

Fellowship

Emmanuel United Methodist Church Newsletter



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From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear EUMC family,

Sunday afternoon, after the worship service, my family and I got into the car and headed to Shenandoah National Park. The clear and high sky and colorful autumn foliage are very beautiful. God's world is always beautiful. How is your autumn? We are faced with unprecedented challenges from the coronavirus pandemic. Many medical scientists predict that the flu-virus will just complicate things more. Our economic situation is still difficult. Wildfires in the West and melting glaciers in the Arctic are directly and indirectly affecting our lives. Racial and political conflicts also make us suffer. No one is at peace. Everyone is in trouble. However, we need to change our perspective on these things. The longer this situation goes on, the more

important it becomes for us to change our perspective. The key question to help us change our minds is, "What can we learn from these difficulties?"

In the book, "Walking with God Through Pain and Suffering," by Pastor Tim Keller, many people lose their faith as they go through hardships, however, hardships also lead us to God. It means that everyone goes through some hardships, but our lives will be changed dependent on how each of us accepts it. In the Old Testament, there is a person who is a symbol of life that kept his faith in the midst of hardships. His name was Job. He was a faithful true believer, and he lived a sincere life. He lived in a peaceful family and was financially relaxed. However, one day suddenly, hardships came to him. Job's wife even told Job in distress to curse God and choose death for herself. Would it have been better for Job to choose death as his wife said? That's not true. Job never denied God in the midst of trouble. Rather, he thought about what he should look at in his hardships. And the more difficult things became, the closer he went to God. All his friends urged Job to repent, saying that he had done wrong and that he was being punished by God. But, it was not the truth about Job. He was faithful before God. So when he changed the way he looked at his hardships, there was a big change in his life. When he believed that God was with him and relied on him, he had the strength and courage to overcome his hardships. He thought about what God wanted him to do and obeyed. Then he overcame all the hardships and was blessed with a greater God than before.

Friends! Our faith can be shaken by the coronavirus pandemic. But, at times like this, we need to change our minds. Soon, we will resume some small group meetings online. The church is preparing a gathering to sing hymnal and Christian songs together, to meditate on the Bible, to share news with each other, and to pray together. Also, I hope our Adult and Children Sunday schools can be active again. I hope that in the midst of hardship, we will be able to think about what to be thankful for before God, and our lives and faith will deepen as much as the autumn is getting deeper.

Grace & Peace

From the EUMC Parsonage,

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EUMC Online Praise & Gathering:

Beginning in October Pastor Kang will be hosting two new times of gathering for the congregation which will be held on ZOOM. It is our desire to help each of you to carry the word of God with you into your daily life, and to encourage that we are offering some new opportunities that we hope will fill your spirit during this time of social distancing. While gathering together in-person and online to worship on Sundays is a great way to start our week, finding other ways to include Christ in our life can be the sustenance to carry us through daily stressors that we encounter. As a church lets adapt together to these unique times and join together to learn, praise, and support one another.

Join us every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. for a Morning Praise time and on Thursdays we will gather at two different times for meditating, study, and prayer. The schedules and ZOOM invitation are listed below.

<Online ZOOM> Morning Praising

Every Wednesday 10:00am (10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4)

*The time when we can sing the praise songs instead of a Sunday service to our heart's content.

<Online ZOOM> EUMC Gathering

(Morning class) Every Thursday 10:00am (10/8, 10/15, 10/22, Tue.10/27, 11/5)

(Evening class) Every Thursday 8:00pm (10/8, 10/15, 10/22, Tue.10/27, 11/5)

Textbook: Bible, October Upperroom

*The time we can meditate the words together with the Bible and the Upperroom, sharing and praying together.

San Kang is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. The ZOOM invitation will remain the same for all dates scheduled.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://umcom.zoom.us/j/4861906813?pwd=SkVSVHRya0wzQ240eURidVMrZzQ3UT09>

Meeting ID: 486 190 6813

Passcode: 22656

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Find your local number: <https://umcom.zoom.us/u/aK2DLaRvB>

Church Calendar:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OCTOBER				1	2	3
4 World Communion Sunday	5 7p Trustees	6 10a Seekers & Keepers	7 10a Praise time on ZOOM	8 EUMC ZOOM Gathering time 10a & 8p	9	10 Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
11 <i>Helping Hands Sunday</i>	12	13	14 10a Praise time on ZOOM <i>9a Newsletter Submissions</i>	15 EUMC ZOOM Gathering time 10a & 8p	16	17
18 Laity Sunday Building Fund Sunday	19 6p Finance	20 7p Church Council	21 10a Praise time on ZOOM	22 EUMC ZOOM Gathering time 10a & 8p	23	24
25	26	27 EUMC ZOOM Gathering time 10a & 8p	28 10a Praise time on ZOOM	29	30	31 Halloween

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

May you be blessed with love and laughter as you celebrate your birthday or anniversary this month. Your Emmanuel UMC family is thinking of you with warmest wishes!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



01 – Connor Bentley
 01 – Alan DeHaven
 01 – Brandon Kuhn
 03 – Paul Cleland
 04 – Keaton Catlett
 05 – Ryan Kuhn
 05 – Madison Bentley
 06 – Doris Askew
 06 – Kelly Allegra
 08 – Colby Cook

09 – Gary Norman
 09 – Bonnie Swartz
 13 – Jon Kuhn
 13 – Bonnie Simmons
 17 – Paul Simmons
 19 – Amy Feathers
 20 – Kim DeHaven
 20 – Courtney Frye
 22 – Dana Widger

22 – Mark Parkinson
 26 – Karen Myers
 29 – Grace Kang
 30 – Kristy Bennett



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

17 – Joe & Patty Neely
 21 – John & June Conley
 26 – Earnest & Kay Bailey



Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner Drive-thru Fundraiser

Join us October 10 from 3:00 –7:00 p.m.

Free will offerings accepted

Dinner will include Spaghetti with choice of meat or veggie sauce, a roll, and choice of dessert: Apple pie, Cherry pie, Chocolate or Yellow cake.

Volunteer to Help the Church:

Fall is just arriving, but we are thinking ahead for winter preparations. Once cold weather sets in, snow can be arriving at any time. The church is in need of a volunteer or two to assist with snow removal if or when that arrives this winter. Do you have a truck, plow, or tractor that you could use to assist the church? Please contact the office if you are willing to come to the church and help with snow removal.



Giving to Those in Need:



Please contact the Church office if you know someone that could use the comfort of a Prayer Shawl. The shawls have been lovingly made by hand by our parishioners, and they have each been blessed and prayed over 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. You can pick one up or request one anytime during our office hours Monday, Thursday, and Fridays 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Donate Your Calendars:

Donate unwanted 2021 calendars! Julianne Cochran is collecting calendars for the troops again this year, now in conjunction with her American Legion Post. They will be given to deploying troops by the USO at one of the major area airports. Bring any unwanted calendars, or you may even buy some if you would like, and give them to Julianne or leave them in the designated box in the Narthex. They will be accepted until December 31. Thank You!



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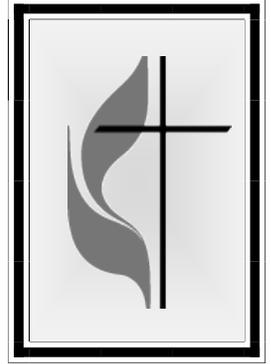
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October 2020 Fellowship Newsletter

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

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