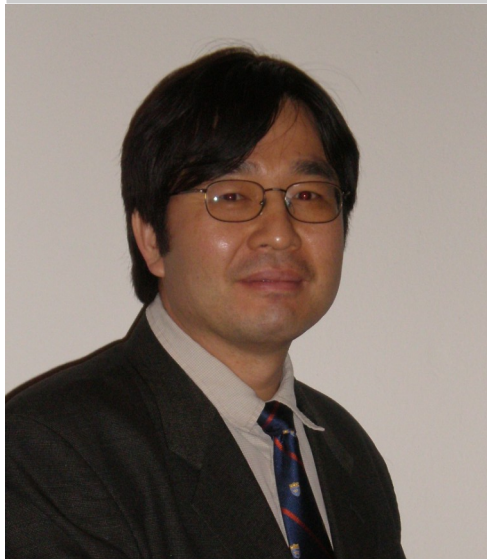


The Lamplighter

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

May 2015



Pastor Jacob Young

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

I greet all of you with the Easter greeting! He is risen, indeed!

Finally, we were able to celebrate Easter with great joy after the long period of Lent. During Lent, we tried to have a simple life. In addition, there were several church worship services and events related to Lent, such as Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, the Good Friday service, and the community Stations of the Cross. At last, on April 5th, we had Easter. We are still under the umbrella of the Easter season in terms of the church calendar. What a wonderful time it is! With the blessing of the spring season, we are enjoying the Easter season. Please continue to fill your hearts with the Easter spirit.

The church has decided to have Quarterly Fellowship four times a year. The reason is, attendees at the 9 am and 11:15 am worship services seem to have a difficult time getting to know each other. Therefore, Emmanuel has

started focusing on fellowship itself, once a quarter, from 10 am until 11 am (between the two worship services). The first quarterly fellowship took place on April 26th. It was called "Pizza Sunday." I provided pizza as a token of my thankfulness for the congregation's care for my family and myself. (Originally, it was to be held in February in lieu of Pancake Tuesday, just before Ash Wednesday. But that Sunday's worship services were cancelled due to the inclement weather). Anyway, Pizza Sunday was held to give us an opportunity for fellowship, and it was a success. Everyone was delighted to have fellowship together. Personally, I think it was meaningful because attendees from the two worship services had a chance to start getting to know each other on a deeper level. I hope that these quarterly events will contribute to building a strong fellowship among church members.

On May 17th, we will observe Ascension Sunday. Jesus completed his ministry on earth and went back to his place, heaven. Through Ascension Sunday, Christians commemorate his ministry on earth and his going back to heaven. The church will continue to celebrate the Easter Season until Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. Along with Advent and Lent, Pentecost is an important event in the church. Pentecost Sunday commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit among the disciples. Thus, it made it possible for the church to be formed. It is like the birthday of the church. Beginning with Pentecost Sunday, the church will observe the Pentecost Season until Advent starts at the end of the year.

As far as Emmanuel UMC is

concerned, in May we have another important event, our Church Retreat. It is geared toward clarifying our church vision, goals, activities, and strategies. It will be held off-site, at University UMC, College Park, because we need to get out of our comfort zone to get fresh ideas. The time is 9 am to 1 pm. Please join in and share your thoughts freely.

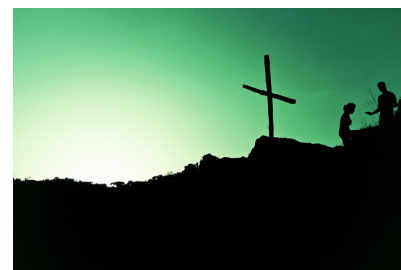
The Annual Conference of the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be held May 28th – 30th in Baltimore. Three church members and I will attend the Annual Conference as Emmanuel's representatives. Please pray for all the attendees so that the annual conference will provide its churches with a strong vision and effective leadership in the year ahead.

I am proud of Emmanuel Church, because it continues to reach out to the community to share the word and love of Jesus Christ. I ask you to continue to give this Church your prayers, love and support.

Once again, I would like to conclude this message with the Easter greeting. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Hallelujah!

The servant of the Lord,
Pastor Jacob



“Why is the Altar red?” Understanding the Liturgical Year

The *liturgical year*, also known as the church year or Christian year, is an annual cycle of standardized worship in Christian churches that determines when holy days are to be observed and which portions of scripture are to be read. In many denominations, a distinct liturgical color is associated with each season of the liturgical year: Advent = purple; Christmas = white; Lent = purple; Easter = white; Pentecost = red; "Common time" = green. The United Methodist Church highlights the liturgical season in the color of its *paraments* (that is, the altar cloth and the cloths hanging from the pulpit and lectern). We soon will be in the season of *Pentecost*.

Pentecost begins May 24th; Color = Red

Pentecost is a Greek word meaning "the fiftieth day." Pentecost falls on the tenth day after Ascension (which falls 40 days after Easter).

Pentecost was a prominent feast day in the calendar of ancient Israel, celebrating the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. It also refers to the "Festival of Weeks," or harvest festival (Exodus 34:22). There is a Jewish tradition that David was born and died on Pentecost. In Acts 2:29, Peter refers to David's tomb.

In the Christian calendar, Pentecost became a feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus (120 in all), as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-31. The first Christian Pentecost took place in the Upper Room (Luke 22:12-13 and Acts 1:13-14). One of the Upper Rooms may be located on Mount Zion, in Jerusalem. Paul notes the importance of this festival to the early Christian communities in Acts 20:16 and Corinthians 16:8. In England, the feast day is called White Sunday, or Whitsunday.

Signs and Symbols Associated With Pentecost

Red represents joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Red flowers

Red banners

Red balloons represent the birthday of the church.

Doves

Flames, representing the flames that appeared over the heads of the Apostles.

Noah's Ark

Fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

Reading the scriptures in multiple languages - Acts 2:4-12

The congregation wears red.

In Sicily, rose petals are scattered over the congregation.

In the Middle Ages, some cathedrals were fitted with circular openings in the roof called Holy Ghost holes.

Pentecost Sunday is used for baptisms, confirmations and holy communion.

DID YOU KNOW.....

....that the month of May is designated Mental Health Awareness Month?

....that a support group for those diagnosed with depression or bipolar disorders, as well as their family members and/or friends, has been meeting at Emmanuel UMC for eleven years? (For more information about this group, call 301-937-6024 or 301-641-6022, or email Judyscatsanddogs@msn.com).

....that, just like the effects of diabetes are caused by an imbalance of insulin in the body, the effects of many mental disorders are caused by an imbalance of chemicals in the brain? Yet there is a stigma attached to mental disorders, but not diabetes. **WHY?**

During the month of May, pray for those you know and love who suffer from a mental disorder, and that the stigma attached to their diagnosis will be eradicated.

PRAYER WORKS—GOD IS GOOD.

BELTSVILLE DAY

REMINDER— Beltsville Day will be Sunday, May 17th, noon – 5 pm. Once again, we will have an opportunity tell the Beltsville community about all of the activities that make Emmanuel a great place to worship and grow closer to Christ in our daily lives. From our double booth, we can hand out information about our programs as well as sell great chili dogs, chips and drinks. Julie Pavelka is coordinating the food and drinks.

On the morning of May 17th, we will need help hauling canopies, informational materials, giveaways, banners, and cooking equipment down to the Beltsville Recreation Center and setting up the site. From noon to 5 pm, we will need helpers to disperse information and giveaways, inflate balloons, and talk enthusiastically to passers-by. Julie will need helpers to cook and serve the food/drinks, as well as sales persons to take orders and keep track of the money. Around 5 pm, we will need help taking the site down and getting all the materials back to the church.

Please help our church promote our activities and share the love of Christ with our community! Many people are hurting and in need of the peace only our Lord can give. YOU, too, can be His messenger!

"Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. And yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now."

Saint Teresa of Avila (Spain)



Secret Sisters To Be Revealed

Secret Sisters is wrapping up its second year. Are you ready to find out who has been sneaking those clever cards and special gifts to you?

We are requesting that everyone who participated this year use a **cute card** to reveal yourself. Address the envelope to the sister you were assigned and sign your name in the inside, revealing who you are. Bring your card to the United Methodist Women general meeting on June 6 at noon in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share.

If you can't get to the meeting, give your card to Jane Grays, Becky Cavallo, Ernie Kilbourne, Kathy Mellott, Alice White, Lorna Marselas, Karen Mackey, Emmy Lear or Debbie McNitt, and we will make sure your card is there for your assigned sister. You may pick up your card revealing your secret sister on June 7.

Would You Like to Be a "Secret Sister?" Would You Like to Have One?

Some of you may be unfamiliar with the secret sister program. It is open to all of the ladies in the congregation. Those who would like to participate fill out a form sharing their name, address, birthday (not the year!), and hobbies/other interests that might be useful for their new secret sister to know. Then each participant draws a name out of the "hat." The name drawn is that person's secret sister for the next year. Each participant remembers her secret sister throughout the year with cards and small gifts. At the same time, your secret sister will be remembering you!

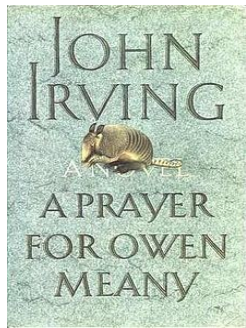
If you would like to participate in the new secret sister activity for June 2015-2016, secret sister forms will be available in the narthex during the month of May. New secret sisters will be picked on June 6 and 7. If you want to have a secret sister but will be away that weekend, let Becky Cavallo know (301-937-7146).



Invitation to the Depression/Bipolar Support Group (DBSA)

If you're diagnosed with depression or bipolar disorder, or are a family member of someone with that diagnosis, you will find that you are not alone when you come to the DBSA support group. It is totally confidential and anonymous, and we would love to see you there. You will be very welcome. The poem, "The Tears of My Soul," reflects how easy it is to feel alone with depression and bipolar disorder sometimes. But it doesn't have to be that way.

The Depression and Bipolar Support Group meets at 7 pm on the second and fourth Mondays, in the Education Building at Emmanuel. Come check us out!



On Saturday, June 13th, the Faithful Readers will hold their last book discussion before the summer break. They will meet 10:00 - 11:00 am to talk about *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, by John Irving. It's a novel about family, friendship, and the quest to find some kind of answer when we feel like things around us are not going the way we'd like them

to.....Questions? Please contact Bryant Davis or Carol Clatterbuck.

New Door Bell for Church Office

The Church Office now has a doorbell, thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of Bob and Lynne Miller. If you want to visit the office during office hours and the corridor door is shut, please ring the bell next to the door.

The Tears of my Soul



The tears of my soul,
Hidden and unseen
Masked by laughter
And good spirits,
Unimportant and alone.

Cannot express myself
For the cause is unknown
Just dry eyes
And the violent river
Of the tearful brimming soul.

What does this mean, O God?
Why endure this suffering
If I don't know what is wrong?
My pain is quite real.
Just unimportant and alone.

No, cannot let these waters be seen.
I retreat within myself
That is where I find
Heartache and misery
But it's not for your eyes
I will always be alone.

No matter how strong the agony,
The waters never rupture the flood gates
You will never see the tears of my soul.
Just dry eyes
Masked by laughter
And good spirits,
Only for you.

C.J.

I wrote this poem just to show you that there are other people who may understand this feeling of isolation. Other topics also come up. When you come to this Depression/Bipolar Support Group, you will see you are not alone.

Thought for the Day

Stop judging others, and you will not be judged. Stop criticizing others, or it will all come back on you. If you forgive others, you will be forgiven. If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving—large or small— it will be used to measure what is given back to you.

Luke 6:37-38, The Book

OUR GRADUATES – HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

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SPRING/SUMMER 2015

Name of Graduate _____ Date of Graduation _____

Name of School _____

Location of School _____

Degree _____

Presently: _____ Living at home. _____ Living away from home. (Check one)

After Graduation: _____ Living at home. _____ Living away from home. (Check one)

If the graduate will not be living at home, please give address, if known.

Person filling out form _____ Phone _____

Please return to church office by May 10th. Thank you!

HANDS OF HARMONY CHOIR VISITS EMMANUEL

Seven members of the Hands of Harmony Sign Language Choir visited Emmanuel on April 19 at the 11:15 service. The choir is affiliated with Anne Arundel Community College. The members are volunteers, ranging in age from teenagers to senior citizens. Their purpose is to demonstrate the beauty of the language of the deaf, and they certainly did so. It was a unique and inspiring worship experience, made all the more so by having members of our Deaf Fellowship sign the day's scripture readings. Afterward, the congregation gave our guests a love offering to thank them for sharing their gift with us. The choir was very grateful for our generous support of their program.



A Radical Proposal by Doug Galloway

About a year ago, Pastor Daniel asked me to fill in and preach for him one Sunday. I was thrilled and honored, but I was also more nervous about preaching than about almost anything else I'd ever done. When I stood up to deliver my sermon, though, I was struck by something so amazing, I almost forgot how nervous I was.

As a regular attendee at the second service, I was amazed at how many people were at the first service whom I'd never even met.

There are some folks who move back and forth regularly between the two services, but my impression is that most of us are either habitual first service people, or habitual second service people. I also think I'm not alone, and that a lot of us don't know the regular attendees of the "other" service nearly as well as we should.

It may seem like a trivial thing, but I really believe that any potential divisions within the church (even if they seem trivial) should be avoided at all costs. So I am making the following radical proposal: once a month, or maybe once every other month, each of us should go to the "other" service. If you normally attend the first service 52 weeks a year, go to the second. If you normally attend the second service as predictably as the sunrise, go to the first.

Now, I know that each of us attends the service with which we're the most comfortable, and which is the easiest for us. But frankly, Jesus never promises us that following him is always going to be comfortable or easy.

Many regular attendees of the first service may think the second is too formal, solemn, and traditional. But while we are always to take joy in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, sometimes it does us some good to get a reminder that worship is a spiritual discipline not to be taken lightly. Singing hymns that might go back one hundred, three hundred, or even a thousand years reminds us that we only have our faith because there has been an unbroken chain of people who came before us and passed it on (and that passing it on is our responsibility, too).

Many regular attendees of the second service may think that the first service is too modern, informal, and loud. But while there is much to be said for the traditions of our faith, there is also much to be said for approaching worship in the same way we approach the rest of our life. Worshiping God while wearing "informal" clothes and singing "contemporary" songs helps us remember that being a follower of Christ is more than just a Sunday morning thing. Approaching worship the same way we approach the rest of our life helps us remember that Christ is supposed to be part of our entire existence, not just compartmentalized into one hour a week.

So this is my request to you, Emmanuel. Make a point of attending the "other" service several times a year. It's possible you may meet some new friends. It's likely you will grow as a Christian, and it's certain we will become stronger as a church.



IDEAS? QUESTIONS?



Do you have an idea you would like to share? Is there something about Emmanuel, the conference, or The United Methodist Church that you would like to know about? If so, get in touch with me, Bobbie Deegan, your cub reporter and editor-in-training, either by phone at 301-937-7070, by email at BobbieDeegan@aol.com, or in person one Sunday (I'm a "regular attendee of the second service" because I'm in the choir, but I sometimes attend the first service, as well).

CARING AND SHARING

From your cub reporter—I thought it would be fun to have a column in the Lamplighter of things that are going on in the congregation - who has moved, has a new job, took a trip, had guests, read a good book, recommends a movie, etc. - things we would like to share with our Emmanuel family. If you have something you would like to have included, please let me know by email, bobbiedeegan@aol.com, or phone, 301-937-7070. Thanks!

A special thanks to our first contributors, Bill Raulin and Ernie Kilbourne!

From **Bill Raulin**:

Hi! I'm alive and well in Riderwood. I have enjoyed the many cards and emails I have received. I miss the Choir and all my friends, some of whom live here. I am attending the local Protestant church. I can get there in my chair. Persons have offered to pick me up and take me to Emmanuel, but it's a hassle loading me into a car and then putting the chair in the trunk.

This month, I will try something new. Riderwood has a great bus system. Many have a wheelchair lift and will take me to the Giant in Calverton or Shoprite. I have not tried it yet, but an outing is in the planning stage. That will be a day of adventure.

Thanks again for the cards. Keep reading the Bakerbill articles in the [Beltsville News!](#)

Do you enjoy historical fiction? Then **Ernie Kilbourne** has a book for you. [All the Light We Cannot See](#), by Anthony Doerr, has two main characters: Marie-Laure, a young blind girl living with her father in Paris, and Werner, a German orphan fascinated by radios. Werner is forced to join the Hitler Youth when the Nazis come to power. Marie-Laure and her father are forced to flee Paris when the Nazis invade. When do the paths of the two young people cross? Ernie says this is

a great book – it has history, an interesting plot, and it is written very well. Check it out, so you and Ernie can compare notes!

Bad News/Good News — **John Bouma** took a tumble and broke his pelvis and his arm. He is healing, however, and is mentally very alert. John's son, Charles, now lives in Falling Waters, WV. So John has moved to a nursing home just over the MD/WV border to be closer to Charles and his wife. John's new address is: [Williamsport Retirement Village Westview 1237B](#)
[154 N. Artizan St.](#)
[Williamsport, MD 21795.](#)

Claye Kaufmann, son of **John** and **Katie Kaufmann** and brother of **Geoffrey** and **Jack**, was recently baptized. Proud godparents are Mr. Zireva Zintombe and Ms. Laura Daniels.

Charlie Deegan has a new job—Chairman of MD's Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays. At his swearing—in ceremony in the State House, Charlie noted that he may be the only person sworn in by both Larry Hogan, Sr. (when Sr. was County Executive of Prince George's County) and Larry Hogan, Jr. (as Governor). Without missing a beat, Gov. Hogan quipped, "Sworn-in, and sworn at!"

Kudos to **Rick Bergmann**, for his grace under fire (literally) when he struggled to light the candles of the Apostles during Holy Week. The full-size candleholders normally used during that service couldn't be found, so Rick had to improvise with tea candles. The short candles, coupled with regular (i.e., short) matches, made it difficult for Rick to light the candles without burning his fingers. New candleholders have been purchased. Note for next year: bring fireplace

matches, just in case!

Ann Anderson, Ed Mougey and **Bobbie Deegan** visited **Doris Wray** recently. She looked great, and surprised us all by asking, "Ed, would you shut that blind, please?" She hadn't seen Ed for awhile, so we were thrilled that she recalled his name! Ed snapped a photo to commemorate our visit.



Doris was late getting out of bed that morning because many folks in the facility were ill and needed extra attention from the staff. But Doris was well, attentive, and cheery as ever!

If you are going to get a finch feeder now that Spring is straggling in, consider getting one made by **Mr. Canary**. Their feeders are made by workers with disabilities at their factory in Indiana. As their marketing material says, "What the heck kind of company *is* this? Find out: www.mrcanary.com." And the feeders come already filled with nyger seed! Your cub reporter bought one at Walmart. The finches haven't found it yet; but neither have the squirrels!

Last, but not least: Mother Nature sends her regards, and says Spring is **FINALLY** here.



Altar Flowers

May 3 — Barbara Butcher
May 10 — Dorothy Decker
May 17 — Karl Norris
May 24 — Dottie Gilbert
May 31 —

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.

May Birthdays

1 Natalie Corman, Lil Mizzer
4 Monica Hatton, Nancy Bell, Janey Lewis
5 Kelly Lee
6 Susan Cunningham
7 Patrick Shiplett
8 Lea Claye
9 Deji Bello
11 Lacey Fadely, Dan Webb
13 Louisa Davies
15 George Urick
16 Cale Fuller Jr., Grace Rodeffer
18 Ernie Kilbourne
19 Ted Ladd
21 Sharon White
25 April Ademiluyi
26 Glenna Pavelka
29 Merton Baird

May Anniversaries

4 Lynne & Robert Miller
6 Karen & James Mackey
10 Scarlet & Bill Robertson
15 Nancy & Michael McNealy
21 Janey & Stephen Lewis
22 Sam & Nancy Shiplett

WELCOME, VISITORS!!

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

Madea H. Badio
 Jody Heckman- Base
 Bob Kauffman
 Melissa Harris
 Jackie Johnston
 Kate Von Richthofen
 Dan Monga Kilanga
 Nicole McNeal
 Linda Hicks
 Moses Mamo
 Lily Zewdie-Tekly

For those wanting to send their condolences on the passing of Vicki Hopkins, her daughter Becky's address is:

Becky Smith
 31 High Rock Road
 Sandy Hook, CT 06482

Words cannot express how much my family and I appreciate your loving support with your prayers, gifts of flowers, cards, donations, and expressions of encouragement during Shirl's illness and passing. The visits by Pastor Jacob and the prayer fellowship group provided strength and solace during our difficult time. The wonderful luncheon catered by our church's talented hospitality volunteers offered a time of gathering and remembrance. We've been blessed to have been a member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church family for over 50 years. We thank God for each of those years and our many wonderful friendships.

May God bless each of you,
 Helen Akers and Family

I wanted to let you know that my mom [Victorine "Vicki" Hopkins] passed away on March 1. She had had some viral symptoms, but we thought she was getting better. She was 97.

I was wondering what "Circles" are still meeting at Emmanuel Methodist Church. My Mom always enjoyed these groups and attended regularly.

I am missing my mom but know that she is happy to be with my Dad.

Hope things are warming up in Maryland. We still have snow on the ground here in Connecticut.

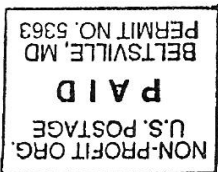
Sincerely,
 Becky Smith

Editor's note: Vicki's obituary is in May's Beltsville News.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7 pm Maranatha Choir Youth Lock-In	2 9 am Ladies' Communion Breakfast
3 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School	4	5 7 pm ESOL Potluck	6	7 7 pm Chancel Choir	8 7 pm Maranatha Choir	9 9 am Church Retreat
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17 9 & 11:15 am Worship Services 10:15 am Sunday School Noon Beltsville Day 12:30 UMW Executive Meeting	18 12 noon Ellen Hoover Circle	19	20 10 am Susanna Wesley Circle 12 noon Dorcas Circle 7 pm Sisters in Spirit Circle	21 7 pm Chancel Choir	22 7 pm Maranatha Choir 7 pm Food Preparation	23 10 am Food Distribution
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