

# The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

August 2019

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

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## Awesome August

When I sat down to write about August, these two different sets of words came to mind:

*Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness. The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him. (Lamentations 3:22-23, 25)*

*Sunrise, Sunset; swiftly flow the days. Seedlings turn overnight to sunflowers, blossoming even as we gaze. Sunrise, Sunset; swiftly flow the years, one season following another, laden with happiness and tears. (Fiddler on the Roof, 1964)*

Crazy, right? I know, I have my moments. I was thinking about how fast we got to this month. It seems like we were just saying Happy New Year; now I'm in my second year of appointment with you; Emmanuel – *God With Us*.

The words speak of how we spend our days. Our lives. We trust God for whatever happens. We understand that time passes, and mornings come with new opportunities. The words speak of the wisdom of having a relationship with God and the wisdom we share in relationship with each other. We acknowledge that we are aging, or we notice that our children are aging, and we wonder where the time went. It doesn't matter how swiftly the days or years pass, God's love and compassion are new every morning – new day, new possibilities. We learn from the past, and we grow when we don't get stuck in it.

We find ourselves thinking about how fast the first half of the year went, while preparing for the second half. We analyze what we've done well, and the things that need to be revisited. We promise to do things differently, and realize that we said the same thing last year. It's a futile attempt to undo yesterday and live in the future, when all we really can do is live now.

That is what's so Awesome about August. We can slow our anxious thoughts and take time to enjoy these last summer days. We also have time to plan what will make a difference as we move forward. Last week, last month, last year may not have gone as planned, but the blessing is we are still here!

The fact that you are reading this gives testimony to God's faithfulness to us. We were not consumed by the mistakes and decisions of the past. The sun will continue to rise and set whether we complete our "to do" list or not. We have no control over time. But what we can control is how we spend it. Make the decision to be happy, as we live in hope while seeking God daily.

Blessings,

~ ~ ~ Pastor Jalene



**REMINDER — We have a new SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE this year. Beginning July 7 and ending September 1, there will be one worship service only, 9:45AM — 11AM. Nursery Care and Sign Language Interpretation will be provided.**

**Come greet the people you rarely see because they attend the "other" service the rest of the year!**

## Susanna Wesley House, Inc. An Oasis of Hope, A Home for New Beginnings

Adapted from the Summer 2019 Newsletter  
Shared by Deaconess Jane Grays

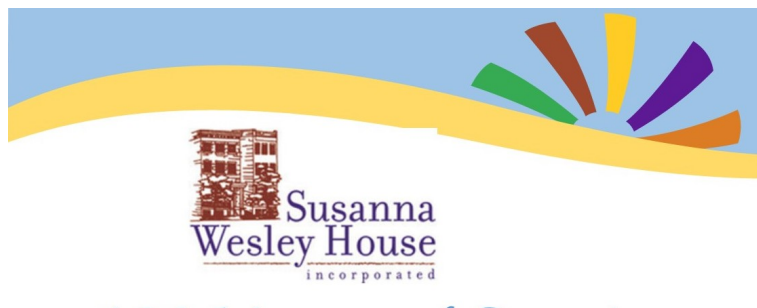


Thank you for assisting us in providing safe, clean, affordable housing and access to services/programs necessary for needy women and their dependent children to obtain independent living. The Susanna Wesley House Inc. is not a homeless shelter. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to providing safe, affordable housing and supportive services to homeless, low-income women and needy women with dependent children, leading to independent living. We strive to end homelessness, especially as it affects women and children.

The SWH supports programs and projects aimed at improving the special needs of needy women and their dependent children. The women are empowered through educational opportunities and advocacy to help themselves and their children to thrive. These opportunities allow women to act and to empower themselves, as well as others, while improving the community. The SWH also puts a special emphasis on the children. If children are raised with safety, security, food, shelter, education, and basic human rights, the children will grow to be loving and secure adults.

All the events, activities and programs that the SWH sponsors and/or supports provide opportunities for education and advocacy. For instance, the Garden Party gave the women and children many opportunities. A powerful, inspirational message given by author Kim Jackson assisted in lifting the self-esteem of the women as well as the guest. "Gardening 101" provided an opportunity to plant vegetables and flowers in the backyard. Children as well as adults participated in gardening, and they learned not only about what food can be grown but how flowers can beautify the community.

Information on healthy eating habits and healthy recipes was given out. Voter registration applications were available to the residents as well as the guests. Smoking cessation information also was distributed to the attendees. This event is just one way that your assistance has empowered women as well as helped them to improve our community.



## 100 Years of Service Gala Celebration

Celebrating 100 years of mission  
service to women and children

**Saturday, September 21st  
1 to 5 p.m.**

**Martin's West  
6817 Dogwood Road  
Baltimore, MD 21207**

Scrumptious Lunch Buffet,  
Music, Comedy,  
Vendors and Silent Auction

**Tickets \$65**

Contact Susanna Wesley House at  
410-837-8737 for tickets.



*There are not enough words to express my gratitude and appreciation to everyone who came to my aid after my recent fall. All the prayers, meals, cards and phone calls have greatly sustained me during the past few weeks. By the grace of God and all your prayers, I am on the road to healing.*

*Hugs to all!*

~ ~ ~ Elsie Cline

## ESOL UPDATE

Here we are already in mid-July, and September is coming up very quickly. On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will start our 15<sup>th</sup> year of providing English classes for those who speak other languages. We are looking forward to welcoming new students into our program as well as returning ones. We provide up to four levels of instruction, depending on the needs of the students. The levels range from a beginning class for those who are totally new to English, to more advanced classes that will help students expand their vocabulary, understand basics of English grammar, and polish up their English pronunciation. We have fun and really enjoy getting to know people from so many different backgrounds.

This truly is Missions work. Past students have expressed their gratitude that "Teacher" voluntarily shares his/her knowledge with the class every week. What the students don't realize is how their eagerness to learn energizes their Teacher!

This year, our ESOL program needs teachers and teacher-helpers. One of our long-time instructors has been ill and won't be available to resume teaching until the Spring semester. Do you (and/or one of your friends or neighbors) enjoy helping others learn? If so, would you be willing to set aside a couple of hours on Tuesday nights to help our foreign-born neighbors increase their abilities to communicate and become assimilated in our community?

Teaching experience is not required. We have extensive resources for planning lessons suitable for our various levels of instruction and, of course, we all help each other. Please call our church office, 301-937-7114, or Pat Allen (program coordinator), 301-332-3684, should you feel you could participate in this program. I hope to call a planning meeting on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.



One day a group of scientists got together and decided that Man had come a long way and no longer needed God. They picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him. The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost?"

God listened patiently and kindly to the man. After the scientist finished talking, God said, "Very well. How about this? Let's have a man-making contest."

The man replied, "OK, great!"

"But," God added, "we're going to do this just like I did it back in the old days with Adam."

The scientist said, "Sure, no problem," bent down, and grabbed himself a handful of dirt.

God just looked at him and said, "No, no, no! You go get your own dirt."

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

August 4 — Madea Badio  
 August 11 —  
 August 18 —  
 August 25 — Beverly Huneycutt



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 home are not tax-deductible). Thank you.

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**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.

If you prefer, you can scan this QR.



Emmanuel welcomed visitors **Doug and Lenetta Weston** to services in June. They became an official part of our congregation in July. Welcome!

**Are you friendly?  
Can you read?**

Then would you “do your bit” to help out at EUMC by welcoming our guests or sharing the Word?

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. You may sign up to cover a single Sunday or volunteer for “a month of Sundays.” You choose how many Sundays you are able to cover.

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

**GOOD NEWS!**

Emmanuel member and retired pastor **Robert Rodeffer** is back home. I'm sure he continues to welcome calls.

On July 21st, the congregation welcomed two new members to Emmanuel. **Doug and Lenetta Weston** transferred their membership from Emmanuel United Methodist in Laurel.

We are all at the same service in August, so this is a **great** opportunity to welcome them in person! Seek them out for a chat next Sunday!

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

1. Chris Butcher, Preston Elliott II
7. Hannah Butcher
8. Michael Belshay, Jr.
9. Carmen Amaya Barahona, Gregory Stiggers
10. Elmo Webb, Lynette Wray
13. Aidan Cruz
14. Breanna Williams
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
31. Justin Huneycutt

**IN MEMORIAM**

Christian love and sympathy to:

- Ann Anderson and family on the death of Ann's sister, Nona Lopez, on June 21st;
- Shirley Nelson and family on the death of Shirley's daughter, Angela Proctor, on June 24th;
- Jeanette Vannoy and family on the death of Jeanette's husband, Charles, on June 25th;
- The family of Karl Norris, who passed away on July 17th. Karl and his late wife, Maxine, were longtime members of Emmanuel until their move to Virginia.
- The family of Ray Midkiff, who went home to the Lord on July 18th.

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

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

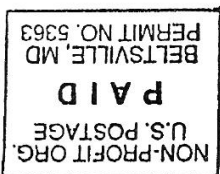
***Matthew 5:4***



# August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 5pm NA
4 ONE SERVICE ONLY 9:45am Worship	5	6	7	8	9	10 5pm NA
11 9:15am Chancel Choir rehearsal 9:45am Worship 11:15am 2nd Sunday Potluck Lunch	12 7pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	13 10am Prayer Fellowship 7pm Finance	14 7pm Emory Grove	15 7pm Trustees	16 11am Community Place Cafe	17 5pm NA
18 9:45am Worship	19	20	21	22	23	24 8am Food Distribution— Seniors 10am Food Distribution— General Public 5pm NA
25 9:45am Worship Wear Your Emmanuel T-Shirt 12:30 UMW Executive Meeting	26 7pm Depression/ Bipolar Support Group	27 10am Prayer Fellowship	28	29 7pm Church Council	30	31 5pm NA

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