



Tidings

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Epiphany is behind us and we are rapidly falling into Lent. It is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting from that which gets between us and God and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday is the Lord's Day and represents a "mini-Easter." The reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Shrove Tuesday is March 5 and is a time to shrove – rid oneself of sin and guilt. Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge oneself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent.

Giving up foods: but not wasting them. In the old days there were many foods that observant Christians would not eat during Lent: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shroving Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without spoiling.

The need to eat up the fats gave rise to the French name Mardi Gras; meaning Fat Tuesday. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour. Fastnachts are popular in the German/Dutch areas of Pennsylvania which is why donuts are also popular.

Lent begins on Wednesday the 6th, which is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During Ash Wednesday services, worshipers receive the sign of the cross with ashes on their foreheads. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship.

Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins. It is traditional to save the palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday service to burn to produce ashes for this service. The ash cross on the forehead is an outward sign of our sorrow and repentance for sins.

Emory will combine both Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday into one night. First, we feast and then we repent on Wednesday, March 6 at 5:45pm in the Wednesdays are Wonderful location. Come let us all begin Lent together.

Blessings, Pastor Peggy

MARCH WORSHIP

Sunday, March 3 – Worship with Communion – Celebration of the Weikers' ministry with Emory and lunch

Sunday, March 10 – Worship; Daylight Savings Time – First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17 – Worship; Second Sunday in Lent – St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 24 – Worship; Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 31 – Worship; Fourth Sunday in Lent – UMCOR Sunday



MARCH LITURGISTS

03/03 Sandy Schaller
03/10 Alex Obrieht

03/17 Joanne Smith
03/24 Bob Bradford
03/31 Bob Kelly

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS



03/03 Carlton Thomas
03/06 Sue Thomas
03/11 Terri Click
03/13 Erin Thomas
03/15 Jessica Healy
03/19 Ann LaPrade, DS
03/22 Charlotte Bond

03/23 Dianne Baughan
03/23 Mackenzie Candeloro
03/24 Abigail Applefeld
03/25 Roni Weikers
03/27 Ben Smith
03/30 Brandyn Geist

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



MARCH'S MISSION IS SHEPHERD'S STAFF – EASTER BASKETS



Emory Church is supporting the annual Easter Basket Mission through Shepherd's Staff again this year. Monetary donations are now being collected thru Sunday, March 31 to support this Mission. Diana Blessing will do the shopping. Please see her to make a monetary donation.

For additional questions please contact Diana at 410-999-7468. Thank you for your support.

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 [getting stronger]; Mike Bitzel [recovering from surgery/complications]; Jack Cashman [Elaine Dodds' brother]; Ruth Crisler; Jeff Davis and Matt Davis [Chuck Davis' sons]; Linda Fair; Brittnee Feix-Smith [surgery]; Regina Glassman [Donna Rucker's aunt]; Thelma Goodwin [prayers requested by Nancy Chilcoat]; Shirley Gordon; David Moore [Cliff's brother]; The Moore family as they move; Alex Obrieht's grandson [Oliver – leukemia treatment]; Connie Sheely [recovering from knee surgery]; Bill Williams [Linda Fair's brother]

Prayer Chain: Any person requesting prayers should contact our Prayer Chain Leader, Jane Alban. Please let her know of any joys and concerns you wish to share with the congregation. You can contact Jane at 410-374-4454.

If you would like to join our volunteers who call or email a prayer request to their assigned person in the prayer chain, you are very welcome. Please notify Jane of your willingness to participate.



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).



GREETINGS FROM THE COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

NESAP is seeking the following items for their store: gently used or new children's and men's coats.

They also need cranberry sauce, stuffing, corn, macaroni & cheese, fruit, plain rice, baked beans & other canned beans, cake mix, frosting, tuna, instant potatoes, green beans, peas, gravy, muffin mix, flavored noodle mix, spaghetti sauce, pasta, soup, cereal, jelly, juice and oatmeal.

\$20 gift cards to Weis for clients to purchase entrees are most welcome.

For the month of March, they also need paper products such as toilet paper and paper towels, laundry soap, liquid dish soap, bars of soap, and toothpaste.

Thanks to everyone who has provided food and clothing to strangers in need.

Until next month, Connie



SCHOLARSHIP TIME AGAIN

Time is running out! Apply now for College scholarships for Fall 2019 offered by the Baltimore-Washington Conference. You have until March 7! Visit www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/ to apply.

SHEPHERD'S STAFF'S 3RD ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS OF CARROLL COUNTY



Sunday, March 31, 2019 – Portico, St. John's Catholic Church
45 Monroe Street, Westminster

A simple meal of soup and bread and a handcrafted bowl to take home as a reminder of those whose bowls remain empty.

Come sample soups from the area's top restaurants!

Tickets are now available – Call 410-857-5944.



- Our elder friend for March is Bobbie Patterson – Please send cards, visit or call to remind Bobbie how important she is to Emory Church. Bobbie Patterson, 5715 Emory Road, Upperco, MD 21155 – 410-833-2009.
- March meetings are as follows: Trustees–Tuesday, 3/12; Finance–Tuesday, 3/19; Church Council—Tuesday, 3/26. All meetings are at 7 pm.
- The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will gather at noon on Tuesday, March 26 at Glyndon Grill. Please RSVP to Jane Alban – 410-374-4454 – so we have a count for the restaurant. Everyone is welcome. Join friends for a Dutch treat lunch and good conversation!
- *Last call* There are still a few packages of nuts and candy available from the Women’s fundraiser. If you would like to purchase any, see Donna Rucker or call her at 410-375-0973. Please support this mission.
- The Bible Study on the Identity of God has been postponed until Spring when we don’t have to fight the weather each week.
- Please note the new address for Clark, Roni & Henry Weikers: 27516 Shipwreck Drive, Selbyville, DE 19975. Send new home greetings!



OYSTER & FRIED CHICKEN SUPPER

Wesley United Methodist Church
3239 Carrollton Road, Hampstead
Saturday, March 23 – noon to 5 pm

Enjoy fried oysters, fried chicken, corn, green beans, homemade cole slaw and potato salad, applesauce, rolls, dessert & beverages.

\$25 for ages 13 & up; \$8 for ages 5-12; Free for under 5; and \$25 for carryout.

Seatings on the hour and half-hour through 4 pm. There will also be a baked goods table and a silent auction. Reserve your tickets and seating time – call Cindy at 410-218-9303.



We are excited that Spargos, MJ's Cafe, Outlaw BBQ, and Steamin' Mad Crabs will be joining Us!

Spend a few hours with friends and enjoy great food, wonderful music, and exciting silent auction items!

The Taste of Spring is our new annual event to raise funding for much needed services to our neighbors in crisis. The event will be held March 21st from 5 pm-8 pm at Crossroads Community Church, 1041 S Carroll Street in Hampstead. The church is located across the street from NESAP's Thrift Store, which will be open from 8 am-8 pm on that day only.

Tickets are available at NESAP, Towne Pride, and Matthews Tire and Auto Service; \$15 each or 2 for \$25.

Shhh...Here's a Sneak Peek at some of the auction items included:

- Gift Basket donated by Tevis Home
- Area Rug donated by Towne Pride
- Elvis Gift Basket
- Ravens and Orioles gift basket
- Gift basket donated by Raffa Holistic Wellness
- More to come!

NESAP'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Please join us on Sunday, March 31st from 2:00 to 3:30 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1373 North Main Street, Hampstead. (Parking and entrance is located behind the church.)

Reports on NESAP's community assistance programs and their impact will be presented. The 2019 budget will be presented for review. For questions or to RSVP (not required), please contact Lynn Sheavly, Executive Director, at 443-952-0097 or by email at nesap.director@gmail.com



Mark your calendars! On April 3rd, we will have a special guest speaker following our Wonderful Wednesday dinner—Officer Kathleen Yox and her canine officer companion. Please plan on remaining after dinner for her short presentation.



BLESSING OF THE BIKERS SERVICE

April 14, 2019, 12:30 pm in parking lot
(Rain Date April 28)

Sandy Mount United Methodist Church
2101 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg

Join us for a short devotional, special prayers and blessings for a safe riding season. Service led by Rev. Kathy Altman (aka Rev It Up!)

Followed by a free cook-out!



OFFICIAL INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

One last reminder of our Inclement Weather Policy: All evening events at the church will be canceled on weekdays if Carroll County schools close or dismiss early. If the worship service or other events to be held on the weekend are cancelled due to inclement weather, a message will be on the church answering machine and emails will be sent out, or call Pastor Peggy at 443-253-0943. It should be posted on the major television channels as well. Be safe at all times!

HELP EMORY GROW THROUGH E-GIVING



Have you ever made a purchase on the internet? Do you write paper checks for all of your bill payments or pay at least a few bills automatically? Has it been safe?

Would you like to help Emory plan for the future by having more consistent giving? We are completing the yearly renewal of our required PCI DSS Compliance information. This ensures that we provide the level of security for you, with Vanco, that is the standard for the credit card and banking industry.

We hope you will consider choosing electronic giving available through our website, emoryunitedmethodist.org. There are no weekly or monthly checks to write, no cash for the church to count, handle and deposit, and the church benefits. Your data is automatically and securely transferred to our system from your checking account or credit card in any amount you choose and on the frequency you choose. Seamlessly. There is no need to try to make up after returning from vacation or just missing church on occasion. All Emory members who have started using Vanco e-giving are still using it and love it. We hope you will too.



Dear Women of Emory,

Thank you so much for the very generous gift. It will be very helpful when the hospital bills start coming in. Your kindness and generosity is incredible. Oliver is doing very well and his bod is back to making healthy blood cells again. We are so grateful for your gift.

Thank you, *Christa & David*

Thank you, Rev. Dr. Click, for your very generous contribution. We sincerely appreciate you and the members of Emory UMC for your support of Mission of Mercy. May God bless you too! (Note: The donation was Emory's monthly mission gift.)

Gratefully, *Linda M. Ryan, Executive Director, Mission of Mercy*



To my Emory family....

Dear friends, there simply aren't words to express my appreciation for last week's Music Appreciation Sunday, and my deepest gratitude for the outpouring of your love and thoughtfulness. From the moment I tried to introduce my solo, and became unexpectedly emotional about my dad, I knew it was because I was looking out at all of you. He and my mom started me on piano lessons when I was four. And at that time, for us, 50 cents a week for an hour lesson was a huge investment. Mom used to say she hoped I'd learn just enough to play the occasional hymn in church. And....the rest is history.

My heartfelt thanks, too, for the lovely lunch and the gifted hands that prepared it, for the words spoken, and those written in cards.

And once again, my deepest thanks to Pastor Peggy, the Emory Choir, all of our special guests, and to my Georgia, my heart and inspiration.

Blessings, *Bev*

Hello,

I just wanted to take the time to say thank you so much for the blanket that made a child happy in our emergency department!

With a grateful heart, *Volunteer Stephanie Wilson* –Northwest Hospital

Dear Linus Ladies of Emory UM Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of hand-made blankets. We are very grateful to you and the other volunteers of Project Linus for designing and making blankets for PACT. These blankets provide great comfort to young children with developmental or medical disabilities in PACT's medical child care, as well as the infants and toddlers in PACT's therapeutic nursery for families currently experiencing homelessness. Thank you for helping us care for them in an environment of warmth, love and support. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, *Charleen O'Connor, Development Coordinator*



Dear Project Linus Volunteer,

On behalf of all the Child Life staff at the University of Maryland Children's Hospital, I would like to thank you for your part in the generous donation of blankets to the children and families. Donations like yours help us provide "a little bit of home" with a touch of comfort and security during children's hospital stay, a time that can be frightening and lonely. The colors and sizes of the blankets are perfect! Perfect for children to snuggle with when not feeling well, perfect for draping over the lap of a teenager going to a procedure in a wheelchair, and perfect for a family that doesn't have the resources to buy a blanket for their seriously ill baby. We try our best to ensure that each child receives a blanket during his or her admission. There have already been many big smiles from our patients and families as they receive one of your beautiful creations.

The hospital experience can be very stressful for children, but caring and concern such as yours is what makes it possible to facilitate a more positive hospital experience for our children and families. Your continued labor of love is greatly appreciated and will brighten the lives of the children who receive these blankets.

Children and families' memories of being in the hospital last a long time. Thank you for brightening the hospital experiences for so many children. Again, thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely, *Renee Heatwole, HS-BCP, Child Life Team*

Dear Emory United Methodist Church, Linus Ladies,

Thank you so very much for your donation of a Project Linus Blanket to Carroll Hospital. The Emergency Department, Pediatric Department and Family Birthplace are honored to give your lovingly created blankets to the children who are hospitalized with us. These blankets provide comfort and security to the children who receive them, both in the hospital and at home. Thank you again for your generous donation and for helping to make a difference in the life of a sick child!

Sincerely yours, *The Carroll Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees*



Dear Emory UMC,

One of the privileges of being a member of the Board of Directors of the BCC is having the opportunity to thank directly those persons and institutions that partner with us in our mission of “enriching communities one family at a time.”

Thank you so much for your generous contribution which will enable us to continue our efforts in making lasting changes in the lives of those with whom we work.

Sincerely, the Board of Child Care



MARCH 2019
The outreach for the month of March is Shepherd's Staff –
Easter Baskets



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 7 pm AA/Al-Anon
3 10 am Worship w/ Communion 	4 9:30 am Project Linus	5	6  5:45 pm Wednesdays are Wonderful Pancake Supper followed by short service with ashes	7 7 pm Boy Scouts	8	9 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
10 10 am Worship Daylight Savings Time  spring <i>forward</i> don't forget to set your clocks forward this Sunday	11 9:30 am Project Linus	12 7 pm Trustees meeting	13 5:45 pm Wednesdays are Wonderful Ham, corned beef, cabbage & potatoes St. Patrick Celebration Wear green!	14 7 pm Boy Scouts	15	16 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
17 10 am Worship St. Patrick's Day 	18 9:30 am Project Linus	19 7 pm Finance meeting	20 5:45 pm Wednesdays are Wonderful dinner Celebrate Spring!	21 7 pm Boy Scouts	22	23 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
24 10 am Worship	25 9:30 am Project Linus	26 Noon– Out-to-Lunch Bunch – Glyndon Grill 7 pm Church Council mtg.	27 5:45 pm Wednesdays are Wonderful dinner	28 7 pm Boy Scouts	29	30
31 10 am Worship 11:30 am “Empty Bowls of Carroll County”						

ITEMS FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY MARCH 19
BUT ARE WELCOME EARLY!!