

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

August 2016

*A Vibrant Multi-Cultural Church: All God's Children Are Welcome!*



Friends in our Lord, Jesus Christ, Halleluiah, I greet all of you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

It is a hot Summer. It is difficult to go out without sunscreen. I know many church members are on vacation during summer.

I hope that each of you has a good vacation, take a rest, and enjoy in this summer. I pray that God provides you with travel mercy.

In July, I taught a series of Good Samaritan stories. The story is probably one of the most famous stories in the Bible. I have explored the story with 4 different themes: You've Got a Friend, Wounded Healer, Help Anyway, and Taboo. As far as I am concerned, I learned many lessons while I prepared and preached. In summary, the Good Samaritan represents Jesus Christ, and as followers and disciples of Jesus, we need to be the Good Samaritans for those in need. If you missed the church service, you can go to the church website and listen to it.

Also, there are other sermons I recommend that you hear: the sermon by Jane Grays and the sermon by Rev. Dick Karpal. Their sermons are listed on the church website. The sermons are so beautiful and inspirational that you will learn good lessons.

I am very proud of youth members and chaperons who joined Camp Hope from July 17 through July 24. There were 22 people who joined Camp Hope, which is the largest number for SPY and Camp Hope so far. I joined myself for a couple of days. They helped to fix houses and aided neighbors. Through this ministry, they became Good Samaritans. I am very proud of this ministry and in particular, the participants in the ministry.

On July 16, the church had a funeral service for Alice Famodu, who was a church member. It was

beautiful and we celebrated her life and recognized her ministry on earth and celebrated her new life in heaven.

Each time I have a funeral or memorial service, I am always reminded how great it is to have brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ in the church. We share together joys, concerns, sorrows, and laughter. It makes us support, pray, and help each other. There are many communities in the world. Yet, the church is the community in which people go beyond their own interests and support and love each other. I am very proud of the church, the Christian community in which there is care, love, support, and prayer for its members.

We have another month to go through this summer. Wherever you are, I pray that you will be protected and guided by our Lord, Jesus Christ. Although we might be separated, all of you are in my prayers and spirit. I ask you to keep praying for the church and its members. Also, I ask you to pray for the victims of the terrorists and their families and racial harmony and reconciliation, eventually peace in the world.

Let me conclude my greeting with this prayer.

"Lord, as we are stumbling in life, help us to create more laughter than tears, dispense more happiness than gloom, and spread more cheer than despair. Never let us become so indifferent that we fail to see the wonder in the eyes of a child or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged. Never let us forget your message of peace, which speaks to our past, our present, and our future. May we share with one another the healing and wholeness shared with us through your Son Jesus Christ, so that we will surely make a difference in the lives of those around us."



## Emory Grove – Methodist History in Glyndon, MD

Emory Grove is a 148-year-old Methodist Camp Meeting Ground. There are 47 100-year-old or more cottages which are privately owned. Kathy and Pat Mellott own one of them, as did Kathy's grandparents and parents. The Emory Grove Hotel, built in 1887, is no longer used for lodging, but is used for receptions, retreats, concerts, meetings and other functions. The outdoor Tabernacle was placed at Emory Grove in the 1880's and is rumored to have been an farmer's market in Hanover, Pennsylvania and moved to Emory Grove. Coming to Emory Grove is like going back in time and a walk through history of the Methodist religion in Maryland.

Our Abundant Life Singers from the Chancel Choir are the special musical guests for the Emory Grove Hymn Sing on Wednesday, August 3rd. Come support our choir and join in singing as many as 20 hymns in an hour. A group will carpool from the Emmanuel parking lot at about 5 p.m. and travel to Emory Grove which is about 45 miles away. We will have a potluck at the historic Guest House/Hotel and attend the Hymn Sing at 7:30 p.m. You should be back home around 10 p.m. Bring a dish to share. Drinks will be supplied.

Brochures of the whole summer schedule are in the Narthex. There is a Hymn Sing every Wednesday evening and a different church hosts the worship service on Sunday evenings.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy or Pat Mellott at 301-706-4122.

## Help Needed for ESOL Classes

### **Registrar**

We will need someone to help register our students this fall. Basically, this job includes helping them fill out registration forms, taking their \$20 fee and giving them receipts.

### **Guides (need several)**

We will not be testing our students. Instead, they will be able to choose the level of instruction they feel comfortable with. We have descriptions of our four class levels. However, it would be helpful to have several people to guide students through this information and help them choose which level is best.

### **Bible Study Presenter**

In previous years we have included short bible studies, mostly parables, in our classes. They were presented either on flannel boards or acted out, and lasted about 10 minutes. Students seemed to enjoy them. We would like to add these again, but at our break time. However, we need someone to help do this. So, here is the opportunity for someone who likes to teach and have some fun. We have all the materials available.

### **Assistant Teachers**

As always, we would be grateful to anyone who would like to help us teach at any level. It would be good to have two teachers per class. Besides, we do not have any back-ups in case our instructors get sick or have to be out of town.

Call the church office or Pat Allen if you are willing to help fill any of these needs.

## **Liturgist Needed**

Persons are needed to Greet at the 9 am Worship Service for the month of August. Also, we need a Scripture Reader for August 14 at the 11 am Worship Service. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Thank you.



Spiritual Retreat  
Sponsored by United Methodist Women  
"A Bible Study of 1st and 2nd Kings"  
Set Apart: Holy Habits of Prophets and Kings"

August 20, 2016, 9 AM-3 PM Fellowship Hall  
Continental breakfast served at 8:30 AM  
\$20 registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch

Contact - Lorna Marselas, EUMC, 301-937-7114  
Registration is July 3 thru August 14 in the Narthex.

Please bring a cushion to sit on.  
If you have any extra cushions to share, it would be greatly appreciated.



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mail registration form with check, payable to EUMC/UMW to Emmanuel UMC, 11416 Cedar Lane,  
Beltsville MD 20705 – Attn: Lorna Marselas**

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Specify any special needs \_\_\_\_\_

For further information, contact Lorna Marselas through the church office: 301-937-7114

\*Additional names \_\_\_\_\_

You may want to bring a cushion to sit on. A few will be available, if you don't have one.

### Altar Flowers

Aug. 7

Aug 14

Aug 21 – Beverly Ward

Aug 28 – Lynne Miller

The 2016 flower chart is posted in the Narthex next to the mailboxes at the end of the hall.

Arrangements are \$30. Please fill out a Flower Request Form when you sign up 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 home are not tax-deductible). Thank you!

### August Birthdays

1. Chris Butcher, Preston Elliott II
3. Ciro Mejia  
Jeanette Vannoy,
7. Brennan McGlynn,  
Hannah Butcher
8. Michael Belshay, Jr., Adam Levine
9. Carmen Amaya Barahona,  
Gregory Stiggers, Jessie Marcus
10. Elmo Webb, Lynette Wray
13. Aidan Cruz
17. Doris Wray
18. Grant Midkiff
21. Kelsey Storck
22. Lynne Miller
23. Andrea Onukwubiri
24. Carol Clatterbuck
25. Christopher Pavelka
26. Katie Kaufmann, Alice Mabry
27. Terry Holman
28. Javalin Baird
29. Helen Akers,  
Cheryl McBride Hoch,  
Jean Rodeffer
31. Justin Huneycutt

### August Anniversaries

10. Patricia & Ralph Guynn
15. Betty & Grant Midkiff
31. Rebecca & John Cavallo

## WELCOME

### June Visitors

Mrs. Boe  
Harriet Scotland  
James Summers

We welcome you  
to our church family!  
Please worship with us again soon.

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## We Asked & You Responded

By Ann Rowland, Lay Leader

I am pleased to report that all but one of the leadership positions vacated since the first of the year have been filled. Our thanks go to Lorna Marselas, Secretary/Treasurer Memorial Committee (previously held by Evelyn Adkins; Josh Geckle, IT Chair (previously held by Patrick Elliott); Rick Bergmann, Sunday School Superintendent (previously held by Dee Lewis); Jane Grays, Worship Committee (previously held by Rick Bergmann); Kemi Oluwafemi and Grace Eyiba, food pantry coordinators (previously held by Carol Clatterbuck). May each of you be richly blessed in your service.

We are still seeking a Church Council Recording Secretary. If interested, please contact me and I'll be happy to fill you in on the position. I can be reached at [anna.rowland@verizon.net](mailto:anna.rowland@verizon.net) or 301-572-5250.

We would like to express our gratitude to Carol, Evelyn, Patrick and Rick. Please know how very much you are valued and appreciated for your many years of dedication and faithful service to Christ and His church.

# August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>National Night Out at Beltsville Library 6 to 8 pm</i>	3 <i>Emory Grove (See article on page 2 for details)</i>	4 <i>6:30 pm Bible Study</i>	5	6 <i>5 pm NA</i>
7 <i>9 &amp; 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School</i>	8 <i>7 pm Trustees  7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group</i>	9 <i>10 am Prayer Fellowship  7 pm Worship Committee</i>	10	11	12	13 <i>5 pm NA</i>
14 <i>9 &amp; 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School Second Sunday Lunch 12:30 pm Youth Fellowship</i>	15	16	17	18	19 <i>11 am Community Place Cafe</i>	20 <i>9 am UMW Spiritual Retreat  5 pm NA</i>
21 <i>Christian Education Sunday 9 &amp; 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School/ Ice Cream Social</i>	22 <i>7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group</i>	23 <i>10 am Prayer Fellowship</i>	24	25	26 <i>7 pm Food Prep</i>	27 <i>10 am Food Distribution  5 pm NA</i>
28 <i>9 &amp; 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School  12:30 pm UMW Executive Meeting</i>	29	30 <i>7 pm ESOL</i>	31 <i>7 PM Church Council</i>			



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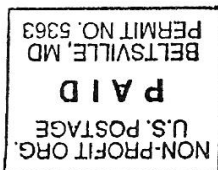
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