

# Emmanuel United Methodist Church Newsletter

*Serving God by sharing His Love and Word to cultivate disciples of Jesus Christ*

## November 2023



### ***Pastor's Corner***

Gratitude can change your world. When I think of “gratitude” I think of kindness, appreciation, thankfulness, and gratefulness. I also think of love, of soul care and of forgiveness. In this season of gratefulness may we search for ways to display gratitude. Research has shown that those folks who engage in regular acts of gratitude are emotionally healthier. If you tend to lean towards a negative “bend” or a need to be “right” or “in control”, I would like to encourage you this month to walk in a spirit of gratitude. Look for opportunities be creative and adventurous in displaying acts of kindness. For me when I think of gratitude, I am led to Jesus, so grateful for all Christ did for me (and you). Forgiveness, healing, and love were such big parts of the ministry of Jesus. Should they not also be big parts of our lives and ministries? There is certainly gratitude in the receiving and giving of forgiveness. May you find your unique pathways to show gratitude, be love, and give forgiveness this season.

Blessings,

Pastor Susan

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Pastor Susan will be away on November 19<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Wayne Fricke will cover the pulpits at both BUMC & EUMC on that Sunday.

Pastor Susan will then be out of town on November 27 & 28.

## News from the Virginia Conference:



**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2 p.m. Church Conference**  
at Macedonia UMC.

### The United Methodist Church Celebrating Our Connection

Together, we can do immeasurably more than any one of us can do alone. Across the globe, United Methodists are building relationships, sharing the hope found in Christ and proclaiming God's love.

### **#BeUMC.**

***The UMC is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture, and based in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit.***

Each one has chosen to be part of this global connection of the United Methodist Church. We find a place in our local church to share, to pray, to serve, to learn and to grow. Together we make a difference in sharing the Good News of Hope and God's love for all people.

Congregations join in helping to rebuild communities after natural disasters. Support missionaries dedicating their lives to serving, supporting, and loving people others may forget. Giving time and creative energy to Bible studies, Confirmation classes, Fellowship Groups, and Vacation Bible Schools,

We share love and encouragement in the smiles of people who are searching for meaning and connection found with the sanctuary of the United Methodist Church. People willing to take a stand for what is right and challenge the status quo. Local Churches who build trust and partnership by nurturing faith, sharing food and resources.

Together, we, The United Methodist Church are transforming the world!

We are present in more than 100 countries, speaking many languages and representing diverse cultures, but our 43,000 local congregations all share:

- A Wesleyan mission and ministry,
- A rich history,
- A dedication to service and outreach,
- And a passion for following Jesus through worship, prayer and the study of Scripture.

And together, more than 12 million members strong, we are the people of God called United Methodist!

We are the church. Together.



Let's continue to #BeUMC.

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ"*  
(Ephesians 1:3 NIV)



### Scripture Focus for November 2023

**November 5<sup>th</sup>: All Saints Sunday – Communion.**

**Psalm 34: 8-10, Daniel 7:15-18,\* Romans 8:18-39 \*1**

**Peter 4: 5-6**

**November 12<sup>th</sup>: \*1 Peter 5: 2-11, Jeremiah 31: 3 John 15: 9-17**

**November 19<sup>th</sup>: \*Fellowship Sunday - \*Colossians 3:15-16,  
1 Thessalonians 5:18, Psalm 30: 12**

**November 26<sup>th</sup>: Psalm 100, 2 Corinthians**



### Scripture Focus for December 2023

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Communion. Treasure of Forgiveness/Love**

**Isaiah 55:6-7, Matthew 1:18-25; 6-15, Luke 6:37-38**

**December 10<sup>th</sup>: The Cantata. Treasure of Assurance/  
Luke 1:46-55**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>: Service of Serenity EUMC 7 PM**

**December 17<sup>th</sup>: Treasure of Kindness/Hope**

**Proverbs 11:30, Luke 1:45, 56, 2 Peter 1:5-7**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>: Treasure of Peace/God's Word- Jesus**

**Psalm 29:11, Isaiah 26: 3-4, Luke 2:8-14, John 14:27**

## **EUMC News and Events:**



**Prayer & Conversation** - Tuesdays @ 2 pm @ Applebee's Restaurant.  
Next meeting: November 21

**EUMC Council Meeting** – November 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m., @ EUMC, Tangeman Hall.

### **Bible/Book Studies:**

***"12 Women of the Bible"*** – Thursdays 5:30-6:45 pm, ongoing since September 7<sup>th</sup>. Dates of November: 11/2 and 11/6 –The Woman at the Well & Approaching God with Boldness.

Contact Person: Melissa Conaty (540-303-4229 or [brucetowncalendar2@gmail.com](mailto:brucetowncalendar2@gmail.com)). The group will meet in-person and via zoom (for anyone who is interested in zoom please contact Melissa)



### **Advent Studies:**

Wednesdays 2:00-3:00 pm @ EUMC - December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>

Thursdays 5:45-6:45 pm @ BUMC - December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

- "The Purpose of Christmas" (Rick Warren)

Contact Person: Pastor Susan ([susancatlett@vaumc.org](mailto:susancatlett@vaumc.org)/540-331-1222)



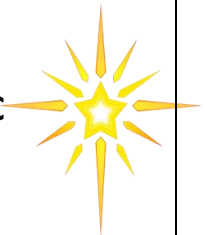
### **Christmas Program Dates:**

December 10<sup>th</sup> Worship Service with Christmas Cantata, 9:30 am @ EUMC

December 13<sup>th</sup> Serenity Service 7 pm (Calm & Quiet; Peace & Healing) @ EUMC

December 20<sup>th</sup> Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance @ BUMC

December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Worship Services 9:30 am and 9 pm @ EUMC  
Brucetown UMC @11 am & 7 pm



**Emmanuel Choir Practices** Every Wednesday @ 6 pm. *Come Join Us!*



**Brucetown Corner Café:** Food, Fellowship & Live Music Every Thursday Night @ 7 pm.

### **Community Meal**

Emmanuel Outreach Team Will Host a Free Community Meal in Tangeman Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Upcoming Dates: November 27. All are Welcome!



**Food Pantry:** Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 p.m. at Emmanuel

## **Food Pantry Update – Needs for Holidays November/December**

With **Thanksgiving** and **Christmas** not far away, we are planning for holiday meal boxes for our pantry families. As of **Thanksgiving**, our goal is to put together 20 Thanksgiving meal boxes. The items we need are **turkeys, instant mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, dessert mixes, or money** to purchase needed items.

We will distribute the boxes on November 19th or 20th so we would appreciate receiving all donations by November 15th.



***We would also appreciate your help in naming the food pantry. Let your creative juices flow and give us your ideas for an inspirational name and/or logo.***

**As always, we thank you for your love and generosity to our neighbors in need.  
We are making a difference in their lives!**

The Food Pantry Team,  
**Debbie and Debbie, Cecil and Bill**

## **Calendars for the TROOPS!**

Please bring in any extra 2024 calendars. These calendars will be distributed to deploying military personnel who depart from the Baltimore-Washington International Airport. Calendars will be collected through December 2023. There is a collection box on the table near the restrooms. Thank you.



## **PRAYER SHAWLS**



Please contact the Church office if you know someone who could use the comfort of a *Prayer Shawl*. The shawls have been lovingly made and have been blessed during our worship services. We want to extend God's love to others and pray that, as they are wrapped in the warmth of the shawl, they will feel His love and receive His comfort, support, and healing in their time of need. –

Office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., phone: 540-532-1269, email: [emmanuelfriends@comcast.net](mailto:emmanuelfriends@comcast.net)

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## **CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Please complete an updated directory form so that we may have current information for our Church Directory. Contact the church office, Cheryl Gearhart, or Patsy Shewbridge (Seekers & Keepers) for a form or to call in information. Forms are also available on the back table in the Narthex by the elevator. Information may be mailed in to [emmanuelfriends@comcast.net](mailto:emmanuelfriends@comcast.net)

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**November 2023 Fellowship Newsletter**

*We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.*

**1 John 1:3**