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The Newsletter of Emmanuel United Methodist Church!

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### From the Pastor's Desk

#### Fear Not

I pray that all of you are finding ways to stay motivated. It is tough trying to plan with constantly changing lifestyle regulations. Think back to when we first heard about the new virus.

We were asked to take the regular flu precautions. But as Jane Grays and I listened to the news, we felt it would be wise to take precautions in worship and fellowship time. As the seriousness grew, it was mandated to take a two-week closure to clean and sanitize. That was March, this is August. It is not a few germs; it is a deadly Coronavirus. It is not contained; it is a Pandemic. We took a two-week detour that turned into several months of finding ways to survive. Does this seem like a crazy, Twilight Zone-ish, quasi Gilligan's Island, thing-a-ma-jig situation to anyone else?

One of my mentors told me that challenging times are a good time to stop and ask God, "In light of this, what am I to learn?" I have learned that we are courageous, resilient, creative, resourceful, compassionate, and ready to help other people from a position of need ourselves. Almost every aspect of our lives is different, and we are managing to make it work because the core of Americans are helping each other. There is sometimes a fear of the unknown, and this journey has had a multitude of twist and turns. Let us continue to pray for the welfare of all people as we navigate these uncharted waters.

The word from God in Isaiah 41:10 say, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." God has not left us. When things get challenging, practice the John Wesley's Means of Grace. We do not know how long we will be sheltered in Place, but we can make the best of it.

#### Works of Piety

Individual Practices - reading, meditating, and studying the scriptures, prayer, fasting, regularly attending worship, healthy living, and sharing our faith with others.

Communal Practices - regularly share in the sacraments, Christian conferencing (accountability to one another), and Bible study.

#### Works of Mercy

Individual Practices - doing good works, visiting the sick, visiting those in prison, feeding the hungry, and giving generously to the needs of others

Communal Practices - seeking justice, ending oppression and discrimination (for instance Wesley challenged Methodists to end slavery), and addressing the needs of the poor.

Blessing and stay safe,  
Pastor Jalene

HOLY BIBLE



## 10 Honorable Ways to Learn about Another Culture

Culture is the everyday stuff of life, that feels normal and natural, to a group of people, who share time, spaces, and meaning.\*



However, because culture feels so normal and natural to us it is often difficult to realize that culture is different for different people groups. So we must be intentional about our efforts to learn about another culture. Fortunately, we live in a time when we can easily be exposed to a world full of different people with interesting and important customs, habits, values, schedules, food traditions, games, languages, and more. Because of technologies, greater ease of travel, a global economy linking countries like never before, and Internet-based learning we have more opportunity than ever to recognize that what feels so “normal and natural” to us is very different than what feels “normal and natural” to others.

But just like with everything else, there are more and less honorable ways to learn about another culture. For example, the Church has always been diasporic (we move away into different spaces) and missional (we want to share how we understand God’s movement in and through people and the world). Yet, even sometimes with good intentions, the Church has been guilty of forcing the diaspora of people from other cultural groups and doing mission in ways that attempt to eliminate cultural histories unlike our own. So how can people of God learn about other cultures in honorable ways? Here’s 10 ways to begin:



### 1 LEARN ABOUT YOUR OWN CULTURE

Wait a minute, what!? Yes, that’s right. One of the most honorable things we can do is to first learn about ourselves, our worldview, our perspectives, and our own culture before learning about someone else’s. A solid grounding in our own self provides us with the eyes to see the culture that seems so natural to us. Once we’ve been able to recognize the ways culture influences us, we have better eyes to see how culture influences others.

### 2 READ BOOKS AND ARTICLES WRITTEN BY PEOPLE FROM OTHER CULTURES

The key here is to read books and articles written by people who identify with that culture. While one person cannot represent the full cultural thought or perspectives of any culture, by starting with one perspective of someone of that culture you honor at least one voice that culture has helped to produce.



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## Fabulous Flashbacks

Summer is usually a time for Vacation Bible School, but this year is like no other. Here are some pictures from Vacation Bible School in years past.



### Lemon Whippersnaps

Since we are all inside and trying new things, here is a recipe for a cookie to try so that when we can return to meeting and sharing a meal you can bring these to the next potluck. This recipe comes from the 1978 edition of "Friendly Recipes" Cookbook, published by the Macedonia United Methodist Church in Raleigh, NC.

**Here is the recipe:**

1 pkg lemon cake mix, 2 cups Cool Whip, 1 egg, 1 cup sifted confectioners sugar

*Grease cookie sheets. (We used parchment paper.) Combine cake mix, whipped topping and egg in a large bowl. Stir until well mixed. Drop by spoonful into a bowl of powdered sugar; roll to coat. Place 1/2" apart on a cookie sheet. Bake at 350° (preheated) 10-15 minutes, until light brown. Remove from pan; cool. Makes 4 dozen. \*Don't flatten much after dropping onto pan.*

That's all there is to it! If you make some, post a picture to our Facebook page!

## CULTURE FROM PAGE 2

### 3 READ NEWSPAPERS AND ONLINE NEWS SOURCES THAT PEOPLE FROM OTHER CULTURES READ FOR INFORMATION FROM THEIR OWN CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE



As with number 2 above, one news source cannot offer every perspective found within one culture. Just think about the differences between just four U.S. news sources: for example, Fox News, CNN, Good Morning America, and Huffington Post. However, news from different cultural perspectives can bring greater insight. Especially helpful can be localized or specialized news sources that state their cultural perspectives right up front.



### 4 FOLLOW SOCIAL MEDIA OF PEOPLE FROM, OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT REPRESENT, OTHER CULTURES

There are so many people and organizations using their Facebook pages, Twitter feeds, and other media forums to share information with the public about what matters to them. Not sure about what the Black Lives Matter Movement is all about? Like their FB page or follow them on Twitter. These are the forums where they are inviting people into their thoughts, values, and commitments. (Another way to be respectful is to honor when cultural groups restrict certain pages or threads from those from other cultural groups. Not sure why this is important? A quick Google search can help here, too.)

### 5 IF YOU GET THE CHANCE, TRAVEL

Whether you're taking a year off in between studies (gap year), participating in an immersion experience for school or work, or you have the chance to travel for leisure, inhabiting another cultural space gives you access to experiences and perspectives in unique ways. Not sure how to travel honorably in another cultural space? Try thinking about your travel destination as visiting someone's home. Learn as much as you can ahead of time about what is respectful for the person whose home it is. Avoid thinking of it as your home. Take your cues from your hosts. Act in ways that your host would want to invite you back.

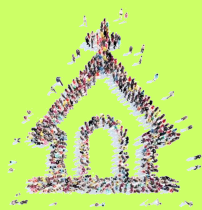


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## WE ARE THE CHURCH

This month's member is Debbie McNitt



### How long have you been a member of Emmanuel?

I have been attending since 1990. I joined the church in 1995. I have been to church here for 1000 Sunday's. I would say 30 years.

### Who was the Pastor when you began attending Emmanuel?

Reverend Dick Karpal

### What is your fondest memory of being a member?

I have so many to choose from! I really enjoyed getting to know people at the family life retreats. I also enjoyed the Rock convention in Ocean City. Before those events, church was what we could fit in an hour. The Rock was intense!

### What are some of the ministries you have been involved in over the years?

I have helped with Youth Group and Sunday School. I am currently active with the UMW and Sunday School. I have served on the committee to determine the best location for stained glass windows. (The result was that we needed a handicap bathroom that would accommodate a wheelchair.) I have been Church Council Chair. I have been a liturgist.

### What is your favorite thing about Emmanuel?

It is the people. It is my second family.

### What is your favorite scripture or Bible verse?

Micah 6:6-8, John 3:16-17, Isaiah 41:10

### Anything else you would like to say?

I became an adult orphan and a Grandmother within two weeks of each other. I thank God for welcoming Dad home. I thank God for being a blessed Grandma!

**Even though our doors are closed, we still have bills and payroll to take care of. Thank you to everyone who has been faithfully giving, we couldn't do it without you! For those wondering how they can give even though we aren't in the building, below are some ways you can give your tithes and offerings.**

### How Can I Give?

**Online:** You can now give online through Emmanuel's website at [www.eumcbeltsville.com/giving](http://www.eumcbeltsville.com/giving) or scan the QR Code below. This is a great way to keep up with your giving if you are out of town, are sick or if you can't come to church. If you have any questions, contact Kemi Oluwafemi.

**Through the Mail:** You can mail your offering to the church. The address is 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.



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## 6 LEARN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

Communicating with someone in their preferred language shows that you respect what's important to them. If you become proficient, you will have access to nuances of language in both conversation and in writing that do not translate exactly. For short trips or brief encounters with people, even beginner's phrases and greetings will often be seen as a way to respect someone else. Be diligent, though. Work on your pronunciation as if you were meeting someone very important (because you will be!). Also, do not allow your stereotypes to determine who you believe speaks what language. Assuming a Korean co-worker would understand your newly learned Japanese phrases represents a dishonorable way to learn about another culture, as would speaking Spanish to a Latin@s person who only speaks English.

## 7 ENTER INTO A MUTUAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE

A mutual cultural exchange allows for both parties to share their cultures with each other, freely and without explicit or implicit coercion of any kind. What about starting a pen-pal program with a UMC in another country? What if the senior pastor and half of the congregation of a Pacific-Islander UMC church and the senior pastor and half of the congregation from a Hispanic UMC church switched churches one Sunday a quarter? What if those same churches met twice a year for a fellowship meal (once hosted by the Pacific-Islander church and once by Hispanic UMC church)?



## 8 VISIT MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL CENTERS

The exhibits and displays here are intended to teach people about aspects of culture including but not limited to art, history, cultural norms, food and more. Museums and cultural centers are one of the ways to experience the non-textual aspects of culture as well. If one is not near you, many museums and cultural centers have online exhibits meant to share cultural knowledge virtually.

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**Do you have something for our newsletter? Send items to the editor, Rick Bergmann at [lamplighter@eumcbeltsville.com](mailto:lamplighter@eumcbeltsville.com)**

  
**APPOINTMENTS  
AVAILABLE**

**The Pastor is available for appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Email [office@eumcbeltsville.com](mailto:office@eumcbeltsville.com) or call 301.937.7114 to make arrangements.**



## Suffrage in America: The 15th and 19th Amendments

(info in this submission was originally published on the National Park services website, www.nps.gov. The author is Megan Bailey)

Submitted By Jane Grays



Image of a parade celebrating the passage of the 15th Amendment, 1870. Library of Congress, Cartoon Prints Collection.  
<https://www.loc.gov/item/93510386/>

The right to vote (also known as suffrage) is an important part of our democracy. Throughout history, different groups were prevented from taking part in the voting process. At one point, women, people of color, and immigrants could not vote. People without money, property, or an education were also barred from voting.

Several amendments were added to the Constitution to recognize suffrage rights of certain groups. Ratified in 1870, the 15th Amendment recognized the voting rights of African American men. Fifty years later, Congress and the states ratified the 19th Amendment. This amendment recognized the suffrage rights of women.

Even though half a century passed between the ratification of the 15th and 19th Amendments, they are very similar.

The 19th Amendment changed the electorate forever. Some names are etched in the annals of American history: Winnifred Huck of Illinois, the first woman to win a special election to Congress; Gladys Pyle of

South Dakota, the first woman elected to the Senate without previously been appointed; Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress; Patsy Mink of Hawaii, the first non-white woman and Asian American woman elected to Congress; Shirley Chisholm of New York, the first African American woman elected to Congress; and Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois, the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

And then there's Nellie Ross of Wyoming, the first female governor, Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female U.S. Supreme Court Justice, and Nancy Pelosi, the first female Speaker of the House.

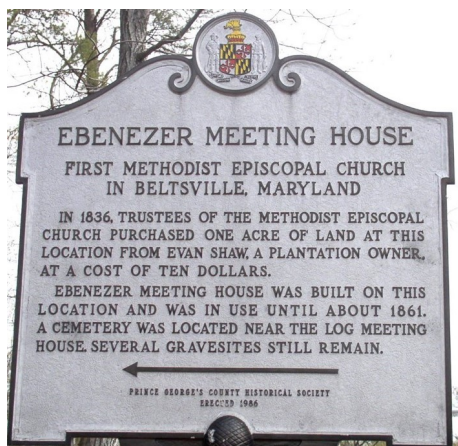
The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granted American women the right to vote, a right known as women's suffrage, and was ratified on August 18, 1920, ending almost a century of protest.



Attention Members of Emmanuel,

If you are in need of food and were not able to make it during our normal distribution times you can contact Mary Ann Vaughan at [mvaughan@ipcmclean.org](mailto:mvaughan@ipcmclean.org) to set up a time to pick some up.

Sincerely, The Food Ministry



Ebenezer Meeting House Marker  
This is how it should look

## Ebenezer Meeting House Historic Marker Needs Some Work

The historic marker for Ebenezer Meeting House, located on Powder Mill Road at the intersection with Gun-powder Road, is overgrown with vegetation and cannot be seen from the road. A modest amount of trimming bushes and trees near it would make it clearly visible. If you are willing to participate in a project to trim the vegetation, contact Ted Ladd at 301-937-6796 or e-mail [tedladd02@aol.com](mailto:tedladd02@aol.com).



All one could see on July 14th  
was the pole



## Update on Re-Entry

By Jane Grays and the Re-Entry Team



Hello everyone, we are still hard at work on a plan for re-entry once we feel it is safe to do so. As we explained in last month's Lamplighter there are a lot of things that go into returning to the building for in-person worship. As we continue working on refining these plans, we need to hear from you, the people that will be affected by the re-entry. The team has put together a survey that we would like you to take in order to get feedback from you. It is an online survey that should take no more than 10 minutes. To take the survey, please go to <https://forms.gle/gMvqN6sxHoroXkFE6> Thank you for taking the time to do this, it will be a great help as we move forward!

time to  
UPDATE



We are updating our church records. You can fill it out online by going to <https://forms.gle/aXA4XGocigsRAD7o8> or you can email the church office the following Information. You can also print the form below and mail it into the office. (Please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ check here if your number can be publicized in our directory

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ check here if your number can be publicized in our directory

Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of family members currently living at home: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.



## Memory Verse number 8 Psalm 119:105-108 Common English Bible (CEB)

105 Your word is a lamp before my feet  
and a light for my journey.  
106 I have sworn, and I fully mean it:  
I will keep your righteous rules.  
107 I have been suffering so much—  
Lord, make me live again according to your promise.  
108 Please, Lord, accept my spontaneous gifts of praise.  
Teach me your rules!

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## 9 TAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASSES OR CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

There are classes specifically offered to teach people about aspects of a particular culture. For instance, you could take "Argentinian Culture 101" but also "US race relations in the 1960s" or "Catholicism under Pope Francis."



## 10 IF THERE IS SOMEONE FROM YOUR INNER CIRCLE OF RELATIONSHIPS WHO IDENTIFIES WITH ANOTHER CULTURE, ASK THEM RESPONSIBLE QUESTIONS



**RESPONSIBLE QUESTIONS:** Whenever we ask someone about their culture, it is our responsibility to present our questions in ways that respect the lived experience of the person we ask. I.E., curiosity about a practice, word (or slur), or news story for you can mean a sorrowful or harmful experience for someone else.

**FROM YOUR INNER CIRCLE:** Consider how you would feel if people who didn't know you well only asked you questions about your culture. This creates the impression that you only see them as your cultural 101 teacher rather than a whole person (or a respected person on your job).

\*Paraphrase of Dr. Robin DiAngelo's definition of culture found in chapter 3 of her book, What Does it Mean to Be White? DiAngelo, Robin. What Does it Mean to Be White: Developing White Racial Literacy. New York: Peter Lang, 2012.



## RELIGION & RACE

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Share your talents at Emmanuel by Sharing the Word as a Scripture Reader during our Sunday Zoom Service! Help for a single Sunday or choose several. You choose how many Sundays you are able to help. To volunteer to serve as a Scripture Reader during our Zoom Sunday Service, just email the office at [office@eumcbeltsville.com](mailto:office@eumcbeltsville.com) and they will let you know which weeks are available!

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

*Happy Anniversary*

6. Doug & Len Weston
10. Patricia & Ralph Guynn
31. Rebecca & John Cavallo



**Start your week off with Virtual Worship at Emmanuel!**

Join us on Sunday mornings in virtual worship through Zoom. Join us for 30 minutes of fellowship from 9:30-10:00 am followed by worship at 10:00. Use this link <https://zoom.us/j/98922434032> or go to zoom.us and click join a meeting. The meeting number is 989 2243 4032. Don't have a computer to use? You can call in on any telephone (cell or landline) at 1-301-715-8592!

**"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a NEW DREAM."**

C.S. LEWIS

**Please pray for our sick and shut in**

**Homebound:**  
Evelyn Adkins, Harry Cottman, Norma Hall, Carolyn Scarcia

**Out of state:**  
Lil Mizzer

*In Memoriam*

**Christian love and sympathy to the families of:**

**Jim Anderson (Debbie McNitt's Father)**

**Sister of Lamika (friend of Pastor Lenora Whitecotton)**

**Jordan Levine (son of Kathleen Galloway)**

**Susan Staton (former member of EUMC)**