



Tidings



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the future! September has always felt like a new beginning in churches because so much of what took a hiatus in the summer begins to stir and come to life. Folks return from vacations and time away hopefully with renewed energy and commitment to God/Christ/Spirit. Attendance recovers from its summer time lows and committees and groups begin their fall schedule. And what a kick off we have in September!

First of all, this month we need to prepare for Charge Conference on October 22, 2019 at Mount Zion UMC, Finksburg [mistake by district Administrator] – all those who have forms to fill out should go to the on-line site to do that as soon as you can. Various reports need to be voted on at Church Council on September 24th before Charge Conference. Nominations has some open slots to fill. Please refer to the various pieces of information in this newsletter that concerns Charge Conference.

Second, we have an important church-wide meeting on the 4th about the process of considering becoming a reconciling congregation. We will be led by Frank Trotter who is the area coach for such processes. [You may be interested to know that Andrew Greenwood has become the Baltimore area president of Reconciling Congregations.] This is an important step for Emory. Please make sure September 4, 2019 at 7pm is on your schedule! If you can't attend, please submit your thoughts in writing prior to the 4th.

Third, our worship is reenergized each fall. Special music will continue until September 22 with Wherligig returning on the 1st, George Smith on the 8th, Dana Wayne on the 15th and TBA on the 22nd. Choir rehearsals resume on the 25th and they return on the 29th. As always Bev will lead the choir in beautiful, meaningful music each week. New choir members are always welcome. See

the worship schedule for themes and special focus Sundays. Remember most people come to church because one of you invites them!

Finally, church is at its best when the most people participate fully. Take a peek at the schedule and choose at least one new activity in which to take part. Make worship attendance a priority and keep God/Christ/Spirit as your life's center. And show gratitude to those who carried the work of the church this summer.

Blessings, Pastor Peggy

Simply, put... the foundation of our faith is not something we do or accomplish. The foundation of our faith is someone, someone who accomplished that which we could never do for ourselves

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

- Sunday, September 1 – Holy Communion; *The Peril of Exultation* –
Special Music, Wherligig returns
- Sunday, September 8 – Holy Humor Sunday; *Cracked Pots* – Special Music,
George Smith. Bring jokes to share and friends to
share them with
- Sunday, September 15 – *Welcoming All*; Special Music, Dana Wayne
- Sunday, September 22 – *A Balm in Gilead*; *Special Music, TBA*;
Church picnic after worship
- Sunday, September 29 – *Acting in Faith*; choir returns!

SEPTEMBER LITURGISTS

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| September 1 – Sherry Wineke | September 22 – Donna Rucker |
| September 8 – Jocelyn Fowble | September 29 – Bob Kelly |
| September 15 – Ruth Bradford | |

IT'S ALL ABOUT PRAYER



PRAYERS/BLESSINGS/THANKSGIVINGS

One of the most important part of community is to show care and compassion through prayer. Please be in prayer for the following:

All those returning to college and all the empty nester parents; Jane Alban [breathing problems]; Joyce Applefeld; Tim Armacost; Mike Bitzel [still struggling]; Gil Brashears [doing better]; Marilynne Clayton [Diana Blessing's friend/almost done with treatment]; Ruth Crisler [recovering from cat bite infection/home hospice]; Linda Fair; Regina Glassman [Donna Rucker's aunt/seizures]; Shirley Gordon [fall]; Sally Grimes [death of her husband Dave]; Kellys' 4-year-old granddaughter Cambria [home/testing and doing better]; Nancy Korman; Dottie Schultz (Schaffer) [broken hip/rehab]; Jill Shumaker [cirrhosis/doing better]; Alex Obrieht's grandson Oliver [leukemia]; Dee Patton [tests positive]; Carol Ward's grandson Dilan [still in hospital]; Bill Williams [Linda Fair's brother]; Beth Zentz.



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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.

NOTE: If you would like to see anniversaries listed, please send those in as well. We will put together a list for sharing.

09/08	Janice Raver	09/17	Ronnie Hamm
09/13	Josh Weikers	09/23	Michele Martin-Clifton
09/15	Penny Glassman	09/23	Connie Sheely
09/16	Bobby Bradford	09/24	Helen Moore

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference is the annual meeting of churches within our conference – all conferences have their own timeframes. B-W Conference uses a group format where small groups of charges and churches have the annual meeting at the same time. We take care of specific items such as salaries, budget, nominations and a variety of reports mandated by the conference.



Emory will meet with Mt. Zion and with Mt. Carmel/Falls Road/Wiseburg Charge at Mt. Zion, Finksburg on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 7 pm. All officers and Committee Chairs should be there, and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Note: change of location is due to conference administrator error.

A few important notes: All forms are due 10 days ahead of our church conference date. There are only 5 forms required for Church Conference for submission to the district office and only two apply to us: 2020 Clergy Compensation Worksheet (this year all 5 pages are required) and 2020 Nominations Report.

All reports are to be printed out and signed in advance, without staples, binding, hole-punching, cover sheets or unnecessary paperwork -- only the requested forms paper-clipped. Any other forms like Trustees, etc. need to be completed online.

Another Important Note: The Congregational Profile which used to be part of the Evaluations process has been included as part of the church conference forms. SPRC will meet to complete salary and Profiles.

**NOMINATIONS
NOW OPEN**

NOMINATIONS REPORT



Nominations has been working for a while now and the report for charge conference is almost done. The biggest concern is the missing three people for the Board of Trustees. This is a committee vital to the church and involves much more than just building and grounds maintenance.

Please speak to Donna Rucker, chair to find out more. You can also speak to any of the current trustees – Chuck Davis, Bob Bradford, Ronnie Hamm, Donna Rucker, Gil Brashear, Carol Ward, Randy Wineke and Ron Armacost. All new officers will begin January 1, 2020.

The full nominations list will be published after Church Council has voted on it on September 24th.

RECONCILING MEETING RESCHEDULED



Due to conflicts with the original reconciling meeting, it has been rescheduled to Wednesday, September 4 at 7 pm. The Rev. Frank Trotter, RMM process facilitator, will lead the discussion using a process developed to help churches move through decision making well-informed.

It's important for everyone who is a part of the church to come and participate. If you absolutely can't make it to the meeting, please submit a signed note to Pastor Peggy detailing your thoughts.

Frank is a member of the Board of Directors of the Reconciling Ministries Network (rmnetwork.org). He is also a trained "process coach" for the Baltimore-Washington Conference and has worked for the past six years with churches that are considering beginning a time of discernment to determine if becoming a "reconciling congregation" is right for them. Please try to make this meeting a priority.

AUTUMN BEAUTY BRINGS A HARVEST OF HOPE FOR EMORY



As Autumn arrives with all its beauty and abundance of harvest, please remember Emory's needs. If you are concerned about risk and have ever shopped online, you may have taken a far greater financial risk than allowing Vanco to deduct a regularly scheduled amount from your bank account.

Emory Church pays all its regular monthly bills directly from our bank account automatically every month with never a worry. Your data is safe because we update our compliance with the highest standards of security every year.

Just go to: emoryunitedmethodist.org, click on the "Giving" option which takes you to the gold bar "Online giving." As always, you can contact Elaine Dodds at 480-747-8785 or edodds45@gmail.com for assistance. You'll be glad you did.

NOTE: Snail mail and the offering plate work too!!





GREETINGS FROM THE COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

Summer will soon be coming to an end, but we have Fall to look forward to. I am ready for a little cooler weather!

Salad after church seemed to be a big hit again! In September we will be having the church picnic, on the 22nd, to welcome Fall. We will meet in the church hall after the service for a time of fellowship and food.

After many years of helping needy families during the holidays, Nancy Chilcoat is stepping down from heading this mission. She has done a wonderful job year after year, but feels the time is right. Paula Mays and her daughter, Sandy Black have bravely stepped up to fill her shoes. Thanks, Nancy, for your many years of hard work.

Almost time for school to start! I am sure Moms are celebrating while the kids aren't! It was always exciting to me to get all my school supplies and clothes to be ready for the first day back!

Not all kids have that feeling. Their parents can't buy them what they need. They can be bullied at school because they don't fit in.

I know we are low in numbers and always being asked to donate. If you would check the list of supplies in the newsletter and could pick up a few, it would be greatly appreciated. Now is the time to get supplies at cheaper prices!

Hope everyone has a great Fall!

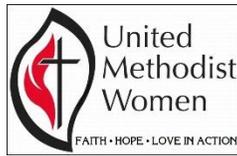
'Til next month,
Connie



Many thanks go out to everyone who helped during and after clean-up day for the church. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated. The church carpet and cushions have been cleaned and the Scouts had steps and carpet done in Emory Hall.

Thanks for sprucing up our church!

The Trustees



EMORY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All of the women of the church are invited to the next meeting of the Emory U.M.W, which will take place on Sunday, September 8th. Following the 10 am Worship service, we will hold a luncheon meeting in Emory Hall to discuss upcoming events and plan for our traditional holiday activities. We also need to have an election of officers and discuss any changes that may result in new responsibilities for our members. Food will be provided so plan on joining us for these important discussions.

Now that vacation time is coming to an end, we hope that more members will be able to join us for this time of food and fellowship.

Summer went by really fast and fall is approaching quickly. Wednesdays Are Wonderful will be starting on Wednesday, September 18th at 5:45. Please plan on joining us for a wonderful home-cooked meal. We would appreciate any help with clean-up and your special dessert is always welcomed. Hope to see you!



Please mark your calendar for November 24th. On this Sunday we will be having a dedication of the new doors on the church, and a luncheon in Emory Hall. We hope that you can make this celebration!

Church Picnic is on Sunday, September 22 after church. Please bring a dish to share. Chicken [Royal Farms] and paper products will be provided. Join us in the pavilion unless weather is bad, in which case we'll be in Emory Hall.



Project ♥ Linus



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Security
Through
Blankets*



On July 7th we had a Blessing of the prayer shawls and Project Linus blankets. There were 18 prayer shawls, 114 blankets, and 1 lap afghan.

These are two wonderful outreach programs that the women and friends of Emory provide for those in need. The shawls are in the education building (room next to Pastor's office). If you know someone who is in need of one, please take one. Many thanks to everyone who helps in those ministries.

We will meet on Monday, September 9th at 9:30 in Emory Hall. We can always use help even if you cannot sew. There is something for everyone; even the fellowship. Come and enjoy!

God's Blessings,
Emory Women



Unfortunately, the summer is coming to a close and we are beginning the annual budget planning process. As representatives of the Church committees, please submit your 2020 budget requests ASAP by replying to Bob Kelly (bobkelly6@comcast.net).

Thanks,
Bob Kelly



- Our Elder Friend for September is Ruth Crisler – Please send cards, visit or call to remind Ruth how important she is to Emory Church. Ruth Crisler – 15709 Hanover Pike, Upperco, MD 21155 – 410-374-4474
- **Our next Loaves and Fishes** is scheduled for September 21. Lunch will be prepared and served at the Church of the Brethren in Westminster. We will begin at 10 am and are usually finished by 1 pm. If you are interested in being part of the outreach to feed those in need, please contact Dale or Evan. Thanks, the Buckingham!
- **Out To Lunch Bunch** – Jane Alban invites anyone free during the day to join a group of fun church folks for lunch on 9/24 at noon. We are going to Forbidden City in Westminster. Please RSVP to Jane at 410-374-4454 or by email at janealban38@gmail.com so she can make reservations.



DEER PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 19th 4 to 7 pm

Adults-\$10 Children 6-12 years-\$5.00 Children 5 and under-Free

Call Charlene (443-929-8684) to make reservations. Must pay in advance (make checks payable to Deer Park Methodist Women), mark "Spaghetti Dinner" and mail to Charlene Cofiell, 6125 Deer Park Road, Reisterstown MD 21136. Deadline for reservations & payment is October 13.



School supplies are now needed. If you can help, items can be dropped off at the NESAP store)

Large backpacks – 17" or larger

Medium backpacks – 15 - 16"

Pencil-top erasers

Different colored composition books (only wide-ruled)

Dry erase markers – different colors, or black

Highlighters – different colors or yellow

Folders with NO prongs (fasteners) in red, green, yellow, blue, orange

Binders – 1 ½" and 2" – different colors

USB flash drives

Headphones – on ears for elementary schools

Ear buds – for middle and high schools

Note: A large supply of school requests and food was given to Donn Dietrich, NESAP, at Wednesday Worship.

NESAP is also looking for individuals, businesses & churches to sponsor a basket for their bingo event on September 28. Baskets are \$20.00 to sponsor, and your donation will help those in need in our community. For more information, please contact Connie Copenhaver at connie2134@comcast.net.

Plastic bags of all sizes are also needed for the Thrift Store. If you have some to spare, they can be added to the donation baskets. Your help is appreciated!!!

If you know of anyone in need/crisis please refer them to NESAP's program staff, Marianne & Pat, who will sit down with the individual/family to evaluate their needs. They can be reached at 410-239-6216. The North East Social Action Program offers assistance with rent, utilities & minor medical bills, as well as with food & clothing from our onsite Food Pantry and Thrift Store.



Thanks to the church for the scholarships to Riley and Caroline. They will be using it for books, so one less thing we need to pay for.

Much appreciated, *Beth*

Dear Ladies of the Prayer Ministry,

I cannot tell you how much I appreciated your gift of kindness and most of all for your prayers. I do indeed find comfort in that others are praying for me. I will wrap the shawl around me (inside my well air-conditioned house). I will feel the loving arms of my Emory Church friends.

Thank you again for the beautiful lavender & purple prayer shawl.

Sincerely, *Judy Almony*

With love and gratitude,

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. Maggie now weighs 6 pounds and is getting bigger every day. We are blessed and loved!

Katie, Will & Maggie

Dear Emory Family,

I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the generous scholarship, as it will help tremendously in purchasing my books for the upcoming semester. Additionally, thank you for all of the love and support throughout the years.

Thank you, *Adam Sheely*



THE MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER IS THE SHOEBOX MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  10 am Worship w/ Communion	2  LABOR DAY	3	4 7 pm Reconciling Process meeting with Frank Trotter	5 7 pm Boy Scouts	6	7 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
8 10 am Worship 11 am UMW Nominations & Lunch meeting	9 9:30 am Project Linus resumes 7 pm Trustees meeting	10	11 <u>No</u> Choir Practice	12 7 pm Boy Scouts	13	14 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
15 10 am Worship	16	17 7 pm Finance meeting	18 5:45 pm Wednesdays R Wonderful resumes <u>No</u> Choir Practice	19 7 pm Boy Scouts	20	21 10 am-1 pm Loaves and Fishes 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
22 10 am Worship Church Picnic after Worship	23 9:30 am Project Linus	24 12 pm Out to Lunch Bunch – Forbidden City 7 pm Church Council meeting	25 5:45 pm Wednesdays are Wonderful Choir Practice resumes	26 7 pm Boy Scouts	27	28 7 pm AA & Al-Anon
29 10 am Worship Choir returns	30 9:30 am Project Linus					

**ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 17
BUT ARE WELCOME EARLY!!**