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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Summer sure did fly away, or maybe it's more accurate to say, "wash away" with all the rain, storms and floods that we had. We were blessed to not have more damage than we did. Plus, at least the Ark didn't show up!

We added some fun activities and enjoyed the aroma of bread for four weeks! And the rain brought forth some awesome summer vegetables!

September is a busy month as vacations end; Wonderful Wednesday meals begin again [9/19]; we begin preparations for Charge Conference [10/16]; hold three photo dates for the new directory [9/11-13]; and I go on a real vacation to Maine and Cape Cod [9/14-28]. I'm looking forward to a healthy time of rest. You will have guest speakers on the Sundays I'm away.

One thought with which we can look forward to the future is from Albert Einstein: "There are two ways to live. You can assume there are no miracles ever or you can believe that everything is a miracle."

Think for a moment what either of these mindsets mean for your life. If there are no miracles than there is no faith, no hope, no love. If there are no miracles than there is no meaning in life; no originator of miracles, that is God; and no reason to get up each day.

But if there are miracles, every day is filed with wonder and mystery. God is everywhere in the world and can be expected to offer another miracle with each breath we breathe. And if there are miracles, Love fills our lives and offers hope when the world threatens to crush us. With miracles to anticipate, we are invited by our God/Christ/Spirit to join in the joy-filled journey called life and live each moment to the fullest.

Live the life you live expecting miracles! Become a miracle yourself.  
Blessings,

Pastor Peggy

## NEW SECRETARY HIRED

After Linda Fair resigned/retired, we needed to find someone else to do the job. The search committee, made up from members who serve on SPRC [Connie Hamm, Sandy Caples, and Ruthie Bradford], have interviewed, and recommended to Pastor Peggy, Bonnie Towner of Sunnyfield Court, Hampstead. It was Shirley Armacost who recommended Bonnie, and Pastor Peggy has met with her. With SPR chair, Alex Obrecht's approval, we have hired Bonnie to begin the first week in September.

## HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



9/8	Janice Raver	9/17	Ronnie Hamm
9/13	Josh Weikers	9/23	Michele Martin Clifton
9/15	Penny Glassman		Connie Sheely
9/16	Bobby Bradford	9/24	Helen Moore

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

## A LOVE NOTE FROM NY

Dear Emory Friends,

The Farewell Party was, as Maxie would say, FANTASTIC. It was "hard to be humble" after a sendoff like that. It was "perfect in every way!" We were deeply touched and appreciative of all the work Jane and her team did to make it so special.

Maxie's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday was another great party – made even more special by the Emory Card Shower. What a nice idea. He has said many times that he has never gotten so many cards. As Max reminded him "Dad, you have never been 80 before." Leave it to kids!

We are gradually settling in. We miss our Emory Church and good friends but are enjoying being close to family. Had a nice visit with Alex and Pam and were reminded how special Emory people are.

Again, thank you for everything and remember the Welcome Mat is always out.

Love, peace and joy,  
Dianne and Maxie

## WHAT AN EXCITING MONTH

August was a blessed month within the church and church families: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Nate Cozzi [Christiana Smith] who were married 8/12/18; and to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wineke [Heather Jackson] who married on 8/17/18; and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Claycomb [Diana Paquet] who were wed at Emory UMC on August 26. We wish them all the best in their future together. Joyful recognition also to Jeffrey Claycomb who was baptized on August 19.

## 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:** Charlotte Bond, Jeff Cole, Ruth Crisler [health issues], Jeff Davis [Chuck Davis' son], Matt Davis [Chuck Davis' Son], Linda Fair, Regina Glassman [Donna Rucker's aunt], Shirley Gordon, Bob Kelly, Erma Kipe, Tracey Marcum [friend of Linda Fair], Tyler [grandson of Sandy Caples], Helen Moore, Karon Moore, Corina Myers, Dee Patton, Liz Tardif (Patty Kelly's sister), Bob Wheeler, Bill Williams [brother of Linda Fair].

**Prayer Chain:** We need volunteers who can text and ones who are willing to phone. If you would like to inform other persons of a request for prayer, please notify Karon or the church of your willingness to participate.

Any person requesting prayers should personally contact the prayer chain leader, Karen Moore. The Leader will contact volunteers 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](mailto:karonmoore819@yahoo.com). The Church phone number is 410-429-6008.

## 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.

## SEPTEMBER LITURGISTS

9/2	Alex Obrecht	9/9	Donna Rucker
9/16	Sherry Wineke	9/23	Jo Smith
9/30	Bob Kelly		

## NESAP NEWS



The Director would like to invite one or two individuals from Emory to meet with her at NESAP one evening a month to start. Then as we get established, perhaps quarterly meetings will satisfy our goals as we move ahead. We will talk about what our neighbors need and how we are (or are not) meeting those needs. We want to hear your thoughts about how to raise both funding for our assistance programs and awareness of our thrift store. In addition, two members of our Team will become members of our Board of Directors as the voice of this not yet named group.

The first "New" Team meeting will be on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We will be meeting at NESAP's building, 1046 S. Carroll Street in Hampstead. Won't someone from your church help our neighbors bear their burdens by joining?

## GREETINGS FROM THE COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

It's almost Fall and the start of school is fast approaching. Since children should have a full stomach to get through the school day, we are collecting breakfast items for September - Cereal, pop tarts, pancake mix, hot cereals, syrup, etc. Any donation is appreciated. The shelter was delighted to see the socks and underwear to put on after their showers. Thanks to all for what you've done.

Don't forget the church picnic following the service on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>! I hear there may be fried chicken so hope everyone will meet at the pavilion.  
'til next month, Connie

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Our elder friend for the month of September is **Joyce Applefeld**. Please send cards, visit or call to remind Joyce how important she is to Emory Church. Joyce Applefeld, 3813 Beamer's Court, Sykesville, MD 21784

## **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

It's been a busy summer with a lot of things needing attention. A lot had to be repaired or replaced and a lot of work is in line for the future. A big thank you to the Trustees who made all this happen.

### **COMPLETED PROJECTS**

- Air conditioning in the church was replaced
- Well Pump in Emory Hall
- Pressure tank in Emory Hall
- Iron railing going into Emory Hall was repaired
- Bathroom in Emory Hall has been newly renovated
- Replaced copier/printer after Act-of-God damaged old one beyond repair! [thanks to Elaine Dodds for her leadership]

### **ON-GOING PROJECTS**

- Need new furnace in church
- Getting estimates/proposals to replace front doors of the church
- Searching for a solution to water in church basement

## **WEDNESDAYS ARE WONDERFUL**

Wednesdays are Wonderful begin again on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:45. Plan to make this a weekly occurrence – support the church while avoiding having to cook dinner. We can always use help with desserts and especially with clean up after dinner. There will be some special dinners on particular Wednesdays and details on those will be given closer to the date. This is one of the missions of the women and it needs your support.

## **LINUS LADIES BEGIN AGAIN**

Project Linus will begin on Monday, September 10 at 9:30 in Emory Hall. Come even if you can not sew. You can pick out fabric, iron, pin, make the patterns and enjoy the fellowship. Remember this is a mission for sick and hurting children. We have received a number of thank you notes which express recipients gratitude and are partially printed in this newsletter and posted in the Education Building.

## COAT COLLECTION FOR THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

The Shepherd's Staff annual coat collection has begun. Bring new or gently used coats to the church for men, women and children and leave them in the back of the church. You can also drop them off at Shepherd's Staff. Admiral's Cleaners, a local business, will refresh and clean each donation and then Shepherd's Staff will pass them on to folks who need them. Wrap some love in a warm coat someone else can use.



## BITS AND PIECES

- **The Out to Lunch Bunch** – will be going to J&P's, Hampstead - Tuesday, September 25 at noon. Please call Jane Alban to make reservations.
- **Directory Photos** on September 11, 12 and 13 – Sign up now! If you haven't signed up by now, call Shirley Armacost at 410-861-6802 – ASAP!!
- The **Annual Church Picnic** is on Sunday, September 16 in the Pavilion after worship. Fried Chicken will be provided by the UM Women. Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks. Lets end the summer with fellowship and fun with church family.
- Remember the **UMW's Pay it Forward** initiative and do something good for someone in gratitude for your blessings
- **Northminster Presbyterian Church** in Westminster is collecting toys, books, DVD's, stuffed animals etc, fo their missions. Hours to drop off donations are Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30am.

## DEER PARK IS HAVING A SUB AND SUNDAE SALE

Deer Park UMC invites their friends at Emory UMC to participate in their cold-cut sub and ice cream sundae sale on Saturday, September 22. Orders are to be in by September 9th and picked up on the 22nd between noon and 1pm. Call Delores to order - 410-833-3535.

Make checks in advance to Deer Park Methodist Women and mail to Dolores Owings at 13211 Maple Grove Avenue, Reisterstown, MD 21136 – Subs are \$4 and Sundaes are 2.50. Eat in or take out.

## A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

Dear Friends, I received a call from my Mom this morning and she is thrilled with her prayer shawl. She says it is a beautiful rose color and has a white cross on it. She was actually in tears of joy, telling me about this shawl. It truly made her day. I wanted to thank you from both her and myself. I am her youngest daughter and live in California. It means the world to me that you thought of her with such a precious gift. Please share our heartfelt thanks with the woman who made Mom's beautiful shawl.

Blessings, Lisa Walker and mom, Doris Shaneybrook.

## MORE GRATITUDE

**Since we can't print all the thanks EUMC receives word for word, here is a sampling:**

- A note came from the Carroll County Chapter of Project Linus to "The Project Linus Ladies" with a big Thank You for all the blankets delivered last time.
- A thank you from GBMC for the blankets given to the children and teens in their care. The blankets ". . . help our patients feel cared for and special when in the hospital."
- Thank you from Lovely Lane UMC, the mother church of Methodism. The thank you was for the July monthly mission donation of \$500.
- A thank you letter from the Triangle Recovery Club for the generous donation of 1,050.00 received June 13. This is one of our monthly missions – \$500 was from the church & the rest private donations.
- The director, Tim Bradford, gave thanks for our monthly mission gift to Giving to Extremes Medical Missions of \$592.50. In the near future, the name will be changed to Global Surgical Expedition.
- A personal note card came from Golden Crest to the women who make the prayer shawls: *Thank you so much for the prayer shawls, we love them and appreciate all your hard work.* It was signed by Anna Joy Jenkins, Geraldine Savett, Hele Boyes, Bob Hagel, Olin, Gerewa Long, Clare Davis, Rebecca Hagel, Dot Matthews, Etta Ruth Henrich, Wanda Rill, Lauren Wilhelm, Doris Shaneybrook, Bert Wilhelm [handwriting translated as close as possible].

## GRATITUDE FROM STUDENTS

We were blessed with enough funds to grant 6 students a \$600 scholarship each! They are Sarah Martin, Taylor Sheely, Adam Sheely, Crystal Tubman, Savanna Wright, and Riley Zentz. Full thank you notes are on the Education Hall bulletin boards!

- *Thank you very much for the generous scholarship. In addition thank you for all of your unconditional support and love throughout my whole life . . . Adam Sheely*
- *I am so incredibly grateful for the scholarship I received from Emory. That money will help tremendously with graduate school expenses. I will miss you all very much . . . Taylor Sheely*
- *Crystal Tubman has not yet received hers due to address issues*
- *. . . thank you for granting me a scholarship for \$600. This is such a generous amount . . . I cannot thank you enough for always being there for me. . . Savanna Wright*
- *. . . thank you and the Women of Emory so much for the generous scholarship. . . It means so much to me to get the kind of support from the church and the money will definitely go to good use. Riley Zentz*
- *Thank You to my Emory Church family for your generous contributions to the Emory scholarship fund! I feel blessed to be a part of a church that has continued to support me through all stages of my life.....this scholarship will allow me to continue my education and pursue my goals! Thank you again for all of your support! Sarah Martin*

## LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

Hampstead's Little Free Pantry is located behind the prayer chapel at St. John's United Methodist Church in Hampstead, MD. The pantry provides food to anyone in need 24/7. The pantry is always open and works on an anonymous give-and-take system. Donations can be left directly in the pantry or at the front of the building in the Prayer Chapel. Anyone needing food may take as much as needed, whenever. Preteen, Mackenzie Greenwood began this as a service project. Please contact us with any questions. Thanks for your support!

## NESAP HELP WANTED

NESAP has an immediate open position for a retail staff person. The position requires the ability to work in a ware-house like setting and lift 40 pounds. Merchandizing and front counter experience preferred. Excellent customer service skills are a must! This is a 35 hours/week position: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat - 8am-3pm. \$10.10 per hour. Details on bulletin board.

## PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS BAZAARS NOW!

Crafters are working on items to take to the Sandymount Bazaar on November 9 and 10. If you have any ideas for some projects or would like to help at the bazaar, see Connie Hamm or Donna Rucker. Men! It would be great if some of you creative guys would come up with crafts to add to the inventory. Pray we get into the Grace Bible Church Bazaar where we are on a wait list. If you have contacts at other churches or venues, let the women know.

## HELP OUR CHURCH TO GROW – GIVING MADE EASY

How can we make giving any easier? As you have heard from those in our congregation who are using our electronic giving:

Electronic gifts are **fast** and **secure**, and they reduce administrative costs, allowing more of every dollar to fund the important work we are called to do. There are **no checks** to write. Schedule and manage recurring donations or we can do it for you.

Make one-time donations to special appeals. Also, you can **discontinue at any time**. If you would like to give electronically, visit our website or contact the church office or Elaine Dodds at [edodds45@gmail.com](mailto:edodds45@gmail.com).



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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Loaves & Fishes  7pm AA & Al-Anon
2 10am Worship w/ Communion	3 Labor Day	4  7 Leadership/ Nominations	5	6	7	8  7pm AA & Al-Anon
9  10am Worship	10  9:30 Project Linus begins	11  Directory Photos  7 Trustees Meeting	12  Directory Photos	13  Directory Photos	14  Pastor's Fall Trip Sept. [14-28]	15  7pm AA & Al-Anon
16 10am Worship  Picnic after worship pavilion	17	18  7 Finance Meeting	19  5:45 First Wednesdays are Wonderful	20	21	22 12-1 Sub & Sundaes Deer Park  7pm AA & Al-Anon
23 10am Worship  30 10am Worship	24  7 NESAP Team Meeting	25 Noon Out to Lunch Bunch  7 Church Council	26  5:45 Wednesdays are Wonderful	27	28	29  7pm AA & Al-Anon