

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

August — September 2017

*A Vibrant Multi-Cultural Church*

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



Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

I greet all of you in the name of Jesus, our Lord!

It is still summer. We have been struggling with hot temperatures. But we can hang in there, because we know that a new season, Fall, will come again after we persevere through the

hot summer. I hope that you have enjoyed the summer, vacation, and family time.

Personally, I had a good family reunion with my older son, Eric on August 5. He had spent two months in Australia on an internship. When he returned, he shared his experiences there. One of the memorable things he did was to go skydiving. I thought it was just bungee jumping, but it was literally “sky diving.” He showed us a video clip of him skydiving. Fortunately, he was attached to a professional skydiver, but it still looked dangerous and risky. Anyway, he landed safely! I hope he had good experiences.

During the summer, churches usually have fewer activities. But Emmanuel didn't slow down much. It kept going with events like National Night Out on August 1, the United Methodist Men's breakfast on August 5, the youths' week at Camp HOPE, Community Place Café on August 18, the United Methodist Women's spiritual retreat on August 19, the Hymn Sing at Emory Grove on August 23, the Food Distribution Ministry on August 26, and the Community Cookout on August 27.

In particular, I was happy to participate in this year's Vacation Bible School. It was held during the week of August 7 - 11. I led Adult Bible study. We studied the parables of Jesus. I am sure that the children learned a lot. I also was happy to explore the meaning of the parables. I am grateful to the teachers, helpers, parents, and especially Rick Bergmann, the director of Sunday School, for making VBS so successful.

Now it is September. It is time to regroup and focus on the ministry of the church. Soon ESOL will start, and it's

time to prepare for the church's yearly conference. This year, rather than the usual Charge Conference process, we will utilize the Church Conference format that is designed to include all congregational members of our church. The Church Conference will be held on October 25. The Nomination Committee will search for and nominate new people for church positions.

Nowadays, I am having fun riding a bicycle. I go to Costco, the bank, and the coffee shop on my bike. If you see me riding my bike, please wave to me.

I hope you will continue to have a great time in Jesus. I would like to conclude my article with a poem I found recently. It is so beautiful that I want to share it with you. I am sure that the poem tells us how great love is.

## ***BUT YOU DIDN'T***

***Remember the day***

***I borrowed your brand new car and dented it? I thought you'd kill me. But you didn't.***

***Remember that day***

***I vomited strawberry pie all over your new carpet? I thought you'd hate me. But you didn't.***

***And remember the time I dragged you to the beach, and you said it would rain, and it did?***

***I thought you'd say, "I told you so." But you didn't.***

***Yes, there were lots of things you didn't do.***

***But you put up with me, and loved me, and protected me.***

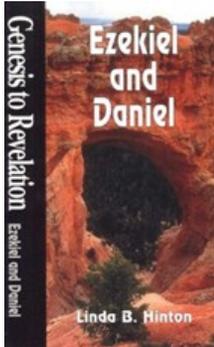
***There were lots of things I wanted to make up to you when you returned from Vietnam. But you didn't.***

The author of the poem was an ordinary American woman, whose husband was drafted into the army and went to the battlefields of Vietnam when their daughter was four years old. Unfortunately, her husband died on the battlefield. From that point on, she and her daughter only had each other. She was a widow until she died of old age.

Let us remember how much Jesus loves us and have a good month!

~ ~ ~ Pastor Jacob

## Weeknight Bible Study Returns



Thursday Night Bible Study will resume on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin the study of the books of Ezekiel and Daniel.

Bible Study is open to everyone. Come join us!

If you would like a copy of the book, see Rick Bergmann.

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR —

Due to August vacation schedules (mine and the office staff's), I decided to have a combined August/September issue of The Lamplighter. This worked fine except for folks with an August birthday or anniversary.

The August and September birthday and anniversary lists are on page 8. I apologize to our August celebrants for not getting the August lists out in July! Hopefully, you had a wonderful birthday or anniversary in spite of that. (And friends, I am sure they would appreciate even belated congratulations)!

## AN UPDATE ON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Vacation Bible School 2017** was an enormous success! We had approximately 23 children each night, many of whom were from our community! The students had an awesome time learning about parables each night through music, games, crafts, Bible lessons and more. Thank you to all of our volunteers – Olivia Allen, Pat Allen, Becky Cavallo, Katie Cavallo, Bryant Davis, Bobbie Deegan, Tia Dorsey, Cale Fuller, Tracy Fuller, Kathryn Griffin, Linda Hiner, Sonia Kassambara, Jenny Kresge, Stephanie Ladd, Ann Rowland and Pastor Young.

The wonderful thing about programs like Vacation Bible School is that you never know whose life you will affect. We received this email from one of the parents whose child attended VBS this year:

*I just wanted to say thank you! Cheyenne could not stop talking about last night!!!! She had so much fun. So much so that she told me "I want to go back every night - even tomorrow!" She had plans at our pool tonight - but she'd rather be there :):) I have such fond memories of vacation bible school when I was a kid and I haven't been able to get Cheyenne in any because they are usually during the day and I'm at work! So this one in the evening was perfect :)*

Pictures from this year's Vacation Bible School are on page 3.



It's that time again! Emmanuel's Youth Group will have its first meeting for the 2017-2018 year on September 10, 2017! We will begin by joining the congregation for lunch at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck from 12:30-1:00 pm. Then from 1:00-3:00, we will have a parent and youth member meeting. During the meeting, we will do some "getting to know each other" activities, some fun and games, and a little Bible study, as well as take some time to discuss the upcoming year of Youth Group. Youth Group this year will be led by Rick Bergmann and Alice White, along with a team of volunteers for different activities.

Youth Group is open to all students in middle school or high school. **You do not have to be a member of our church to join.** The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, from 12:30 to 3:00 pm (12:30 – 1:00 is lunch, 1:00 – 3:00 is meeting).

Students involved in Emmanuel's Youth Group will learn what it means to be a Christian through Bible Study, trips, lock-ins, hands-on ministry opportunities and mission work, games, fun and more. All are welcome to join us! Contact Youth Leader Rick Bergmann at [rick.bergmann@eumcbeltsville.com](mailto:rick.bergmann@eumcbeltsville.com) with any questions!

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017



## ENGLISH for SPEAKERS of OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL), Fall Semester 2017

We are looking forward to opening our 11<sup>th</sup> year of ESOL classes on Tuesday, September 5th, 7 — 9 pm. Our veteran teachers – Bryant Davis (beginning, level 1), Bobbi Meyers (intermediate, level 2), Pat Allen (intermediate, level 3), and Bobbie Deegan (advanced, level 4) – are raring to go, hoping to welcome many new as well as returning students. We believe that we have been a positive force in helping our new neighbors from other lands become integrated into our culture, and we have had lots of fun getting to know them in addition to learning about their various backgrounds.

As always, this mission project could use some more helping hands. Our biggest need is for someone who is willing to serve as a registrar; that is, to help students fill out registration forms and accept their class fees (\$20.00 per semester). This job should take less than an hour each Tuesday, starting at 6:30 pm. In fact, it would be OK if several people could rotate through this position.

It would be wonderful if we could also get several people to assist teaching in each class. It is always good to have helpers to reinforce important points in lessons and move conversations along.

Finally, we have been looking for one or several people to present short Bible stories (predominantly parables) during our snack breaks at 8:00 pm using the flannel board system set up by Pastor Daniel Mejia. All of the story material is available. Our students seemed to enjoy these presentations in past years, but we have not been able to go forward with this important aspect of our program for several years because of personnel changes. For some of our students, such as those from mainland China, this might be the only opportunity they have to hear the stories of Jesus. Please consider helping us share the stories of Christ with our ESOL students.

An added bonus is that everyone involved in our ESOL program is more than welcome to forego dessert at home and indulge in some tasty, healthful snacks during our 8:00 pm break time. What more could you ask for? Please call Pat Allen (301-937-2081) or the church office (301-937-7114) if you would like to join our ESOL program.



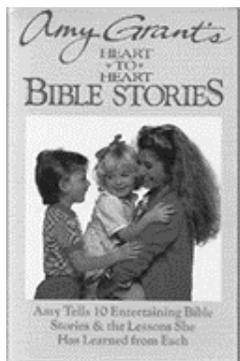
Emmanuel UMC Sunday School  
and Bible Study Program  
Growing in God's Word

Sunday School and Sunday Morning Bible Study will be returning on September 10, 2017 at 10:15 am. This year, we will be offering 4 classes for students and one for adults on Sunday mornings.

For our children, our youngest will be learning with Ms. Katie Kaufmann. She will be teaching Deep Blue Bible Study to our pre-kindergarten students. Mrs. Scarlet Robertson will be teaching our children who are in 1st through 5th grade. They will be learning about "Heart To Heart" Bible Stories. Our Middle School students, 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, will be learning with Mrs. Debbie McNitt, and our High Schoolers will be taught by Mr. Todd Reitzel. Both will be using the curriculum from Linked: Growing in God's Word.

Our adult class, led by Deaconess Jane Grays, will be studying the book of Isaiah.

If you are interested in being a member of one of our classes or if you are interested in teaching, contact Rick Bergmann, Sunday School Superintendent, at [rick.bergmann@eumcbeltsville.com](mailto:rick.bergmann@eumcbeltsville.com).



## TIME FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Food Distribution Ministry is once again collecting school supplies to support Beltsville Academy. Our list has been simplified this year to include the following:

Composition books  
Crayons(24-count)  
Pink erasers  
Glue sticks  
Highlighters (any color)  
Pencils

Scissors (blunt and with pointed ends)  
Plastic 2-pocket folders  
Loose leaf paper (wide-ruled)  
Markers (8 — 10 count)  
Earbuds



If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Vaughan, at [mvaughan@ipcmclean.org](mailto:mvaughan@ipcmclean.org).

Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile program.

### Know Your Numbers

by Ilene Forsbacka, Health and Wellness

Do you know there is a user-friendly blood pressure monitor available for anyone's use, any time? It's located in the Powell Parlor. Please do not move it! You can have your blood pressure checked monthly, on the **last Sunday of each month before and after the 11:15 service**. Learn what your numbers mean for you and when you should act on your numbers!



### STROKE WARNING SIGNS

\*Face Drooping - Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop, or is it numb?

\*Arm Weakness - Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward? Is one arm weak or numb?

\*Speech Difficulty - Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, such as "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly? Is speech slurred, or is the person unable to speak or hard to understand?

**Call 911 if the person shows any of these symptoms, even if they go away. The sooner the person gets evaluated and treated, the better the recovery.**

### WE HAVE A FREEZER AGAIN!

by Barbara Butcher

Thanks to the United Methodist Women and others who donated money for the purchase of a new freezer for the church kitchen. Now we can make ice, instead of having to carry in heavy bags of it!

The entire cost of the freezer was not covered by donations. If you would like to give to this project, just write FREEZER on an envelope and leave it at the church.

### Some Courageous Women Who Led the Way

- In 1787, despite the objections of male preachers, John Wesley officially authorized **Sarah Mallet** to preach.
- In 1876, **Anna Oliver** was the first woman to receive the Bachelor's of Divinity degree from Boston University School of Theology.
- In 1920, the Methodist Episcopal Church granted women the right to become licensed as local preachers.



(This information is from a list compiled for an event sponsored by the 2012 General Commission on the Status and Role of Women).

Do you have a suggestion? A story idea? An idea for a feature? A complaint? (Don't worry, I can take it. And I can't fix what I don't know about!)

To contact Lamplighter editor Bobbie Deegan, please phone her at 301-937-7070, or email her at [BobbieDeegan@aol.com](mailto:BobbieDeegan@aol.com). Additional material will be gladly accepted!



## Girl Scout Gold Award

### 100 Years of Extraordinary Projects from Extraordinary Girls

by Mike Hatton



Starting in 1916, the best and brightest have undertaken projects to improve their communities—and the world. The Golden Eaglet insignia, the highest award in Girl Scouts from 1916 to 1939, marked the beginning of a long tradition of recognizing the extraordinary efforts of extraordinary girls. From 1940 to 1963, the Curved Bar Award was the highest honor in Girl Scouts. From 1963 to 1980, the highest award was called First Class. And since 1980, the Gold Award has inspired girls to find the greatness inside themselves and share their ideas and passions with their communities.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church (EUMC) was blessed to have Rebecca Harding, the granddaughter of Lorna Marselas, choose us for her Girl Scout Gold Award project. Current and future Emmanuel attendees will come to experience the love of God from the work of Rebecca for many years to come.

I had the privilege of working with Rebecca as her adviser on behalf of EUMC. She met with me with the determination to do what is best with her time and talent. It was decided she would focus on the Nursery, as well as on developing a website for EUMC to promote Christian education. As we finalized plans, it was apparent that she would far exceed the requirements of the Girl Scouts.

Rebecca and I began by meeting with the Nursery staff and visiting the Sunday school classes. The meeting enabled her to sense that she was heading in the right direction. The meeting was followed by her:

- Sorting old nursery toys for donation or disposal
- Replacing nursery and toddler toys that were more than 10 years old with new ones
- Purchasing a rocker/recliner to replace a hand-me-down
- Purchasing a flat screen TV for DVD use of toddlers

After completing these tasks, Rebecca mentioned to me that she still had some funds available and asked for my thoughts. When we took another tour of the church building, she noticed a newly-installed egress window. For safe access, the gap between the egress windows will require the use of a stepstool. Rebecca's observation allowed her to volunteer to purchase the stepstool. She went above and beyond what EUMC could have expected to make sure we had the necessities.

Rebecca then got on to the website project. We met with the Church IT point-of-contact. Together, they worked on Sunday school announcements and the routine updates for everyone to check on. What a difference this technology can make in communicating with every church attendee!

For many years, EUMC has worked with the Eagle Scouts and their projects. Rebecca is the pioneer Girl Scout Gold Award project manager at Emmanuel. We are humbled and proud of this. Her work is so much appreciated, and we hope that Rebecca's leadership will inspire others in the near future. Emmanuel would be glad to work with these inspiring young women.



Emmanuel has wheelchairs, walkers, and canes which can be loaned out. If you need to borrow any of these items, please call the church office at 301-937-7114.

~ ~*The Trustees*

**NOTARIZED**

Need to have something notarized? Bobbie Deegan is a Notary Public, and would be happy to notarize documents for you, free of charge. Give her a call at 301-937-7070, or email her at [BobbieDeegan@aol.com](mailto:BobbieDeegan@aol.com), to arrange a time to get together.

## OPERATION OREO



The following article was adapted from an item on the national United Methodist Church website ([www.UMC.org](http://www.UMC.org)). The original YouTube video may be accessed at <http://www.umc.org/how-we-serve/church-collects-tons-of-cookies-for-troops>.

Since 2009, members of Alpharetta First United Methodist Church in Georgia have shipped nearly 17 tons of Oreo cookies to U.S. military stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. Soldiers send back photos of themselves enjoying this special taste of ‘home.’ The Oreo collection started with 1,400 packages and grew to over 10,000 in 2017. Each includes a handwritten thank-you note.

Rev. Don Martin explained, “In 2009, I was on my way to Phoenix, Arizona. I was sitting next to a soldier. I asked him what he missed most while he was away, and he said just like that, ‘Oreos!’ So I came back to the congregation in June and said, ‘Please, on Patriotic Sunday, let’s ramp it up and bring these troops some Oreos!’ Today is Operation Oreo. We ask our members and people in the community to bring Oreos to send to the troops overseas.”

Carl Gilbert, who attends Alpharetta First United Methodist, reminisced about his days in the service. “Just to receive anything from home, and know that somebody you didn’t know was caring about you, was very important. Every year, we have people just drop in off the street and bring in cookies. Local businesses and other churches in the area join in. It’s very well known in our community.”

Beth Allain, also from Alpharetta First United Methodist, added, “When we started with Operation Oreo, we just sent the cookies. But then we started to realize it’s not just the cookies. We want them to know we’re thinking of them, we’re praying for them, we appreciate them, we want to encourage them. So we printed up some stickers and we just asked them to write notes. And people will just write notes of appreciation.”

Rev. Martin continued, “I sometimes think they appreciate the notes more than the cookies. Because the notes they can keep forever, and they remind them that they’re loved and respected and missed, and that we want them to come home.”

Church member Ralph Jordan pointed out, “You never know when a prayer is going to have an impact. You never know where that’s going to land or who that person is going to be.”

Beth Allain concluded, “It does give you a sense of pride in The United Methodist Church, knowing that as a denomination we’re trying to emphasize more service to those who serve for us.”

## DO YOU KNOW ME?



I used to live in someone’s pocket or purse. But it was so dark in there, and nothing ever happened. Boring! So one day when my person went to Emmanuel, I made a break for it. I dropped onto the rug in the hallway! Someone found me and put me on the display case so my person could find me. I liked it there, because I could see all the people as they came in and out of the building. But no one claimed me. So they moved me to the church office to wait until someone asked about me. I’ve been there for MONTHS now, and my person still hasn’t missed me. I WANT TO GO HOME! Can you help? Do you know where I belong?

## SAVE THE DATE

This year’s **APPLE FESTIVAL** will be held on:

**Saturday, OCTOBER 28**

**10 AM — 2 PM**



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

September 3 — Beverly Ward  
 September 10 — Deegan  
 September 17 — Cline  
 September 24 — Scotland



The flower chart is posted in the hallway 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES****AUGUST**

10. Patricia & Ralph Guynn  
 31. Rebecca & John Cavallo

**SEPTEMBER**

1. Carrie & Roy White  
 2. Mary Ann & Don Roberts  
 4. Donna & Jim Tock  
 5. Bobbie & Charlie Deegan  
 6. Barbara & Jim Butcher  
 8. Priscilla & Crispin Wray  
 18. Julie & Chuck Pavelka  
 21. Therese & Andrew Onukwubiri  
 24. Ada & Dennis McGlynn  
 27. Ann & Ted Ladd

**IN MEMORIAM**

Christian love and sympathy to:

\*Robert Humphrey and family on the passing of his brother, George, on July 20.

\*Julie Pavelka and family, on the death of her mother, Terry Holman, on August 20.

**August Birthdays**

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

**September Birthdays**

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



**GUESTS** visiting Emmanuel during June and July included:

Brett Aibson	Ella & Molly Bredbenner
Brad Davis	Makaria Diallo
Melissa Graber	Adora Green
Mohammad Kromah	Chris Libby
Dr. Pamela Lindley	Shane Plantholt
The Robersons	

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

**GREETERS** are needed for the 11:15 services in September.

**SCRIPTURE READERS** are needed for the 9 AM and 11:15 AM services in September.

To volunteer to cover one or more Sundays, please put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.

**No experience necessary — we will train!**

Thank you for helping to make Emmanuel a friendly and welcoming place.



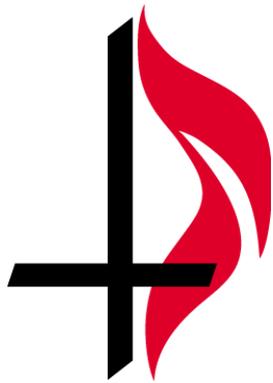
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services	4 Church Office CLOSED	5 7 pm ESOL	6	7 7 pm Bible Study	8	9 5 pm NA
10 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch 12:30 pm Youth Group 12:45 Chancel Choir	11 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	12 10 am Prayer Fellowship 7 pm ESOL	13	14 7 pm Bible Study	15 11 am Community Place Café	16 5 pm NA
17 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School 12:30 pm Memorial Committee 12:45 Chancel Choir	18 12 Noon Ellen Hoover Circle	19 7 pm ESOL 7 pm Sisters in Spirit Circle	20 10 am Susanna Wesley Circle	21 7 pm Bible Study	22 7 pm Food Prep	23 10 am Food Distribution 12 Noon UMW General Meeting 5 pm NA
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