



Tidings



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We are in the season of Easter which takes us to the coming of the Holy Spirit. But before the Spirit can work in us, we must make sure we are open to the promise and responsibility of Easter. This season is a time for interaction with God, and movement forward.

As I struggle with various things in my life, I adopt a scripture reading to help me pray, meditate and work toward a feeling of peacefulness. This Easter season, I have chosen the following: *"But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt."* [Luke 6: 27 – 29]. I use stories, meditations and other people's experiences in this process.

This story was shared by Tony Robinson in one of the sermon resources I use. It goes like this:

I once heard a story about an "Easter Chicken." A cute little chick was given to a child on Easter. The chick had been dyed some bright color like pink or yellow.

After Easter, when the chick's novelty had worn off, it was tossed into the chicken coop with the rest of the birds. The bigger chickens pecked away mercilessly at the odd, little bird. He didn't even have the good sense to defend himself.

But after a week or two had passed, the Easter Chicken had grown out its feathers to the point that it was beginning to look like the others. And it had begun to join the fray in the coop, giving as good as it got. Soon it was indistinguishable from the rest.

The guy telling the story said the Easter Chicken was like the church. "How so?" I asked. "Well, we started out different, but it wasn't long before we were acting just like everyone else - like that Easter chicken."

Whatever else you may think about the words of Jesus above, it's clear that they are seriously at odds with the way the world works. They remind us just how subversive Christianity is.

Most of the time the church, and we who call ourselves "Christian," are a lot like the Easter Chicken. Our color fades and we play by the same rules as everyone else. It's hard to tell any real difference. But the world needs Christians to be different, to not be just the same as everyone else. A good start on that path may be to simply listen to Jesus' strange words and to let them stand. Resist the impulse to explain them away.

Let them haunt you and maybe even change you. I encourage you to use this passage from Luke or to select a piece of scripture that particularly speaks to you as you make room for the Spirit to embrace you in all areas of your life. The Easter journey continues.

Blessings, Pastor Peggy

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The men will celebrate the women of the church on Mother's Day, May 13 with a delicious meal served in Emory Hall. The breakfast will be before church at 8:45am and is open to all women and their families. Join in for delicious food and good fellowship. *The women will reciprocate on Father's Day June 17, with a Father's Day breakfast.*

Also, bring "mother photos" to worship at 10am and give to the worship committee for placement. Remember to get your pictures to take home.



Happy
Mother's
Day!!!

PENTECOST! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE CHURCH

On May 20, one of the principal days of the Christian year is celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter. Pentecost is the day on which the Christian church commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and others assembled in Jerusalem. It marks the beginning of the Christian church and the proclamation of its message throughout the world and is often referred to as the birthday of the church. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red. Be sure to wear red! Traditionally, Pentecost has been a day for baptisms. [Let Pastor Peggy know if you have future baptisms in your family].



MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 6 – Holy Communion; *Subversive Baptism*; 6th Sunday of Easter

May 13 – Mother’s Day; *We Do for Family First*; 7th Sunday of Easter

May 20, 2018 – Pentecost; *The Spirit Soars*; Wear Red!

May 27, 2018 – Peace with Justice Sunday; Memorial Sunday; *Whom Shall I Send?* Special Offering received

UPCOMING GRADUATION IN YOUR FAMILY?

If you will graduate in May or June or have graduated in January or in between, please get your information in as soon as possible. We need your name, a picture and announcement if you have them, where you will graduate and if post-secondary, your degree. High School grads should share their honors or special activities in high school and plans for your future, whether further education or joining the military or work force.



PHOTO CONTEST

Join our Annual Conference Photo Contest. The theme is “light”. Submit as many entries as you like by emailing mlauber@bwcumc.org. The deadline for the contest is May 8. Winners will be announced at Annual Conference. Three \$100 prizes will be awarded to the best photographs. An additional \$100 will be given to the best photo taken by a youth age 17 or under.



HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS



05/02	Bobbie Patterson	05/12	Tommie Hooper
05/03	Carol Ward	05/13	Nancy Chilcoat
05/04	Jill Jenkins	05/16	Kay Martin
05/05	Rick Pirozzi	05/23	Evan Buckingham
05/06	Joe Jenkins		Ken Freeman
05/08	Joyce Applefeld	05/27	Dale Buckingham

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).

MAKING PLANS FOR SUMMER VACATION/TRAVEL?



As Emory's financial needs continue while we are on vacation, Emory would like to remind you of the most effective way to keep your contributions coming while you are away. You can have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations.

Emory offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving is a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings with no checks to write. Simply go to Emory's website: www.emoryunitedmethodist.org and click on the giving tab at the top of the page and then on the yellow "ONLINE GIVING" button.

If you have any questions or need help completing the online giving information please contact Elaine Dodds at edodds45@gmail.com or 480-747-8785.

On May 27, one of our congregants would like to provide a Mission Moment, a brief discussion of personal experience using our e-giving option.

NOTES FROM THE UMW

- **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.

GENEROSITY IS ALL YEAR LONG

I am happy to report that our cereal basket filled up to overflowing! Thanks to everyone for your generosity. The cereal and other groceries were delivered to NESAP on Saturday, April 21 by Susanna Wright and the socks and underwear were delivered to The Shepherd's Staff.



A note from Susanna who is participating in this mission for a service project in one of her classes: "Yesterday, our food donations were dropped off at NESAP! Thank you everyone for your donations so far, but keep them coming! This month we are looking for rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce and similar items. Please donate what you can and thank you!"

FYI -if you are shopping at Boscov's, take a trip upstairs to the Auditorium. They often have packs of men's and women's socks for \$2.99 or \$3.99. You may find a few other bargains while you are there!

Again, the Council of Ministries gives everyone a big, "Thank you!" Connie

INFO FROM THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

- **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].

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY'S



It is the end of another successful year for Wednesday's Are Wonderful. Many thanks to everyone who helped, buying the food, cooking, cleaning up, setting tables, making desserts and supporting this outreach. Without

everyone's support this would not be possible. Have a great summer!

Blessings to All. Emory Women

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 changes to update our prayer list, please contact the Church Office.



Pray for: Joyce Applefeld, Charlotte Bond, Ruthie Bradford (death of her sister), 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), Tyler (grandson of Sandy Caples), 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.

MAY CONCERT

The Carroll Singers will hold two concerts the beginning of May at Westminster High School on 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 for the last time. She is going to retire from this project after this concert. Come celebrate with her.

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.

SUMMER WORSHIP AT THE PAVILLION

Randy Wineke has resigned as the coordinator for the summer worship series citing an increase in his work load and the growing athletic schedule of his grandchildren. We need a new coordinator or team of coordinators. The duties include figuring out what Wednesday in June to start and what Wednesday in August to stop; and signing up church members to give a short talk [they provide their own printout of the service which includes opening prayer, a few hymns, joys and concerns, and the subject of their talk.] It also includes getting volunteers to provide refreshments.

The time has been from 7 to 7:30 with refreshments following. We are asking someone who has attended the last 5 years to step up to take care of this important ministry. See Connie Hamm or Pastor Peggy.

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

I'm sure you've heard that we are planning a new directory. 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. 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 FRIEND OF THE MONTH

Pease send cards, visit or call to remind Helen how important she is to Emory Church. Call first before visiting.

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

~ ODDS AND ENDS ~

- **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.

- **Volunteers needed** before May 20 to get the spirit and fire flying for Pentecost – see Pastor Peggy. Hint: we need a big ladder
- **Memorial Day flags** will be placed on veterans’ graves after worship on May 27
- **The Out to Lunch Bunch** – May 29 going to J & P Pizza in Hampstead, 12 noon. Please RSVP to Jane Alban [410-374-4454] to make reservations.

- **June Newsletter** items are due into the office by **May 23.**
- **Memorial Sunday, May 27** is “Peace with Justice” Worship, 10am with a special offering. It is also the Choir’s last day until Fall
- **Flower Chart and Liturgist List** –The liturgist list and flower chart are posted for 2018; please don’t hesitate to sign up and fill in the open spaces. A full service printed in a notebook on the altar will be available on Sunday 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 May are as follows:

5/6	Ken Fowble	5/20	Alex Obriecht
5/13	Bonnie Johnson	5/27	Ruthie Bradford
- Deer Park UMC will host a flea market on Saturday, June 2 from 8am to 2pm. Vendors are needed. Table space is only \$10. Bring your own table. Call Christine Roach at 410-526-7607 to reserve your spot now.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

I want to say thank you to my church family for all of their kindness through my surgery. Thank you for the cards, visits, prayers, phone calls and delicious food. It warms our hearts to know that everyone thought of Bob and me during this difficult time. Thanks again to all of you. God Bless My Church Family. Dee



NESAP NEWS

The NESAP Challenge - The annual NESAP Challenge began on April 1st and will run through the month of May! Their goal? \$15,000 in sponsorships and \$15,000 in matching funds.

Checks can be mailed to NESAP at PO Box 831, Hampstead MD 21074 or can be made online through their website, www.nesapinc.org. Please clearly mark on your check/online gift "NESAP Challenge" for your gift to be applied. You can also make your checks to Emory UMC and marked in the same way and we will send in one check.

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 at NESAP, 1046 S Carroll St. Mon-Sat 9am-2:30pm.

ORIOLES TICKET DOUBLE!

NESAP is selling Orioles tickets in Lower Reserve section 75 again this year. NESAP is selling tickets for two more games! The May 12th game is sold out. 50 tickets are reserved for the following games and the pricing is shown below. Tickets can be purchased for both games at one time. Game Date: June 16th DEADLINE TO PURCHASE: May 21st -

Team: Miami Marlins - Time: 4:05pm - Cost: \$24.00

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 Lynn at [443-952-0097](tel:443-952-0097) to make arrangements to pick up your tickets.



MEMORIAL DAY IS MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018

This U.S. Federal holiday is celebrated the last Monday of each May to honor the men and women who died while serving in the military. The custom of honoring ancestors by cleaning cemeteries and decorating graves is an ancient and worldwide tradition, but the specific origin of Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was first known, are unclear.

In early rural America, this duty was usually performed in late summer and was an occasion for family reunions and picnics. After the Civil War, America's need for a secular, patriotic ceremony to honor its military dead became prominent, as monuments to fallen soldiers were erected and dedicated, and ceremonies centering on the decoration of soldiers' graves were held in towns and cities throughout the nation.

After World War I, the day expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day became a national holiday by an act of Congress; it is now celebrated on the last Monday in May.

THE POPPY: A SYMBOL OF MEMORIAL DAY

The wearing of poppies in honor of America's war dead is traditionally done on Memorial Day. The origin of the red poppy as a modern-day symbol of this day was actually the idea of an American woman, Moina Michael.

In war-torn battlefields, the red field poppy was one of the first plants to grow. Its seeds scattered in the wind and sat dormant in the ground, only germinating when the ground is disturbed - as it was by the very brutal fighting during World War 1.

The practice of wearing of poppies was further inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," written in 1915 by Canadian soldier John McCrae. He saw the poppies in burials around his artillery position in Belgium.

Today, poppies are both the symbol of loss of life as a symbol of recovery and new life, especially in support of those servicemen who were damaged physically or emotionally.



IN FLANDERS FIELDS
by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



CLASSICAL CONCERT

The Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County presents its Spring Concert, Fauré's Requiem, on Sunday, May 6. It will be at 3 pm at Big Baker Memorial Chapel at McDaniel College. The tickets are \$10 now and \$12 at the door. See Bob Bradford for tickets.

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intentions. So, go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The world waits in darkness for the light that is you. L. R. Knost

