



Tidings



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is the first day of Spring and as I write this almost a foot of snow has fallen. The earth is covered in a mantle of white; it sounds and looks more like Christmas than Spring. All the ugliness of daily life is covered over by this pristine blanket. We see the beauty around us. We are able to rejoice with the flocks of birds at the filled feeders and to delight in the magic glint of sun light on the snow. Everything looks clean and new.

All this reminds me of Easter and the new life granted by God in Christ. Our shortcomings, sins and distance from the Almighty is removed from our lives with the gift of forgiveness. We are made new. The blanket of God's forgiveness cleans us and leads us into service in God's hurting world. During Lent, we learned about ourselves and the things that got between us and God. We also explored the activity of God in our lives such as eradicating anger, being made by Christ, and living under a new covenant. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday drew us to God in a more strong and special way.

And then came Easter! The joy of Divine Love, freedom from sin, and the fulfilled promise of a future with God. It sets us on a path for presence in the world, service in Christ's name, and life lived as close to Christ-like as possible.

We are now in Eastertide moving toward Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Eastertide is a 50-day period, which begins on Easter Sunday evening, and ends on Pentecost Sunday the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2). The purpose is to celebrate the central mystery of Christ, his triumph over death and the cross, and the resurrection. Embrace God's love in your life!

Blessings, Pastor Peggy

Eastertide Thought: *“I think everybody longs to be loved, and longs to know that he or she is lovable and consequently, the greatest thing we can do is to help somebody know they’re loved and capable of loving.”* Fred Rogers

GRATEFUL PASTOR

A big thank you to all the dedicated folks who participated in the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. I understand the attendance was good for all of them.



THIRD SPECIAL OFFERING – NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY

One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. The special offering supports Native American outreach within annual conferences and across the United States and provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans.

When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh, new ways to minister to their communities with Christ’s love. Special offering envelopes will be in the bulletins on April 15, 2018.

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

April 22, 2018 is the Sunday set aside to celebrate the earth and remember our responsibilities as the people of God to practice good stewardship. In this service, we will share practices that are good for God’s green earth and how we might be involved. You will go home with a seedling to plant to confirm your commitment.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS



04/03	Diana Blessing	04/17	Phillip Fertitta
04/05	Sandy Schaller	04/18	Nick Smith
04/07	Jane Alban	04/19	Patty Kelly
	Adam Sheely	04/22	Pastor Charlotte
04/08	Josh Evans	04/23	Clark Weikers
04/09	Pastor Dwight	04/24	Sharon Evans
	Luke Thomas		Brayden Fertitta
04/10	Lisa Thomas	04/25	Chris Wineke
04/11	Connie Hamm		
	Nancy Korman		

We would like all the members of Emory who may have inadvertently been missed, to let the church office know when your birthday takes place. If you would like your name to be placed on our birthday list just email to the office churchoffice@emoryunitedmethodist.org your name and birthday (month/day).

MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE

EMORY is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring or one-time contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.



Simply follow these easy steps: 1) Visit the church website at www.emoryunitedmethodist.org; 2) Click on the Giving option at the top of the page; 3) Click on the Giving button; then 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions. If you wish to use a manual authorization form, or have questions, contact Elaine Dodds at edodds45@gmail.com or 480-747-8785.

Thanks, Elaine

GENEROSITY IS ALL YEAR LONG

The Council on Ministries still has baskets in back of the church that need to be filled! There is still a great need for socks and underwear for the homeless shelters.



The committee has decided to ask for specific items to be donated each month for NESAP. The month of April will be cereal month! Let's fill the baskets up several times because Emory Church has always been very generous.

There have been several requests that we provide a Sunday School class for 3-year-old children. We will be working on a curriculum so that this can be started. If anyone is interested in joining a teacher rotation schedule, please let me know. Thank you, Connie Hamm

IT'S ALL ABOUT PRAYER

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 our prayer list, please contact the Church Office.



Pray for: Joyce Applefeld, Charlotte Bond, Evan Buckingham, Jeff Cole, Ruth Crisler [her daughter Eleanor died], Jeff Davis (son of Chuck Davis), Sandy Double, Linda Fair, Regina Glassman (Donna Rucker's aunt), Shirley Gordon, Diane & Janice Hidey (sisters of Rev. Barry Hidey), Anne Hakes (sister of Chuck Davis), Tracey Marcum (friend of Linda Fair), Helen Moore, Corina Myers, Dee Patton, Liz Tardif (Patty Kelly's sister), Bob Wheeler, Bill Williams (brother of Linda Fair).



Prayer Chain: We need volunteers that can text message and ones that do not but are willing to phone call. If you would like to 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 number is 443-992-2314; her email is karonmoore819@yahoo.com. The Church phone number is 410-429-6008.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

- 1 Easter Worship w/Communion, Choir Cantata "Amazing Grace"
- 2 Project Linus, 9:30am
- 3 Wednesdays Are Wonderful, 5:45pm
- 4 Loaves and Fishes, 10am Westminster Church of the Brethren
- 8 Worship, 10am, 2nd Sunday of Easter – Belief w/o Proof
- 9 Project Linus, 9:30am
- 11 Wednesdays Are Wonderful, 5:45pm
- 15 Worship, 10am Native American Sunday. 3rd Sunday of Easter,
Special offering
- 16 Project Linus, 9:30am
- 18 Wednesdays. are Wonderful, 5:45pm
- 21 Celebration of Ruby Fair's Life, 11am w/lunch to follow
Women's Retreat at Sandymount UMC, 9am – 3pm
- 22 10am Worship, Earth Day, 4th Sunday of Easter.
- 23 Project Linus, 9:30am
- 24 Out to Lunch Bunch, 12pm, Olive Garden
- 25 Last Wednesdays are Wonderful Dinner, 5:45pm
- 29 Worship, 10am, 5th Sunday of Easter – The Vine
- 30 Project Linus, 9:30am

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

I'm sure most everyone will agree that it's past time that Emory has a new, up-to-date photo directory. We have been in discussion with Life Touch to come up with the best date that takes into consideration both the church's schedule and individual members' schedules.

We have settled on this coming September 11th and 12th with the 13th as a possibility if we get more people than two days can handle - hopefully everyone will be back from vacation and are back in the groove of church attendance and activities. These dates will insure the photos are received well in time for the holidays. ***(PLEASE MARK THE ABOVE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!)***

Each family photographed for the directory gets a free 8x10. Others will be available to purchase. No hard sell! Grandparents, grandchildren, multi

generations, friends, anyone who are willing to be in the directory are encouraged.

We especially would like to have folks who faithfully come to Wednesdays are Wonderful to participate. If enough of them do, we will be able to do a separate page for that ministry.



In the meantime, Bob Bradford will be taking photos of shut-ins and those not able to be present on the selected dates.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the new Directory, please contact Shirley Armacost, Coordinator at 410-861-6802.



OUR ELDER FRIENDS

Circle Friends will now be known as Our Elder Friends

April

Helen Moore
3611 Emory Road North
Upperco, MD 21155
410-374-5130

May

Joyce Applefeld
3813 Beamers Ct.
Sykesville, MD 21784
410-552-5989

June

Ruth Crisler
15709 Hanover Pike
Upperco, MD 21155
410-374-4474

July

Corina Myers
5732 Emory Road
Upperco, MD 21155
410-429-5220

August

Shirley Gordon
Westminster Health Care Center
1234 Washington Blvd. Room 123
Westminster MD 21157

September

Bobbie Patterson
5715 Emory Road
Upperco, MD 21155
410-833-2009

October

Charlotte Bond
4449 Meandering Way
Perry Center, Room 301
Tallahassee, FL 32308

LOAVES AND FISHES

We are scheduled to prepare and serve lunch at the Church of the Brethren beginning at 10:00 am on Saturday, **April 7, 2018**. In the absence of Dale and Evan, Karon Moore will be in charge. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meal. Lunch is served at 12:00 pm. and we are usually finished around 1:00 pm. Any monetary donations to purchase food items is appreciated as well. Please see Karon Moore, if you are interested in helping.



ODDS & ENDS

- **The Emory UMW** still has a few varieties of nuts for sale. They have: praline pecans, spicy party mix, mixed yogurt raisins, sweet and salty trail mix, almonds, and chocolate covered pecans. Please let Donna Rucker know what you are interested in buying. Make checks out to Emory UM Women and give to Donna.
 - **From the Women** - The Emory Women purchased new padded folding chairs for the church hall. The other chairs are now available to anyone who would like to purchase them for "A free will offering." Available in education building. Please see Donna if you are interested. Thank you.
 - **The Out to Lunch Bunch** – April 24 going to Olive Garden, 12 noon. Please RSVP to Jane Alban [410-374-4454] to make reservations.
 - **Flower Chart and Liturgist List** –The new Liturgist list and flower chart are posted for 2018; please don't hesitate to sign up and fill in the open spaces. Liturgists, then will receive a full service printed in a notebook on the altar and the bulletin will be emailed to you in advance. Honor special people and occasions with your choice of flowers on the altar.
 - **Liturgists** - The liturgists for April are as follows:

4/01 – Alex Obrieht	4/15 Bob Kelly
4/08 – Joann Smith	4/22 Donna Rucker
	4/29 Dale Buckingham
- If you discover that you can't keep the date, please let Ruth Bradford know as soon as possible.



- If your **information in the 2014 directory** is now incorrect, please send the updated info, including email addresses, to the office.
- **NESAP Thrift Store needs a Manager. 35 hours a week, \$13.50/hour.** Send resume and reference to NESAP, Attn: Lynn Sheavly, PO Box 8312, Hampstead 21074 or nesap.director@gmail.com More news on bulletin on board in education building.
- **Deer Park will host an Afternoon Tea** on April 14, 2018 at 2:30pm. Adults - \$10, 6-12 years - \$5, 5 years and under - free. Speaker will be from Prison Ministries. Call Betty at 410-526-7239 prior to April 8, 2018 to make reservations; or let Donna know and she will make group reservation.
- **Girl Scouts** For young girls (ages 8 to 9) who are interested in scouting, there is a troop meeting at Emory Church on Monday evenings. For more information, please contact Ruthie Bradford at 410-429-1922.
- **Prayer for America – Unity National Day of Prayer.** A non-denominational National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 3, 7pm – 8pm at Northwest Baptist Church, 309 Westminster Road of Reisterstown (where I-795 and 140 meet).
- May Newsletter items are due into the office by **April 20**

SENIOR HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday April 4th; 9:00am-2:00pm - An Aging and Disabilities Expo will be hosted at the Shipley Arena at the Carroll County Ag Center, [706 Agricultural Center Drive, Westminster MD](http://www.ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/aging/expo). More information is available at www.ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/aging/expo

Wednesday April 19th; 11:00am-8:00pm - Carroll Hospital Center will host National Health Care Decisions Day to help people complete an advance directive. More information is available at <http://www.carrollhospitalcenter.org/Events/EventDetails.aspx?sid=1&eventID=849>

Friday April 20th; 1-3pm - Free - Oral Health Screening at the Tevis Wellness Center at Carroll Hospital Center. Call [410-871-7000](tel:410-871-7000) to register.

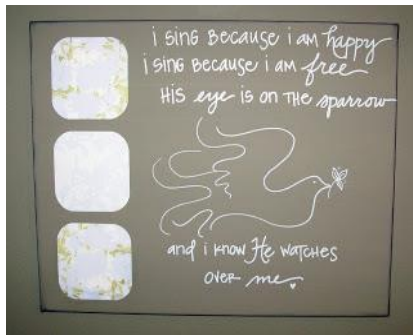
INFO FROM THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

- **Friday, April 13; 5:30pm doors open** – Designer Bag and Basket Bingo – Games start at 7pm – Pleasant Valley Fire House – call 410-857-5944 – Proceeds benefit the Shepherd's Staff Back-to-School Program
- **Saturday, May 26; 8am-12pm** – Put this on your calendar now – Yard Sale Fundraiser – Shepherd's Staff parking lot – 30 Carroll Street, Westminster – Proceeds go to the Blessings Closet
- **Shepherd's Staff Blessing Closet** now accepting most needed items – toilet paper, powdered laundry detergent, deodorant, shampoo, trash bags, dish soap, Pine Sol, paper towels, diapers & pull ups [all sizes, children and adult]



MAY CONCERT

Carroll Singers will hold 2 concerts the beginning of May, Saturday, May 5 at 7:30pm and Sunday, May 6, at 3pm. Emory's own Beverly J. Gandolfo who directs our choir will also be directing the Carroll Singers. Tickets Adults, \$10 in advance, \$12 at door, Students \$7.00 in advance & 9 at door, under 6 free admission. This Gospel concert is titled "I Sing Because I'm Happy". These concerts are always excellent & well attended. If you are interested in purchasing tickets in advance, see Bev Gandolfo or Pat Rucker.




NESAP NEWS

The NESAP Challenge - Help Prevent a Donation Drought - The annual NESAP Challenge began on April 1st and will run through the month of May! You can help us receive the food and funding we need for the summer months when donations understandably decrease.

Our goal? \$15,000 in sponsorships and \$15,000 in matching funds. To date, we have a total of \$2,500 in sponsorships waiting to be matched. What a wonderful start!

You can help prevent a donation drought. Monetary funds can be mailed to NESAP at PO Box 831, Hampstead MD 21074 or can be made online through our website, www.nesapinc.org. Please clearly mark on your check/online gift "NESAP Challenge" for your gift to be applied. In addition to monetary gifts, food pantry items will be valued as a \$1.00 matching gift per item. Food donations for the Challenge can be dropped off beginning April 1st at NESAP, 1046 S Carroll St. Mon-Sat 9am-2:30pm. We've already made our first delivery from the baskets in the back of the church!

NESAP's ORIOLES TICKET TRIO!

We will be selling Orioles tickets in Lower Reserve section 75 again this year. But what makes this year even better is that we will selling tickets for  THREE different games! Each ticket purchased will bring \$5.00 of help to clients served by our assistance services.

We have 50 tickets reserved for the following games and the pricing is shown below. Tickets can be purchased for all three games at one time. A great multi-tasking opportunity

Game Date: May12th DEADLINE TO PURCHASE: April 16th



Team: Tampa Bay Rays

Time: 7:05pm

Cost: \$24.00

Give-away: Oriole Car Emblem to the first 25,000 fans 15 & over

Game Date: June 16th DEADLINE TO PURCHASE: May 21st

Team: Miami Marlins

Time: 4:05pm

Cost: \$24.00

Give Away: none

Game Date: Sept 16th DEADLINE TO PURCHASE: August 20th

Team: Chicago White Socks

Time: 1:05pm

Cost: \$20.00 (note change in price)

Give Away: Orioles cap to the first 20,000 fans 15 and over

Please contact me at [443-952-0097](tel:443-952-0097) to make arrangements to pick up tickets.

RECYCLE THEM HERE!

The food pantry and thrift store use plastic grocery bags and "Millers" type brown paper bags. If you have extras, would you consider letting us use them?

Do-Re-Me-Fa-So- La!

THE 2018 MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar to join us at St. Bart's Catholic Church on April 22nd for the 4th Annual Music Festival! Again this year, a variety of instrumentalist and vocalist will come together for an afternoon of joyous music. The Festival will begin at 2:30pm at St. Bart's, 2930 Hanover Pike, Manchester 21102. A free will offering will be accepted and the total of gifts will be applied to the NESAP Challenge (see above) as matching gifts.



NESAP STORE NEWS APRIL 2018

April- 1st-10th-\$1.00 Sale

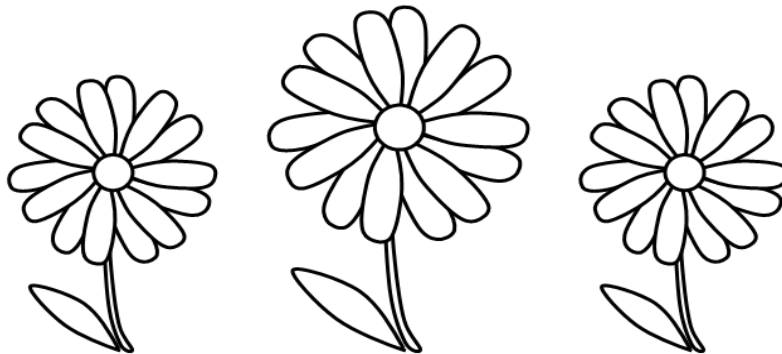
1st-30th-NESAP Challenge

11th, 12th, 13th-Change-over

14th-Store reopens with spring and summer clothing/decor

22nd-4th Annual Music Festival

FOR THE CHILDREN



APRIL**2018 Outreach for the month of APRIL is Giving to Extremes**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter Church, 10am Communion, Cantata 	2 Project Linus, 9:30am	3	4 Wednesday's are Wonderful, 5:45pm	5	6	7 Loaves and Fishes, 10am AA &Al- Anon, 7pm
8 Church Service, 10am	9 Project Linus, 9:30am	10	11 Wednesday's are Wonderful, 5:45pm	12	13	14 AA &Al- Anon, 7pm
15 Church Service, 10am Native American Sunday	16 Project Linus, 9:30am	17	18 Wednesday's are Wonderful, 5:45pm	19	20	21 Memorial Service Ruby 11am AA &Al- Anon, 7pm
22 Earth Day Church Service, 10am 	23 Project Linus, 9:30am	24 Out to Lunch Bunch, Olive Garden, 12pm	25 Last Wednesdays are Wonderful, 5:45pm	26	27	28 AA &Al- Anon, 7pm
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May newsletter items due by 4/20/18.