



Tidings

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

If the old saying that *April showers bring May flowers* is true, we should have a riot of color all around us this month. Plant your flowers from our Earth Day celebration to add to the beauty. As Spring becomes warmer at the same time, we are called to enjoy God's gift of creation as much as we can. As you are out and about, remember to give thanks to God for the beauty and for the remembrance of new life gifted at Easter.

I like the following story about God's role in Creation because it reminds me that not everyone shares our belief in the creativity of a loving God.

Sir Isaac Newton had a friend who was an atheist. The friend did not believe in God but preferred to take the position that the universe just happened. One day the friend was visiting his learned colleague and Newton showed him a model of the solar system. The sun, the planets, and the moons were all in place. The sizes of the spheres were in proportion and the planets and the satellites revolved around the sun at their relative speeds. The friends admired the model. "It's intriguing," he said, "who made it?"

"Nobody," said Newton, "It just happened."

It's easy to dismiss the wonder, the awesomeness, the hugeness of what God has done and continues to do for us. My prayer for all of us is that we keep our relationship with God front and center and tend to it just like we do our personal relationships with one another.

Suggestion – one simple way to remember is to share with others – take a flower to a shut in and visit; help mow and tend to the lawns of elderly or physically challenged family, neighbors and friends; invite folks to church

activities like dinner, Mother's and Father's Days breakfast; offer to pick someone up for church; and pay attention to small jobs that always need to be done on the grounds. In this season of Easter, there are so many other things we can do – imagination is the only limit.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Blessings, Pastor Peggy



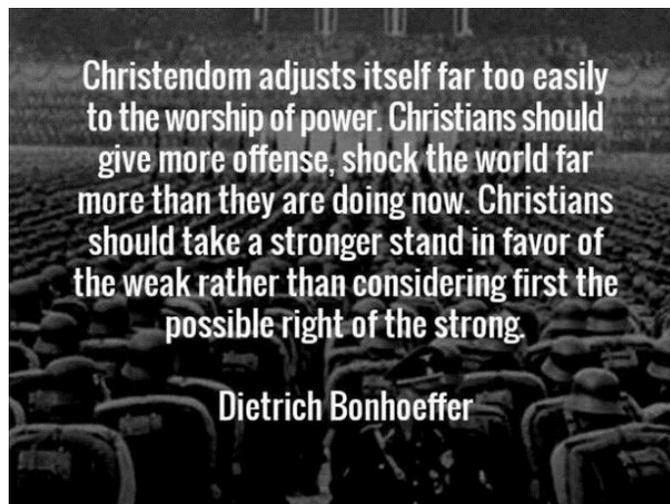
MAY WORSHIP

- Sunday, May 5 – Worship with Holy Communion – Native American Ministries w/special offering – Jared Denhard, Flute
- Sunday, May 12 – Worship; Mother's Day breakfast at 8:45 am – Men's Choral Group sing to honor the women
- Sunday, May 19 – Worship; Heritage Sunday– "Beyond Denomination"
- Sunday, May 26 – Memorial Day Worship with flags



MAY LITURGISTS

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| 05/05 | Joanne Smith | 05/19 | Alex Obrieht |
| 05/12 | Christiana Smith | 05/26 | Bob Bradford |

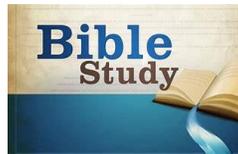


HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS



05/02	Bobbie Patterson	05/12	Tommie Hooper
05/03	Carol Ward	05/13	Nancy Chilcoat
05/04	Jill Jenkins	05/16	Kay Martin
05/05	Rick Pirozzi	05/23	Evan Buckingham
05/06	Joe Jenkins	05/23	Ken Freeman
05/08	Joyce Applefeld	05/27	Dale Buckingham

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



THE IDENTITY OF GOD

Our Bible study on the Identity of God that got snowed out a couple of times and timed out by schedules and absences will finish the series on Thursday, May 2 and 9. We are hoping all class members can attend. Everyone is invited to join the group – lessons are stand-alone to make it easier. This session will be investigating how Christ is in us and how that changes our identity and also how what we do with it changes how we see the God/Christ/Spirit.

UPCOMING GRADUATION IN YOUR FAMILY?



If you will graduate in May or June or have graduated in January or in between, please get your information in as soon as possible. We need your name, a picture and announcement if you have them, where you will graduate and if post-secondary, your degree.

Grads should share their honors or special activities in high school and plans for your future, whether further education, joining the military or work force or another exciting adventure!

PRAY CONTINUALLY



Since church leadership has suggested that we don't need a bulletin insert each week, space for announcements, prayers and financial info has been extremely limited. One of the largest spaces affected is the prayer list. We have been trying various things like cycling names on and off and deleting others. That does not seem like the pastoral thing to do.

I have decided to make the following changes. Please make direct comments and suggestions to me as we perfect the process.

Beginning with May's newsletters we will list chronic illness, recovery and long-term prayer needs in the newsletter only. This allows us to keep the list before you – my encouragement is that you print out the list and keep it close by for daily prayers.

The bulletin will include new prayer requests, immediate surgeries and hospitalizations, deaths and accidents. As time moves on, many of those will be listed in the newsletter. If you raise a prayer on Sunday and want it in the bulletin, please let the office know.

And it is very important that you keep the office updated with changes as they occur. We don't want to leave any one out nor do we want to take the chance of removing anyone too soon. Thanks for your help!

Blessings, Pastor Peggy

Prayer Concerns: 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; Mike Bitzel; Jack Cashman [Elaine Dodds' brother drove his car with both prosthetics]; Marilynne Clayton [Diana Blessing's friend/recovering from surgery]; Ruth Crisler; Jeff Davis [Chuck Davis' son]; Linda Fair; Regina Glassman [Donna Rucker's aunt]; Shirley Gordon; Keith Hundley [Pastor Peggy's cousin/cancer]; Nancy Korman; Monks Family [on death of their baby, Brenton]; Alex Obrieht's grandson [Oliver – difficult leukemia treatment]; Bonnie Towner [neck surgery in May]; Bill Williams [Linda Fair's brother].



Did you know that more than 20,000 Native American people are part of The United Methodist Church? On May 5, we will celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday. We will receive a special offering that directly supports Native American congregations and enables them to authentically minister with their communities while honoring creative expressions of culture and heritage. The offering also provides scholarships for Native American seminary students.

Through our denominational connection and with our offering, we live out our commitment to repentance, healing, forgiveness and love. You are encouraged to give generously on May 5.

The generosity of United Methodists through this special offering specifically supports Native American leaders. It strengthens, develops and equips United Methodist Native American rural, urban and reservation congregations, ministries and communities and annual conference Native American outreach.

The service will include a reflection by Pat Rucker as our Native American representative and guest flutist Jared Denhard.



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The men will celebrate the women of the church on Mother's Day, May 12 with a delicious meal served in Emory Hall. The breakfast will be before church at 8:45 am and is open to all women and their families. Join in for delicious food and good fellowship. *The women will reciprocate on Father's Day June 16, with a Father's Day breakfast.*

MOTHER'S DAY DONATION PROJECT



As many of you know, my family has spent many nights at Sinai Hospital after Oliver's leukemia diagnosis in November. We have received many generous gifts including meals & monetary support during this time. As a way to give back, I've decided to make gift bags for mothers whose children are in-patients at Sinai over Mother's Day weekend.

Some items I plan to include are travel-size toiletries, lip balm, hand lotion, tea bags & instant coffee packets, slipper socks or fuzzy socks. My goal is to deliver 26 bags, one for each room on the Pediatrics floor, to mothers over Mother's Day weekend. I'm requesting monetary donations, Target gift cards to buy supplies to fill the bags, or bag fillers such as the items I've listed.

If you'd like to provide a monetary donation, please send them to the PayPal link below and note "Mother's Day Donation." If you want to drop a gift card or supplies at my house or place of employment, please message me (cmobinns@gmail.com) and I'll coordinate a day/time to do so. In order to prepare and deliver the bags in time for Mother's Day, please make your donation no later than Monday, May 6th. Thanks for your support! Mothers helping mothers, together we are stronger.

Click here to make a monetary donation through PayPal:

<https://www.paypal.me/ChristaBinns>

Thank you!

Love, Christa



UPDATES FROM THE TRUSTEES

- Working on replacing shingles that were blown off from wind
- Doors of the church should soon be completed
- Electrical work has been completed
- Leak around vent above women's restroom in the education building is being taken care of.

If you notice something that needs to be repaired, please notify Bonnie, Randy or Donna. Thank you!

Donna



EMORY CHAPEL CEMETERY CORPORATION MEETING

To all members of Emory United Methodist Church and all lot holders of Emory Chapel Cemetery:

This notice announces the first 2019 annual meeting of the Emory Chapel Cemetery Corporation. The meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7 pm in Emory Hall. The church is located at 1600 Emory Road in Upperco MD 21155. The order of business for the meeting will include:

- The election of Trustees
- The election of officers
- Other business as appropriate for the meeting

Should you have any questions, please call the church office (410-429-6008) and request a call regarding this meeting.



GREETINGS FROM THE COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

Spring is in the air and I am sure everyone is looking forward to good weather! We have some events coming up to bring us together over the next four weeks.

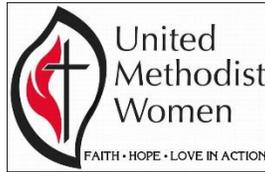
May 4th is our next Loaves and Fishes. Evan appreciates any help in any way we can assist him.

Don't forget the Mother's Day Breakfast on May 12th! The men of the church always provide more than enough food, so bring your family and friends for a delicious meal.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has some new people crocheting shawls for us! Thanks to Jane Alban and Robin Jenkins Mazza for donating shawls. This gives Donna and me more time to crochet for the Christmas Bazaar at Sandymount Church! If you know of anyone who needs one, please feel free to take one. They are in the room next to Pastor Peggy's office.

This month's mission is The Triangle Recovery Club. This organization works with those who have drug and alcohol addictions, hoping to help them make a better life.

Until next month, Connie



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

This year was a great success for the Wednesday are Wonderful dinners. Many thanks to all who support this fundraiser for the women. We use the profit to do many outreach projects.

Thanks to everyone who gave of their time, energy and talents – those who set tables, buy the food, and especially the cooks and those who make the desserts and clean up.

Also, a note of thanks to all who have supported other projects such as Makenzie Greenwood's Little Pantry, and Officer Kathleen Yox and Pinky, her canine officer companion.

Many thanks to all of you. We will let you know about the fall. Have a great summer.

God Bless all of you,
Emory Women



SUMMER AND VACATIONS ARE ALMOST HERE

Spring has sprung, "Christ has Risen," flowers are in bloom, and vacations are being planned.

Please don't forget Emory's needs during your absences from Worship Services this summer and any time throughout the year. Remember, there are no checks to write, no cash/checks for the church to count, handle or deposit when you open Emory's website, emoryunitedmethodist.org., click on the "Giving" option at the top, then on the Yellow "Online Giving" icon. This takes you to the Vanco secure online giving page. Your data is automatically and securely transferred to our system from your checking account or credit card in any amount and frequency you choose.

Every Emory member who has started using Vanco e-giving services is still using it and loves it. And, as always, you can contact Elaine Dodds at 480-747-8785 or edodds45@gmail.com , if you have any questions.



- Our elder friend for May is Joyce Applefeld – Please send cards, visit or call to remind Joyce how important she is to Emory Church. Her birthday is May 8. Joyce Applefeld – 3813 Beamers Court, Sykesville, MD 21784 – 410-552-5989.
- May meetings are as follows: Cemetery Chapel Corporation – Monday, 5/6; Trustees – Tuesday, 5/14; Finance – Tuesday, 5/21; Church Council – Tuesday, 05/28. All meetings are at 7 pm.
- Carroll Singers -- May 6 & 7 at 7:30 pm -- Westminster Senior High School – Advance tickets are available at the Carroll Arts Council, Coffey Music, Menchey Music & from members of Carroll Singers. Pat Rucker will be singing with the chorus. He now has tickets.
- 3rd Annual Awareness Walk for needs of Carroll County Foster youth – Sunday, May 19 – 1 to 3 pm – Westminster High School – Food, music, vendors – Register on Eventbrite.com. For more info, email Carrie Vincent at carrie.vincent@maryland.gov.
- The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will gather at noon on Tuesday, May 28 at J&P Hampstead. 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!
- NESAP is looking for an Executive Director. For details, email nesap.director@gmail.com. Also looking for part-time bookkeeper (16 hours) and retail help (20 hours). For details on these two positions, email nesap.thriftstoremgr@gmail.com, attention Donn Dietrich.
- Annual Flea Market at Deer Park UMC will be held Saturday, June 29, 8am to 2 pm. To reserve a space (\$10-bring your own table), call Christine Roach 410-526-7607.
- Change of address: Maxie and Dianne Baughan, 42 Horizon Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850 – this is their final move – Phone numbers remain the same.
- Change of email address: If you need to email John, Linda or Vicki Fair, please use Vicki's email address: vlfair0620@gmail.com.

ROPIN' IN COWBOY JOE'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

WOW! What a surprise Lauren and Beth pulled off for their father's 70th birthday. Joe, Jill, Sue, and Dick Milan flew into Nashville from Arizona for a sightseeing vacation in Pigeon Forge, TN. (Sue and Dick Milan are friends from Arizona.) Other guests were Andrew Pak (Lauren's husband), Jake (Lauren and Andrew's dog), and Carlton and Sue Thomas (longtime friends).

When they arrived at the cabin in Pigeon Forge (a three-hour drive from Nashville), Joe was very surprised! Throughout the cabin there was a Western theme – cowboy hats, boots, horseshoes, cactuses, and balloons. A large banner was held by those already at the cabin, wishing him a "Happy Birthday."

Joe's daughters planned the entire weekend – visits to Dollywood, the Hatfield and McCoy Dinner Feud, alpine roller coaster, cactus piñatas, photo shots, gift bags, hot tub, pool, games, fun and fellowship.

Hats off to Lauren Pak and Beth Jenkins for planning and executing the surprise for Joe's 70th birthday – a birthday he will always remember!



- Thanks to Bev Gandolfo for arranging to have the Stevenson University Singers come to worship on 4/28. It was awesome! Thanks to the many young people who came and shared their incredible talent with Emory. And to Bev for arranging for Jared Denhard, flutist, for May 5.
- I would like to thank the women for the comfort box they gave me. It was really a very thoughtful gift. I also want to thank Donna Rucker for delivering the box, and the memory that she shared with me about mom. – John Fair
- Thanks to Emory United Methodist Women for your support of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF), making a profound difference in the lives of children with cancer. – Liz & Jay Scott, Alex's parents and the Foundation's Co-Executive Directors
- We received appreciative thank you notes for a lovely service and delicious luncheon. It all came from Matthew Raver for the family of Janice Raver to the pastor, musician, and UMW.



MAY 2019

The outreach for the month of May is Triangle Recovery Club



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:45 pm LAST Until Fall Wednesdays are Wonderful dinner	2 10am Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	3	4 10am-1pm Loaves & Fishes 7 pm AA/Al-Anon
5  10 am Worship w/ Communion Native American Special Offering	6 9:30 am Project Linus 7:30 pm  Carroll Singers Concert Westminster HS	7  7:30 pm Carroll Singers Concert Westminster HS	8	9 10am Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	10	11 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
12  10 am Worship 8:45 am Mother's Day Breakfast	13 9:30 am Project Linus	14 7 pm Trustees meeting	15	16 7 pm Boy Scouts	17	18 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
19 10 am Worship Heritage Sunday	20 9:30 am LAST Until Fall Project Linus	21 7 pm Finance meeting	22	23 7 pm Boy Scouts	24	25 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
26 10 am Memorial Day Worship	27 	28 Noon  J&P Hampstead 7 pm Church Council meeting	29 Annual Conference Baltimore	30 7 pm Boy Scouts Annual Conference Baltimore	31 Annual Conference Baltimore	1 Annual Conference Baltimore

**ITEMS FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY MAY 20
BUT ARE WELCOME EARLY!!**