

The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

September 2015

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



Pastor Jacob Young

Halleluiah!

It is still hot! It is still summertime. We struggle with sizzling temperatures. Yet, nowadays, I can sense the coming of the new season, little by little.

I am happy that school is beginning again. It has been an adjustment for me to get used to having two children at home all summer, because at my previous church, I lived in the parsonage and was only home with my family a couple of days a week. Now that school is starting, Eric, our older son, is going back to the dorm and Patrick, our second son, will go to school.

To get the school year off to a good start, Emmanuel celebrated Backpack Sunday on August 23rd. Children brought their backpacks to the worship service, and church members and I blessed the children as they return to school and wished them a safe journey to school every day.

August 23rd also was Youth Sunday. It is good to see our children be an active part of worship.

That same Sunday, church members had fun enjoying ice cream between the worship services.

By the grace of God, Emmanuel has had several persons start attending services here during the past year. So we started a mentorship program to make newcomers feel welcome, and a mentor has been assigned to each new person. On August 30th, I had a short fellowship time with the new attendees between the two worship services to give us an opportunity to get to know each other better. It also gave me a chance to see if the mentoring system is working, if there are any concerns the new people have, and how they have adapted to the church structure, system, and people.

My sermons this summer have been based on the Psalms. It was a good spiritual experience for me. I'd always wanted to explore the Psalms in detail. I was pleased with the series of sermons, and I hope you found them worthwhile, too. I am working on a theme for my next series of sermons, but I have not made a final selection yet.

Several church members have been sick over the summer, and a couple of persons are in hospice care. I have been trying to be present with them and comfort them. I ask you to keep praying for people who are in the hospital and/or in hospice care.

The summer is almost over. A new season is gradually coming in. Our children have gone back to school. We are switching from "vacation mode" back to normal life. I hope that you

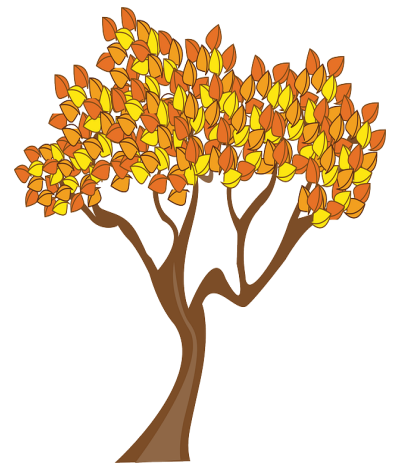
will continue to find nurturing and fulfillment in your job, family, and ministry.

One reminder – Emmanuel will have our quarterly Pizza Sunday on September 27 from 10 – 11 am. If possible, please come to worship on Pizza Sunday and share in the fellowship and pizza.

I encourage you to keep working for His Ministry, wherever you go and whatever you do.

In His name,

~ ~ Pastor Jacob



***Autumn carries
more gold in its
pocket than all the
other seasons.***

~ ~ ***Jim Bishop***

2015 Charge Conference

This year, Emmanuel's charge conference will take place at **3 pm on Sunday, October 25th** at **Lanham United Methodist Church, located at 5512 Whitfield Chapel**. Some of you may be wondering, What's a charge conference, again?

The United Methodist Church assigns its pastors to serve at one or more churches. The church(es) to which a pastor is assigned is called a **pastoral charge**. Emmanuel UMC is a pastoral charge. The United Methodist Church's Book of Discipline requires each charge to have an **annual charge conference**. This charge conference is the connecting link between the local church (e. g., Emmanuel UMC) and the general United Methodist Church, represented by the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

Although only church council members may vote, the charge conference is open to everyone. It is a great opportunity to meet our district superintendent, Rebecca Iannicelli, and see her "in action." Please plan to attend Emmanuel's charge conference on Sunday, October 25th to hear what Emmanuel has accomplished in the past year, and learn where we hope to go in the future!

COMMITTEE and PROGRAM CHAIRPERSONS —

Your reports for the charge conference are due to the church office no later than September 28th. This deadline is necessary to give the staff sufficient time to prepare the charge conference book which is given to the district superintendent. The reports used to review and evaluate Emmanuel's total mission and ministries over the past year, as required by the Book of Discipline (see paragraph 3 above).

Please get your reports in by September 28th!

The Book of *Proverbs*

Summer is officially over, and many of you may still be basking in the afterglow of a wonderful, adventurous vacation. The Adult Bible Study Class invites you to embark on another journey, one that will strengthen your understanding and appreciation of the Bible. The study book we use will enable you to engage the Scripture on three levels:

- What does the Bible say?
- What does this passage mean?
- How does the Scripture relate to my life?

We will continue our Bible study with PROVERBS, from the Genesis to Revelation series, on Sunday, September 6, 10:15 - 11:00 am in Room 23 of the Ida Wells Education Building. The Book of Proverbs is a collection of brief wisdom sayings and is part of what is called the "Wisdom Literature." In the Old Testament, "wisdom" refers to observing patterns in daily life. Proverbs offers brief nuggets of advice and seeks to equip readers to evaluate specific situations in their daily lives. It focuses on wisdom in the practical decision-making involved in everyday living.

Proverbs' theological premises have much in common with John Wesley's understanding of divine grace and the process by which one comes to accept God's love and grow in holiness:

- Wisdom is a gift from God;
- Wisdom begins with fear of the Lord, an awe and respect for God;
- Living by God's wisdom leads to a certain kind of life, a life in keeping with God's will.

Wesley's approach to religion was practical, and he valued the book of Proverbs for the practicality of its moral guidance. In his journals, he frequently mentions:

- Proverbs 22:6, the importance of training children in the way of wisdom;
- Proverbs 18:12, humility versus pride; and most frequently,
- Proverbs 3:17, the peace that comes from following God's wisdom.

You've heard some of the proverbs all your life. Why not join the others in Room 23 of the Education Building at 10:15 am and study them on a deeper level?

Worship the Lord in Song! Join a Choir!

“He who sings, prays twice.”

~ ~ Saint Augustine

The Chancel Choir:

- ♪ Is open to everyone of high school age and up;
- ♪ Sings at the 11 am service;
- ♪ Has practice 7:00—8:30 pm on Thursday nights in the Fellowship Hall, except during the summer.
- ♪ You do not have to be able to read music!

The Maranatha Choir:

- ♪ Is open to children in grades 2 through 6;
- ♪ Sings once a month, usually at the 9 am service;
- ♪ Has practice 6—7 pm on Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall, except during the summer;
- ♪ Participates in the Chorister Guild Festival.

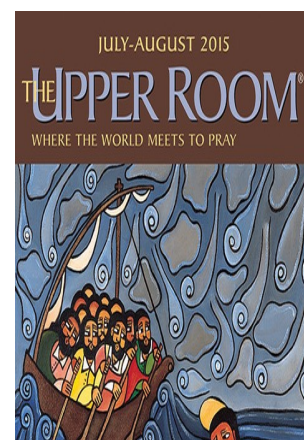
The New *Upper Room* is Here

The **September—October** issue of *The Upper Room* is now available on the wooden literature cabinet in the back of the narthex. This daily devotional is just \$1 a copy. The large print edition is \$2. Please place your money in the plastic container.

For our newer worshipers who may not be familiar with it, *The Upper Room* is a daily devotional guide which, as it says on its website, “contains meditations that show real people struggling to live faithfully in real-life situations, with the Bible as the touchstone for, and measure of, faithful living.”

The writers of the daily meditations may be lay persons or clergy, and come from around the world. However, each of them in some way reflects the belief that God wills only good for each of us and that God calls us to live lives of love, forgiveness, and service to others, according to the example of Christ.

Editor’s note: Yes, I know the July — August issue is pictured. The cover of the September — October issue isn’t online yet!



Celestial Happenings

And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let there be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. Genesis 1:14-19, NIV



Fall officially begins in the Northern Hemisphere on September 23, the autumnal equinox. On that day, the sun will shine directly on the equator and there will be nearly equal amounts of day and night throughout the world.

September 28 will be a special day on the celestial calendar, too. It will be a Full Moon; a Harvest Moon, because it will be the full moon that occurs closest to the autumnal equinox; and a Supermoon, because the moon will be closest to the Earth, and so may look larger and brighter than usual. There also will be a total lunar eclipse that night, visible throughout most of the world.

Thus the heavens and the earth were created in all their vast array. Genesis 2:1

Thank you, Lord, for the infinite glory of Your world.

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Apple Festival and Craft Show

**Saturday, October 17, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Upper Crust Boutique

Nice Clothing,
Accessories
And Gift Items

**Homemade Baked Goods For
Sale, As Well As Our Fabulous
Handmade Apple Pies**

**Craft Tables Are
Available To Rent
Please Call
301-937-3324
For More Details**



**Proceeds Benefit Women and
Children Through Approved
UMW Mission Programs**

**Fresh Georgia
Pecans and
Lunch**

SHARING AND CARING

Don and Jody Hammond have a new grandson — **Austin Richard Williams**, born on August 7th. Mother **Wendy Hammond** and baby Austin are doing fine!

Doris Wray had a birthday on August 17th. Thirty family members came to visit and help her celebrate!

Lorna Marselas drove **Ernie Kilbourne** to Westminster, MD to visit **Jessie Marcus**. Jessie was well and, while she didn't remember Ernie on that particular day, she did have many happy memories of Beltsville and Emmanuel, the church she attended most of her life. Ernie reports that Jessie lives in a beautiful community!



There are no words to express how much Cheryl and I appreciate your expressions of sympathy in the passing of my mother, Flora Thompson, on June 9th. My mother was 92 years old, and she is resting in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior.

Your prayers, calls, cards and blessings were comforting, and we appreciate the love and concern during our sorrow. Special thanks to the Prayer Fellowship, Ann Anderson and others who visited my mother regularly at Patuxent River Care Center.

I also want to thank you for the get-well wishes during my recent surgery.

*Peace and Blessings,
Jane and Cheryl Grays*

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World—

This was the subject of a very successful UMW-sponsored spiritual retreat on August 22. We learned that our lives have to have balance — not only do we need Mary's living room intimacy with Jesus, we must combine it with Martha's kitchen service. It's necessary to show Jesus' love through thoughts, words, and deeds, because for some people, we are the only Jesus they will see. Dwight L. Moody said that, out of 100 men, 1 will read the Bible and 99 will read the Christian.

We also learned that we cannot do it all — sometimes, we are just called to pray for someone to step up and take charge of an activity. The study taught us, too, that Jesus ministered as He went on His way, as He went out of His way, and in all kinds of ways, and that we are called to do the same.

If you missed this interesting study, we hope you can join us for the next study in August 2016.

Preview of Coming Events

Mark your calendars!

October 4—Annual Blessing of the Animals

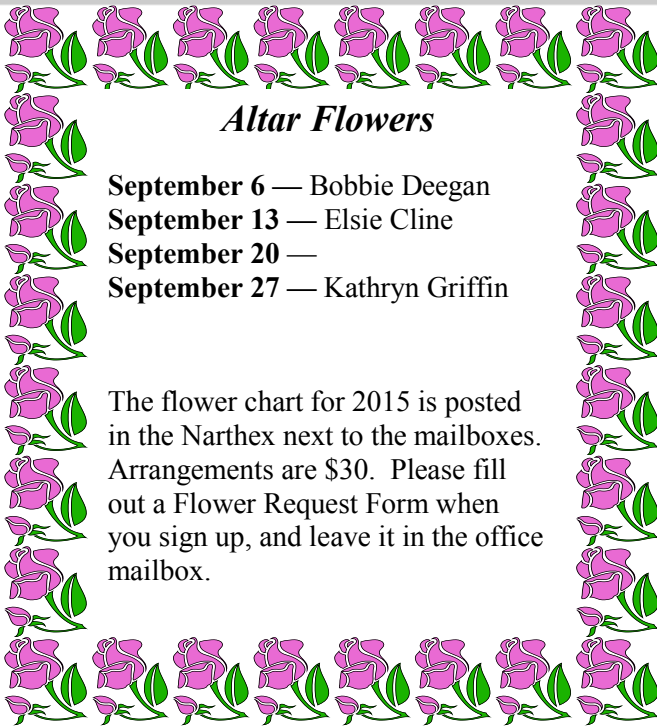
October 31—Halloween Trunk or Treat

November 24—Community Thanksgiving Service

November 26—Community Thanksgiving Dinner

December 12—Breakfast with Santa





Altar Flowers

September 6 — Bobbie Deegan
September 13 — Elsie Cline
September 20 —
September 27 — Kathryn Griffin

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.



September Anniversaries

1. Carrie & Roy White
 2. Don & Mary Ann Roberts
 3. May & John Stewart
 4. Donna & Jim Tock
 5. Bobbie & Charlie Deegan
 6. Barbara & Jim Butcher
 8. Priscilla & Chrispin Wray
 9. Ernie & George Kilbourne
 16. Mary & Ray Midkiff
 18. Julie & Chuck Pavelka
 21. Therese & Andrew Onukwubiri
 24. Ada & Dennis McGlynn
 27. Ann & Ted Ladd

Need to get in touch with **Pastor Jacob**? You can reach him in two ways:

- Through the Church Office, at 301-937-7114, or
- By email at Jacob.Young@EUMCBeltsville.com.



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, Melita Nabayo
15. Elsie Cline, Jabraughn Hill, Mary Midkiff
18. Robert Galloway
19. Sadani Nabayo
21. Bob Miller, Carol Lee
22. Beverly Ward
23. Chinasa Onukwubiri
24. Teisha Baird
27. Terry Holman
29. Victoria Galloway, Carolyn Hicks, Ascenna Scotland
30. Jennifer Embrey, Kathryn Griffin

WELCOME, VISITORS!!

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



Logan Alley
 Ellen Bredbenner
 Jan Soren Zinke

IN MEMORIAM

A former member of our congregation, Burt Over, passed away on July 30.

Hazel Newell's uncle, Ralph Harrison, passed away on July 22.

Sarah Elliott's great uncle, Benjamin Franklin Todd, also passed away this month.

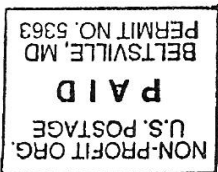
Our thoughts and prayers are with these families as they mourn for their loved ones.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9 & 11:15 am <i>Worship Services</i> 10:15 am <i>Sunday School</i>	7 Labor Day <i>Church Office</i> <i>Closed</i>	8 10 am <i>Prayer Fellowship</i> 7 pm <i>ESOL Registration</i>	9 7 pm <i>Worship Committee</i>	10 7 pm <i>Chancel Choir</i>	11	12
13 9 & 11:15 am <i>Worship Services</i> 10:15 am <i>Sunday School</i> 10:15 am <i>New Members Class</i> 2nd <i>Sunday Lunch</i> 1 pm <i>Youth Fellowship</i>	14 7 pm <i>Depression/ Bipolar Support Group</i> 7 pm <i>Trustees</i>	15 7 pm <i>ESOL</i>	16 10 am <i>Susanna Wesley Circle</i> 12 Noon <i>Dorcas Circle</i> 7 pm <i>Sisters in Spirit Circle</i>	17 7 pm <i>Chancel Choir</i>	18 11 am <i>Community Place Café</i>	19
20 9 & 11:15 am <i>Worship Services</i> 10:15 am <i>Sunday School</i> 10:15 am <i>New Members Class</i>	21 12 Noon <i>Ellen Hoover Circle</i>	22 10 am <i>Prayer Fellowship</i> 7 pm <i>ESOL</i>	23	24 7 pm <i>Chancel Choir</i>	25 7 pm <i>Food Prep</i>	26 10 am <i>Food Distribution</i> 12 Noon <i>UMW General Meeting</i>
27 9 & 11:15 am <i>Worship Services</i> 10:15 am <i>Fellowship Between Services</i> 12:30 pm <i>Youth Fellowship</i>	28 7 pm <i>Depression/ Bipolar Support Group</i>	29 7 pm <i>ESOL</i>	30 7 pm <i>Church Council</i>			

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