

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

September 2019

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

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## Simply September

This month reminds me of change: weather, season, and lifestyle. Gone are the lazy (for some people) days of summer; back to business. I have been out of grade school for many, many years, but I still remember feeling like the first day of school changed the weather. It seemed like it was 90 degrees when I went to bed, and the next day standing at the bus stop it felt like 70 degrees. The month also marked the shift of seasons from summer to fall. And Labor Day is our last chill day until Thanksgiving.

I was looking up interesting things about September on the internet. I found that the people born during this month are supposed to be organized and geniuses; I know some people born in September.... The month is known for faith, cooling and inner calm; it means “total awareness.” I think the month’s weather change during my school days wanted me to be *totally aware* that summer was over and I needed to focus on the future. I also found the following prayer on [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net) that recognizes Labor Day and is a preface of the season:

*Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and as we seek a proper return for our labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

This prayer is fitting for the work that we are doing here at Emmanuel as we covenant to link our lives together through faith and culture. September starts a new season for us after our summer break. Our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness are needed as we continue our quest to build sustainable ministries.

Our commitment to Christ brought with it a lifestyle change; one that seems as simple as the weather change in September, with just as much impact. One moment we are just another being on earth. The next moment, after we are saved, we link ourselves to others who have a “total awareness” that there is something more – eternity. So, as we shift back to our routine, we embrace this month being Simply September, the month of faith, cool, and calm, and prayerfully change for the common good.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jalene

## WHAT TIME IS CHURCH????



**The summer WORSHIP SCHEDULE will continue into the Fall. From now until November 3, we will continue to have one worship service only, 9:45AM — 11AM. Nursery Care and Sign Language Interpretation will be provided.**

**Come get to know the people who usually attend the “other” service the rest of the year!**

## The Sanctuary gets a Facelift

by Ann Rowland, Memorials Committee

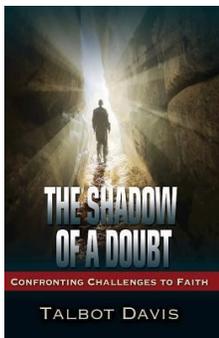
As you may know, funds donated to Emmanuel by family and friends in memory of or in honor of a loved one are placed in the Memorials Fund. The Memorials Committee decides how memorial monies will be spent. The carpet in the Sanctuary has been in need of replacement for some time, especially on the altar and in the stair area, where it is quite worn, loose and poses a fall risk. Because of these concerns, the Memorials Committee decided to make carpeting and more user-friendly handrails its #1 priority.

The committee selected new carpet after getting input from random members of the congregation, Church Council members, and attendees at a Second Sunday lunch. The carpet has been ordered and will be installed in early September. Costs were fully covered by Memorials funds. Later this year, the carpet and handrails will be dedicated at a regular Sunday morning worship service.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY IS BACK

Wednesday Night Bible Study will return beginning September 4th at 7 pm. The study group meets weekly in the Fellowship Hall, and is open to anyone 14 or older.

We will begin our study by reading *The Shadow of Doubt: Confronting Challenges to Faith*, by Talbot Davis. Each week, we will discuss a new chapter. If you would like a copy of the book, see Rick Bergmann. Hope to see you there!



United  
Methodist  
Women

## What's Happening in United Methodist Women

By Ernie Kilbourne

The United Methodist Women will begin their meetings in September. All women are invited to attend Circles and/or General Meetings.

- The Sisters in Spirit Circle meets at 7 PM on the third Tuesday of the month in the Powell Parlor (located inside the Sanctuary; go up the stairs on the left side of the altar area, and the Powell Parlor is the room on the left-hand side). Kathy Mellott is the leader.
- The Susanna Wesley Circle meets at 10 AM on the third Wednesday of the month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Sunday School Building. Emmy Lear is the leader.
- The Hoover Circle meets at 12 Noon on the third Thursday of each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Sunday School Building. Barbara Butcher is the leader.

The General Meeting will be Saturday, November 9th at 12 Noon.



The **Apple Festival** will be held on **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will need lots of help on Wednesday evening, and on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 AM. Please call Debbie McNitt at 301-937-4291 to volunteer to help. Thank you.

## Influenza (Flu)

Submitted by Ilene Forsbacka, Health and Wellness



The flu is a highly infectious and potentially serious viral respiratory infection that can be life-threatening. The symptoms are severe and prolonged, causing people to miss school or work. Bacterial infections can occur simultaneously with the flu, overwhelming the lungs and body. It is important to prevent the flu. Although there are medications to treat it, they are expensive, not as effective as vaccination, and need to be started within 24-48 hours of the flu's onset.

Each year, the composition of the flu viruses change, making previous vaccines ineffective. A newer, egg-free version of the vaccine is in use now, so there is no need to identify those with egg allergies. There are two types of vaccines used: an injection that uses killed virus and a nasal spray that uses live, weakened virus. See your doctor or pharmacy for your vaccine.

This is also a good time to review any immunizations you may need. Some vaccines need an additional booster injection to maintain their effectiveness; others are age-related. It is important to keep up with your immunizations and reduce your risks for disease.

## Meet a Missionary - Jennifer Moore

Provided by Deaconess Jane Grays (Edited for space by Bobbie Deegan)



Let me introduce myself and tell you more about how I ended up serving in Macedonia, a little known, but historically rich country in Eastern Europe.

When I was in college at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, I passionately sought ways to get serious about my faith. I joined several on-campus Christian ministries and was exposed to the idea of short-term missions. I signed up for a two-week trip to Kazakhstan. The second day of our trip, my team leader and the hosting missionary were engaged in a conversation about the effectiveness of short-term missions when I heard the missionary say, "The best thing to come out of short-term mission trips is long-term missionaries." Almost instantly, my inner voice replied, "Ha! You won't get me." Despite my initial reaction, my experience in Kazakhstan softened my heart and I soon found myself saying, "Yes," to God's call to overseas service.

In 2004, I signed up for a one-year volunteer program and my church sent me to teach missionary children in Macedonia. I had a wonderful experience serving and learning to see the world through Macedonian eyes. I returned to the States and began working on a master's degree in inter-cultural studies at the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. I hoped to return to Macedonia as a full-time missionary with the Church of the Nazarene; however, while I was still in school, the church closed down its work in Macedonia.

Seeking to serve God wherever His Spirit was moving, I taught college students in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 2010 to 2014. While serving in Cambodia, I became conscious of the ways cultural beliefs and societal structures play a role in societal ills, and that the church is God's main way of combating the negative impacts of these systems. During my fourth year, I decided not to renew my contract with the university so I could invest more time strengthening churches to bring God's kingdom to their communities. I spent another year in Cambodia studying the language and building up leaders in the church, but I kept feeling a burning desire to return to Macedonia.

In the spring of 2015, I took a short trip to Macedonia as a personal retreat and perhaps to settle this notion of returning to Macedonia. An old friend suggested I speak with his pastor. His pastor turned out to be the district superintendent of the Methodist Churches in Macedonia. When I told him about my heart for Macedonia, he told me their previous missionary had just retired and they were looking for someone to help with leadership development in the church. It was like the door that had been shut for more than ten years suddenly unlocked and flew open!

I am honored to say that I was commissioned by the United Methodist Church as a missionary on May 19th, 2016.

**Editor's note: To sign up for Jennifer's newsletter, contact her at [JMoore@UMCMission.org](mailto:JMoore@UMCMission.org)**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- September 1 — Beverly Ward
- September 8 — Ernie Kilbourne
- September 15 — Elsie Cline
- September 22 —
- September 29 — Kathryn Griffin



The FLOWER CHART is posted in the hallway next to the mailboxes at the end of the hall. Altar flowers are \$30. When you sign up, please fill out a Flower Request Form 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

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1. Mary Ann Vaughan
- 4. Dottie Gilbert
- 6. Jody Hammond, Isaac Oluwafemi
- 8. Don Hammond
- 9. Jessica Leatherman
- 10. Charlie Deegan, Ester Hatton
- 11. James Mackey, Jr.
- 12. Tracy Fuller
- 14. Evelyn Adkins
- 15. Elsie Cline
- 18. Robert Galloway
- 21. Carol Lee, Bob Miller, Lois Schulze, Len Weston
- 22. Beverly Ward
- 23. Chinasa Onukwubiri
- 29. Victoria Galloway, Carolyn Hicks, Ascenna Scotland
- 30. Kathryn Griffin, Jennifer Embrey



**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1. Carrie & Roy White
- 2. Don & Mary Ann Roberts
- 4. Donna & Jim Tock
- 5. Bobbie & Charlie Deegan
- 6. Barbara & Jim Butcher
- 8. Priscilla & Chrispin Wray
- 27. Ann & Ted Ladd



**Welcome!**

*GUESTS* visiting Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in July included:

**Zebedee Dodo**

Welcome to our church family!  
Please worship with us again soon.

**Emmanuel has Online Giving!**

And it's easy to use! Just go to our website — [www.EUMCBeltsville.com](http://www.EUMCBeltsville.com) — and follow the prompts to go to a secure Online Donation page hosted by Vanco Services, LLC.



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**IN MEMORIAM**

Christian love and sympathy to:

- Kathryn Griffin, Elizabeth Galloway, and their families on the passing of their cousin, Rev. James Capps, on July 23. Rev. Capps served in the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church for 29 years.
- Joan McCarthy and family on the passing of her nephew. Joan cares for the children in the nursery during services.



May the Holy Spirit comfort these families and all who are grieving.

***Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.***

***Matthew 5:4***



**DO YOUR BIT**

Share your talents at Emmanuel by welcoming visitors or sharing the Word!

Cover a single Sunday or choose several. You choose how many Sundays you are able to cover.

To volunteer to serve as a **Greeter** or **Scripture Reader**, just put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.

***No experience needed!  
We will train you on the job!***

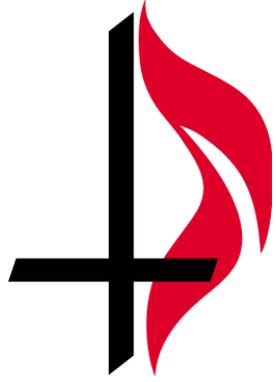
**“CAN WE TALK?”**



Pastor Jalene Chase is available for appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call or email the church office ([office@eumcbeltsville.com](mailto:office@eumcbeltsville.com) or 301-937-7114) to make arrangements.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>ONE SERVICE ONLY</i> 9:45am Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7pm <i>ESOL begins</i>	<b>4</b> 7pm Bible <i>Study begins</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5pm NA
<b>8</b> 9:45am Worship 11:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:15am Chancel Choir 12 Noon 2nd Sunday Potluck Lunch	<b>9</b> 7pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	<b>10</b> 10am Prayer Fellowship 7pm ESOL	<b>11</b> 7pm Bible Study	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Worship Committee 7pm Trustees	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5pm NA
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<b>29</b> 9:45am Worship 11:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:15am Chancel Choir	<b>30</b>					



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