





The Newsletter of Emmanuel United Methodist Church!



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From the Pastor's Desk we'll Understand It Better By and By

We continue to come to terms with

navigating life during a modern-day viral pandemic. If you heard my message on March 15, 2020, you already know that I feel we were already in a pandemic of hate. A pandemic is something that has spread over several countries and continents and usually affects a large number of people. People were being hurt because of where they live, who they love, the color of their skin, religion, culture, you name it, and someone would find a reason to hate them because of that difference. The Coronavirus, COVID-19, wasn't discriminatory. It came into our everyday lives and caused us to self-quarantine, practice social distancing; cancel programs, sports, concerts, conventions, entertainment and religious services to name a few, and hoard toilet paper and sanitizer. It had a ripple effect that impacted economics, education and economy. People scrambled to bring some control back to their lives, while considering the lives of others. Where hate separated us, the virus forced us to consider our fellow citizens here and across the waters. Fighting both requires us to come together. We spent time with the little humans that would normally be at school. Being together by choice has a different feel than being told to stay put. Now I know how the little people feel when we restrict their movement. But we learned to make the best of it all. When Charles Tinley wrote "We'll Understand it Better By and By", there were a lot of things happening in his life. He faced the ugliness that comes with being judged by the color of his skin, the struggles of running a large church in a low-income neighborhood, death of his wife, family dynamics and helping people keep hope in a touch economy. Robert Morgan writes in his book "Then Sings My Soul: 250 of the Worlds' Greatest Hymn Stories" that Tinley said "We don't own big bank accounts. We don't even know what tomorrow will bring. But we do have hope." It was that spirit that Tinley wrote this song, and the reason we sing it in times like these. It was one of the "go to" songs of my youth, and it still brings comfort today.

HOLY BIBLE

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Congratulations to Rebecca Harding

Rebecca Harding is the grand-daughter of Lorna Marselas. In 2017, she redesigned and refurbished the nursery at Emmanuel in order to achieve her Girl Scout Gold Award. She worked with Mike Hatton, who was trustee chair at the time and with Joan McCarthy, our nursery provider to update the toys, furnishings and atmosphere in our nursery.

Since 2017, Rebecca has been a busy young person. She currently attends the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), where she is an individualized studies major. This means she wrote a degree plan and forged her own unique major. She is currently studying the applications of patient centered care in the emergency department. Patient centered care is a model of care that considers a patient's life circumstances and challenges when administering care. For example, if a patient doesn't have a car, making sure that their follow up appointments are accessible through public transportation would be a priority.

Outside of class, She volunteers and works. She volunteers as an EMT at the Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department in Howard County. She has also accepted an internship at United Way of Central Maryland where she'll be in their helpline center making and receiving calls. She also works as an EMT on campus for club sports. And if all of that weren't enough, she works at Anne Arundel Medical Center in their mental health unit of the emergency department.

Rebecca is a remarkable young woman. We thank her for the dedication she put into our nursery.



Troop 1033 Update

Troop 1033 has had a great start to the year with lots of fun activities including working on the Robotics Merit Badge, indoor rock climbing at Earth Treks in Columbia, and a weekend of cabin camping at Rodney Scout Reservation in North East, MD!

With the current situation with COVID-19, however, the troop is taking a break from meetings and group activities until the end of April.

As of the time of this newsletter, the Spring Lawn and Garden Products Fundraiser will proceed as planned - with orders due by March 21st and a delivery date of April 4th. As always, thank you to EUMC for your continued support!



- ▶ The trustee committee is slowly working on the Fire Marshall's list concerning the Day Care. Andy Onukwubiri volunteered to aid in construction of steps to eight egress windows in the Education building. Several other items remain to be completed.
- ▶ Pat Mellott and Bob Miller installed a new sump pump in the parsonage.
- ► A rodent problem in the food closet is being addressed.
- ▶ We contacted the leader of Narcotics Anonymous. Waiting to get names of people who have made duplicate keys for the group.
- ▶ We received the names of three recommended plumbers from church members and employed one this week.

Many hands make light work! If you can help the trustees even for an hour, please contact Barbara Butcher at barbarabutcher@verizon.net. Also, contact Barbara if you see something that needs to be fixed in the church.

Forever Free Children's Books Kick-off at Communion Breakfast

The annual Communion Breakfast is currently scheduled for May 9, and this year our theme is Dr. Seuss ("Oh the Places You'll Go"). We will have Seussical fun and games, so dress as your favorite Seuss character (optional) and brush up on your knowledge of all things Seuss. Seuss fans of all ages are encouraged to join us. Check the bulletin for more information or call the church office with questions.

Once you learn to read, you will be forever free. ~Frederick Douglass



In celebration of Dr. Seuss and all children's books, the UMW /Sisters in Spirit will be starting a collection of new or new looking children's books for infants through high school-age students. These educational and recreational books will be gifted to the children of parents currently incarcerated in DC jails. The books

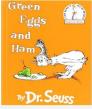
can be brought to the Communion Breakfast or dropped off in a special box that will be in the narthex labeled "Forever Free Book Collection." We will continue to collect books through May and June.

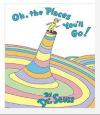
Kohl's always has a great selection of \$5 books near check out. In addition to helping the kids who will get the books, the proceeds go to Kohl's Cares which supports the health and

wellness of families in our community. For more information, go to https://www.kohls.com/sale-event/kohls-cares.jsp Target also has a great selection of Children's books.











Did you remember last month's verse from Job? Are you ready for the April's verses? Here they are:

Isaiah 55:10-11 Common English Bible (CEB)

10 Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and don't return there without watering the earth, making it conceive and yield plants and providing seed to the sower and food to the eater, 11 so is my word that comes from my mouth; it does not return to me empty.

Instead, it does what I want, and accomplishes what I intend.



An important aspect of Emmanuel has always been the children. They are the flowers we are tending and teaching to bear fruit for future generations. For April, we are going look back at the children of Emmanuel over the years!













Every child is a different kind of flower and all together make this world a beautiful garden













What is a Cantata?

At Emmanuel our choir performs two cantata's a year. One during Advent and one during Lent. But what is a cantata? It is "a composition for one or more voices usually comprising solos, duets, recitatives, and choruses and sung to an instrumental accompaniment." Our choir works hard on these two special music programs each year, spending many hours practicing for these special musical occasions. This year's Lenten Cantata "Here Is Love" performance will take place during service on Palm Sunday, April 5. Come out and join us for this special occasion!



Can you

help?



Calling All Gardeners!

The rose bed that is by the patio in front of the church needs some love and care. If an individual or group of individuals wishes to give it some attention, please contact Barbara Butcher at barbarabutcher@verizon.net or the office at office@eumcbeltsville.com.

Share your talents at Emmanuel by welcoming visitors or sharing the Word! Help for a single Sunday or choose several. You choose how many Sundays you are able to help. To volunteer to serve as a **Greeter** or **Scripture Reader**, just put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the red bulletin board in the narthex outside the Sanctuary.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The Pastor is available for appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Email office@eumcbeltsville.com or call 301.937.7114 to make arrangements.

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One of the stanzas reads:

We are often destitute by the things that life commands Want of food and want of shelter, thirty hills and barren lands We are trusting in the Lord, and according to God's word We will understand it better by and by

James 3:17-18 says, "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure, then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness." It may take years for us to understand the full impact of both pandemics. But we know that God is the same yesterday, today and will be tomorrow. Maybe, just maybe we will see God turn this world around sooner, rather than later... by and by.

Blessings,

Pastor Jalene

Please pray for our sick and shut in

Those who are homebound: Evelyn Adkins, Harry

Evelyn Adkins, Harry Cottman, Norma Hall, Carolyn Scarcia, Doris Shirey

Those who are out of state:
Edith Marcus, Lil Mizzer,
Doris Wray



Hate, it has caused a lot of problems in the world, but has not solved one yet.

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MCCURDY CIRCLE

The UMW's Ellen Hoover Circle has a new name! They have changed their name and will now be supporting Missionary Nan McCurdy because Missionary Ellen Hoover has retired.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex on the Red Bulletin Board. 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 home are not tax-deductible).

Thank you.



Emmanuel has Online Giving!

And it's easy to use! Just go to our website -

www.eumcbeltsville.com — and follow the prompts to go to a secure Online Donation page hosted by Vanco Services, LLC. If you prefer, you can



MARYLAND EMPLOYMENT **OPPORTUNITIES**

A list of job opportunities are posted on the red community bulletin board in the Narthex.



This month in Church Words we are going to look at 2 words we hear during the worship service a lot: exalt and benediction.

scan the QR code.

EXALT: We often hear the word exalt in hymns such as *Majesty* (Hymn # 176 in the United Methodist Hymnal). The lyrics are "So Exalt, Lift Upon High The Name Of Jesus." According to dictionary.com, exalt means to "hold (someone or something) in very high regard; think or speak very highly of." So, when we sing Majesty we are singing about holding the name of Jesus above

BENEDICTION: We see this every week on the screen right after our last communion hymn. It will say "let us prepare for the benediction." What does that really mean? What are we preparing for? Well, a benediction is "the utterance or bestowing of a blessing, especially at the end of a religious service." In other words, this is the Pastor's final blessing before releasing us out into the world for the week. It's their

way of saying be blessed and safe until we meet again.

all else in this world.

So there you have it, two more "Churchy Words" you can impress your friends with!

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

A Benediction from the Book of Numbers

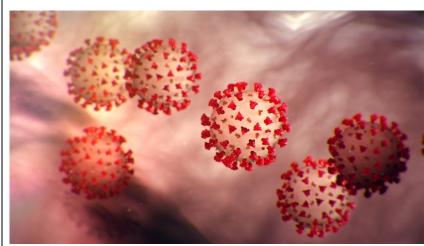
Christian love and sympathy to the families of: Leroy Bowen, George King, Clara Larsen



"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ~Revelation 21:4

Adjusting to the Coronavirus Threat (originally published on umnews.org)

By Linda Bloom



Electron microscopic image of an isolate from the first U.S. case of COVID -19. United Methodist churches in the Seattle area have been affected by the coronavirus outbreak there. Image courtesy of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Rev. Kelly Dahlman-Oeth gained a new appreciation March 8 for the option of livestreaming Sunday worship after needing to be separate from his congregation in Shoreline, Washington.

"I'm just delighted by the technology that allows us to try to stay connected as much as we can," he said, before admitting his previous lack of enthusiasm for a "virtual" church experience. "Welcome to this not so brave, somewhat cautious new world."

Dahlman-Oeth, the pastor of Ronald United Methodist Church, had quarantined himself at home after exposure to COVID-19, the coronavirus.

He said he has had no symptoms before or since learning that an acquaintance he had sat next to at a community meal on Feb. 27 had tested positive for coronavirus. The man had visited his mother at the Life Care Center of Kirkland, a facility associated with most of Washington State's 23 fatalities from

the virus. The state has at least 162 COVID-19 cases currently.

Shoreline is just north of Seattle on the Highway 99 corridor and Ronald church has an ethnically and economically diverse congregation that is about 40% Filipino, 40% Anglo and 20% of other backgrounds, including African, Japanese and Hispanic.

It is among the many churches in Seattle and King County that has felt the impact of one of the most significant outbreaks of coronavirus in the U.S.

On March 9, the United Methodist Pacific Northwest Conference announced its office would be closed through March 27 after Patty Jamieson, the wife of Rik Jamieson — a staff member and assistant treasurer — received a positive test result for COVID-19 the evening before.

She had been ill since Feb. 25 with what was thought to be pneumonia, the announcement said. Rik Jamieson, while in isolation, has shown no symptoms. The office in King County is in the small city of Des Moines, about 15 miles south of Seattle.

Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky is based at that office as episcopal leader of the Greater Northwest Area, which also includes the Oregon-Idaho and Alaska conferences.

This health emergency, she told UM News, calls for similar resources as other types of emergencies, but it also requires the church "to develop new ways of being." A number of congregations not engaged in online worship and giving, for example, are now asking for technical help to do so.

The shift away from business as usual really struck Stanovsky on March 6, when she made a routine flight from the nearly-empty Seattle airport to Portland, Oregon, and saw people busy disinfecting the space around them on the plane.

"Adjusting in the wake of coronavirus on Friday really heightened my awareness of just how vigilant people were feeling and acting," she said.

At the same time, Stanovsky noted, the situation is different for the very rural communities untouched so far by the virus in the four states her episcopal area covers.

In King County, a chief concern is how neighborhood engagement ministries are affected by this COVID-19 crisis. Her office is beginning to conduct surveys to find out.

One of the biggest challenges, she said, has been making sure the messaging from the conference office has been consistent.

"We've directed everybody to their own state or country health districts," Stanvosky said. "Each of us individually and on behalf of the whole church are trying to make prudent judgments and decisions."

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Please Wash Your Hands

In the greater Seattle area, a government recommendation discouraging unnecessary gatherings of more than 50 people prompted a number of churches to set up online worship services. At Ronald United Methodist, some members were in the sanctuary, while others watched from home as Dahlman-Oeth used Zoom to take part in the 35-minute service. "It seemed to work out pretty well, with a few minor

human errors," he reported.

The experience, he said, was enjoyable and opened his eyes to the fact that online worship can be a resource to others who cannot attend in person for a variety of reasons.

In the near future, livestream events and video conferencing could substitute for other in-person gatherings while concerns about coronavirus exposure continues. So far, the 2020 General Conference, the denomination's top legislative body, is still scheduled to meet May 5-15 in Minneapolis.

On March 5, the Commission on the General Conference's executive committee announced it is monitoring developments in the spread of coronavirus, collaborating with public health authorities and developing health and wellness protocols for the GC2020 meeting site.

Other meetings have been cancelled or postponed. The World Council of Churches, for example, moved its next central committee meeting from March to August because of concerns over the international spread of COVID-19. United Methodist Bishop Mary Ann Swenson is the central committee's co-vice-moderator.

In the Middle East, Bethlehem Bible College, which has support from United Methodists, was closed March 8 until further notice following an outbreak of coronavirus that has shut down the town of Bethlehem. David Wildman, a staff executive with the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, said he was concerned about residents who receive regular medical treatments outside Bethlehem and about the economic and health impact of the virus in the region.

In China, the United Methodist Committee on Relief gave an emergency grant to a local partner, the Amity Foundation in Nanjing, to deal with the coronavirus crisis. The grant enabled infection, prevention and control measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases in the affected areas.

In Sierra Leone, posters advising people about how to stop the spread of the coronavirus were placed near the altar and other prominent spots during the March 4-8 United Methodist annual conference session in Koidu City.

For now, Africa — particularly sub-Saharan Africa — "is one of the continents that is not heavily affected," said Dr. Graciela Salvador-Davila, director of Global Health for UMCOR and Global Ministries. She is concerned about infection control when that situation changes and is working with the mission agency to develop plans for a response.

Salvador-Davila and a colleague, Megan Klingler, were providing intensive handwashing training sessions March 9-11 to staff members at the Global Ministries offices in Atlanta.

Proper handwashing is really the front line of infection control, Salvador-Davila told UM News. "It's not rocket science," she said. "It's a behavior change."

The main problem is that people do not wash their hands correctly, added Klinger, formerly with the Centers for Disease Control. "We wanted the training to be highly participatory," said Klinger, who has helped United Methodists in East Congo address the Ebola epidemic.

To demonstrate how hands and various personal items — including cellphones — can be contaminated by touching surfaces, she put nontoxic "glow germs" invisible to the naked eye in a hand sanitizer and covered desk areas, chairs and handles with the sanitizer.

A light demonstrated that "their hands were jam-packed with germs" after touching those surfaces, Salvador-Davila said. The participants were told to quickly go wash up and when they returned, Klinger added, "we could show them how poorly they really did wash their hands. It was a great eye-opener for staff."

Other parts of the training focused on respiratory hygiene, such as covering mouths when coughing, brainstorming about preventative actions to take in public places and managing daily activities through techniques such as social distancing — keeping people a little more than arm's length apart to avoid droplets in the air.

"It really identified what the challenges are," Salvador-Davila said about the training. "The message was: This could save your life."





This month we will hear from some of the children in the Church: Geoffrey, Jack and Claye Kaufmann, Kevin, Jason, and Ian Kresge, Glendy and Darwin Aguilera

Why do you come to church?

Jack: To learn about God Clay: To learn about the Bible Kevin: To worship God

Jason: I go to church to worship God and Jesus

Ian: To learn about God's Love

Glendy: I come because I believe after every long week we need to hear the word of God, also to start the new week

in his words

Darwin: I come to church to hear the word of God and have faith and to use what I've learned to start the new week.

What is your favorite part of church?

Geoffrey: Reading in front of the congregation

Clay: learning about God

Kevin: Donuts

Jason: Donuts and Sunday School

Ian: Sunday School

Glendy: My favorite part of church is when we do the meet and greet during the service, it allows for people to meet

one another.

Darwin: My favorite part of church is Sunday School and when we pass the Peace Of Christ during Service because

we get a chance to communicate and meet new people.

What does God look like?

Clav: A person

Geoffrey: A spirit...Jesus is like water you can see, God is like air, the Holy Spirit is like the water vapor in the air

Kevin: I don't know Jason: (see picture below)

Ian: I have no idea

Glendy: For me God looks like everything/infinite to me, he doesn't have an exact appearance because God is everywhere and is everything so I believe he doesn't have an exact appearance.

Darwin: God looks beautiful the way I think of it. God is everything and Nature beautiful and that makes God

beautiful too.

What is your favorite Bible Story?

Geoffrey: Queen Ester

Jack: Jesus turning water into wine

Kevin: Noah and the Ark **Jason:** Noah and the Ark

Ian: The story of Jesus being born in a stable

Glendy: My favorite bible story or verse is Psalm 121:1

Darwin: Psalm 91:1

What is one thing you would like God to help you with?

Geoffrey: I would thank God for all my friends. I would ask God to help me not be jealous of things my friends have which I don't.

Jack: Love Clay: Patience Ian: Patience

Glendy: I would like for God to help me become more aware of things to not only see things through my eyes but from other perspectives, to perceive what others perceive in their own ways.

Darwin: I would like for God to help me choose the right paths in life and to help me see and do what is right.

Jason's drawing of God

Bringing The Church Into The 21st Century

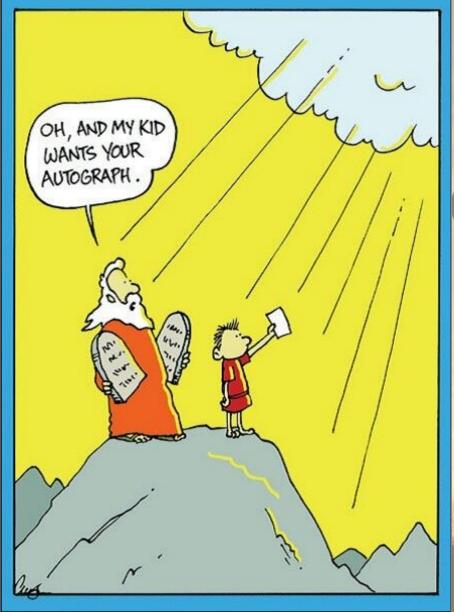


Doug Weston installs a Wireless Access Point in the Sanctuary.

Emmanuel's phone system and computer network have needed upgrades for many years and they have finally got one. The IT committee at Emmanuel is made up of Rick Bergmann, Mike Hatton, and Doug Weston. They worked for several days to install and upgrade a new phone system and network that will give better internet coverage to all sections of the church and both floors of the education building.

As part of these upgrades the committee was able to install new phones in the office and kitchen. They also put in more wireless access points throughout both buildings to allow for a stronger internet connection in all sections of both buildings. This will help Emmanuel when it hosts outside groups and give them a stronger Wi-Fi signal to help with presentations.

Rick, Mike and Doug spent the better part of a week rewiring, pulling cables and installing all necessary equipment. Doug also spent time on the computer building the network. Once everything is up and running, Emmanuel should have a more powerful network for our office staff, members, and visitors to use.







Lil Mizzer, Monica Hatton. Lea Claye, Deji Bello, Lacey Fadely, Dan Webb, George Urick, Cale Fuller Jr., Grace Rodeffer, Ernie Kilbourne, Ted Ladd, Sharon White, April Ademiluyi, Glenna Pavelka



Happy Anniversary



Unique Celebrations in April



April is the only month of the year that begins with a day where it is ok to play jokes on other people - April Fool's Day. April Fool's Day has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, but its exact origins remain a mystery. But, this isn't the only strange day of

celebration in the month of April. Here are a few you might not have known about!

- **April 2** National Peanut Butter And Jelly Day
- April 3 Don't Go To Work Unless It's Fun Day
- **April 4** Tell A Lie Day
- **April 7** Caramel Popcorn Day
- **April 10** National Siblings Day
- **April 12** Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day & National Licorice Day
- **April 15** Tax Day & That Sucks Day
- **April 16** National Librarian Day
- **April 30** National Honesty Day

Which ones will you be celebrating?

Do you have something for our newsletter? Send items to the editor, Rick Bergmann at lamplighter@eumcbeltsville.com

THANK YOU

As many of you know, my sister Maxine Riggleman, went home to be with the Lord on February 3, 2020. I have received so many wonderful cards, notes and telephone calls from various members and friends of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church family. Have been overwhelmed and so very appreciative for all of the thoughtfulness and caring I have received from so many and want to humbly extend my heart-felt THANKS to everyone for your loving kindness and the Blessings you have bestowed upon me. Ruth Smith

The board members of UpStage Artists would like to thank Emmanuel and Pastor Jalene for all their support. It was wonderful seeing so many of you come to the show. Also, thank you to everyone who donated money to help us get up and running. We are truly blessed to have your support. Sincerely, Spencer, Lorraine, John, Jana and Rick, board members of UpStage Artists.

Thank you to Kathy Mellott for preparing our annual Lenten Devotional!



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