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The Lamplighter

The Newsletter of Emmanuel United Methodist Church

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a
time to uproot*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

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BLESSINGS FOR THE MONTH OF

June

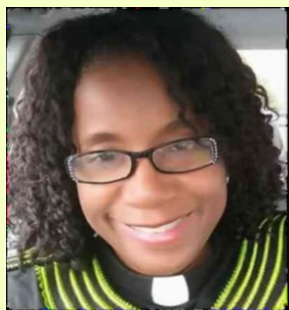
MAY THIS MONTH BRING YOU AND
YOUR LOVED ONES GREAT HEALTH.

PEACE OF MIND AND PROSPERITY.

JUNE 2021

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Our new Pastor, Rev. Dr. Andrea Middleton King begins in July

Got News? Do you have something for our newsletter? Send items to the editor,

From the Pastor's Desk I'm So Glad



As I write my last Lamplighter post for this pastorate, the words "I'm So Glad" keep coming to mind. It is not a statement because I will miss you all. It is not the first line of the song, "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" although I am glad Jesus lifted me. It is the words from the Carol Burnett Show. It was sung at the end of her variety shows. The lyrics are

*"I'm so glad we had this time together.
Just to have a laugh or sing a song.
Seems we just got started and before you know it,
comes the time we have to say so long."*

That is from my memory, but I feel the words are accurate. During our time we sang, laughed, studied, checked in, maintained the building, did missions, ordered the church, held meetings, hung out in the hall, and worshipped – physically and virtually. I feel like Paul in Ephesians 1:15-16, *"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason, I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers."*

I heard and witnessed your faith. I will forever feel blessed that our paths crossed, and we walked beside each other these last three years. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. The conference appointed me, but it would not have worked if you had not invited me on your faith journeys. It does seem like we just got started. And just like the show, when the episode ended, we knew there would be a next time.

As you move towards celebrating 185-years of the Shaw Meeting House, Ebenezer Meeting House, Worthington Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church South, Emmanuel Methodist Church and Emmanuel United Methodist Church, know that I am proud to be part of the legacy of preachers who brought the Good News to Beltsville. Carol Burnett tugged on her ear as a private message to her grandmother. This memory tugs on my heart as I leave to make room for another messenger.

Blessings, in His Service,
Pastor Jalene



HOLY BIBLE



Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase Appointed to New Church

By Ted Ladd, Acting Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairman

On behalf of the SPRC, it is with joy and sadness that we announce that our beloved pastor, Rev Dr. Jalene Chase, has been appointed to Goshen United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg. She will begin this new appointment on July 1st.

Pastor Jalene has done a great deal on behalf of our church. SPRC member Abel Martin cited some of Pastor Jalene's contributions:

- She figured out compelling ways to make "Worship via Zoom" engaging and meaningful. When she got injured and experienced trauma, she recorded her message to video.
- She was involved in various ministries.
- She volunteered every month at the food distribution.
- She worked with Roy White to get the entire congregation to learn how to sign the Lord's prayer, an endeavor that took multiple weeks. In addition, she maintained signing for "applause" to the point now where through her leadership by example, the congregation to this day on our Zoom sessions will wave hands in addition to clapping for joyful news.

Pastor Jalene Chase will be missed, but as she said upon receiving news of her new appointment, "Thank you for journeying with me, but we are not done. We have work to do until July 1st."



**Rev. Dr. Andrea
Middleton King**

Meet Our New Pastor

By Ted Ladd, Acting Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairman

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling has appointed Reverend Doctor Andrea Middleton King as the new pastor of Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Pastor King will begin her new responsibilities on July first of this year. As a United Methodist Church, we are part of an appointment system. Our congregation's staff parish relations committee met with the district superintendent to identify our congregation's needs and the needed skills in a pastor. We have also met with Pastor King to get to know her and to ask questions.

Born in Summerville, SC to parents Nicodemus and Agnes Middleton and reared by grandparents Booker T. and Edna Millhouse after her mother's early death, Andrea Lynn Middleton was nurtured in Methodism from her very beginnings. She was baptized in childhood and married in adulthood at Canaan United Methodist Church.

Following her call to ministry she received her theological education at Wesley Theological Seminary, earning both her M. Div. and D. Min degrees and was ordained in the Baltimore-Washington Conference in 1997 and 2000. In 2001, she was married to Rev. Curtis D. King, and they became parents to nieces La'Shawnna and Tikima Thompson.

Rev. Dr. Andrea Middleton King's Ministerial Experience includes:

- Preaching Assistant, First UMC Bradbury Heights (1994-1997)
- Student Chaplain – Baltimore-Washington Conference Board of Childcare (1996-1997)
- Senior Pastor, John Wesley, Clarksburg (1997-2006)
- BWCUMC/ Maryland Interfaith Disaster Recovery Manager and Case Management Supervisor (2003-2006) and BWCUMC Hurricane Katrina Response Team, Disaster Manager.
- Commissioned Military Chaplain (Currently Inactive Ready Reserve), United Methodist Endorsement (2000), Air National Guard: Honorable Discharge 2008.
- CPE Certified Hospital Chaplain with service to National Rehabilitation Hospital and Children's National Medical Center (PRN Chaplain 1997-2007)
- Community Liaison (2011-2012) - for SC State Senators to build coalition and consensus in the African-American community to establish church-based community clinics.
- Hospice Chaplain for Heartland Hospice/Manor Care (2012-2013)
- Associate Director for Ministry with the Poor, BWCUMC (2013-2016)
- Lead Pastor, Harford County Cooperative Parish UMC (2016-2017)
- Pastor, Mt. Olivet-Hopkins UMC Charge (2017-2019)
- Pastor, New Waverly-Govans Boundary Charge (2019-present)

Father's Day has Methodist ties

By Joey Butler



On July 5, 1908, a Father's Day sermon was preached at Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now Central United Methodist Church, Fairmont, W.Va. Photo courtesy of the Rev. D.D. Meighen.

To all you dads out there: While you're relaxing in your recliner and watching sports on June 21, and your kids are on their best behavior to honor Father's Day, don't forget to thank a United Methodist.

That's right. Not one, but two United Methodist churches with the same name, oddly enough, can lay claim to originating the celebration of all things paternal.

In 1909 in Spokane, Wash., Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a Mother's Day sermon at Central Methodist Episcopal Church. Dodd's own mother had died 11 years earlier, and her father had raised their six children alone. Dodd felt moved to honor her father, and fathers everywhere, with a special day as well.

She proposed her idea to local religious leaders and gained wide acceptance. June 19, 1910 was designated as the first Father's Day, and sermons honoring fathers were presented throughout the city.

When newspapers across the country carried the story about Spokane's observance, the popularity of Father's Day spread. Several presidents declared it a holiday, and in 1972, Richard Nixon established it as the third Sunday in June.

Dodd's pivotal role in the creation of a national Father's Day celebration was recognized in 1943 with a luncheon in her honor in New York City. Central Methodist Episcopal is now known as Central United Methodist and holds a Father's Day service every year.

There's more to the story

If you thought you celebrated the centennial of Father's Day in 2010, you were actually two years too late.

You see, the year Spokane was observing its first Father's Day, almost 2,000 miles away in Fairmont, W.Va., another Methodist church was on its third.

On July 5, 1908, a Father's Day sermon was preached at Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South, thanks to the efforts of Grace Golden Clayton.

In December 1907, a terrible mine explosion in nearby Monongah claimed the lives of more than 360 men. Most of them had families, and the tragedy left 1,000 children fatherless.

Clayton was distraught by the thought of all those children growing up without a father's guidance, and wanted to do something to honor the importance of fatherhood. She asked her pastor to set aside a special day to commemorate fathers. She chose the Sunday closest to the birthday of her late father, also a Methodist preacher.

However, unlike the Spokane service, the Fairmont event drew little attention outside the area.

Fairmont historians concede that Sonora Dodd deserves credit for bringing the holiday to national prominence, but want it known that they did beat her to the idea.

"We don't claim popularizing the day, but we have proof we were the first to have a church service," said the Rev. D.D. Meighen, retired pastor of the Fairmont church, which is now also known as Central United Methodist. Seriously, what are the odds of that?

Meighen said two news-making events happened on July 4, 1908, that stole the thunder from their Father's Day service.

On that Saturday, Fairmont held its largest 4th of July celebration to date. A large crowd watched a "dare-devil" roll atop a ball to the top of the bank building on a spiral stairway. It made all the news. People talked about it for days.

Then, tragically, a beloved young woman in the church died of typhoid fever. Church members were shocked when they arrived at the Sunday service to hear of her death. Her funeral, which included 17 carriages lined up in front of the church, also made the headlines.

Coincidentally, the first Mother's Day was observed on May 10, 1908, at Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, W.Va.

West Virginia Methodists clearly love their parents more than the rest of us.

So enjoy firing up that grill and napping in the hammock, dads everywhere. You've earned it, and the United Methodists have your back.

And when your kids give you yet another gruesomely ugly tie as a gift... well, we're pretty sure the Lutherans are behind that.

Racial diversity linked to church growth

By Heather Hahn, April 8, 2021 | UM News



Members of the worship team at CityWell United Methodist Church in Durham, N.C., prepare to record an online worship service in 2020. A new study of United Methodist churches finds racially diverse congregations are more likely to grow over time. File photo courtesy of CityWell United Methodist Church.

About 20 years ago, the largely white Garfield Memorial United Methodist Church faced a decision: Focus on people outside the church or accept the dwindling attendance within.

“Folks started sensing, ‘Maybe we haven’t been a church. Maybe we have been a club,’” said the Rev. Chip Freed, the church’s lead pastor since 2004.

The church was in a slump. But with a renewed focus on the Great Commission and the Great Commandment, the suburban Cleveland church decided to share God’s love outside its doors — and welcome whoever responded.

In time, Garfield Memorial grew from an average attendance of about 200 middle-class white members to more than 1,000 people of varied economic backgrounds and ethnicities. Today, no one ethnic group comprises more than 52 percent of the now multi-campus congregation.

A new comprehensive study of The United Methodist Church shows Garfield Memorial Church’s experience of diversity and growth is far from unusual.

The Baylor University-led study, published in the journal *Social Forces*, found that racially diverse United Methodist churches are more likely to have higher worship attendance over time than their white counterparts. The research also found that white churches in nonwhite neighborhoods fare the worst in attendance.

To reach that conclusion, the study’s authors tracked local worship attendance data of more than 20,000 U.S. United Methodist congregations from 1990 to 2010. They paired that information with neighborhood data from the U.S. Census Bureau to investigate the effect of demographic change on congregations.

The study’s authors said they chose to examine The United Methodist Church — the third largest denomination in the United States — because of its size, broad geographic spread and complex history with the sins of slavery and racial segregation.

“In some ways, looking at The United Methodist Church is looking at the history of the United States and contemporary trends in race and religion,” said Kevin D. Dougherty, the study’s lead author and a sociology professor at Baylor. “It was a terrific case study for us to look at what happens in neighborhoods and churches over a block of time.”

His co-authors are fellow sociology professors Gerardo Martí of Davidson College and Todd W. Ferguson of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

What they learned about the impact of racial diversity contradicts some long-held conventional wisdom that congregations grow most readily if they target a specific cultural group. Starting in the 1970s, some evangelical church-growth specialists popularized the phrase “the homogenous unit principle” — the idea that churches flourish if they stick to people of the same race and class.

“The findings we have for this time period is the strongest evidence to date that the homogenous unit principle, at least for Methodists, is not your best strategy for growth,” Dougherty said.

The study’s findings don’t surprise the Rev. Mark DeYmaz, author of “Building a Healthy Multi-Ethnic Church.”

“The arc of the biblical narrative bends toward multi-ethnicity,” he said. He pointed to Revelation 7:9, which promises that ultimately people of every nation, tribe and language will sing God’s glory.

“The witness of the church increasingly is tied to its ability to engage diverse people in structurally healthy, equitable, meaningful ways not only within the church but in the community,” he said.

DeYmaz is the founding pastor of Mosaic Church, a multiethnic, nondenominational congregation in Little Rock, Arkansas.

He and Freed also work together as part of the Mosaix Global Network, which strives to help congregations become multiethnic, economically diverse, culturally intelligent, socially just and financially sustainable. The two also are helping to lead United Theological Seminary’s new Mosaix House of Studies in Dayton, Ohio. The United Methodist seminary’s new doctoral and Master of Divinity program for multiethnic church developers is now taking applications for the fall semester.

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A multi-ethnic worship team leads music during Easter Sunday worship at Garfield Memorial United Methodist Church in suburban Cleveland, Ohio.

Screenshot courtesy of Garfield Memorial United Methodist Church.

Both Freed and DeYmaz stress that being multiethnic brings its challenges. When a church brings in new people, expect change.

For Garfield Memorial, the new outward focus entailed embracing new worship styles and new racially diverse leadership. Freed acknowledges that the changes didn't always sit well with longtime members.

For example, he initially heard complaints from some white churchgoers that Black members' "Amen's" during sermons were distracting. Now, he said, worshippers worry when there aren't enough "Amen's" in the service.

Today, Mosaic's outreach extends across the Cleveland area and worship services feature praise music, gospel hymns and the occasional spoken-word artist.

The Rev. Terry McHugh, Garfield Memorial's executive pastor, said church leaders often tell those joining: "You are probably going to like 70% of what happens here. ... But you have to remember your 30% is probably part of someone else's 70%."

Unlike the 181-year-old Garfield Memorial Church, CityWell in Durham, North Carolina, has been a multiethnic United Methodist church from its start 10 years ago.

"It's part of our DNA," said the Rev. Crystal DesVignes, pastor.

That has meant taking a stand at times, even in protest against the government.

CityWell is part of the sanctuary movement that aims to shield immigrants from deportation. The church made national news in 2018 when Samuel Oliver-Bruno, a man to whom it had given refuge, was deported to Mexico under questionable circumstances.

Oliver-Bruno left the church for an appointment with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as part of the application process to stay legally, but when he arrived, plainclothes agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement — a separate agency — arrested him. CityWell members were among more than two dozen people arrested trying to block the van taking him to detention.

Oliver-Bruno remains in Mexico after a very bad car accident, but the church still is ministering with him and his family.

CityWell's very public witness also drew new members to join the church, DesVignes said. As of 2019, the young congregation was averaging about 200 in attendance.

The congregation also has experienced some growing pains, DesVignes acknowledged. Nonetheless, churchgoers are remaining engaged even as the pandemic forced the church to do worship and Bible studies online.

"It's a combination of being rooted and grounded in the community, being rooted and grounded in the idea that we are not just a church we attend, but we are a family of faith, so we are siblings in Christ Jesus," she said. "So you don't just get rid of your family. If you have some conflict, you talk it out."

The number of multiracial congregations in The United Methodist Church is growing, but they remain a minority. As of 2019, the denomination's General Council on Finance and Administration identified about 250 U.S. congregations as multiracial — out of a total of more than 31,000.

"Unfortunately, the church is so segregated, and most people haven't experienced this," Freed said. "But when you do? Honestly, we have 50-year members who grew up in the all-white suburban church and they say they won't go back."



The Rev. Crystal DesVignes is pastor of CityWell United Methodist Church in Durham, N.C. File photo courtesy of CityWell United Methodist Church.



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Churches get COVID-19 vaccines to thousands

By Joey Butler, photos by Mike DuBose



Camisha Henson holds her son Welles in her lap while receiving a COVID-19 vaccination from Tabitha England, RN, during a clinic at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Charlotte, N.C.

On April 30, the White House announced that the U.S. had officially vaccinated 100 million adults. St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, helped reach that mark.

The same day of that significant milestone, St. Mark's hosted a vaccination clinic, administering around 400 doses. It is one of 15 Charlotte-area United Methodist churches to serve as a vaccination site. The effort, organized by the Metro District of the Western North Carolina Conference, has led to approximately 3,800 vaccinations so far.

"Because the churches are in the community, there is a trust factor," said the Rev. Stephanie Moore Hand, who has a doctorate in ministry and serves as the district's vitality strategist. "Sixty percent of the population does not attend church, but in a crisis, they run to the church. It is a safe space for people to come."

The Rev. Otto Harris, pastor at St. Mark's, said the clinics are in line with Methodist tradition and Wesleyan heritage.

"This is contributing to the well-being of our neighbors, and we count it a great privilege to be a small part of the solution," he said.

St. Mark's is an African American congregation in a predominantly African American and Latino neighborhood, and both of those groups are being vaccinated at a much lower rate in the U.S. than the white population. Lack of access and

medical mistrust are two factors contributing to those numbers, and the church hopes it can help on both fronts.

The church previously hosted COVID-19 testing, and April 30 was its second time as a vaccination site. Before the first clinic, St. Mark's brought medical professionals to worship services to present on the safety of the vaccine and answer questions or concerns anyone had.

"We put it out there that it's a safe vaccine," said church trustee André Dingle. "We try to be that beacon of light in the area and open the church up to everybody; that's our charge."

Church member Tena Armstrong, who worked at the clinic, agreed.

"In order to get hold on this virus, we all need to be vaccinated and wear a mask. The neighborhood has some trust in us and we can be the example for them," she said.

Harris said some people who came for vaccines told him they only came because the church was the host. He mentioned one young man who was hesitant about getting the shot but was comforted to have someone from the church talk to him while he waited.

Carl Wood, president, and pharmacy manager of Vax Van by MVS, the company administering the vaccines, said churches have been excellent partners.

"I think the UMC set the pace as far as reaching the community," he said.

"Working with a community partner like a local church gives a certain trust factor. Nobody knows me but they know the pastor. They come here, see people they know and understand those people have vetted us."

If anyone comes in a little hesitant, church member James Horne said it's his job to "pump them up and give them a little courage."

"One lady last time asked if it will hurt and I said no, and she said, 'If it hurts, I'll come back and dance on your feet,'" he said, but she showed up for her second dose and didn't have to make good on her threat.

"She said, 'I'm glad I came back,' and that made my day," Horne said.

Moore Hand, who helped organize the districtwide effort, said it's important to emphasize hospitality and rely on connections to bring out as many people as possible.

"You've got to shake the trees of networks you have in your community and congregations," she said, adding that churches need to reach out to local news outlets and radio. Churches in college towns need to invite students as well, since that age group is currently not getting vaccinated at high rates.

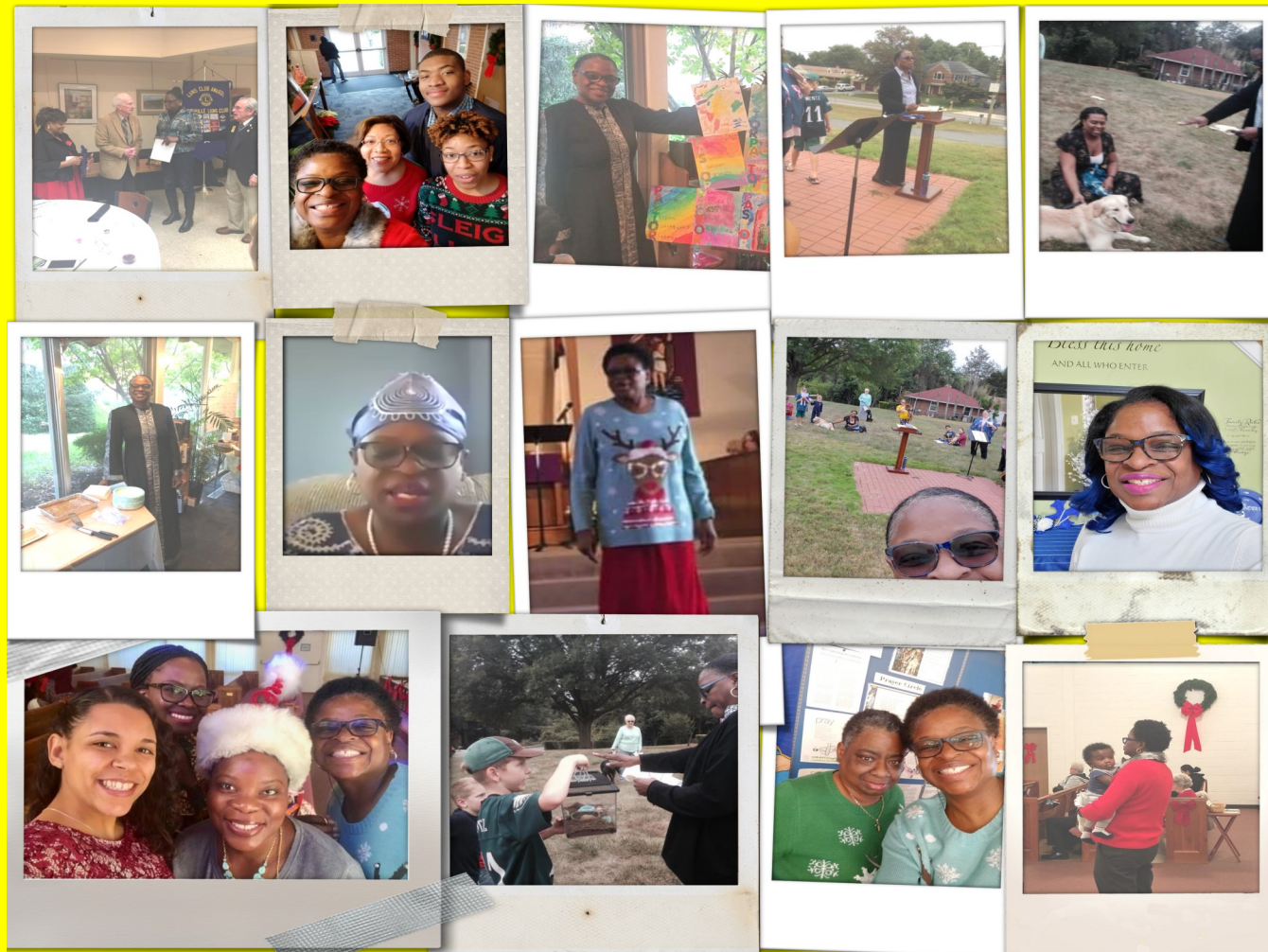


The Rev. Dr. Stephanie Moore Hand (left) and her daughter Ashlee Hand monitor the line of people waiting to receive a COVID-19 vaccination at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Charlotte, N.C.

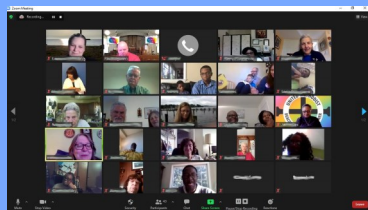
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For this month, we have some photos of Pastor Jalene during her brief but impactful time with the members of Emmanuel. We will miss her and wish her all the best in her new appointment.



New Zoom Link for Sunday Services



In the beginning of the pandemic, way back in March of 2020, we were only supposed to be closed for 2 weeks. That became 2 months, then grew even longer until here we are 15 months later. Since that time we have found a way to stay connected and worship together on Sunday mornings through Zoom. Pastor Chase has been graciously donating her personal account for us to be able to worship every week. Sadly, now she is moving onto her next appointment. Because of this move, Emmanuel now has it's own Zoom account and with that new account we have a new link for weekly services. This new

link went into effect on Sunday, May 16. The details are below. We look forward to you continuing to join us until the time comes for us to worship in person together again. Newcomers are always welcome to join us as well.

Join us on Sunday mornings in virtual worship through Zoom. Join us for 30 minutes of fellowship from 9:30-10 am followed by worship at 10. Use this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/97839889289?pwd=YzUxZjJKTzUybTJnZEt4UC9qTkI4QT09>

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**

The Zoom logo, consisting of the word "zoom" in a lowercase, rounded, sans-serif font.

Update from the Re-entry team



The re-entry team and members of the congregation met on Thursday, May 6 to discuss our re-entry ideas. The survey that was sent out last month was discussed and the results show about a 50/50 split between those ready to come back and those who would like to wait a little longer.

With changes coming to the leadership of Emmanuel taking place in July the group discussed ways that we can say our goodbyes to Pastor Chase and welcome incoming Pastor King to Emmanuel. It was decided that we would have an outdoor socially distanced event in June for Pastor Chase and another one for Pastor King in July. More info from the hospitality committee will be forthcoming about these events. The group also suggested having one more socially distanced outdoor activity in August before returning to in-person worship in September. All of these dates are

subject to change depending on how the state and county are doing with the virus numbers. We will continue to work with the numbers and with our Pastor on any changes that we may need to make.

It was also decided that we would allow groups to use our outdoor facilities but that we needed to come up with a list of rules for that to happen. That will be handled internally. If you have any questions about re-opening, please feel free to contact the office of the head of the re-opening committee, Jane Grays.

Vaccines continued from P. 6



Patients form a line in the church sanctuary as they wait to receive a COVID-19 vaccination at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Charlotte, N.C. Those who have already received their dose wait in the background while being monitored for any possible side effects.

different languages, and posted flyers in English and Spanish," he said. They've sent out messages on WhatsApp, hosted educational events at the church to answer questions about the vaccine and encouraged everyone to promote through word-of-mouth as well.

Moore Hand said that churches should look into partnering with mobile services if they are located in communities with large numbers of home-bound residents or if they aren't situated near public transportation. That way, they are going to where people are rather than hoping the people come to them.

"If there are economic, health or educational disparities, show them the church is here to help fill those gaps and understand what the needs are," she said. "We need to show that, as the church, not only are we here to worship on Sunday but seeking a Wholistic lifestyle." Coppedge-Henley said, "We've got to show up and keep showing up so they know we won't stop showing up."

"You need to eliminate as many barriers as possible," she said.

Several of the churches are located in areas with large undocumented populations, and their status makes them less likely to seek out the vaccine. Moore Hand said none of the church sites ask for proof of insurance or ID and all of them have translators on hand.

The Rev. Jonathan Coppedge-Henley, pastor of Cokesbury United Methodist Church, said his church has had to strategize about inviting its multi-ethnic and non-English-speaking community that includes Hispanic, Caribbean, African, Haitian, Eastern European, Cambodian and Nepali residents. It has a vaccination clinic on May 13.

The church works closely with a social worker at the nearby elementary school to promote events like the vaccination clinic, and also gets information out through the school's refugee support services.

"We've produced a sheet with vaccination information in nine dif-



The Rev. Otto Harris (right) visits with church volunteer Andra Sutton outside St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Charlotte, N.C., which was holding a COVID-19 vaccination clinic, while other volunteers prepared snack bags for vaccine recipients as they exited the church. From left are: Walter Hand III, Patricia Moore and André Dingle.



WE ARE THE CHURCH

This Month's Member is Beverly Ward



Beverly Ward

How long have you been a member of Emmanuel?

I have been a member since the late 60's.

Who was the Pastor when you began attending Emmanuel?

Rev Warner was pastor when we joined.

What is your fondest memory of being a member?

My fondest memories are the times we had at get togethers such as circle meetings or Church dinners.

What ministries have you been involved with at Emmanuel?

I have been Treasurer for the Church since 2005. This has been my main work for the Church and also helping other ministries with their financial needs.

What is your favorite thing about Emmanuel?

My favorite part of Emmanuel are the people. I have made a lot of good friends at Emmanuel and have enjoyed getting to work with them or meet with them on different occasions.

What is your favorite scripture?

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and He shall direct thy paths." ~Proverbs 3:5-6

a prayer for a season of change

Dear Heavenly Father,
Just when we settle into a pattern,
things change far too quickly.
One door opens; another closes.
We rise, we eat, we sleep.
We smile, we laugh, we cry.
Even change itself is ever changing and
Lord, if I'm truthful, I don't like change.
Because I desire the control.
Will you forgive my lack of understanding
that Your creation of seasons is exquisite?
Would you remind me that the ebb and flow of life
is rippled by the gifts of love and laughter?
And that life is measured by memories, not minutes?
May the season of change fuel me forward
towards another beautiful season of
the blessing of Your Almighty hand.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.

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On May 15th a plaque dedicated to Emmanuel Member Doris Shirey was placed in the courtyard at Emmanuel. Thank you to Margie Mock for these wonderful pictures.





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We would like to acknowledge any and all of the following: Graduates of all levels, Promotions from Grade School or Jobs, Military Training, Trade School, or if you have earned any Certificates. Please mail or email the completed form to the church office office@eumcbeltsville.com

Name _____

Name of School/Company etc. _____

Location _____

Degree/Achievement _____

Presently: ____ Living at home. ____ Living away from home. (Check one)

After Graduation: ____ Living at home. ____ Living away from home. (Check one)

If the graduate will not be living at home, please give an address, if known.

Address: _____

Person filling out form _____ Phone _____



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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. If you have any questions, contact Kemi Oluwafemi.

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



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 Carolyn Hicks

The family of Wayne Thrush (ex-husband of Nancy Thrush)

The family of Michael Claye (brother of John Claye)
Michael Vaughan on the death of his aunt.



Know that you are
in our thoughts and
prayers during this
difficult time.

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

2. Patrick Mackey
3. Lori Midkiff
4. Linda Hiner
5. Angela Hatton
8. Ikenna Onukwubiri
10. Ann Ladd
12. Abel Martin
14. Tia Dorsey, Janet Reed, Nancy Shiplett
18. Ruth Smith
24. Ralph Guynn
26. Rick Zerbe
29. Olivia Heath, Beverly Urick
30. Emma Claye



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3. Olivia & Gary Heath
4. Frances & Paul Cruz
5. Bill and Emmy Lear
21. Mary Ann & Michael Vaughan
24. Tracy & Cale Fuller, Beverly & C.J. Huneycutt
25. Dela & Abel Martin, Mary & Richard Plantholt
28. Jim & Debbie McNitt
29. Ester and Michael Hatton



Please pray for our sick and shut in

Homebound

Harry Cottman

Norma Hall

Carolyn Scarcia

Dottie Gilbert

Out of state

Lil Mizzer



Virtual Worship at Emmanuel! (UPDATED INFORMATION)

Join us on Sunday mornings in virtual worship through Zoom. Join us for 30 minutes of fellowship from 9:30-10 am followed by worship at 10. Use this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/97839889289?pwd=YzUxZjJKTzUybTJnZEt4UC9qTkI4QT09>

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