



Tidings



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

2018 was a year of changes for Emory UMC, both for us as a church and for its families. Change is part of life but it's also difficult to deal with. Even good things disturb our equilibrium. The Good News is God has traveled the year with us and we have made it to 2019!

The New Year brings with it the promise of an opportunity for new beginnings. Some make resolutions that are impractical, and which get abandoned just a few weeks from day one. Others make a responsible plan for change which takes time and persistence to work. All are invited to open to the covenant we renewed last week with God and really be intentional about spiritual matters. Prayerfully choose which way your new direction will go. Being in church is a great way to garner the strength needed each week. Encourage family and friends to worship with you.

There are also many things happening in the life of the church this year as we gear up to begin again with favorite activities. The temptation is to try and do it all. Some last year were overwhelmed by it all, so while I want what we do to be successful, I am encouraging each of us all to make choices based on what's best for you as an individual. Choose what is most important and fulfilling to you and support the rest from the sidelines and with prayer. Check out some of the information later in this newsletter that will get you started on your choices.

Happy New Year! Pastor Peggy

JANUARY WORSHIP

Sunday, January 6 – Epiphany – Rev. Dr. Frank Trotter, Guest Preacher –
Holy Communion

Sunday, January 13 – Baptism of the Lord – Pastor Dwight Johnson, Guest
Preacher

Sunday, January 20 – Human Relations Day – Gifted with God Talents –
Special offering for Human Relations Day

Sunday, January 27 – The Scripture Is Fulfilled

MILESTONES

The biggest milestone happening for me in 2019 is that I turn 70! Many family members had milestone birthdays too so my youngest has planned a cruise in January to celebrate them all. My youngest and her husband, Patti and James hit the big 4-0 in November and December; Zoe will be 2 in January; then there's my 70th in February; my oldest, Terri will be 50 in March! No Milestones for Jason. But Patti planned a cruise for all of us to celebrate together!

We leave on January 5th to Miami and then cruise out on the 6th and back on the 13th. We are heading to warm weather, but details are not mine to know yet. One thing I do know is that Zoe is my roommate! I plan to read, rest and sleep a great deal and come back refreshed and ready to go. Prayers for traveling mercies are appreciated.

Blessings, Pastor Peggy



JANUARY LITURGISTS

01/06 Ruth Bradford

01/13 Roni Weikers

01/20 Bob Bradford

01/27 Elaine Dodds

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



01/02	Shirley Gordon	01/27	Ken Fowble
01/06	Sarah Martin	01/28	Riley Zentz
01/07	Zoe Brumfield	01/31	Doug Myers
01/23	Loren Blake	01/31	Sandy Caple

Don't 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) to 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 [gall bladder stone and gall bladder removal / recuperating from surgery at home]; Ruth Crisler; Jack Cashman [Elaine Dodds' brother]; Jeff Davis and Matt Davis [Chuck Davis' sons]; Brian Dodds [Elaine's son – recovering from left bicep tendon repair]; Elaine Dodds [recovering from hip replacement]; Linda Fair; Regina Glassman [Donna Rucker's aunt]; Shirley Gordon; David Moore [Cliff's brother]; Helen Moore; **Corina Myers [went home to God on 12/30/18 at 1:30 am]**; Alex Obriecht's grandson [Oliver – leukemia treatment]; 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.



GREETINGS FROM THE COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

Once again Emory has provided Christmas for several families this year. A special “Thanks!!” to Nancy Chilcoat for heading up the endeavor. She does it so well!! Also, “Thanks!” to everyone who provided food and gifts to strangers so they can also enjoy the holiday season.

Christmas Caroling was a little wet, but I think we all enjoyed visiting our friends. I don’t know if they enjoyed our singing, but we tried! Thanks to the Bradfords for opening their home for the after-party.

NESAP has enough food at the present time. For the month of January they need paper products, laundry soap, dish soap, bars of soap, bras and underwear.

We will still be collecting socks, underwear and warm clothes for the shelters. It is hard for me to imagine not having these things we take for granted.

There is a possibility of having a chili cook-off in January. Deer Park Church has suggested that a few churches get together for this. There will be more details as we try to plan this.

Hope everyone has a good year ahead of them!

Until next month, Connie

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, including the election of new trustees and officers, and the healthy financial fitness of the cemetery corporation. 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).



SCHOLARSHIP TIME AGAIN

The Baltimore-Washington Conference will once again be offering college scholarships for the Fall 2019 semester. Students can apply January 3 to March 7, 2019 through an online application system. Scholarships are available to students attending or enrolling in accredited colleges and universities of the United States. Students must be an active member of a church for at least one year and be attending (or will attend) an accredited college or university within the United States, full-time. Students will need to provide their official transcript (high school or college) and contact information for two church references (pastor and another member of the church). In addition, the student must have a 2.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.

For additional information and to apply, visit www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/.

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 for availability and type remaining, and if you care to purchase any for your own kitchen or for gift giving [410-375-0973].



IMPORTANT NEW JANUARY BEGINNINGS

- January's elder friend – Helen Moore, 3611 Emory Road, N, Upperco, MD 21155 – move may be in February.
- The first Loaves and Fishes of 2019 is scheduled for January 26th. Lunch will be prepared and served at the Church of the Brethren in Westminster. We will begin at 10 am and usually are finished by 1 pm. If you are interested in being part of this outreach to feed those in need, please see Dale or Evan Buckingham – 443-452-7232 or 7234 – Volunteers needed!
- Project Linus restarts on January 14 at 9 am.
- Wednesdays are Wonderful resume on January 16! Bring your appetite!
- January meetings are as follows: Trustees on 2nd Tuesday–1/8; Finance on 3rd Tuesday–1/15; and Church Council meets on the 4th Tuesday–1/22. All meetings are at 7 pm.

BITS AND PIECES

- A big thanks to the Worship Team for all their work in the decoration of the church this year and for assisting in setting up for worship;
- Another big thank you to all the families who participated in the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle lightings;
- Tickets are now available for the Shepherd's Staff very popular Empty Bowls of Carroll County – The date is Sunday, March 31, 2019. Call 410-857-5944.

JANUARY'S MISSION IS MISSION OF MERCY CAN YOU HELP?



For a quarter-century, Mission of Mercy has been making a difference in the lives of those we serve. When asked how we are able to continue to provide free healthcare, dental care and medications to so many in need, the answer is simple: our dedicated volunteers and community financial support. And we are always in need of both.

We are currently in need of volunteer Physical Therapists and Diabetic Educators at all of our clinics (excluding Frederick). If you'd like to share your gifts of time and talent, please contact 301-682-5683 (LOVE) and speak to Rachel Smith at extension 211.

Thank you for generously supporting Mission of Mercy. We appreciate you!
– The The Mission of Mercy Family – Rachel, Linda, and Jennifer

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.



WORDS OF THANKS

Thank you to Emory UMC for all your generosity to me this Christmas and throughout the year. From the many cards and gifts, the visit of the carolers, and the wonderful monetary gift, I am blessed. I add to that also the patience with me during all my illnesses this year. Blessings on your compassion. Love, Pastor Peggy

To the Emory Choir and Congregation – Thank you all so very much for your incredibly generous and kind Christmas gifts to me. Please know how deeply I appreciate them. It is my joy and privilege to be your choir director and to call Emory home. I wish everyone all the blessings of the New Year! – Bev

To the Emory Congregation – My heartfelt thanks to you all for your very generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts. I appreciate so very much your kind-heartedness, not only during this wonderful holiday season, but since my arrival in September as your new church secretary. Your unflagging support and tireless efforts to make me feel so welcome at Emory Church are most appreciated. My warmest wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year! – Bonnie

Thank you so much to Emory's Christmas Carolers for their visit on Sunday to sing to me. I was truly touched by their kindness and the friendship of Emory members is the best! Merry Christmas to all! – Shirley Armacost

Many thanks to the Altar Guild for decorating the church so beautifully this past year! – Donna

Dear Linus Ladies, Thank you for the time and talent that you put into making the beautiful Project Linus blankets! Being able to give them to our children brings the kids much joy! We really appreciate your efforts!

– The Pediatric Unit at GBMC



Dear Emory UM Church, We, the staff of the Neonatal ICU and Pediatric Unit, are so very grateful for your gifts of time and talent. Your donation of the beautiful handmade blankets and quilts for our babies, children and adolescents is very much appreciated!

We give a blanket or quilt to every NICU baby as well as every child in the inpatient Pediatric Unit. The blanket goes home with the child when they are discharged from the hospital.

In the NICU we use the blankets to cover incubators to shield the tiny babies from bright overhead lights. For the larger, more stable babies, we use the blankets for swaddling while the baby is being held or wrapped in a bassinet.

On Pediatrics, the blankets provide the children with warmth & comfort. The beautiful colors, various designs & sizes, as well as the different textures of the blankets really brighten up the dull hospital environment. We find that the parents truly appreciate your loving gift to their child too!

Once again, thank you so much for your lovely gifts. They do make a difference! – Sincerely, the Nursing Staff of the Neonatal Intensive Care & Pediatric Units at St. Joseph Medical Center

Thank you for my octopus quilt. It helps to keep me warm during my naps and at night. The octopus are my favorite part. – Oliver



Thank you for the quilt. It's very comfortable. I also like the outdoor theme. Merry Christmas. – Eli

Nancy and Emory UMC, there are not enough words to say how thankful I am at your many acts of kindness you have shown me and my family. Without your help, I don't know what I would have done. It is a very hard thing to find yourself in a situation that you can't provide for your family. It is a very humbling experience to accept help from others. I am ever so grateful to have you in my life. I take nothing for granted. The work you do is a wonderful thing. You are all true angels of God. All your hard work does not go unnoticed. You are truly appreciated. – Forever grateful, Della and Family



Thank you so much for being a vendor at the Shoppes at Sandy Mount's 2018 Bazaar. With your help this year's bazaar was another big success. We pray you were equally successful in your sales. If you are returning next year for our 2019 Bazaar, we look forward to seeing you again. For those not returning, we wish you success in your future endeavors. God Bless You.

– Sally Wilson, Vendor Coordinator

NEW STUDY ON THE WAY FORWARD



A discussion on the controversy surrounding the homosexuality language in the Social Principles is being scheduled to help us understand the fierce conflict within the larger church. This conversation on the General Church level has the potential to split the church.

This beginning conversation will be led by Pastor Peggy. Please take the time to participate. We'll meet on Sunday after church beginning at 11:15 am until 12:15 pm on January 20th and 27th. Sign up in the office or in worship so we can plan for the correct amount of materials.

WHAT IF JESUS LOST HIS GOD-FOCUS?

Over the past season, I had one person try to convince me that the way I thought of Jesus was all wrong. Basically, his point was that I needed a gun in church and that Christians are the most likely to rob, steal, and murder following their leader. I told him I'd pray for him and walked away.

While I feel sad for this person, it did make me wonder what folks actually thought about God/Christ/ Spirit. So, I'm asking your help to craft a list of popularly held ideas about Jesus. Also, titles he might use, things he might do, influence he has, etc. Pay attention to topics like guns, inclusion, gays, immigrants and any other topic you think he might have something to say about. You can use the extra paper that is in the back of the church.

Then in February, after The Way Forward briefings, I want us to do a formal exploration of our ideas and how scripture does or does not support them. Reserve your Tuesdays at 10 am on February 5, 12, 19, and 26. If there is sufficient interest, we can do an evening study as well. There is paper in the back of the church to use or email or call Pastor Peggy or the office.

EMORY CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – 2019

CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

- Randy Wineke, Chairperson
- Bob Kelly, Finance Chair
 - Ruth Bradford, Lay Leader
 - Alex Obrecht, SPR Representative
 - Ronnie Hamm, Donna Rucker, Co-Trustee Chair
 - Elaine Dodds, Treasurer
 - Connie Hamm, Council of Ministries Chair
 - Sandy Schaller, Annual Conference Rep
 - Dee Patten, UM Women Representative
 - George Smith, IT/Technology
 - Nancy Chilcoat, NESAP/Fellowship Ministries
 - Chuck Davis, Member-at-Large
 - Bob Bradford, Member-at-Large
 - Lauren Maxwell Pak, Member-at-Large
 - Diana Blessing, Member-at-Large

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Bob Kelly, Chairperson
Elaine Dodds, Treasurer
Donna Rucker, Financial Secretary
- Alex Obrecht, SPRC Chairperson
 - Randy Wineke, Church Council Chair
 - Ruth Bradford, Lay Leader
 - Sherry Wineke
 - Diana Blessing
 - Lauren Pak
 - George Smith
 - Dee Patton

TRUSTEES

Donna Rucker, Co-Chair

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| 2019 | Chuck Davis
Bob Bradford
Ronnie Hamm |
| 2020 | Donna Rucker
Gill Brashear
Carol Ward, Cemetery Committee |
| 2021 | Randy Wineke
Ron Armacost
Patty Kelly |

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rev. Peggy Click, Chairperson
Ruth Bradford, Lay Leader

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| 2019 | Dale Buckingham
Sue Thomas
Shirley Armacost |
| 2020 | Sandy Caple
Karen Moore
Jane Alban |
| 2021 | Pat Rucker
Sandy Schaller
Patty Kelly |

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Dee Patten, President	Joanna Smith, Sec
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Joanne Smith, Sunshine Lady	
Elaine Dodds, Entertainment	

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS

Alex Obrecht, Chairperson
Ruth Bradford, Lay Leader

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| 2019 | Nancy Chilcoat
Joanne Smith
Clark Weikers |
| 2020 | Evan Buckingham
Carol Ward
Connie Hamm |
| 2021 | Donna Rucker
Sandy Caple
Sandy Schaller |

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

Connie Hamm, Chairperson
Alex Obrecht, Missions & Outreach Coordinator
Sandy Schaller, Worship Coordinator
Nancy Chilcoat, Sue Thomas, Fellowship
Ruth Bradford, Lay Leader
Bob Bradford
Evan Buckingham
Pat Rucker
Chuck Davis
Donna Rucker
Sherry Wineke

Dale Buckingham
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CHOIR DIRECTOR: Bev Gandolfo

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Bob Bradford
Ruth Bradford
Alex Obrecht

MEMORIALS: Nancy Chilcoat

WORSHIP

Pat Rucker	Sherry Wineke
Bev Gandolfo	Joanne Smith, Chair
Sandy Schaller	Sue Thomas
George Smith	Pastor

JANUARY 2019
The outreach for the month of January is the
Mission of Mercy



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  Happy New Year!	2	3 7 pm Boy Scouts	4	5 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
6 10 am Worship w/ Communion Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Frank Trotter	7	8 7 pm Trustees meeting	9	10 7 pm Boy Scouts	11	12 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
13 10 am Worship Guest Preacher Pastor Dwight Johnson	14 9:30 am Project Linus	15 7 pm Finance meeting	16 5:45 pm Wednesdays are Wonderful dinner begins again	17 7 pm Boy Scouts	18	19 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
20 10 am Worship 11:15 am New study on the Way Forward	21 9:30 am Project Linus	22 7 pm Church Council meeting	23 5:45 pm Wednesdays are Wonderful dinner Book Sale	24 7 pm Boy Scouts	25	26 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
27 10 am Worship 11:15 am Study on the Way Forward	28 9:30 am Project Linus	29	30 5:45 pm Wednesdays are Wonderful dinner Souper Bowl	31 7 pm Boy Scouts		

**ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY JANUARY 22
 BUT ARE WELCOME EARLY!!**