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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

December brings Advent to our Emory Church. Advent is a time of preparation, preparation for the coming day of the Christ Child that we call Christmas. Prepare ye the way! Prepare ye your hearts!

Our Emory sanctuary is full of very active preparations, too. There is Bob Bradford as Director of a series of skits for Sunday Worship getting props ready for next week's service. Diane Baughan and her crew are busy preparing the sanctuary with live greens and red ribbons and gold bells, putting her considerable decorating talents to use for God and family. Maxie is usually around, too, greeting everyone who ventures into his view with a smile and a hug. Nancy Chilcoat is bustling about, moving cans and boxes and jars of food from one pile to another, getting ready to give it all away to the needy families from NESAP. Bev Gandolfo and her Emory Choir will soon be about, filling the sanctuary with wondrous music, good tidings of joy! Donna Rucker has boxes of nuts of all sorts in the back of the sanctuary, a traditional Emory fund raiser.

And so much of Emory is in the midst of Christmas preparations also: getting ready for our Christmas party (with a 'surprise' visit from a special jolly guy in a red suit), Christmas Caroling coming up, and Christmas Cantata Sunday, and Christmas Early Service and Eve Candlelight Service.

Christmas is a time for wonder, a time for each of us to keep a child's wonder in our hearts. It is a wonder that God would come in person to earth, the God of all the universe would be born in a lowly manger to a peasant couple. What? Christmas is also a time for the real, for being aware of those less fortunate than ourselves, for taking care of those for whom Christmas is pain and reminders of loss. And Jesus had an umbilical cord, and bled red blood like us? Yep. Jesus was real.

So jingle little Christmas bells, jingle this season in our hearts. "For God so loved the world that he gave his son..." Let us love the world this Christmas, dear Emory folk, let us love the world in all its glory and in all its angst, even as God the Creator did.

Pastor Taysie

U.M.W. NEWS

The U.M.W. still has available for sale candy, chocolate covered nuts and nuts. You may turn in your order to Donna Rucker, or to the church office. Please include your name, phone #, and address. Make checks payable to *Emory United Methodist Women*. For more information you may call, Donna Rucker, 410-429-5251, or church office, 410-429-6008.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



We are again this year sponsoring 7 families for Christmas.

There are still tags on the board to purchase gifts. Remember after you wrap the gift, **please put the tag on the gift**. So they can be distributed to the proper family.

When you go to the grocery store, buy a couple cans or boxes of food and donate them to this cause, it will be greatly appreciated. All food and gifts are due at the church by December 15th.



We welcomed into our congregation on Sunday, November 15th the following persons:

Patrick Murphy
Joanne Smith

Daniel Kirk
Savanna Wright

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH – will resume in January



As winter is just around the corner, now is a good time to review our **Inclement Weather Policy**: All evening events at the church will be cancelled on weekdays if schools close or dismiss early. If the worship service or other events to be held on the weekend are cancelled due to inclement weather, a message will be on the church answering machine and e-mails will be sent out.

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HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:



12/1 Ryder Wineke
12/9 Bill Ball
 Rob Lyons
12/10 Chuck Hayes
12/11 Sam Evans
12/15 Laurie Fertitta
12/21 Cliff Moore

12/22 Heather Bitzel
12/27 Kendall Sperber
12/29 Jessica Wire
12/30 Erma Kipe
 Robin Freeman
12/31 Nora Wells Thomas
 Leslie Hall



PRAYER CONCERNS: Our devotion to prayer is one of the greatest ministries we have at Emory. Please remember these requests for prayer in your daily devotions. If you know of anyone who needs prayer, or have names to update on our prayer list, please contact the Church Office.

Amy (relative of Bonnie Johnson), Joyce Applefeld, Bill Ball, Bill Beauchamp, Bob Beverly, Mike Bitzel, Charlotte Bond, Ruth Buckingham, Jeff Cole, Sherry Cole (daughter of Laurie Harper), Ruth Crisler, Jeff Davis (son of Chuck Davis), Ruby and Melvin Fair, Regina Gassman, Shirley Gordon, Peggy, Diane & Janice Hidey (mother & sisters of Rev. Barry Hidey), Anne Hakes (sister of Chuck Davis), Margaret Landreth (Patty Kelly's Mother), Virginia Mann and her son Mike, Tracey Marcum (friend of Linda Fair) Helen Moore, Janice Raver, Shannon Raucci (friend of Leda Yeager), Sarah Robrecht, Sarah (friend of Greg Evans), Casey Terrell, Carlton Thomas, Bob Wheeler, Bill Williams (brother of Linda Fair), and Jim Woolley. Please add to your prayers all of Baltimore City: the residents, the police, firefighters and the National Guard.



Prayer Chain: The Council on Ministries has decided to start up the prayer chain once again. We need volunteers that text message and ones that do not but are willing to phone call. If you would like inform one other person of a request for prayer, please notify Karon or the church of your willingness to participate.

This is the way it will work. Any person requesting prayers of the church will be asked personally to contact the Prayer Chain Leader. The Leader will contact several people by text or phone and each of these people will be assigned another person to call. It's that easy! Karon's contact numbers are 443-992-2314 or karonmoore819@yahoo.com. Church phone number is 410-429-6008.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Our last Wonderful Wednesday for the year will be Wednesday, December 2, where they will be serving Chicken Pot Pie. The dinners will resume on January 13.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

December 9th – UMW’s Christmas Party (that is all women of the church) 5:30 pm at the Moore’s home. All guests are to bring a gift to exchange of a value around \$15, please wrap the gift for the game we play. Dinner will be served. Directions – From Emory Rd. (91), turn onto Emory Church Rd. (next to Emory Hall) go to the bottom of the first hill, turn left onto Emory Rd North, white rancher up the hill on left, 3611 Emory Road N. Karon’s phone # is 443-992-2314.

December 13th· Family Christmas Party – all invited (bring small children for Santa to treat). The luncheon is immediately after church. Sign up list for covered dish to share at church or call Karon, 443-992-2314. RSVP the number of children attending. Thank you.

December 20th – Caroling (Life, Love, and Laughter) please join us for this enriching outreach. The more voices the merrier!! Meet us 1:15pm at Emory Hall, carol for approximately 4 hours then enjoy a heart (and tummy) warming dinner at the Hall around 5:30. Call Karon Moore with any questions, 443-992-2314.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

We will have two Christmas Eve Services. One will be held at 7pm. which will be the traditional Christmas Eve service, and the Candlelight service will be at 11pm.

LOAVES AND FISHES

We are scheduled to prepare and serve lunch at the Church at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 2, 2016. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meal. Lunch is served at 12:00 p.m. and we are usually finished around 1:00 p.m. We appreciate any monetary donations to purchase food items.

Please see Dale or Evan if you are interested in helping.

December, 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Council of Ministries, 7pm	2 5:45 pm Wonderful Wed. 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice	3 7:00pm Boy Scouts	4	5 7:00pm AA & Al Anon meeting
6 10:00am Church	7	8	9 5:30 pm Women's Christmas Party	10 7:00pm Boy Scouts	11	12 7:00pm AA & Al Anon Meeting
13 10:00am Church Church Christmas Party after church	14	15	16 6:45 pm Bible Study	17 7:00pm Boy Scouts	18	19 7:00pm AA & Al Anon Meeting
20 10:00am Church - Cantata Christmas Caroling	21	22 Newsletter Items for December due to church office!	23	24 Christmas Eve Church Services 7:00pm 11:00pm	25 Christmas Day 	26 7:00pm AA & Al Anon meeting
27 10:00am Church	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 		