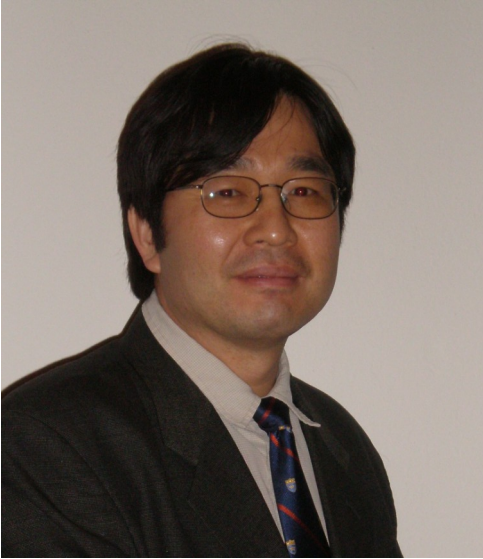


# *The Lamplighter*

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

April 2015



*Pastor Jacob Young*

Hallelujah! I greet all of you in the name of Jesus. While writing this, I have checked my calendar for February and March. During February, the church had to cancel both services on one Sunday and had just one service on another Sunday, due to the inclement weather. I had planned to treat the congregation to pizza on February 15<sup>th</sup>, but it didn't work out due to the snow. So now I am planning to treat you to pizza on April 26<sup>th</sup> between the two worship services. If you want to eat pizza provided by the pastor, please come to church on that Sunday! Then, you will have delicious pizza and enjoy fellowship with church members.

Also, I plan to suggest at the church council meeting that the church have quarterly fellowship between the two worship services. I have noticed that there is rarely a chance for attendees of each service to have mutual fellowship. Every three months, we could meet between worship services and have fellowship. On that specific Sunday,

there would be no Sunday School or Bible study between worship services. We could focus on fellowship itself. If people like this idea, soon the church will make an official announcement.

In February and March, the church observed Boy Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sunday. I was very happy that we could host those special Sunday services, because they commemorated programs related to the community. I hope that we can continue to show our support for these kinds of community programs. It will bring vitality to the church.

February and March also were challenging for me, personally. Many church members have been sick and hospitalized. I have been busy visiting them. Then on February 18<sup>th</sup>, the church hosted a joint Ash Wednesday service with Queens Chapel UMC. This was my first time to meet with the church members from Queens Chapel. I know that the joint Ash Wednesday service is a tradition. I really enjoyed it, and I will continue to have the joint Ash Wednesday service with Queens Chapel UMC.

Additionally, I am looking forward to having a joint Sunrise Service with St. John's Episcopal Church on Easter morning. This will be another good opportunity to have ecumenical worship.

Soon, the church will have the traditional Holy Thursday and Good Friday services just before Easter. I will follow the traditional format of the church. In addition to that, though, I would like to try a new service on Good Friday. It is called "Stations of

the Cross." It will involve carrying the cross to various places in the community and reflecting on the last seven words of Jesus. Through this event, I hope to encourage the community to join in observing the passion and death of Jesus. It will start at 10:30 am at Panera Bread. Meet us at the church at 10:15 am if you would like to carpool. The stations will be at Panera Bread in Beltsville, Chestnut Hills Park, the Beltsville Community Center, and Borgwardt Funeral Home. For details, please contact the church office.

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, the church will have our Easter services. Together, we have been participating in Lent since Ash Wednesday. Now we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus together. Please welcome our risen Lord with your presence at an Easter service.

In closing, I would like to share the Easter greeting in advance. "Jesus is risen indeed. Happy Easter!"

~~Pastor Jacob



## BELTSVILLE DAY

by Pat Allen

The busy month of May is fast approaching. At Beltsville Day on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, noon – 5 pm, we will once again have a unique opportunity to let the Beltsville community know about all of the activities at Emmanuel that make our church a great place to worship and grow closer to Christ in our daily lives.

We will have a double booth, from which we can disperse information about our programs as well as offer great chili dogs, chips and drinks to stem people's hunger. To get ready for our exhibit, we need to prepare up-to-date leaflets with information about upcoming worship events, Sunday School programs and Bible study, Vacation Bible School, ESOL, Food Distribution, UMW, UMM, the Faithful Readers book group, the Widows Group, and the Prayer Fellowship.

Julie Pavelka will prepare the menu and acquire the food and drinks. On Beltsville Day itself, we will need help in the morning hauling canopies, informational materials, giveaways, banners, and cooking equipment down to the Beltsville Recreation Center and setting up the site. From noon to 5 pm, we will need helpers to disperse information and giveaways, inflate balloons, and talk enthusiastically to passers-by. Julie will need helpers to cook and serve the food/drinks, as well as sales persons to take orders and keep track of the money. Around 5 pm, we will need help taking the site down and getting all the materials back to the church.

You can see that many people are needed to help with this event. It will be a great time for our church family to get together, pitch in, promote our church activities, and share the love of Christ with our community. There will be a niche for everyone to do something. Please consider being a part of this important missional event.

### Ladies' Communion Breakfast



The Ladies' Communion Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am. This year's theme is *The Wizard of Oz*. After Communion in the sanctuary, we will journey together on the yellow brick road to Emerald City (the fellowship hall) for breakfast.

Come dressed as one of your favorite characters from the story, or wear green (and/or green-tinted glasses) for proper Emerald City regalia.

Prices remain the same as they were in Kansas: \$6.00 for adults and children over 8; \$3.00 for Munchkins 3-8; all Munchkins under 3, free. Ernie Kilbourne will be taking paid reservations in the Narthex during the month of April (except Easter), or you can call her at 301-787-8787. The deadline for reservations is April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Sing-along Family Movie Night



UMW is sponsoring a family movie night on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. The movie will be *The Wizard of Oz*, with Judy Garland. The movie is free and will be a sing-along edition. Snacks will be provided, but you may bring your own if you would like. If you would like to sit on a blanket to watch the movie, bring one with you. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Come and enjoy an old favorite on the "big" screen, or see this timeless classic for the very first time. If you have any questions, please call Becky Cavallo at 301-937-7146.

*Ears to hear and eyes to see — both are gifts from the Lord.*



**KAIROS INSIDE**

## **Ministering to the Incarcerated — Kairos Inside** by Deaconess Jane Grays

Kairos believes that true rehabilitation starts with the “heart”. With this in mind, our ministry to incarcerated men and women begins with the Kairos weekend, where volunteers model and communicate God’s unconditional love, grace, and mercy. It is here that God begins changing hearts. A key outcome of the Kairos weekend is for participants to find hope and a new vision for their life through a relationship with God.

The prison environment fosters isolation. During the weekend, many participants take their first steps in learning to become vulnerable with one another. Following the weekend, they are encouraged to be involved in small groups focusing on accountability, encouragement, and prayer. Those groups meet weekly, and Kairos volunteers return to provide discipleship and mentoring. God continues to change hearts and transform lives as the participants strengthen their relationship with Christ and with each other. They grow in their understanding that, with God’s help, a changed way of life is possible. As their transformation continues, new attitudes are expressed in changed behavior. Soon, they are impacting the world in which they live—inside the prison walls or outside upon their release.

### **Our Goals:**

- To change hearts and transform lives by sharing God’s love, grace, and mercy with those who feel forgotten.
- To encourage involvement in small groups where participants can be uplifted and loved.
- To provide continuing mentoring and discipleship to those who are new in Christ.
- To minister to prison employees as well as the incarcerated.
- To support the prison chaplain.

The slogan of Kairos, *Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives, Impacting the World*, is the essence of what Kairos does.

### ***Changing Hearts***

During the initial Kairos weekend, Kairos volunteers serve as God’s instrument through which his love, grace, and mercy are expressed to the participants/guests in a real and profound way. God begins changing hearts.

### ***Transforming Lives***

Following their weekend experience, participants/guests are encouraged to take responsibility for their life choices and their relationship with God; they are invited to engage in small accountability groups. Kairos volunteers return monthly to provide mentoring and guidance through these accountability groups. It is here that Kairos participants/guests begin to replace old ways of thinking with new ones, and learn that they are not alone on this journey. They realize that there is hope for a future. The prison environment begins to change and family relationships start to heal.....God is transforming lives.

### ***Impacting the World***

As the Kairos community inside a prison grows and begins to gain influence, incidents of violence decrease. When incarcerated participants are released, they re-enter the outside world with a God-centered perspective and focus on becoming productive citizens. Female family members find support, strength, and encouragement. Youthful offenders acquire new God-centered values and change their direction in life. Families are reunited with a hope for the future.

**We need to remember that the mind is like a parachute; it works best when open.**

Shared by Ann Rowland



Again this year, we would like to make a gift of flowers to the congregation of Emmanuel UMC. Two plants of each type of flower are available for anyone to take, to be given to shut-ins or to be used to adorn the church gardens.

***“Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy!”***

Isaiah 35:2a (New Living Translation)

God Bless You,  
Kathy & Pat Mellott

## Sign Language Choir to Visit Emmanuel

THE HANDS OF HARMONY Sign Language Choir will be with us on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the 11:15 am service. The choir is affiliated with Anne Arundel Community College. The members of the choir are volunteers who range in age from teenagers to senior citizens. The choir's purpose is to demonstrate the beauty of the language of the deaf. Please be sure to attend this service so you can enjoy a unique and inspiring worship experience.



~ ~ Kathryn Griffin

## Come to the Planning Retreat !

Last November, many of you made pledges to financially support Emmanuel with your tithes and gifts. The Church Council thanks you all for your faithfulness in giving. The majority of the funds goes to cover basic expenses – staff payments and payroll taxes, utilities in the Sanctuary and Education buildings, building and equipment repairs, the mortgage on the parsonage, etc. The question that the Council has been grappling with in recent months is – How should we use “discretionary” money not required for a mandatory expense? Should we strengthen our Christian education program? Expand our programs for the needy? Strengthen the youth program? Or should we use it to seek out the “unchurched” and share with them the love of God? There are no easy answers, because potential uses far outweigh available funds.

To help us find answers, Emmanuel will have a church planning retreat on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 1 pm. Chris Owens from the conference will facilitate the meeting to help us stay “on topic” and accomplish our goals, and we will meet off-site at University United Methodist Church (3621 Campus Drive, College Park) to reduce distractions. The purpose of the retreat is to talk about what we would like Emmanuel to focus on in coming months. What should our goals and priorities be? Where should we direct our resources? How might we increase our resources?

The answers to these questions will affect everyone worshipping at Emmanuel. So please join us on May 9<sup>th</sup> and be part of the conversation!

**Thank you** to all who donated stories, poems, photos, and drawings to the Lenten Devotional booklet.

~ ~Kathy Mellott



## Giving Statements have a New Look! "

by Frances Cruz

Beginning this year, we are using Servant Keeper to track the contributions to our church. Servant Keeper is a Windows-based church management software program.

While your quarterly giving statements may look different, they will provide the same information you are used to receiving.

Statements for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will be going out around mid-April. Please review your statements carefully. If you have any questions, please let me know. You can reach me via email at [cruising4@verizon.net](mailto:cruising4@verizon.net).



What are you doing at 7 pm on the last Wednesday of each month? Why not come to our Church Council meetings?

The Church Council is Emmanuel's “governing body.” It is comprised of representatives from our church committees and ministries, including Finance, Trustees, Staff-Parish Relations, Sunday School, ESOL, and the food ministry, among others.

Only Council members have a vote on proposed actions. But meetings are open to EVERYONE, and we encourage everyone to attend. It's a great way to find out what is going on and share your opinion!



## **Easter Egg Hunt**

**When: April 4th from  
10:00am to 11:30**

**Where: Chestnut Hills  
Neighborhood Park - (by  
the Beltsville Library)**



**Easter Egg Hunt,  
Games, and Crafts  
Come Join Us!**



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**Saturday, April 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Furniture, Household Goods,  
Jewelry, Pocketbooks,  
Toys and Books

Fresh Baked  
Goods for Sale

Rent A Table And Have  
Your Own Yard Sale

Please Call 301-937-7114  
For More Details

Breakfast sandwiches and hot  
drinks available starting at  
9:15 a.m.

Chili Dogs will be  
available for lunch



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*"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you."*

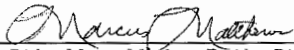
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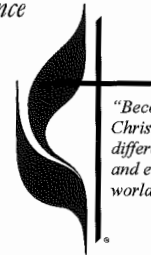
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*"Becoming fully alive in  
Christ and making a  
difference in a diverse  
and ever-changing  
world."*

## From the Prayer Fellowship

Dear Kathryn,

Thank you and the prayer fellowship of Emmanuel United Methodist Church for your prayers during my recent heart emergency. I strongly believe in the power of prayer and I know that all those prayers lifted up for me have helped me get back to feeling very well.

Please thank your group for me for their care and concern.

With love and gratitude,

Bonnie Brice  
January 31, 2015

*May the Prayer Fellowship pray for you and your loved ones? Call or email the church office with your prayer requests (301-937-7114), or fill out a prayer request form and put it in the collection plate on Sunday.*

The **Indoor Yard Sale and UMW Rummage Sale** will be on **April 18th**, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Stretch your tax refund dollars here! Bargains galore are to be had for nominal prices. We will have breakfast sandwiches, a bake sale, lunch, private vendors and many treasures. We do not sell clothes at the Rummage Sale, however.

Volunteers are needed. We can use men, women, and students! We can use volunteers on Wednesday evening to set up tables and move donations from room 12 to the upstairs rooms. We can use your organizing and sorting abilities on Thursday day and evening. We will need volunteers to help sort and price items on Friday. And of course, we will need volunteers on Saturday to sell, pack, and clean up after the sale. Student community service hours are available for any of those dates.

Please tell people you know about our sale! Drop off your donations in room 12 any time you can get in the building. Wednesday evening is the best night to bring them, or on Thursday. (Items don't have to be moved very far on those days).

Call Debbie McNitt with questions or to have a donation picked up: [301-937-4291](tel:301-937-4291). Call Karen Mackey to rent a table for the Indoor Yard Sale @ \$20. Call Ernie Kilbourne to volunteer yourself — or somebody else: [301-787-8787](tel:301-787-8787).

*Altar Flowers*

**April 5** — Bobbie Deegan

**April 12** — Bobbie Deegan

**April 19**

**April 26**

The flower chart for 2015 is posted in the Narthex next to the mailboxes. Arrangements are \$30. Please fill out a Flower Request Form when you sign up, and leave it in the office mailbox.

*April Birthdays*

- 1** Natalie Corman, Lil Mizzer
- 4** Monica Hatton, Nancy Bell, Janey Lewis
- 5** Kelly Lee
- 6** Susan Cunningham
- 7** Patrick Shiplett
- 8** Lea Claye
- 9** Deji Bello
- 11** Lacey Fadely, Dan Webb
- 13** Louisa Davies
- 15** George Urick
- 16** Cale Fuller Jr., Grace Rodeffer
- 18** Ernie Kilbourne
- 19** Ted Ladd
- 21** Sharon White
- 25** April Ademiluyi
- 26** Glenna Pavelka
- 29** Merton Baird

*April Anniversaries*

**4** Christopher & Virginia Butcher

**WELCOME, VISITORS!!**

The following guests visited Emmanuel on one or more Sundays in February. We welcome you, and invite you to worship with us again soon!

- Jackie Johnston
- Robert Kauffman
- Lillian White

Doris Wray has a new address! Send her a card or visit her at:

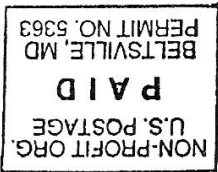
Doris Wray  
Sagepoint Senior Living Services  
10200 La Plata Road, Room 228A  
La Plata, MD 20646



**APRIL 2015**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 7 pm Women's Community Club of Beltsville	<b>2</b> 1 pm Widows Group 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service/Seder Tasting	<b>3</b> 10:30 am Stations of the Cross 7 pm Good Friday Service	<b>4</b> 10 am Easter Egg Hunt, Chestnut Hills Park
<b>5</b> <b>EASTER</b> 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7 pm ESOL	<b>8</b> 6 pm Worship Committee	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7 pm "Wizard of Oz" in Fellowship Hall	<b>11</b> 8:30 am Family Breakfast 11 am Faithful Readers
<b>12</b> 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 2nd Sunday Lunch 1 pm Youth Fellowship	<b>13</b> 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	<b>14</b> 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7 pm ESOL	<b>15</b> 10 am Susanna Wesley Circle 12 noon Dorcas Circle 7 pm Sisters in Spirit Circle	<b>16</b> 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>17</b> 11 am Community Place Café 7 pm Maranatha Choir	<b>18</b> 10 am Rummage Sale
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