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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Yes—'Tis true!

As the Christmas Carol says, Love Came Down at Christmas. Literally.

The Messiah came! The God of Love—the God that is Love!—came to earth as a human being. Unheralded except by the heavenly angels, a few scruffy shepherds, and some foreign kings, God took on regular human flesh and was born as the Human One, the Son of Man. God was born into the very messiness of humanity.

Did Mary and Joseph truly appreciate the enormity of the birth of their son? Did the innkeeper ever realize that the true God was born in his poorest, dirtiest spot?

Probably not. But Love indeed came down at Christmas.

God's Love is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. God's love is the same in the Hebrew Bible "Old Testament" as in the Christian Bible "New Testament."

And Love came down at Christmas to stay.

And it was part of a much bigger, grander plan than the Jewish people had ever dared to dream of or to hope for. For Jesus was not only the Messiah of the

Jewish people, the Savior of the Jewish people, but in fact the Savior of the whole world.

God's love is not like our love—it is limitless, it is unselfish, it is perfect in goodness. Love is the most powerful force in the world—and the most vulnerable.

God's love is defenseless—even as Jesus was on the cross. But be careful not to think that God's love is weak or fragile—au contraire, my brethren! God's love is not sappy sweet cotton candy—except maybe to say it is like cotton candy made with an iron rod through the middle.

When God says he will never leave you or forsake you, he means it. The Three-In-One God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, loves you this day—and every day.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Taysie

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION: A great Christian Motto: "Make a Friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ."

U.M.W. NEWS

The women of Emory would like to say thank you to Karon for opening her home for the Women's Christmas Party. Great food, fun and fellowship were had by all.

Reminder: there are nuts (baking and eating), candy & fruitcake still available. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

Many thanks to Sue, Carton, Dianne and Maxie for decorating the church. The church was beautiful, especially on Christmas Eve at the candlelight service. Thanks for giving of your time and talents. The church was awesome. God Bless You and Many Thanks – Emory Church.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH – will meet on Tuesday, January 26 at noon at J & P Hampstead.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

Anyone that needs to park in a handicapped parking spot should have a handicapped license plate and/or placard. However, if you don 't have one of those & you have difficulty walking from the parking lot to church, drive up to the front door of the church and loudly honk your horn. Someone will offer valet parking and will park your car for you and bring it back to the front door at the end of the service.



As winter is upon us, 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.

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:



1/2	Shirley Gordon	1/28	Riley Zentz
1/6	Sarah Martin	1/30	Dona Lyons
1/23	Loren Blake	1/31	Doug Myers
1/27	Ken Fowble		Sandy Caple
			Tony Candeloro



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.



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 Wonderful Wednesday's will resume on Wednesday, January 13, at 6:45 pm.

BIBLE STUDY

Following supper there will be a Bible Study at 6:45 pm. The next Bible Study will be "Journey through the Psalms" by Wesley Seminary professor Denise

Dombkowski Hopkins, a renowned scholar of the Hebrew Bible and the Hebrew language. Come to learn more of God!

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, January 13 at 7:30 pm. Now would be a good time to join.

NEW HOURS

Pastor Taysie will have Office Hours starting on Jan 27—every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30. Drop in & say Hi! Let's chat... about whatever!

We are looking for an Emory "PR" person—someone who will write up the activities going on at Emory and then submit that 'blurb' to the Carroll County Times or our Baltimore-Washington Conference. This would be a person with good writing skills, and people skills. You would develop contacts at our local newspapers and hopefully, even at local TV stations such as WBAL. We do so much here at Emory—would you be willing to help us get the word out about all those things?

Statistical Reports are due Jan 22—please get all info into Pastor Taysie by Jan 16. P

THANK YOU'S

Submitted by Diana Blessing for Jeff Mauler of the Taylor Foundation

With your support 20 different church, business, and community groups came together to make jump ropes, crayon kits, school kits and assemble 27,560 Shoebox gifts. These Shoeboxes have become a part of the 11.7 million Shoeboxes collected and shipped worldwide. Words will never adequately express our thanks for the many who help provide the funding and help pack these gifts. Pray with us for the children receiving these gifts. It is our hope that they will not only be filled with joy of having the items in the Shoeboxes, but they will receive the greatest gift, a relationship with Jesus.

Dear Church Family ~ a heartfelt thank you for your so very generous Christmas gift. It is my pleasure and privilege to direct our Emory Choir. My thanks also to the Choir for another holiday season filled with joyous music-making. Happy New Year to all! Bev

Emory Family & Friends ~ thank you for your Christmas gift, it was really appreciated. It is my hope that all of you have a very happy & healthy New Year. Linda

Please keep for your calendar.

**Boards & Committees Schedule
2016**

Board	Mtgs. Per Year	Dates of Meetings
Church Council	6	4 th Tues. of Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov.
Trustees	6	3 rd Tues. of Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov.
Finance	6	2 nd Tues. of Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov.
Lay Leadership	4	3 rd Tues. of Feb/Apr/Aug/Oct
S.P.R.	4	2 nd Tues. of Feb/Apr/Jul/Oct
*Council of Ministries	6	1 st Tues of Feb/Apr/June/Aug/Oct/Dec

32 Meetings Total – Cancelled or additional meetings at discretion of pastor & chairperson(s). All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. (If you are on a committee, please mark your calendar for 2016 with the scheduled meeting dates above).

*Council of Ministries – is a combined meeting of the following committees:
Missions & Outreach, Fellowship Ministries, Education Committee and Worship Committee.

If committee meetings are cancelled please notify the church office, so it can be noted on the church bulletin.

CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – 2016

CHURCH COUNCIL

- Alex Obriecht, Chair
- Randy Wineke, Vice Chair
- Ruth Bradford, Lay Leader
- Donna Rucker, SPR Representative
- Joe Jenkins, Finance Representative
- Ronnie Hamm, Trustee Representative
- Kay Martin, Treasurer
- Karon Moore, Christian Education
- Sandy Schaller, Annual Conference Rep
- Sandy Schaller, Worship Rep
- Dee Patten, UMWomen Representative
- Sarah Martin, UMYouth Representative
- Linda Fair, Recording Secretary
- Connie Hamm, Council of Ministries Chair
- Cliff Moore, Technology Czar
- Nancy Chilcoat, Fellowship Ministries Representative
- Chuck Davis, Member-at-Large
- Bob Bradford, Member-at-Large
- Lauren Maxwell, Member-at-Large
- Dianne Baughan, Member-at-Large

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Joe Jenkins, Chairperson Emeritus
- Kay Martin, Co-Chair
- Elaine Dodds, Co-Chair
- Dee Patten, Secretary
- Alex Obriecht, Chairman, Church Council
- Donna Rucker, SPR Rep
- Ronnie Hamm, Trustee Chair
- Ruth Bradford, Lay Leader
- Kay Martin, Treasurer
- Sherry Wineke
- Diana Blessing
- Lauren Maxwell

TRUSTEES

Chairs, Carlton Thomas and Ronnie Hamm
2016 Chuck Davis
Carlton Thomas
Ronnie Hamm
2017 Dianne Baughan
Donna Rucker
Bob Bradford
2018 Pat Murphy
Ron Armacost
Ken Freeman
Cliff Moore

LAY-LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Pastor Taysie, Chairperson
Ruth Bradford, Lay Leader
2016 Jane Alban
Nancy Chilcoat
2017 Shirley Armacost
Sue Thomas
2018 Pat Rucker
Sandy Schaller
Patty Kelly

MEMORIALS: Nancy Chilcoat

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Bev Gandolfo

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS

Donna Rucker, Chairperson
Ruth Bradford, Lay Leader
2016 Joe Jenkins
Bob Kelly
2017 Evan Buckingham
Carol Ward
2018 Donna Rucker
Sandy Caple
Sandy Schaller

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

Connie Hamm, Chair
Alex Obriecht, Missions and Outreach Coordinator
Sandy Schaller, Worship Coordinator
Nancy Chilcoat and Sue Thomas, Fellowship Coordinators
Karon Moore, Christian Ed. Coordinator
Bob Bradford Freda Grooms
Evan Buckingham Dale Buckingham
Bev Gandolfo Pat Rucker
Chuck Davis Ruth Bradford, Lay Leader
Dianne Baughan Greg Evans
Denise Martin Jane Alban
Donna Rucker Lauren Maxwell
Connie Sheely

COMMUNICATIONS-Kay Martin, Web Site
Linda Fair, Newsletter

ALTAR GUILD

Dianne Baughan, Shirley Armacost, and Sue Thomas

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Dee Patten, President Shirley Armacost, Sec
Donna Rucker, Treasurer Ruth Bradford, VP
Ruby Fair, Sunshine Lady
Roni Weikers, Karon Moore, Elaine Dodds, Entertainment

LOCAL CHURCH LAY SPEAKERS: Bob Bradford,
Ruth Bradford, Joe Jenkins, Alex Obriecht

During our church service on December 13, 2015 we had a dedication for the windows in Emory Hall. We had a plaque made with the names of those who supported this project. The plaque will be hung in Emory Hall. The following persons donated:

1. Charlotte & Peck Bond
2. Boy Scout Troop
3. Ruth & Bob Bradford & family
4. Celebrating the lives of my loved ones Anonymous.
5. Cemetery Corporation
6. Emory United Methodist Women
7. Ruby & Melvin Fair
8. Joe & Jill Jenkins
9. Alexis Obriecht – Dear Aunt Else
10. Donna & Pat Rucker
11. Sandy Schaller
12. Sue & Carlton Thomas
13. Eula Mae & Barnard Uhler
14. Sherry & Randy Wineke & family

We would like to recognize those who purchased bricks for the courtyard outside of Emory Hall in support of the windows.

1. Kay & Dennis Martin
2. Pat & Barnard Oursler
3. Pastor Taysie Phillips

I received a phone call from Charlotte Bond on December 22, 2015. She told me due to her handwriting she was unable to send Christmas cards this year. Charlotte wants to thank everyone for her cards and that it means a lot to her that you are thinking of her. She misses her friends and the church very much. She wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Donna

January, 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Loaves & Fishes 7:00pm AA & Al Anon meeting
3 10:00am Church	4	5	6	7 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8	9 7:00pm AA & Al Anon Meeting
10 10:00am Church	11	12 Finance Meeting, 7pm	13 5:45 pm Wonderful Wed. 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir practice	14 7:00pm Boy Scouts	15	16 Statistical Reports due to Pastor 7:00pm AA & Al Anon Meeting
17 10:00am Church	18	19 Trustee's Mtg. 7pm	20 5:45 pm Wonderful Wed. 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir practice	21 Newsletter Items for February to church office! 7:00pm Boy Scouts	22	23 7:00pm AA & Al Anon meeting
25 10:00am Church 31 10am Church	25	26 Church Council, 7pm Noon -Out to Lunch Bunch, J & P, Hampstead	27 3:30-5:30pm Pastor's Office Hours 5:45 pm Wonderful Wed. 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir practice	28 7:00pm Boy Scouts	29	30 Hall in use, 1-4pm 7:00pm AA & Al Anon meeting

