



Tidings



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July, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This edition of the newsletter will cover the months of July and August. We are trying to make it read as two chapters in date order. New information that comes in later will be taken care of in the new weekly insert to the bulletin.

Get your red, white and blue together for a month of celebration of our nation's independence. We begin with a Sundae Social on July 2 after church – it's always a treat to have dessert first! Wear red, white and blue! Each Sunday we will explore the freedoms we have as followers of Christ and how they affect our lives on a daily basis.

The season of summer has begun and hot weather, wet weather, and mild weather are all part of the package. My flowers are looking good finally thanks to a little help from friends [especially Amy Wineke] and I am enjoying the color and songs of so many birds and butterflies in my yard. Baby blue birds are almost ready to take flight from their house. Bunnies and voles are enjoying the space behind the shed, and fat squirrels eat bulbs and bird seed at will. The laughter of children drifts over the high fence around my back yard.

Yesterday, a young deer visited the tip of the driveway at Zoe's house. She looked around curiously and then turned and sauntered back into the woods. On the way home, I passed a family of deer enjoying dinner in one of the fields along the way. A mother deer and two babies joined in the first Wednesday worship. The horse farms have so many babies frolicking alongside their moms. The fields of corn are well on their way to "knee-high by the 4th of July."

This is the bucolic picture of life at its best - my own version of Edward Hicks' The Peaceable Kingdom. May this summer be a time of peace and re-creation for you all.

Blessings, Pastor Peggy

JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The theme for July's services is recognizing our freedom in Christ. Each week we will discover a new way that God has gifted us with a freedom that is separate from that which the world gives. And a thought to ponder: "If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear." - George Orwell (1903 - 1950, English Author and Journalist). Feel free to wear the symbols of your faith especially in unexpected places.

Live your faith by supporting the ministries of the church – bring donations of food and other designated items in to fill the baskets in the back; worship on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings and pray and take time for a daily devotion at home. We will bless and dedicate the latest group of blankets for the Linus' mission on July 8.

On July 15, the Baltimore North Cluster of Churches' Dance Choir will lead our worship, and its musician will take care of the service music too while Bev takes a much-needed rest. This is a group Pastor Peggy has worked with for years and the beginnings of the group was birthed at Pine Grove. It shows us how our very movement is praise to God. Worship the Lord of the Dance!

July 22 continues the theme with a look at Family of God Stories and then we finish out the month on the 29th with The Gift and Responsibility, the two sides of the same coin.

DIANNE AND MAXI

IT'S THE THOUSAND AND ONE LITTLE THINGS

Instead of dwelling on the loss of two wonderful people who are moving on from the daily life of Emory Church, we want to celebrate the thousand and one little things that add up to one major presence since 1997!

The Out to Lunch Bunch for June came up with the following list of stand-out memories that they wanted to share. Much more like this is expected at the celebration dinner on July 8. One favorite is that Maxie cooks everything – everything that Dianne tells him too. This was suggested by Pat Rucker but it's the worst kept secret ever.

Since our friends spent quite a bit of time in the kitchen, some of the stories were about food and containers – Donna Rucker told of learning a lot of good things from Dianne, a little Martha Stewart, but especially about simple things like putting food into glass serving bowls, never plastic.

Connie will forever miss hearing Maxie sing as he came into a room - "Oh, Lord. It's Hard to be Humble". Sandy Caples led us in our own rendition at the

table but it was not nearly as stirring as Maxie's heart-felt song. Sandy also says she will miss the fine dining and wonderful center pieces! Nancy Chilcoat plaintively asks "who will have those wonderful Christmas parties? "

All this food talk led to memories of the perfect blueberry pie that Sharon Kelly loved; and Maxie finishing every drop of guacamole and almost licking the bowl Sandy Schaller once brought to them.

Jane will miss most her hug and kiss each time she saw Maxie. Pastor Peggy's favorite memory is watching Maxie with the children, the young people, and as the official greeter at Wednesday's dinners; and Dianne's creativity and vision for the various seasons of the church and its people. Their love for each other and for Emory is so evident in all that they do.

We hope you will all be with us as we say goodbye, celebrate the past and look forward to their future. Maxie and Dianne: May the boxes soon be unpacked and family be nearby to help. We love you. We will miss you.

[Part 2 will be at Friendly Farm on Sunday, July 8 from 1 to 5pm – see Jane to RSVP]

A SUNDAE ON SUNDAY

There will be a **Red, White, & Blueberry Sundae Social** right after church on **Sunday, July 1**. Enjoy a delicious ice cream sundae in the "breezeway" between the sanctuary and the Education Building.



In honor of our nation's Independence Day, wear red, white, & blue to church, then enjoy some fellowship time while enjoying a red, white, and blue sundae. Hope to see you there.

Council on Ministries

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP UNDER THE PAVILION



You are invited to participate in a meaningful and casual sharing of the love of God/Christ/Spirit each Wednesday evening at 7pm. There is a worship leader each week – one spot is still open in August. Refreshments will be served – folks are also needed to provide them. See Connie Hamm to volunteer for refreshments.

None on July 4

Bob Bradford – July 11

Pastor Peggy – July 18

Pat Rucker – July 25

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS



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| 7/5 | Theresa Wire | 7/19 | Dennis Martin |
| 7/6 | Jill Thomas | 7/27 | Amanda Fowble |
| | Elaine Dodds | 7/28 | Alex Obrieht |
| 7/9 | Chuck Davis | 7/31 | Ron Armacost |
| 7/11 | Linda Bitzel | | Bonnie Johnson |

Never see your birthday on this list? If you would like your name to be placed on our birthday list just email the information to the office including your name and birthday (month/day) churchoffice@emoryunitedmethodist.org.

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July 8 – Randy Wineke
July 15 – Sherry Wineke
July 22 – Ken Fowble
July 29 – Sandy Schaller
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July 1 – Savanna Wright/ Kristen Gottlieb
July 8 – Michele Fowlin
July 15 – Cluster Dance Choir
July 22 – Pat Rucker
July 29 – George Smith

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- **Our elder friend for the month of July is Shirley Gordon.** Please send cards, visit or call to remind Shirley how important she is to Emory Church. Shirley Gordon, 1234 Washington Blvd., Room 123, Westminster, MD 21157. There is no phone number.
- **PROJECT LINUS** will be meeting on a few Mondays during the months of July and August. Check with Donna for the dates. Completed blankets will be blessed on July 8.
- **TRUSTEES** are still working on some projects. Hope they will be finished by Fall. Thank you, Donna
- **The Out to Lunch Bunch** – will be going to Glyndon Grill, Tuesday, July 31 at noon. Please call Jane Alban to make reservations.
- **Looking Ahead: Directory Photos** on September 11 and 12 and possibility of the 13 – Sign up now!



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GREETINGS FROM COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

Donna and I delivered 14 prayer shawls and lap robes to Golden Crest on Wednesday morning. The smiles and "thank you's" were worth all the time it took to make them! When I got home, I had a message on my phone from one of the sweet ladies we visited. She was so thankful for the gift.

I know I say "Thank you" many times. As long as you keep giving, I will keep saying it! It means so much that we are taking care of others all through the year.

NESAP NEWS

The NESAP Thrift Store is located at [1046 South Carroll Street, Hampstead MD 21074](http://1046SouthCarrollStreetHampsteadMD21074) - 410-374-9099. The Food Pantry is a part of that building but separate. Donations can be dropped off during the following hours.

Store Hours: Never on Sunday - Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 9am-3pm

Thurs 9am-8pm [Now that it is lighter later, the store is open until 8pm]

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR! NESAP'S \$2.00 SALE IS HERE!

Through July 18th, most clothing in the store in only \$2.00! Get Summer clothing at bargain pricing while it is still HOT outside! This includes new tagged items, summer clothing, and more. (The few exclusions to the \$2 sale are formal wear, undergarments, swimsuits, and athletic wear.)

It doesn't take much to make someone smile. A can of food for a mother who can't feed her child. A pair of brand new socks for a homeless person who walks around all day. A pair of underwear to someone who has none. All the things we take for granted. This is what Emory is doing.

For July, we will be collecting condiments. With the children out of school for the summer, there is also a need for jelly, juice, canned meats such as spaghetti and ravioli, dish soap and laundry detergent. No soup please!! They have more soup than I have seen in grocery stores! Thank you from Connie Hamm and the Council of Ministries.

INVITATION TO A TIMELY DISCUSSION

There has been a lot of discussion and threats of schism over the issue of gay and lesbian clergy in the UMC and the restrictive paragraph in the Social Principles pertaining to this.

In anticipation of the prayerful work to take place during the Special General Conference in February 2019, Pastor's Peggy's Lectionary Clergy Group is hosting a guest speaker on "The Church, The Bible, and the LBGTQ Question" This event will take place on July 22, 2018 at Mays Chapel UMC at 7 to 8:30pm.

Emory is invited to participate, and I am requesting that a group of you go with e. There is no charge for attenders, but a \$20 donation per church is requested to help cover costs. To ensure an adequate supply of handouts, we are asking for pre-registration – please let Pastor Peggy know if you can help represent Emory.

About the Speaker - Greg Carey is Professor of New Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary, where he has taught since 1999. He is an active layperson in the United Church of Christ and is the author of several books, including but not limited to: The Gospel According to Luke: All Flesh Shall See God's Salvation; Apocalyptic Literature in the New Testament; and Sinners: Jesus and his Earliest Followers.

He is a graduate of Rhodes College, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Vanderbilt University [PhD, 1996]. This fall, Greg will teach an introduction to the New Testament as a Visiting Professor at Wesley Theological Seminary in DC

Romans 13:8-10 New Revised Standard Version

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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According to Merriam-Webster, the word August comes from the Latin word *augustus*, meaning "consecrated" or "venerable," which in turn is related to the Latin *augur*, meaning "consecrated by augury" or "auspicious." In 8 B.C. the Roman Senate honored Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor, by changing the name of their month to "Augustus." August is not just the eighth month of the year; it also describes something esteemed or regal. So, by definition, August is august.

As a month, August is especially renowned for its heat in this neck of the world, for being the last chance for a week away before school starts and for the dog days of summer. August's birthstones are the peridot, sardonyx, and spinel. Its birth flower is the gladiolus or poppy, meaning beauty, strength of character, love, marriage and family. The Western zodiac signs for the month of August are Leo (until August 22) and Virgo (from August 23 onwards).

With no immediately recognized holiday to focus on, I want to share a number of less august ones:

- August 1st: National Girlfriends Day – a day for girls to spend the day with other girlfriends.
- August 5th: International Beer Day and National Underwear Day – Can't speak to the first of these but suggest we celebrate the second one by purchasing some underwear and sox for baskets in the back.
- August 8th: National Dollar Day - On this day all the way back in 1786, the Continental Congress established a monetary system for the United States of America
- August 9th: Book Lover's Day – one of my favorites! Celebrate by reading!
- August 10th: Lazy Day - And a lucky day because this year it falls on a Friday! Start the weekend early by doing positively nothing.

- August 13th: International Left-handers Day - For those world citizens who have found themselves in a right-handed-scissors-world, today the world honors your special gift.
- August 18th: National Bad Poetry Day - Roses are red/Violets are blue/ You probably saw this joke coming/But we made it anyway.
- August 19th: National Aviation Day - Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared Orville Wright's birthday National Aviation Day.
- August 21st: National Senior Citizens Day - On August 19th, 1988, a proclamation was made by the then-president Reagan that deemed this day as a national day to give older US citizens thanks and a heartfelt salute.
- August 31st: There are others but it's fitting that we end with this one. National Trail Mix Day, also known as National GORP Day. We love us a handy bag of "good ol' raisins and peanuts," but let's be honest - the addition of M&M's is what make trail mix truly great. Grab a bag and hit a hiking trail for some last-minute August fun!
Blessings, Pastor Peggy

"A vision without a task is but a dream, a task without a vision is drudgery, a vision with a task is the hope of the world."

~Church inscription, Sussex, England (1730)

AUGUST WORSHIP

This is the third and final month for now of preaching on a theme. Themes were chosen based on ways of understanding more fully the nature and identity of God/Christ/Spirit. August will be the month of bread - hungering for Jesus. Come and be filled!

August 5 - Communion Bread

August 19 - Living Bread

August 12 - Bread of Life

August 26 - True Bread

OUR ELDER FRIEND FOR AUGUST IS BOBBIE PATTERSON

Please send cards, visit or call to show Bobbie how important she is to Emory Church. Her address is 5715 Emory Road, Upperco, MD 21155
Call her at 410-833-2009.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 8/2 | Bev Gandolfo | 8/19 | Greg Evans |
| 8/3 | Maxie Baughan | 8/20 | Scott Thomas |
| 8/8 | Mark Sheely | 8/28 | Pat Rucker |
| 8/19 | Karon Moore | 8/30 | Donna Rucker |



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Food for thought: "Poverty exists not because we cannot feed the poor but because we cannot satisfy the rich." + author unknown

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

It's getting closer to a new directory. Photo shoots are on 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.

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August 26 – OPEN
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August 15 – Karon Moore
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Leader needed - August 29 – picnic – starts at 6
Connie Hamm will be contacting folks to provide refreshments
- **Salad Bar Social** in the breezeway after worship on August 26. Two kinds of salad and an assortment of toppings and dressings. Plan to share a casual lunch with your church family.

AUGUST 2018 Outreach for the month of AUGUST is TARGET, INC.
A non-profit organization to educate and house adults with Special Needs.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | 1 7pm Wednesday Service at Pavilion | 2 | 3 | 4 7pm AA & Al-Anon |
| 5 10am Worship w/ Communion <i>Communion Bread</i> | 6 | 7 7pm Council of Ministries | 8 7pm Wednesday Service at Pavilion | 9 | 10 | 11 7pm AA & Al-Anon |
| 12 10am worship <i>Bread of Life</i> | 13 | 14 | 15 7pm Wednesday Service at Pavilion | 16 | 17 | 18 7pm AA & Al-Anon, |
| 19 10am worship <i>Living Bread</i> | 20 | 21 | 22 7pm Wednesday Service at Pavilion | 23 | 24 | 25 7pm AA & Al-Anon |
| 26 10am worship <i>True Bread</i> Salad Bar Social after church | 27 | 28 Noon - Out to Lunch Bunch Olive Garden | 29 6pm Last Pavilion worship followed by picnic | 30 | 31 | Photo dates 9/11 - 12 and maybe 9/13 |

GET SEPTEMBER ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER IN EARLY!