



Tidings



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We know that all things work together for good [a] for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Footnote:

[a] Romans 8:28 Other ancient authorities read *God makes all things work together for good, or in all things God works for good* Romans 8:28 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

God even takes such a senseless and dreadful act as the massacre of a black pastor and eight church members who were simply praying in their church sanctuary and will bring good out of it! We all know now that this senseless act was by a man who was consumed by hatred for black folks as he thought that his world was threatened by them. This man was a white supremacist, and he thought that black folks were taking over his world, and that white folks were meant to be 'on top' as they used to be.

The Washington Post of Tuesday June 23, 2015 has an article by DeNeen L. Brown on page A9 titled, "In wake of S.C. church massacre, many see whites transformed." In this article, a United Methodist Church Pastor named Rev. Keith Hunter is quoted as saying, "This tragic event has begun a process of transformation...It has caused those in our community who have been silent and enjoying white privilege to change their conscience. This tragedy served as a wakeup call they can no longer ignore. This horrific act transformed them. They are appalled. It has shocked their conscience, and they know what has happened is a result of their silence."

Is this our wake up call, too? Is this us? Is this you? Have we been "silent and enjoying white privilege"?

As your Pastor, I will confess that sometimes I have been silent when I should have spoken up. Lord, forgive me! Where I live used to be a center of KKK activity, and I

have often heard the 'N' word used by my neighbors. I have not often taken a stand when I have heard it.

I understand now that using that word, or other racial epithets, (I googled 'epithet' to make sure I had the correct one, and I found: "ep·i·thet an adjective or descriptive phrase expressing a quality characteristic of the person or thing mentioned... [such as] "old men are often unfairly awarded the epithet "dirty." synonyms are sobriquet, nickname, by name, title, name, label, tag." When an epithet is negative, such as the 'N' word, it only serves to de-humanize other human beings. We are all made in the image and likeness of God, and all are to have the dignity and respect that is God-given to human beings.

"During the Holocaust, Nazis referred to Jews as rats. Hutus involved in the Rwanda genocide called Tutsis cockroaches. Slave owners throughout history considered slaves subhuman animals. ...it's important to define and describe dehumanization, because it's what opens the door for cruelty and genocide...When the Nazis described Jews as Untermenschen, or subhuman's, they didn't mean it metaphorically...They didn't mean they were like subhuman's. They meant they were literally subhuman. They were Untermenschen — subhuman's — and as such were excluded from the system of moral rights and obligations that bind humankind together. It's wrong to kill a person, but permissible to exterminate a rat. To the Nazis, all the Jews, Gypsies and others were rats: dangerous, disease-carrying rats." (From a NPR article that quotes *Less Than Human: Why We Demean, Enslave, And Exterminate Others* by DAVID LIVINGSTONE SMITH.)

Let us all take a lesson here, a lesson from current and past history. Maybe we can't change the whole world, but we can be change agents in our own worlds. We can each take a stand against bigotry and prejudice, against racial epithets whenever and wherever they might come up in our lives. That's what Jesus would do.

God Bless,
Pastor Taysie

Statement by Bishop Marcus Matthews on Shootings in South Carolina

June 18, 2015

Friends:

Like me, most of you woke up this morning to the terrible news of the shooting at the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, my home state.

I am saddened and angry to hear that a gunman sat through a Bible Study and then took out a gun and killed the pastor and eight other people; nine lives of God's children taken in cold blood!

I am especially sickened that this heinous crime occurred in a church, in a sanctuary. Lord, if we cannot be safe in our churches, where else can we go? But painfully enough, this is not the first time such a crime has violated the sanctuary of God's space.

Even as people of faith who share the Wesleyan tradition of grace, we feel doubt, anger, sorrow and sympathy collide in our hearts. We may be wondering where God is at this moment.

It is okay to struggle with doubt at moments like this. Yet we must remember that what we are struggling with is not necessarily God. What may be hard for us to do is to see the image of God in the face of the person who committed such a crime.

Even with our anger, our doubts, our sorrows and our pain, we must not abandon our faith in our loving and caring God.

Let's remember God's promise that love will overcome hate. I find hope in Jesus' words that we should continue to love one another as God as loved us (John 13:34). I am also confident in God's call in Romans to "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good," and in 1 Peter 4:8, to "above, all love one another deeply." My own faith is deeply grounded Romans 8:37, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

The pain, the grief, and the feelings of helplessness we feel today may seem unbearable. Jesus knew the pain of losing someone in death, his friend Lazarus. The Bible tells us that Jesus joined Lazarus' relatives and friends as they grieved over this loss. Seeing them, Jesus was deeply moved. He "groaned in the spirit and became troubled." Then, as we know very well, "Jesus wept." (John 11:33, 35) Even though Jesus knew that he was about to resurrect Lazarus, still, he felt the pain and sorrow that death brings.

Yes, I join you in weeping for the lives taken. I weep for violation of the sanctuary. I weep for my home state of South Carolina. But we should not stop with weeping.

We must turn our grief and our pain into action. In the light of this hate crime, the escalating murder rate in Baltimore and violence throughout our nation, we must do something to stop these acts that break God's heart.

We will honor the men and women who died when we follow their example, claiming the love of God and making it manifest in the world. It is in times like this that we are called to be the church and to speak God's name boldly. We must condemn such acts and work to dismantle the systems that produce such acts. We must stand up and call out evil in whatever shape and form it rears its ugly and hateful head.

God did not do this, friends, and that is why we should not let this or other such acts take away from loving our God and neighbor.

We should stay motivated today more than ever to be God's love in this hate-filled world. We have to continue to shine the light in the darkness of hate.

That is why **I am asking all churches to symbolically light a candle of love during this Sunday's worship service** in memory of the nine lives taken at the Emanuel AME Church and as a symbol of our determination to tackle hatred with love.

Hold on to the promise that our God of love will not let hatred triumph over love. Love always prevails.

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Marcus Matthews

LOOKING AHEAD

CPR/AED CERTIFICATION

As most of you know, we have recently purchased 2 AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) which are located inside the entrance to the Education Building and on the wall in Emory Hall on the right just beyond the entrance hall. In addition, we have completed a class for CPR/AED certification for 7 of our members. We have an additional class scheduled for **Friday, July 17, 2015 at 7 pm** in the Education Building. As we experienced in the first class, Karey Tomlin does a fantastic job. The certification class is concise lasting just over 2 hours and includes a wealth of information based on her own experiences as a firefighter and paramedic. Your certification will be good for 2 years. We have 8 people already signed up and we would like any others who are interested to contact

Elaine Dodds at: edodds45@gmail.com or 480-747-8785. This skill will help us to save a life if the need ever arises and we pray that it won't.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "G-Force Adventure Park"

July 20-24th 9am – Noon

Ages 2-11

Through this program, G-Force Adventure Park, children will discover that they can use God's power in their lives to help them MOVE! ACT! CARE! FOLLOW! And SHARE! This fun, interactive Bible-based program equips children to use their talents, skills and momentum in a Christ-centered direction.

Sign up today!!

Internet – Cokesbury VBS.com

Church Office – 410-429-6008

Karon Moore - 443-992-2314

Mark your calendars for **July 26th Church Picnic** at Hollowbrook Hollow Farm, 11:30-5:00 pm. You can enjoy the cook-out, swimming, horseshoes, volleyball or you can just sit back and relax. Always a lot of fun. For directions and more information contact Donna Rucker, 410-429-5251. Emory will supply grills & paper utensils. Every family will bring a meat to grill for your family as well as a drink for your family, also bring a covered dish to share.

Out To Lunch Bunch will be going to Olive Garden on Route 140 in Westminster, on Tuesday, July 28th at noon and they will be going to Greenmount Station on Route 30 in Hampstead on Tuesday, August 25th

It's already time to start thinking about Charge Conference! Our Charge Conference has been scheduled for Saturday, September 26 at 10am at Mount Carmel UMC. The forms are not out yet-but save the date! For any who are not familiar with the UMC, a Charge Conference has as its primary responsibilities "to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council" (The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, Paragraph 247.3). Although all members of the church are welcome to attend, only members of the church council may vote.

Do you like to read? Do you like to share God's word with others? You can become a liturgist. The sign-up sheet is found beside the flower chart.

There are a few bags of pecan pieces, black walnuts and English walnuts still available. Contact Donna Rucker if interested.

HAPPY JULY AND HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:



7/5	Theresa Wire	7/19	Valerie Smith	8/2	Bev Mauck	8/20	Scott Thomas
7/6	Jill Thomas		Denise Martin		Molly Blake	8/23	Jim Wooley
7/9	Chuck Davis	7/25	Tatum Candeloro	8/3	Maxie Baughan	8/24	Matt Blake
7/11	Linda Bitzel	7/27	Amanda Fowble	8/7	Mike Smith	8/25	Kerrie Grudziecki
7/15	Kim Ecker	7/28	Alex Obriecht	8/8	Tricia Franz	8/26	Susan Johnson
7/16	Amanda Watkins	7/31	Ron Armacost		Mike Sheely	8/28	Pat Rucker
			Bonnie Johnson		Benjamin Grudziecki		Anna Geist
				8/18	Alyssa Acker	8/30	Bill Beauchamp
				8/19	Carrie Hayes		Donna Rucker
					Karon Moore	8/31	Blair Keeling
					Greg Evans		



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 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, Regina Gassman, 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, Pat Rucker, Sarah (friend of Greg Evans), Casey Terrell, Carlton Thomas, Betty Ware (sister-in-law of Barbara Grogg), Bill Williams (brother of Linda Fair), and Jim Woolley. Please add to your prayers all of Baltimore City: the residents, the police, firefighters and the National Guard



Carlton & Sue would like to thank everyone for their many calls, cards, visits & prayers they have received during Carlton's illness.

PSSSTTT, PASS IT ON...from NESAP

Elvis will Rock the House Again to Benefit NESAP. Elvis, aka Joe Forrester, will be entertaining diners at the Dutch Corner on Sunday, July 26th. This is Joe's third benefit concert for NESAP. Dinner will be served at 6pm. The menu will include an entrée' (Chicken Broccoli Alfredo, Spaghetti & Meat Balls, or Baked Veggie Ziti), salad, garlic bread, beverage, and petite dessert. From 7:00pm -8:30pm, (Joe) Elvis will sing, swoon, shimmy, and shake with the best of the oldies first performed by the King himself. No tickets needed, but reservations are required. The cost of the meal and show is \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children under 10. The Dutch Corner is located at 3154 Main Street, Manchester MD 21102. For reservations call 410-239-8100, for information call 443-952-0097.

Back-To-School Assistance Program Do you believe we are already thinking about the beginning of school on August 31st. The following items are specific supplies we need to successfully fill backpacks for students in pre-K through the 12th grade. Last year we filled 232 backpacks for students attending Manchester and Hampstead schools. The best time for us to receive school supplies is before August 1st. Here is a list of items needed:

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| 1" three ring binders | 1.5"three ring binders |
| 2" three ring binders | 3"x3" post-it notes |
| Colored pencils | fat "beginner" crayons |
| 5 tab dividers | 8 tab dividers |
| Large glue sticks | highlighters |
| Index cards | thin markers |
| USB flash drives | large canvas zippered pencil cases |
| Folders with pockets and prongs: blue, green, red, purple, yellow | |
| \$5.00 or \$10.00 Payless or Walmart gift cards for shoes | |

If you would rather give a monetary donation instead of shopping for school supplies, please mark you cash or check donation "back-to-school." Donations can also be given on-line from our website, (www.nesapinc.org)

Wednesday Night Worship in the Pavilion

Many thanks to Randy Wineke, Bob Bradford, Donna Rucker, and Pastor Taysie for leading the Wednesday night gatherings in June. One week in June we had 22 people! Here is the schedule for the first few weeks of July:

July 1	Leader	Sandy Schaller	Refreshments	Connie Hamm
July 8	Leader	Randy Wineke	Refreshments	Sherry Wineke
July 15	Leader	Ruthie Bradford	Refreshments	Diana Blessing

Please come out to join us for a mid-week spiritual re-charge!



To Tyler D'Agati and Gunnar Eichler who will have their Court of Honor on August 9th. Two more fine young men who have received the rank of Eagle Scout from the Boy Scout troop that meets at Emory.

Emory Hall Campaign 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

As we all know, Emory Hall is a major part of our church and over the years we have had to do many upgrades to make it a comfortable place. The Boy Scouts have helped with several projects; several of the men are now upgrading the kitchen and we are installing new siding on the outside.

One additional major project we have for this year is to install new Windows. In order to fund this project, we asked members and/or friends of the congregation to "Sponsor a Window." You will all be happy to know that we have reached our goal and raised enough money for this project!

Another option for helping Emory Hall is to "Buy a Brick" to be placed in the flag court. An inscription will be placed on the brick and can be a living legacy for you or a loved one. The honorarium for each brick will be \$125.

Please complete the form for the bricks and give it to Donna Rucker or any member of the Trustees with your check. The inscription you request will be subject to the limitations of space on the brick. You will be consulted before final engraving.

Please see any member of the Finance Committee or Trustees if you have questions.

Thank you for helping Emory Hall be a special gathering place to continue God's work.

Blessings,

Joe Jenkins, Chairperson
Finance Committee

EMORY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EMORY HALL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN 2015

Name and Phone #: _____

Date Ordered: _____

Please check below how many you are requesting:

Brick	Honorarium \$125	How Many_____
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INSCRIPTION(S) REQUESTED: Limited to 3 lines with 18 characters per line maximum. In order to keep the inscriptions uniform, the first line should read either "In Honor Of", "In Memory Of", or "Dedicated To" so please specify one of these as line 1, and then add lines 2 and 3. Please print clearly.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT INSCRIPTIONS MAY BE SUBJECT TO EDITING BASED ON SPACE LIMITATIONS. YOU WILL BE CONSULTED BEFORE ANY INSCRIPTION IS FINALIZED.

Please return form along with check to Church Office, Donna Rucker, or any member of the Trustees or Finance Committee.

OFFICE USE ONLY;

Date and Amount of Honorarium received _____

Date inscription reviewed and finalized _____

July, 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:00pm Pavilion Worship	2 7:00pm Boy Scouts	3	4 7:00pm AA & Alon meeting
5 10:00am Church	6	7	8 7:00pm Pavilion Worship	9 7:00pm Boy Scouts	10	11 7:00pm AA & Alon Meeting
12 10:00am Church	13	14 7:00pm Trustees Mtg. 7:00pm SPR Meeting	15 7:00pm Pavilion Worship	16 7:00pm Boy Scouts	17 7:00 pm CPR/AED Class	18 7:00pm AA & Alon Meeting
19 10:00am Church	20 9am-noon VBS	21 7:00pm Finance Committee Mtg.	22 7:00pm Pavilion Worship	23 7:00pm Boy Scouts	24	25 7:00pm AA & Alon meeting
26 10:00am Church 11:30-5:00 Church Picnic, Hollowbrook Hollow Farm	27	28	29 7:00pm Pavilion Worship	30 7:00pm Boy Scouts	31	

AUGUST, 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 7:00pm AA & Alon meeting
2 10:00am Church	3	4	5 7:00pm Pavilion Worship	6 7:00pm Boy Scouts	7	8 7:00pm AA & Alon Meeting
9 10:00am Church 12-4:00 pm Tyler D'Agati & Gunnar Eichler Court of Honor Ceremony	10	11	12 7:00pm Pavilion Worship	13 7:00pm Boy Scouts	14	15 7:00pm AA & Alon Meeting
16 10:00am Church	17	18 NEWSLETTER ITEMS FOR SEPT. DUE TO CHURCH OFFICE.	19 7:00pm Pavilion Worship	20 7:00pm Boy Scouts	21	22 7:00pm AA & Alon meeting
23 10:00am Church	24 10:00am Church	25	26 7:00pm Pavilion Worship (last one of the year)	27 7:00pm Boy Scouts	28	29 7:00pm AA & Alon meeting
30	31					