Jillian Smith

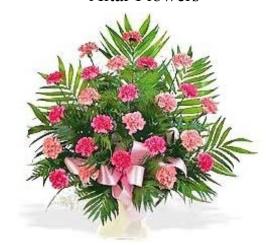




May Anniversaries

- 4 Lynne & Robert Miller
- 6 Karen & James Mackey
- 10 Scarlet & Bill Robertson
- 15 Nancy & Michael McNealy
- 22 Sam & Nancy Shiplett

Altar Flowers



May 6 Charline Frederick

May 13 Fanning

May 20 Gilbert

May 27 Mellott

June 3 Heath

June 10 Wells

June 17 Doris Wray

June 24 Charline Frederick

MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6 p.m. Maranatha Choir 7 p.m. Church Council	3 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	4	5 9 a.m. UMW Mother- Daughter Communion Breakfast
6 9 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 12:30 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting	7	8 10 a.m. Prayer Fellowship	9 6 p.m. Maranatha Choir 7 p.m. Worship Committee	10 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	11	12 10 a.m. Men's Breakfast
13 9 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School	14 12:30 p.m. Women's Community Club of Beltsville 7 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Group 7:30 p.m. Trustees	15	16 10 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle Noon Dorcas Circle 6 p.m. Maranatha Choir 7 p.m. Sisters in Spirit	17 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	18 11 a.m. Community Place Café	19
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