

Fellowship

Emmanuel United Methodist Church Newsletter



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From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Emmanuel Family,

Greetings In the name of the resurrected Jesus Christ!

Our lives have suddenly changed a lot due to the Pandemic. Since March 13th, we have not been able to worship at the church according to the order of Bishop Lewis.

This situation makes me feel a sense of crisis as a pastor. This is because it is no longer possible to get together in one building. According to Ecclesiology, the church means a group of Christians, not buildings. However, as a building, the church is also very important. Because, as a building, the church is like an outpost of individual faith and missionary work. This is because all believers must gather in the church every week to participate in services such as festivals, and to live a life of mission and service in the world. Our common place where we worship together has moved to an on-line place. Also, we try to adapt to the new environment. What an unfamiliar and difficult situation!

Many leaders around the world predict the changes in our lives after the Coronavirus. They all say that the situation surrounding the virus will bring about a big change in the way we experience life and the values we've experienced so far. The church will also be affected by such changes.

However, there is something to remember in any situation. It's the very essence of the church. It's the essence of our faith. The Christians are to gather together to worship God, return to our own place with the grace received from God, and live life as a missionary and to love our neighbors. We have to keep sight of the Christian values.

Also, the concept of church is changed from a church as a building to each family house as a branch church. The church as a building is an outpost. Each branch church as a family is connected to the outpost church, and networking to each branch church as a family. We can continue to walk on our journey of life and faith together.

I hope we can remember that each week we can continue coming together to worship as a church online. Each of our families will become a branch church, and the members of each family will live as a small group of faith.

Brothers and Sisters! This is a new time for both pastors and members. We have to walk together, helping each other, understanding each other, adapting to a new type of church and faith journey.

May all EUMC members and the family live a healthy and blessed life.

In Christ,
Pastor KANG.

Church Calendar:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00a Online Worship Zoom & FB	4 7p Trustees in Church Shelter	5	6 9-10a Prayer Time	7	8	9
10 10:00a Online Worship Zoom & FB <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 6p Finance watch for Zoom Mtg. info.	12	13 9-10a Prayer Time	14	15 9a Newsletter Submissions Due	16
17 10:00a Online Worship Zoom & FB <i>Building Fund Sunday</i>	18	19 5:30p Worship Mtg. 7p Church Council watch for Zoom	20 9-10a Prayer Time	21 7-8p Ringers	22	23
24 10:00a Online Worship Zoom & FB Ascension Sun	25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	26	27 9-10a Prayer Time	28	29	30
31 Pentecost 10:00a Online Worship						

District & VAUMC News:

Join Bishop Lewis at noon each day in prayer

Please join me at 12 noon every day and pray the following prayer. Let us invoke the power of the Great Physician to do a mighty work in eradicating this disease all over the world.

Peace and Blessings,

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

Almighty God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, We thank you for your blessings, past, present and future. You are our rock and the source of our hope in all things and at all times. As Jehovah Jireh, our provider God, we ask you this day to stretch out your mighty hand and eradicate from the face of the earth forever this virus called COVID-19 (coronavirus) that is spreading rapidly from continent to continent. We also pray that you, Jehovah Rapha, our healing God, would place your hand upon all of those who have been stricken by this virus and restore them to full health. Be with those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. Protect all who are caring for those with this virus and keep them from contracting it themselves. Calm our fears and provide us with your peace that surpasses all understanding. Strengthen us with the joy of the Lord and help us to hold firmly to the hope that only you can provide. Unify us that we, the Virginia Annual Conference, may be able to experience anew the promise of your presence in and through the unity of our faith, hope and trust in you in the days ahead and forever. We offer this prayer in the mighty name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Volunteers Needed:

Our congregation may not be able to gather in person currently, but we each faithfully continue the works and mission of spreading the Word as Jesus's witnesses. Although some activities may be postponed, the committees of the church are continuing their work and planning for the time when we are all reunited in person. During this time of social distancing we hope that you will prayerfully consider becoming involved in your church organizations. Here are few ways we could use your help:

- Volunteer to help make phone calls to those who are unable to leave their homes.
- Offer assistance to pick up groceries or medications to members of the congregation that can not go to the store themselves.
- Write letters or send birthday cards to brighten someone's day.
- Volunteer for a committee. We are currently looking for two new volunteers to serve the parish family on either our Trustees or Worship Committees.
- Help with installing flooring in the new Finance room, or refinishing the Youth room.

There is a place for every talent and gift that God has given us. Please contact Pastor Kang if you can help.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Now is a great time to make an extra effort to stay in touch. Consider sending a Birthday/Anniversary card, text, or email to someone to let them know you are thinking of them.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

01— Ron Wehn
01 — Mike Weir
07 — Kiersten Bennett
08 — Matt Gearhart
09 — Allison Widger
09 — Colleen Widger
12 — Dayton Myers
13 — Bradford Brondstater
15 — Janet Shade
16 — Joseph Evans
19 — Sarah Pingley
25 — Del Larrick
25 — Emily Rutherford
26 — Kathy Starnes
26 — Bonnie Pugh

26 — Kelsey Weigel

27 — Tyler Larrick

28 — Debbie Hahn

29 — Rosalie Wehn

29 — Cindy Larrick

29 — Chris Laughary

30 — Sandi Snider



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

17 — James & Amanda Frye

17 — Lisa & Randy Custer

19 — Charles & Faye Lofton

20 — Debbie & Preston Moomaw

22 — Cheryl & Ricky Gearhart

22 — Dean & Patsy Shewbridge

Updating Information:

We will be changing the Emmanuel UMC Newsletter to an email distribution list in June. However, we realize that not everyone is able to receive an email, so we would like you to take a moment and complete this questionnaire to update your contact information that we have on hand. We will send the survey out to anyone we already have on our email list, and you can complete the questions quickly online. If you do not currently receive our emails you can complete the survey below and mail it back to the church office at: Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 2732 Martinsburg Pike, Stephenson, VA 22656.

Head of Household: (First, Middle, & Last Name) _____

Head of Household email: _____

Would you like to receive email from EUMC: (circle) YES or NO

Please add email to the following: (mark all that apply)

- ◇ Current Attendee
- ◇ Church Council
- ◇ Newsletter
- ◇ Previous Attendee, but would like to continue receiving the newsletter through email.

Spouse: (First, Middle, & Last Name) _____

Spouse email: _____

Would you like to receive email from EUMC: (circle) YES or NO

Please add email to the following: (mark all that apply)

- ◇ Current Attendee
- ◇ Church Council
- ◇ Newsletter
- ◇ Previous Attendee, but would like to continue receiving the newsletter through email.

List names of all children living in the household:

Mailing Address: _____

Main Contact Phone number: (Home or Cell): _____

Secondary Phone number: (Home or Cell): _____

Please indicate if either apply:

- ◇ I do not have email and wish to continue receiving the newsletter in the mail.
- ◇ Please remove my name from the newsletter distribution list.

Please add any additional contact information: _____

Celebrating the Many Joys in Life:

Happy Mothers Day:



Mothers Day is quickly approaching, and while we are unable to celebrate in person we would like to honor all Mothers on our website during the month of May. Please send us a picture of your mother, her name, and, if you would like to, write a short paragraph about how your mother has been a shining example of God's love in your life. You can also include someone else that has been a supportive mother figure to you. Help us put together a beautiful tribute to all mothers.

Graduation:

Help us celebrate the accomplishments of all of those graduating this season. All local school systems are closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 year, and this is especially effecting the graduating seniors. They will have modified and online ceremonies, and are missing a lot of the usual milestones that typically happen during the Spring. We want to help make their graduations a special milestone for them, and congratulate them on their accomplishments. Do you know a graduate that you would like us to celebrate? Please send us their name, the school they are graduating from, their future plans (college they plan on attending, going in the service etc.), their degree (if they are graduating from college), and include any of their accomplishments (NHS, sports, clubs, activities etc.) Don't forget to include a picture too.



Sharing Encouragement:

During this time of separation a lot of people are stepping up to help others in many unique ways. How have you seen God's work in action during this time? Perhaps He has been working in your own life or you have seen His handiwork in the lives of others. Share those stories with us, so that we can illuminate all of the good work happening around us every day. Let us work together as witnesses of our faith to let others see His Love, and by example may they be led to a stronger faith life.

Send your stories to us along with your updated contact information, or email us your stories at emmanuelfriends@comcast.com. We'll share those stories on our website www.emmanuelumc.com, in our newsletter next month, or during the worship service.

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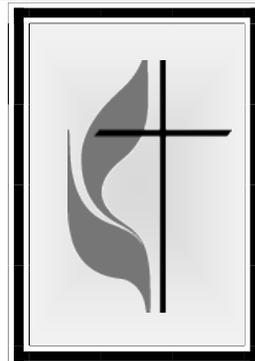
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May 2020 Fellowship Newsletter

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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