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The Lamplighter

The Newsletter of Emmanuel United Methodist Church

We are grateful that you have
given us a land to live in.
Bless this land with the labor of
all its people.

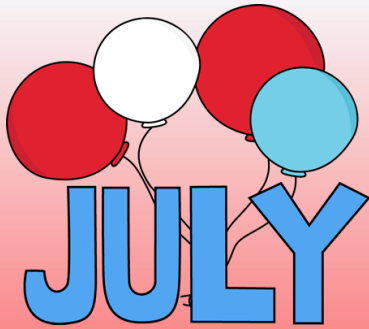
Give us the love of learning
and wisdom to know how to live
well.

In a world often divided by hate,
fill us with love and compassion
for all of our neighbors.

Amen.

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Got
News?

Do you have something for our newsletter? Send items to the editor, Rick Bergmann at lamplighter@eumcbeltsville.com



From the
Pastor's
Desk...

In September, we will be celebrating another church anniversary. Although we were not able to fully celebrate last year's 185th Anniversary as we would have liked (due to Covid-19 conditions), we look forward to a more expansive celebration this year.

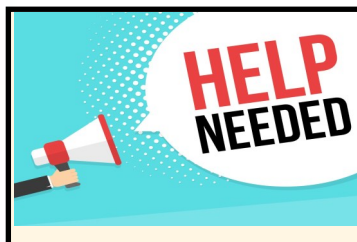
As we have been collecting photos for different events such as mother's day, father's day, and graduations, I would request that each of us consider other significant moments throughout the year that we would like to memorialize so that they can be compiled into an "anniversary pictorial," which can be put into a booklet.

We especially want to collect the photos of those who have passed away in this past year so that we cannot only memorialize them in the anniversary booklet, but also we will pay tribute to them later for All Saints Sunday.

Additionally, we will be investigating the possibility of having a professional photographer take pictures to create a "photo directory" segment of the program booklet. Another feature of the booklet could include any special stories or recipes church members would like to share.

Please gather your thoughts, review your photos, and sort through your keepsakes that you would like to share so that we can them ready to submit by August 1, 2022.

185 Years!



We are in search of a treasurer for the church. Anyone interested in being nominated for Church Treasurer should submit their name to pastorking@eumcbeltsville.com no later than July 12, 2022.

Gary and Olivia Heath Celebrate their 50th Anniversary



On June 3, Gary and Olivia Heath celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Being low-key due to the pandemic, the 2 spent the day touring Ocean City and the Eastern shore, which is where they first met. Gary was hitchhiking and Olivia picked him up and the rest is history. They stopped at the Atlantic United Methodist Church where they met. They posed in front of their beautiful stained glass window for a picture. Following the visit, they strolled up the boardwalk where they met a couple with their daughter and college age granddaughter. Gary and Olivia's 50th anniversary and the couples 60th shared the same date!

Gary described the day in a post on Facebook saying "we did as much as we could Thursday, reminiscing our way through the day. Thrashers fries, lemonade, artist on the boardwalk, and Church. That's a long story, not normally a beach story."

As the day wore on we were only going to "do the day" but we did bring a change of clothes in case a stay over happened. Every moment of the day was on the spur.

As we headed back home up Rt 50, a large rain storm loomed ahead of us. We came up with another idea of going to St Michael's for dinner as the storm blocked our way home. I stopped for gas and asked the attendant for recommendations of a restaurant in the area for seafood. A customer gave me a suggestion of a restaurant. So we tried to find it in a down-pour.

Eventually the rain let up, and we were able to find the restaurant, and we had a very good meal. As we headed out of the restaurant a full rainbow appeared from side to side of the road, it was the icing on the cake for a totally unplanned anniversary day.



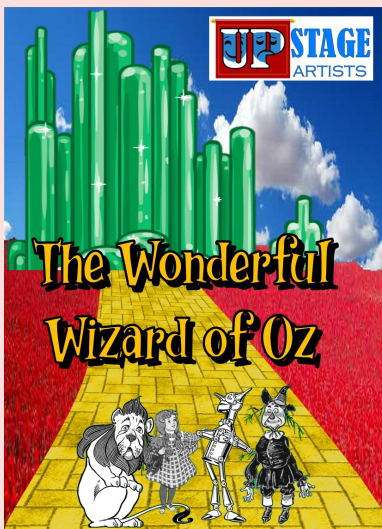
The Wizard of Oz is coming to Emmanuel!

UpStage Artists is preparing for its next show, The Wizard of Oz! This is a show performed almost entirely by children from the community including some faces from Emmanuel! Howie Watson will be playing the Scarecrow, Binta Kassambara and Levi Martin will be playing several roles such as munchkins, poppies, trees, and more, and Balkissa Kassambara will be doing some original dancing for the show!

The production is based on the original novel so it will have some major differences from the movie that we all know. It should be a fun and silly show. The Wizard of Oz is about a young girl named Dorothy. Dorothy thinks she's lost forever when a tornado whirls her and her dog, Toto, into a magical world. To get home, she must find the wonderful wizard in the Emerald City of Oz. On the way she meets the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman and the Cowardly Lion. But the Wicked Witch of the West has her own plans for the new arrival – will Dorothy ever see Kansas again?

The show will run for 6 performances over 2 weekends. July 22, 23, 29, and 30 at 7 pm and July 24 and 31 at 2 pm. All tickets are \$10 and space is limited. You can purchase your tickets online at www.upstageartists.com/tickets

The board of UpStage Artists would like to thank Emmanuel for all the support you have given them!



Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 1033

By Ann Rowland and Jennifer Kresge



Taraksh O., Kevin Kresge and Antoine P. measuring and cutting rope to hang sign.

Emmanuel has sponsored Boy Scout Troop 1033 since its inception in 1959. We (EUMC) are officially known as a Charter Organization for Troop 1033. Meetings led by Scoutmaster Kevin d'Eustachio and Assistant Scoutmaster Eric Saathoff are held at Emmanuel every Thursday evening. Jennifer Kresge, a member of EUMC and the church's Liaison, is the Charter Organization Representative for the BSA.

The troop engages in a number of fun and educational activities for boys aged 11 to 18 years and always welcomes new members. The scouts of Troop 1033 are actively working on earning Merit Badges, which teach them about a variety of life skills and hobbies, as well as fulfilling requirements that allow them to advance through the ranks of scouting. There are currently eight active members in the troop; two that are pursuing the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank a scout can achieve. Emmanuel proudly boasts that Troop 1033 has produced more than 100 Eagle

Scouts over the years.

In order to earn the rank of Eagle, a scout needs to have risen through six previous ranks, as well as earned a total of at least 21 merit badges and plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school or community. Edward Sun and Chad Bo, Eagle Scout candidates, have both chosen Service Projects to benefit Emmanuel.

Edward, who completed the work of his Sign Project, awaits his "Court of Honor Ceremony" pending Official Scout Organizational approval. You may read about Edward in a separate article in this issue of the Lamplighter. Chad has chosen to Refurbish the Scripture Garden as his Service Project. Chad's project will be featured In the August Lamplighter.



Chad Bo and Kevin d'Eustachio (Scoutmaster) measuring for placement of office sign.



(Left to right) Eric Saathoff (Assistant Scoutmaster), Jason Kresge, Chad Bo, Antoine P., Kevin d'Eustachio (Scoutmaster), Taraksh O., Ann Rowland, Kevin Kresge, Ed Sun.



Taraksh O. and Jason Kresge attaching ropes to hang sign

Gnome Spotting

By Pastor King



Have you ever seen a garden gnome -- you know, those cute "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" knockoffs that you see in people's yards from time to time? If not, what about the traveling gnome that pops up in ads for Travelocity?

Whether you have seen a gnome or not, just know they are typically very small, like elves and the aforementioned dwarfs. So imagine what a surprise it was to discover that someone with seeming elfin magic had removed the weeds and volunteer trees from the amongst the shrubs and the flowers surrounding the church!

As it turns out, Karen Mackey had singlehandedly coordinated and executed this beautification effort! No one asked her to do it, but she saw that something needed to be done and did it! Kudos to Karen for how she has brought a little beauty to the church grounds and to all of us!

Liberia Education Update

April/May 2022



Cows walking through the unfenced campus of Zwedru UMS. April 22, 2022



I took this photo from the airplane, flying from Zwedru to Greenville on April 28, 2022.



Elementary and junior high school students in gold shirts and senior high school students in white shirts lined up for morning devotion at Zwedru UMS. April 28, 2022



Rev. Sam Kanwea teaching the students that the flame represents the Holy Spirit in the flame and cross symbol of the United Methodist Church. April 26, 2022

In my March update, I wrote that I was teaching high school Biology (and Chemistry to only tenth grade) at the Harrison Grigsby United Methodist School (UMS) in Greenville, Sinoe County until the beginning of April. Well, I'm still teaching and will continue until the end of the school year in August. This is giving me a chance to use what I learned in my graduate studies course on teaching students for whom English is a second language. I'm experiencing the difference between Liberian English and Standard English in a much more thoughtful way than ever before, and I'm asking God for patience while thanking God for this opportunity to share the love of Christ with the students. My class schedule has limited travel to other schools, but in April, I flew to Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County to spend a week with the Zwedru UMS to meet with the 22 scholarship students, discuss the fence project, and observe classroom teaching. Today is Pentecost Sunday. When I was in Zwedru, the principal, Rev. Sam Kanwea, was teaching his ninth grade Bible class about the Holy Spirit.



Students in the 11th grade classroom at Harrison Grigsby UMS. April 4, 2022



Coconuts offloaded from a canoe on Greenville's shore. May 28, 2022



Nana Kru District Superintendent, Rev. Brownell Konton, waiting for this canoe to carry us from Greenville to King William's Town in Nana Kru District. May 28, 2022



Nana Kru District teachers sit to meet with Rev. Konton after the workshop. May 30, 2022



I went in this small canoe to a larger canoe that was waiting further out in the water for the trip from King William's Town to Greenville. May 31, 2022

I also made a trip in May by canoe to King William's Town in Sinoe County. The Nana Kru District Superintendent, Rev. Brownell Konton, invited me to have a workshop with teachers from churches in the Nana Kru District. The District Mother's Day program was on Sunday, May 29th, so members of all the churches in the Nana Kru District gathered at the Mary Allen United Methodist Church in King William's Town for the program and I was surprised by being honored as "Dedicated Mother of the Year".

Thirteen teachers from 4 churches stayed for the workshop on Monday, May 30th. The day went quickly with discussion, individual work, small group work, and group presentations on lesson planning. There were lots of questions and I promised the teachers that I will meet with them at their schools to continue our discussion and begin a new topic in teaching. After the workshop, the teachers and I met with Rev. Konton on how to work together to move the Nana Kru District forward in education. We need school buildings, but we also need trained teachers. We talked about having teachers leave their towns to go to United Methodist University on scholarship and return to Nana Kru District to teach. This school year there are no education students from Nana Kru District in our scholarship program. We hope there will be in the new school year.

It is rainy season and I'm avoiding travel on muddy roads. We were blessed with beautiful, sunny skies and calm winds for all my travels.

Thank you for supporting education in Liberia with your prayers, consultation, and financial gifts.

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Cooking with Pastor King: Easy Fruity Bars

Read and reflect on before deciding how to proceed.



Ingredients for Glaze

1 cup confectioners' sugar
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon almond extract (optional)
2 to 3 tablespoons milk (alternatives: non-dairy creamer or water)

Preparation

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Grease a 15 x 10 x 1-inch pan (alternately use two 8x8 pans) lightly with butter (shortening or margarine).

Place butter, sugar and salt in a large mixing bowl with electric mixer and beat until smooth.

Add the eggs one at a time (if using egg substitute, add 1/4 cup at a time) then Add the extracts.

On low speed, gradually add flour, and beat until well blended.

Spread 3 cups of the batter into the pan. (IF USING TWO 8X8 PANS, SPREAD 1-1/2 CUPS IN EACH PAN)

Spread the fruit pie filling NOTE: At this point you can choose to use the same pie filling in both pans, or switch it up to have two different flavors! Of course you could simply cut the recipe in half to make one 8x8 pan.

Drop remaining batter by teaspoonfuls over filling.

Place in preheated oven to bake for 30-35 min until golden brown.

Remove from oven, let cool completely before applying the glaze.

Glaze:

In a small bowl, combine icing sugar, extracts and enough milk (or alternate liquid) to reach desired consistency.

Add milk (or liquid) only one tablespoon at a time.

When you have the desired consistency, spread on top. Cut into squares and serve.

Makes about 5 dozen fruity bars

Ingredients for Bars:

1 cup butter (or butter substitute) room temp.

2 cups granulated sugar

1 teaspoon salt

4 eggs (or 1 cup egg substitute)

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/4 teaspoon almond extract (optional)*

3 cups flour (all purpose or gluten free)

2 cans (or 2-1/2 cups) of FRUIT pie filling.

NOTE: In addition to the vanilla extract, consider extracts that will enhance the flavor of the fruit filling. Almond for cherries, lemon for apples, rum or brandy for peaches, orange or lemon for blue berries, etc.

WORSHIP WITH US!!!!

Hybrid Worship at Emmanuel!

Join us on Sunday mornings in hybrid worship in person or through Zoom.

Worship begins at 10 am. Sign Language interpretation and closed captioning is available for online closed captioning is available in-person on our screens.

Use this link if you wish to attend virtually: [https://zoom.us/j/97839889289?](https://zoom.us/j/97839889289?pwd=YzUxZjJKTzUybTJnZEt4UC9qTkI4QT09)

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or go to zoom.us and click join a meeting.

The meeting number is 978 3988 9289. The Password is EUMC

You can call in on any telephone (cell or landline) at 1-301-715-8592 If you're calling on the telephone the information is Meeting ID: 978 3988 9289 Passcode: 479360

May 4, 2022



“Give Ye Them To Eat”
Mark 6:37

Dear Friends of GYTTE:

We pray to God that you are doing well and that your lives are becoming more “normal” with much less Covid, more life and mission activities to bring abundant life to all people. In our last letter we shared about our first AWARE team since Covid and are happy to report we will have three more teams this year.

We want to share with you about the More Than A Bandage Health Training we carried out for a week at the Tree of Life Center.

25 women from 3 states, 2 of them Indigenous women participated in the first of three courses in order to become health promoters. All 25 passed exams and graduated from the first course.



2 women graduated as health promoters because they had completed the second and third week-long courses previously, one of them was from the Nahuas people and will be a wonderful support to her church and community.

The women studied 22 different health topics and will be able to teach these in their churches and communities. As practice, in the village of El Limon, at a 2-room school that teaches first through sixth grades, they taught



dental hygiene and applied fluoride.





They learned a lot about nutrition and how to plan balanced meals with much less sugar, fried foods and meat; more vegetables, legumes, nuts, seeds and fruit.

They spent a day working on both a dry composting toilet and a wood-saving stove. The

women learned a lot and enjoyed the work. These projects benefitted two local widows.



They had various sessions on both self-esteem and gender formation, taught with a participative pedagogy that draws on their knowledge and experiences. The last day, as part of showing how their self-esteem was

already improving, each woman gave a 4 minute presentation on one of the 22 themes.

They also learned how to use a thermometer, and received that and other items to begin their work as health promoters.

It is wonderful to be able to share so much good news!

In Christ,

Nan, Miguel, Clara, Cata and the rest of the GYTTE team



How to make a donation

Make your check payable to Advance GCFA and write GYTTE #07629A on the memo-line of the check.

Send to: Advance GCFA
P.O. Box 9068
New York, NY 10087-9068

To donate online through the Advance, go to:
<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-169-give-ve-them-to-eat.aspx>

Or, make your check payable to New Bloomfield UMC and write GYTTE, Year, Church Name on the memo line. Please send GYTTE an email stating you have sent a donation: gyttenham@aol.com

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Eagle Scout Candidate, Edward Sun

By Ann Rowland



Ed Sun preparing to hang office sign.

Meet Edward Sun, 18-year-old Life Scout and Eagle Scout Candidate of Boy Scout Troop 1033. Edward was introduced to scouting seven years ago when he tagged along to meetings with his older brother. Throughout those years he earned the required merit badges and navigated through the ranks that qualified him to pursue the rank of Eagle Scout.

Edward grew up in Beltsville, attended Greenbelt Middle School and recently graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. This fall he will be heading off to the Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service majoring in International Politics. As an active debater since Middle School and having qualified for Nationals, Edward plans to join Georgetown's Policy Debate Team hoping to qualify again. Edward has held many leadership positions in his school. He held officer positions in his school's chapters of the National Honor Society and the National English Honor Society. He held the office of President and

Team Captain for his school's Debate Team and started his school's first Civics Society.

In addition to his impressive scholastic achievements, Edward has found time to do extensive work with the Maryland Legislature, volunteering and interning with Delegate Josephine Pena-Melnyk for two years and also serving as a state page for the 2022 session of the Maryland General Assembly.

In his free time Edward likes to listen to music, play video games, create mixed media art, go hiking and long-boarding and spend time playing with his five-year-old Great Pyrenees. Somewhere along the way between his studies, civic involvement and leisure activities, Edward taught himself to type at an impressive 150 words per minute.

Edward credits his mother as one of his greatest role models. That is because, he stated that "since she immigrated to America over 20 years ago with no knowledge of English or the culture, and since then, she has been able to provide me with so much support and opportunity." Edward has great aspirations. He said "as for the future, I either plan on going to law school or pursuing a career in policy analysis/the foreign service after graduation. Eventually, I hope to work either for the government or an impactful NGO, helping to create change/good policy."

In exploring opportunities for his Eagle Service Project, Edward chose to hand design and install signs in Emmanuel's Narthex to make the environment more welcoming to newcomers, members of the community and visitors who are unfamiliar with the church.

Satisfactory completion of The Eagle Service Project is the final requirement to earn the rank of Eagle Scout where the Scout must plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school or community. This project, as noted in the photos, engaged other scouts in varying stages of the process. This afforded Edward the opportunity to hone his leadership skills, an important component of the project. We are grateful to Edward for choosing Emmanuel as the beneficiary of his Eagle Scout Service Project. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

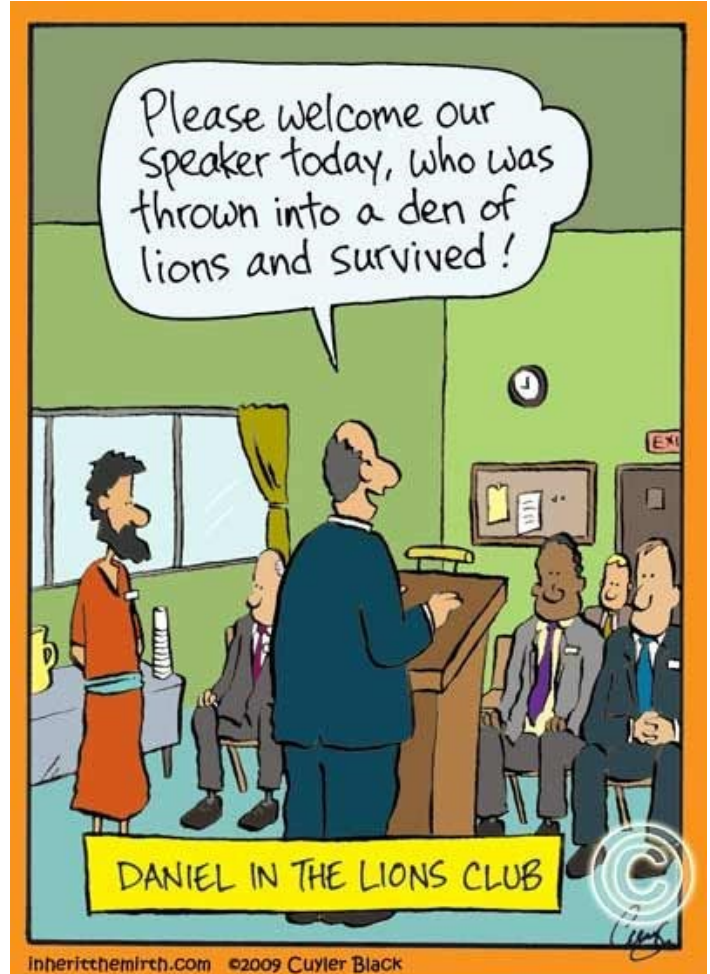
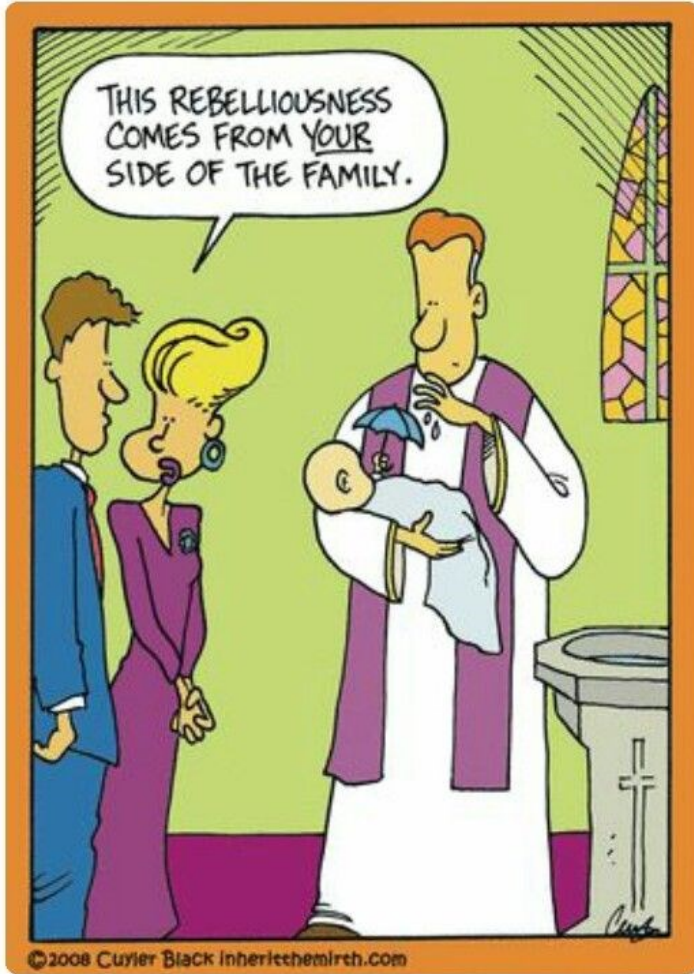
FOR I KNOW THE PLANS
I HAVE FOR YOU,
DECLARES THE LORD,
PLANS FOR WELFARE
AND NOT FOR EVIL,
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE
AND A HOPE.

jeremiah 29:11





Church Chuckles



How Can I Give?

Online: You can now give online through Emmanuel's website at www.eumcbeltsville.com/giving or scan the QR Code below. This is a great way to keep up with your giving if you are out of town, are sick or if you can't come to church.

Through the Mail: You can mail your offering to the church. The address is 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.



Happy July Birthdays!

- 2. Whitney Ademiluyi, Abraham Scotland
- 5. Frances Cruz
- 7. Wanda Scotland and Pastor Andrea King
- 9. Teressa Dorsey
- 10. Andrew Onukwubiri
- 11. Gail Belshay
- 28. Temitope Oluwafemi
- 31. Paul Cruz, Edward Mellott



CAN YOU HELP?

Share your talents at Emmanuel by sharing the Word as a Scripture Reader during our Sunday Zoom Service! Help for a single Sunday or choose several. You choose how many Sundays you are able to help. Just email the office at office@eumcbeltsville.com and they will let you know which weeks are available! No experience needed! We will train you on the job!

Christian Love and Sympathy To:

- ~ the family of Mary Fries
- ~ the family of Jerome Johnson
- ~ the family of Terrance Brown
- ~ the family of Carolyn Scarcia
- ~ the family of Pastor Jacques Banks
- ~ the family of Faith McBrayer
- ~ the family of Dorothy Decker

With Sympathy
Thinking of you in these
difficult times and sending love



Happy Anniversary

- 4. Beverly and George Urick
- 7. Wanda and Abraham Scotland
- 12. Kathy and Pat Mellott
- 25. JoAnne and Donal Blakley

Sad news

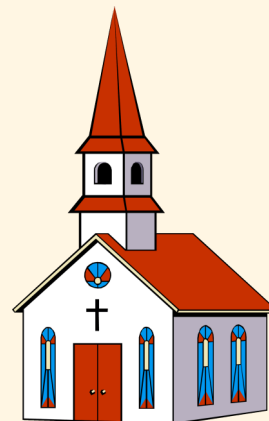
A member of Emmanuel has learned of the recent death of Faith McBrayer.

Faith was a former member of the church and was living in Connecticut near her son Bill.

A REMINDER ABOUT BUILDING USAGE

Anyone desiring to use the church facilities must apply by completing the appropriate forms and detailing how they desire to use the property. Application does not mean automatic approval.

All room requests should be submitted to the church office directly.



Please pray for our sick and shut in

Homebound
Norma Hall
Dottie Gilbert

Out of state
Lil Mizzer

