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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We are entering a season of waiting for the greatest gift to be given – Jesus our Christ will be born into the world once again on December 24 but there are four weeks to experience before we get there. It's called Advent and its colors are blue and pink [replacing the old color theme of purple].

The new colors symbolize the joyousness which comes to those who wait and prepare with hearts full of expectation! Purple is a Lenten color of penitence.

This year, Advent begins on Sunday, December 2 and goes to Sunday, December 23. The light coming into the world gets brighter and brighter. Each week we will light an advent candle to symbolize that light getting fuller and completely home on Christmas Eve we light the Christ Candle. The Light of the world will be with us!

I'm asking different people to light the Advent wreath with a simple reading and all of us will join in one verse of an Advent song which lifts up the themes of each Sunday – hope, peace, joy and love. It's sung to *Away in a Manger* so I think all of us can sing it.

Advent is also another season for us to be intentional in following Christ in the ways we treat others. Kindness not meanness. Care and Compassion not disinterest. Love not hate! Giving truly is more blessed than receiving, so let's do that too. Since Christ is the greatest gift we have ever received, we show our gratitude by how we treat others.

And of course, Advent ends at Christmas when the waiting is over and the baby is once more in the manger. We will have two services – a family service at 7 and candlelight and communion at 11. Each one offers an opportunity to experience what the season is about. I hope I will see you each Sunday of Advent and then Christmas Eve as well.

December 30 is the first Sunday of Christmas. It's another opportunity to count our blessings. May you be open to all that Christ has in store for you this Holy Season.

Happy Advent; Merry Christmas! Blessings, Pastor Peggy

ADVENT 2018 SCHEDULE

First Sunday in Advent is December 2 – Hope – Holy Communion –

Blessing the Blankets Jeremiah 33:14-16 – The Scion of David

Second Sunday of Advent is December 9 –Peace – Luke 3:1-6 – Blessing our

Nativity Sets – Preparing Paths of Peace; 11 am Church Christmas Party/lunch with special visitor for the kids

Third Sunday of Advent is December 16 – Joy – Philippians 4:4-7 – Mary’s

Promise; 2 pm Caroling – meet at church at 1:45 pm to carpool

Fourth Sunday of Advent is December 23 – Love – Christmas Cantata by the Emory Choir – Sing Gloria

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS

December 2	Donna and Pat Rucker
December 9	Nancy Chilcoat and Patty and Bob Kelly
December 16	Jane Alban, Betty Carroll, Carol Ward
December 23	Connie and Ronnie Hamm



DECEMBER LITURGISTS

12/2	Sandy Schaller	12/23	Karon Moore
12/9	Alex Obrieht	12/30	Donna Rucker
12/16	Christiana Cozzi		

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



12/1	Ryder Wineke	12/22	Heather Bitzel
12/9	Rob Lyons	12/30	Erma Kipe
12/11	Sam Evans	12/30	Robin Freeman
12/15	Laurie Fertitta	12/31	Leslie Hall
12/21	Cliff 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

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: Tim Armacost; Shirley Armacost [recuperating from knee surgery]; Sandy Caples [and her son Damien – shingles]; Ruth Crisler; Jack Cashman [Elaine Dodds' brother – 1st prosthesis]; Jeff Davis and Matt Davis [Chuck Davis' sons]; Brian Dodds [Elaine's son – left bicep tendon repair on 12/5]; Elaine Dodds [recovering from hip replacement]; Linda Fair; Regina Glassman [Donna Rucker's aunt]; Shirley Gordon; Dwight and Bonnie Johnson [beloved Amber's crossing the rainbow bridge]; Erma Kipe [sister Betty died]; David Moore [Cliff's brother]; Corina Myers; Alex Obrieht's grandson, Oliver [treatment for leukemia]; Lauren Pac [recovering from sinus surgery]; Bobbie Patterson [dental implants]; Bill Williams [brother of Linda Fair]

Prayer Chain: We will need someone to become the prayer chain leader as of January 1st. Let Pastor Peggy know if you are interested. The Church phone number is 410-429-6008.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA



During our 10 am Worship service on December 23rd, the wonderful Emory Choir offers us the gift of music in the annual Christmas Cantata. This year the cantata is *Sing Gloria!* Come and share in this joyous occasion. This is an excellent way to prepare for Christmas Eve the next day.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Join us this Christmas Eve as we welcome the Light of the World and celebrate the birth of Jesus our Christ. The 7pm service is a family service and welcoming to all who wish to worship our infant savior. At 11pm we will celebrate Holy Communion and welcome Jesus at midnight with candlelight. Come to one service or both and bring family and friends.



EMORY'S UMW NUT AND CANDY FUNDRAISER

There are still some nuts and candy available from the Women's fundraiser. Please support this mission. See Donna Rucker if you would care to purchase [410-375-0973].



GREETINGS FROM THE COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

I hope everyone is ready for the month of December. There will be many things going on!!

The families we helped at Thanksgiving were shocked at the amount of food we had for them. Emory has always stepped up to help. Now begins Christmas and hopefully we can do it again! See Nancy's list for ideas on all sorts of food donations. You can also give gifts by taking a tag off the tree and fulfilling the wish on it.

Join us December 9th following the church service for our annual Christmas Party. Will we have a special visitor again this year? We will see!

If you sing well or silently, help us on December 16th to visit shut-ins and other friends for Christmas Caroling. It's a great time for all, singers and those we sing to. The Bradfords have graciously agreed to host the party afterward.

Take a deep breath and get ready for a very busy month! I want to thank everyone for their generosity through the year helping the hungry and homeless. They don't know who we are, but are thankful for what we give.

Until next month,

Connie

POINSETTIA ORDERS



Poinsettias will dress the sanctuary for Cantata Sunday on December 23rd through the Christmas Eve services on Monday, December 24th. We are now taking orders for the poinsettias at \$10 each. Use the form in your bulletin or at the back of the church.

You will need to pick them up on Christmas Eve at the last service you attend. Orders are due to Donna Rucker by December 9th.

HO-HO-HO! HOT CHOCOLATE AT SANTA'S HOUSE



NESAP will be serving hot chocolate at Santa's House on Dec 1st, 8th, 14th, and 15th from 6 pm – 8 pm. Stop by for some chocolatey goodness, see Santa, and enjoy the Christmas decorations in Hampstead's Memorial Park. The Park is located on



Main Street between St. John's Methodist Church and Matthews Tire and Auto.

MEN'S ADVENT COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The men of Glyndon United Methodist Church are pleased to again invite our men for a time of fellowship, food, prayer and communion in celebration of Advent – 6:45 am on Sunday, December 9 in Dew Fellowship Hall at the rear of the church on Butler Road, Glyndon. Enter through the glass doors from the parking lot. There will be a short meditation preceded by breakfast. The morning fellowship will conclude with communion. For planning purposes, if you will be attending, please call the church at 410-833-2033 or email glyndonumchurch@gmail.com by Friday, December 7.

STRAWBRIDGE SHRINE CANDLELIGHT ADVENT SERVICE

The Strawbridge Shrine will host a candlelight Advent service from 4:30 to 5:30 pm on December 9 at the historic Log Chapel. The Rev. Sarah Dorrance of Middletown UMC will preach. The Shrine is located at 2650 Strawbridge Lane in New Windsor. Learn more about the site, its history, and how you can tour the site at www.strawbridgeshrine.org.

EMORY CHAPEL CEMETERY CORPORATION MEETING

The Emory Chapel Cemetery Corporation will hold an important meeting on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7 pm in Emory Church Hall. All adult members of Emory Church are considered to be members of the Corporation, as well as any burial plot owners from the community. If you or a family member has ever purchased a plot in the Emory cemetery, you are encouraged to attend. There are critical issues which need to be discussed. Whether or not you are a plot owner, your participation would be appreciated. For more information, contact Ronnie Hamm or leave a message on the church phone (410-429-6008).

HELP OUR CHURCH TO GROW AND HELP YOURSELF WITH AN “END OF YEAR” TAX BREAK



In the course of year-end tax planning, you may find yourself considering special one-time donations. As you contemplate year-end gifts, please keep Emory UMC in mind. We welcome your donations through the giving page on the church website at emoryunitedmethodist.org. The page is easy to use and convenient. Contact Elaine Dodds with any questions at: edodds45@gmail.com or at 480-747-8785.

BITS AND PIECES

- Our elder friends for the month of December are **Maxie and Dianne Baughan**. Please send cards or call to remind Maxie and Dianne how important they are to Emory Church. Maxie and Dianne Baughan, 814 Hanshaw Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 – 607-339-0918.
- The outreach for the month of December is the Basket collection: **Gifts for Needy Families!**
- The Shepherd’s Staff **annual coat collection is ongoing**. Bring new or gently used coats to the church for men, women and children and leave them in the back of the church. Wrap some love in a warm coat someone else can use.
- Remember the **UMW’s Pay it Forward** initiative and do something good for someone in gratitude for your blessings
- **Loaves and Fishes** 2019 dates are January 26, May 4, and September 21. Please see Evan or Dale to volunteer.

PAULA JANKOWSKI DAVIS GIVING TREE

The Annual Christmas tree goes in the back of the church each year so that we can collect warm winter coats/clothing/scarfs/gloves/mittens and warm flannel shirts for the homeless. This was a ministry very important to Paula who began the tree tradition almost two decades ago.

Please help men, women and children if you can by donating one or more items for the tree. Thanks in advance.

DECEMBER'S MISSION IS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

Our December Mission is "Families in Need." Nancy Chilcoat is in charge of holiday food baskets and gifts. Take a tag/s from the poster for a gift for the children and families. It's all due back by Dec. 17, wrapped and tag attached.

Cereal

Mashed potatoes

Pancake Mix

Syrup

Soups-Canned

*Mac & Cheese

Gravy

Peanut Butter

Jams/Jelly

Applesauce

Boxed dinners –

(Hamburger &

Chicken Helper)

**THANK
YOU**

GRATITUDE AND THANKS

To Bob Schulze and the Jockey Club,

Thank you so very much for the donation of the 10-pound turkey breasts for the needy families supported by Emory church for Thanksgiving.

LOAVES AND FISHES



Our dates in calendar year 2019 for Loaves and Fishes are January 26, May 4 and September 21. Please mark these dates on your calendar. If you can help prepare and serve the meals, please contact Dale or Evan Buckingham. We prepare and serve lunch at the Church of the Brethren beginning at 10 a.m. Lunch is served at 12 pm and we usually finish around 1 pm.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
2 10 am Worship w/ Communion 1 st Advent - Hope	3 9:30 Last Linus of 2018 6 pm UMW Christmas Party	4	5 5:45 Wednesdays are Wonderful Meatloaf & mashed potatoes	6 7 pm Boy Scouts	7	8 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
9 10 am Worship 2 nd Advent - Peace <i>Christmas party/lunch</i>	10	11 Meetings: 6 pm- Council of Ministries 6:45- Finance 7:30-Church Council	12 5:45 Last Wednesdays are Wonderful for 2018 Fried chicken Bake Sale	13 7 pm Boy Scouts	14 7 pm-8 am Saturday Boy Scout sleep- over	15 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
16 10 am Worship 3 rd Advent – Joy 2 pm <i>Caroling</i>	17	18	19	20 7 pm Boy Scouts	21	22 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
23 10 am Worship 4 th Advent - Love	24 7 pm Family Christmas Eve Service 11 pm Candlelight & communion	25 	26	27	28	29 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
30 10 am Worship	31 					

**ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 20
BUT WELCOME EARLY!!**