



# Tidings



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**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**"Do Something for Lent"**

The most holy season of the year for most Christians is the six and a half weeks that we call Lent. It begins with Ash Wednesday, which is February 18<sup>th</sup> this year, and culminates on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> this year. It is a time for introspection and self-examination as one tries to honestly see himself as God might. It includes both repentance for past sins and commitment to do better with future opportunities.

One of the elements of Lent that may Christians find meaningful is to exercise self-denial in some way. This is both an identification with Christ, who sacrificed everything on our behalf, as well as a reminder of the suffering people in the world whom we might better care for in some way.

This action of self-denial often is done by giving up something meaningful to us, like desserts or watching television. Others prefer to commit to something more positive like spending time visiting lonely people or reading the entire New Testament. I have found it helpful to "give up" all grumbling and complaining-not an easy endeavor for one who is a closet pessimist.

What you do to honor Lent is personal, but I strongly encourage you to do something. It is a good discipline and will quite likely make this holy season far more meaningful. Soon enough Easter comes and together we can celebrate with "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" And hopefully you will be able to privately feel the satisfaction of having completed some small sacrifice which is emblematic of a life committed to being his disciple.

God bless!

*Pastor Dwight*



THANKS EMORY!!

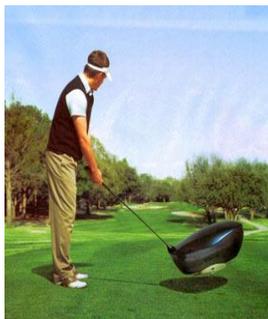
It has been a great joy to serve as interim pastor for the past seven months. I kind of view the whole process as God giving me one last chance to finally get this ministry thing right. I had fun along the way, but believe me when I tell you that I am ready to embrace "retirement" once again. Thanks for your loving support during this time of transition for our church.

Blessings all,  
*Pastor Dwight*

#### FROM THE SPR COMMITTEE

Emory church wants to say thank you to Pastor Dwight for being our pastor for the last seven months. We knew when he came it would only be temporary. The time has come and he will be retiring for the second time. We appreciate what he has done for our church.

Spring is coming and the golf course and grandchildren are waiting for him. His last Sunday was January 25. We all wish him and his family God's blessings.



welcome!

Starting February 1<sup>st</sup> we want to welcome Taysie Philips as our new pastor. Please introduce yourself to her. Pastor Taysie comes from Lewistown U.M Church. She lives at Mountain Dale in Frederick County. She was a nurse for thirty years. This is a second career for her but she always felt the calling. She has two sons, three grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Emory looks forward to having her as our pastor.

**SYMPATHY:**

Emory offers it's deepest sympathy to the family of Chris Bond on the occasion of his death.

Congratulations!

**PASTOR ANDREW ORDAINED**

Pastor Andrew Greenwood recently successfully completed his ordination interview. This is the last hurdle on his journey to becoming a full United Methodist Elder. He wishes to express gratitude to Emory for helping him along the way.

Congratulations Pastor Andrew!

**EMORY IN ACTION**

- We are scheduled to prepare and serve lunch at the Church of the Brethren beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meal. Lunch is served at 12:00 p.m. and we are usually finished between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. Please see Dale or Evan if you are interested in helping or call 443-452-7232.
- The Out to Lunch Bunch will be going to Olive Garden in Westminster on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 12:00 Noon. If interested in attending contact Jane Alban.

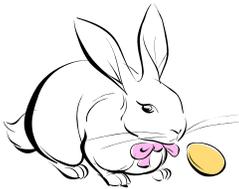
## U.M.W. NEWS

Emory's U.M.W. fundraiser for the nuts and candy are still available. Please look in the education building and make your purchases.

Thanks,

*Donna*

At Christmas this year Pastor Dwight requested that his monetary gift be given to the International Heifer Project. With this money we were able to purchase 1 sheep, 1 pig, 1 trio of rabbits and 10 flocks of chicks. Families in a foreign country will receive them to provide an income for them. These animals were given in honor of him. Thanks Emory for making this possible.



Emory Ladies and Men (if they wish),

Please plan to attend a discussion on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in Emory Hall at 7:00 p.m. We need to discuss what we did and how we did at the bazaars for 2014 and do some planning for fall of 2015. Bring your thoughts and ideas for that night. Everyone is welcome, crafty or not.

### HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

2/2	Brian Martin	2/10	Shirley Armacost
2/3	Ruth Crisler	2/14	Kevin Nicholas
	Georgia Wells	2/17	Amy Wineke
2/5	Sherry Wineke	2/19	Corina Myers
		2/28	Charlene Raimondi

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 names to update on our prayer list, please contact the Church Office.

Amy (relative of Bonnie Johnson), Joyce Applefeld, Bill Ball, Bill Beauchamp, Bob Beverly, Mike Bitzel, Charlotte Bond, Ruth Buckingham, Jeff Cole, Sherry Cole (daughter of Laurie Harper), Ruth Crisler, Jeff Davis (Son of Chuck Davis), Ruby and Melvin Fair, Jack Gerrell (friend of Bob Bradford), Shirley Gordon, Janice Hidey (Sister of Rev. Barry Hidey), Wanda Horn, Anne Hakes (Sister of Chuck Davis), Margaret Landreth (Patty Kelly's Mother), Virginia Mann and her son Mike, Helen Moore, Janice Raver, Shannon Raucci (friend of Leda Yeager), Sarah Robrecht, Sarah (friend of Greg Evans), Betty Ware (sister-in-law of Barbara Grogg), Bill Williams (brother of Linda Fair), and Jim Woolley.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Karon Moore has a piano that belonged to Jan Alban's Mom, Dorothy. It's free. Please call 443-992-2314 if interested.



### THANK YOU!

We want to say many thanks to Kay for doing the newsletter for the past ten years. She did a wonderful job. Many thanks and God Bless you.



Our church secretary, Linda is now doing the newsletter. It looks a little different. As this is new for her, it will be a trial and error in progress. Please be patient while she is learning. Thanks Linda for taking on the newsletter.

S.P.R.

*Donna*

*Items for March newsletter will need to be turned in to the church office by 2/21/15.*

# February, 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 10:00am Church  After church Reception for Pastor Taysie	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm Church Council  7:00 pm Church Council	<b>4</b> 5:45pm Wonderful Wednesday 7:30pm Choir practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00am Loaves & Fishes
<b>8</b> 10:00am Church	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Craft meeting	<b>10</b> 7:00pm SPR	<b>11</b> 5:45pm Wonderful Wednesday 7:30pm Choir practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:00am Church	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Lay Leadership	<b>18</b> 5:45pm Wonderful Wednesday 7:30pm Choir practice	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:00am Church	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 12 – Noon Out to Lunch Bunch	<b>25</b> 5:45pm Wonderful Wednesday 7:30pm Choir practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>