

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Hi Emory Church!

As I was preparing for my sermon on Deuteronomy 5, I was struck by the setting of this book. Moses has been leading the Israelite people through the wilderness for forty years. And now, just as they're about to enter the promised land, Moses sits the whole people of Israel down and recites the law to them *again*. The law that they've already received in Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers (though slightly adjusted for their current circumstances)!

The people are so close to the promised land that they can see it just across the Jordan River, but here Moses takes them on another journey through God's promises. Moses reminds them one more time of what it means to be a people who love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and who love their neighbors as themselves (Mark 12:29-31).

It's almost like Moses is telling the people, here at the end of his life's journey, to stop for a moment. To collect themselves. Take a break. Remember who they are. Remember WHOSE they are. Then, and only then, get on with the work to which they've been called.

We're approaching the busiest season of the year—the marathon from Halloween to Thanksgiving to Christmas where our personal and our church lives fill up with activities, commitments, and purchases. But in these last few weeks, the calm before the storm, I hope that you can take a minute. Take a break. Remember who you are and whose you are. And rest in the love of the God we serve.

Blessings,

Pastor Ryan

October 2023

EMORY EPISTLE

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THE PASTOR IS IN...

Pastor Ryan's Office Hours:

Tuesdays: 12:00-3:00

Thursday: 9:00-12:00

Also available by appointment

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JOIN US ONLINE

THE MESSAGE CAN BE VIEWED ANY TIME!

You may view the message on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on Facebook live. You do not need an account to watch:

<u>facebook.com/emorystreet</u> Youtube.com/@emorychurch

OR

www.emorychurch.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 15 @ 4:30 pm

NORTH HARFORD

COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP

Middle and High Schoolers are invited to hang out by the fire pit, make s'mores, and get ready for Fall Fest!





OCTOBER 28 @ 12 pm

FALL FEST

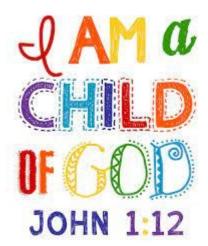
Everyone is invited to join us for a trunk-or-treat, crafts and games, and all kinds of fall fun!

OCTOBER 29 @ 4:30 pm

YOUTH GROUP CORN MAZE

Join us at Stone View Farms for a fun afternoon at the corn maze! Meet us at church at 4:00 for carpool or meet us at Stone Valley (3201 Deths Ford Rd, Darlington) if you're driving yourself.





LITTLE BELIEVERS

October 27 @ 10 am

Little Believers is a small group for babies and preschoolers to engage in story, song, play, and craft while learning about the love of Jesus.

Check out the "Who Loves You?" project our Little Believers made in September



Help

NURSERY WORKER NEEDED

Emory's youth ministry is growing and we would for you to join us!

Nursery workers watch kids up to four years old during the church hour.

This position pays \$40 per week and you don't have to be a member of Emory to apply!

October Birthdays

- 2 Sara Alexander
- 3 Sheldon Bair
- 4 Keith Hoddinott
- 6 Susan Burdett
- 7 Carol Thomas
- 8 Tatum Singleton
- 10 Caroline Sigman

Nancy Crue

Natalie McCann

- 11 Jamie Greer
- 13 Meredith Clark
- 15 Steve Evans
- 18 Jennifer Morris Harden
- 19 Emily Bostic Skorupinski
- 21 Jackie Tarbert
- 22 Greg Waters
- 23 Linda Caldwell
- 24 Jim White
- 30 Jack Bowen

Joe Nuff

October Anniversaries

10 Greg and Mindy Waters

15 Rick and Jeanie Tilley

19 Matt and Amy Moffitt

22 Steve and Jackie Tarbert

24 Jeffrey and Brenda Bachman

27 Gerald and Veronica Martin

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR

CHURCH COUNCIL

Over the next few newsletters, we will dive into the purpose of the Emory United Methodist Church Council. We will introduce the new members and describe the purpose of each committee.

You will see that it takes a village to run the church and maybe you will discover a place where your personal skills will shine.

What is the purpose of The United Methodist Church Council?

According to The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church-2016 the church council shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. The church council shall be amenable to and function as the administrative agency of the charge conference.

YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council President: Jack Bowen *Staff Parish Relations: Rob Ivy

*Secretary: Phyllis Kelly
*Treasurer: Sarah Morris
Youth Ministries: Jeanie Tilley
Sunday School: Jackie Tarbert

Worship: Mary Anne Hutchins

Mission Outreach: Trudy Daniels

*Communications: Christine Mullin & Tesha Wright

Trustees: Bob Bostic Historian: Phyllis Kelly Church Administrator: Mary Bostic

^{*}Indicates newly appointed to position

CHURCH COUNCIL TREASURER

An effective church treasurer disburses all funds received into the church treasury in a responsible and organized manner, with funds identified and bills paid when due, so that the ministry of the congregation can be effective.

Our Church Council Treasurer is





Emory is an important part of Sarah's life. She grew up within sight of the church and was baptized and confirmed at Emory United Methodist Church, where she married her best friend, Jim, forty-nine years ago. Jim and Sarah have two daughters, Jennifer and Emily, and could not be more proud of them. They also have three nearly perfect grandchildren, Bella, Harper, and Caden.

For forty-five years, Sarah loved working as a mathematics educator for Harford County Public Schools. Retirement has given her time to enjoy gardening, reading and traveling with Jim. It is a special pleasure to have their children and grandchildren join them on National Parks adventures.

Sarah's service to Emory dates back to MYF, serving countless dinners, singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, participating in Council meetings, and serving as SPRC chair. She is delighted to see how many families with children attend Emory and looks forward to the future as Emory brings love and support to our community and beyond.

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

An effective communicator will compile and create internal and external communication that compels members and others to become interested in participating in the church for the transformation of the world.

Our Church Communications Chair is

MRS. CHRISTINE MULLIN

Christine has been a member of Emory United Methodist Church since 2010. She and her husband Tim of 21 years were members and married at Fallston United Methodist Church until they relocated to Whiteford. Christine is the proud mother of Maggie, a Sophomore at Bluefield State University in WV and Owen, a Senior at North Harford High School (that



really tall kid that sits in the back at church from time to time).

Christine was born and raised in Baltimore City where she attended 12 years of Catholic School, graduating from The Seton Keough High School. Christine went on to attend UMBC for 2 years until ultimately transferring and graduating from St Edward's University, in Austin Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. She then returned home to become a Maryland State Trooper. In 2018 Christine retired from the Maryland State Police as the Commander of Recruitment after 23+ years. Since retirement Christine has worked part time for the Harford County Sheriff's Office as a Compliance Investigator in the Megan's Law Unit and is the Varsity Softball Coach at North Harford High School.

Christine became involved with Emory United Methodist Church upon joining as the Chair of the Special Events/Outreach Committee. She is excited to become involved again in the church and hopes that she can help the church continue to grow as chair of the Communications Committee and part of the Outreach Committee.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES:

ALL SAINTS AND VETERANS DAY

For All Saints Sunday, November 5, we will be remembering family and friends we have lost since 2020. Join us as we light candles in their honor and thank God for their presence in our lives.

On November 12, we will name and honor the veterans in our congregation. If you are a veteran or know one, let Pastor Ryan know so that we can make sure to include you in the service!



LOCAL MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Every month Emory highlights a need at Mason Dixon. It is usually a food item or toiletries. All food donations are welcomed! Please check the dates if you are cleaning out and donating from your shelves. Thank you to everyone who donates and prays for the services that Mason Dixon provides.

Our goal for October is to help Mason Dixon fill their toy room for Christmas. They are asking us to purchase toys for children 6-12 years of age (especially for boys.) When parents come in the room to shop they are allowed one small toy-(such as hot wheel, books, or small games), And one larger toy-(Monster Jam truck, action figure set, or remote control vehicle).

There will be a fall tree thanks to Niki Wiggins with ideas for toys. Pick a leaf if you want an idea or shop on your own. Please do not wrap the gifts. Thanks for opening your hearts and being Santa's helper in October. Please leave the toys in the Narthex on shelves designated for Mason Dixon! Thanks, The Mission Team

GROW WITH EMORY

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesdays @ 7 PM: men's Bible study in the Fellowship Hall, currently working through Genesis

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM: all are welcome in the parlor for a chapter-by-chapter study of Genesis with Bob Bostic

Sundays after church: all are welcome in the parlor for a Gospel of John study with Pastor Ryan

YOUTH MINISTRY

We're looking for adults with a passion for teaching kids, especially older elementary. Contact Jackie Tarbert <u>Jacquelinetarbert@gmail.com</u> or Jeanie Tilley <u>jtilley19@gmail.com</u>

EMORY CHOIR

We meet at 8:20 on Sunday mornings to prepare for 9am service. PLEASE **consider joining this great group of passionate singers!** No experience required... just a love of singing and praising our Lord! Join us! For more information Contact Mary Ann McCauley at 410-937-4467 or **maryann3085@gmail.com** with questions.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Christmas will be here before we know it and we'd love for you to sing in the cantata choir! The cantata is on December 17 during service and practice is after church on Sundays. Please reach out to Mary Ann McCauley for details.

The Church Council meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm.
All are welcome!

JOIN A COMMITTEE

Lists are on the bulletin board showing current Emory leaders and committees as voted on by Church Council.

PLEASE CONTACT the church office at 410-452-5220 or email administrator@emorychurch.org

We always need more ideas and help!

Thanks to all who came out to help clean the sanctuary! It's looking spiffy.



Your support of Emory UMC's ministries enables us to reach our community and beyond for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. By setting up recurring online giving, you can help us plan for future missions and outreach .

Scan the QR code or click this link give online securely: emorychurch.org/give





MISSION STATEMENT

We exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Harford **County Food Pantries**

Monday

Harford Community Action Agency 9:00am-4:00pm Closed 11:45a-1:00p Mason Dixon 9:00am-12:00pm Wilson Ministries 2x Riessed 9:30am-12:30pm **Epicenter Aberdeen** 10:00am - 2:00pm St. Mark's Catholic Church 12:00pm - 2:00pm **Calvary Baptist Church** hot meals, dine in only 6:00 pm - 7:00pm





Tuesday

Mason Dixon 9:00am-12:00pm **Calvary Baptist** 9:00am - 3:30pm Wilson Ministries 2x Blessed 9:30am-12:30pm **Epicenter Edgewood** 2nd Tuesday 9:00am - 12:00pm **Epicenter Aberdeen** 10:00am - 2:00pm Tabitha's House (call ahead) 10am-2:30pm Village at Lakeview 4th Tues 11am - 1pm Grace Place at St. John's Episcopal 11:15am - 12:15am **HdG Housing** Authority 1:00pm - 3:00pm Mountain Christian Church, Box Hill 5:00pm - 7:00pm Trinity Lutheran 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday

HCAA 9:00am-4:00pm (Closed 11:45a-1:00p) Mason Dixon 9:00am-12:00pm **Epicenter Edgewood** 9:00am - 12:00pm **Epicenter Aberdeen** 10:00am - 2:00pm Tabitha's House (call ahead) 10:00am-2:30pm Smith's Chapel UM 11:00am-2:00pm St. Mark Roman Catholic Church 12:00pm - 2:00pm St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church 9:30am - 11:00am LMS Compassion Ctr HdG 9:30 am **Bel air United** Methodist Soup Kitchen

10:30am-12:45pm

5:00pm-6:00pm

6:00pm to 7:30pm

7:00pm-8:00pm

Breathe 379

Grove Presbyterian

10:00am to 2:00pm

Centre United

Methodist

Grace United

Thursday

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St. Mark Catholic

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Church

Friday

9:00am-4:00pm

24/7

24 hr.self service food cupboards. Edgewood and Aberdeen First Presbyterian Church Bel Air, M-F Lutheran Church of

Saturday

Francis de Sales 9:00 0m - 10:00am **Bel air United Methodist** 1st Sat.,9:00-11:30am Oak Grove Baptist 3rd Sat, 9:00 - 11:00am Wilson Center, 3rd Sat 9:00am - 10:00am Wilson Ministries 2x Blessed @Sat except 3rd 9:30am-12:30pm United Methodist, Stewartstown, PA Every other Saturday 9:30am - 1:30pm St. Patrick's Church 1st and 3rd Sat 9:30am - 11:30am St. Joan of Arc 9:30am - 11:00am Village of Lakeview 10:00am-12:00pm **Trinity Lutheran** 10:00an - 12:00pm Tabitha's House, 1st Sat 10am-2:30pm St. Mary's Church, Pylesville - 3rd Sat 10:00am - 12:00pm Crown of Life Worship 1st Sat., 10:00 - 1:00pm Sharing Table at Prince of Peace hot meal and groceries 11:30-1:00pm **Chosen Development** Corp., Mt. Zion Baptist 1st Sat., 12:00pm - 2:30 Breathe 379 - 2nd Sat

Boys and Girls Clubs in the Good Shepard

> 12:00am to 4:00pm current as of 2/20/23

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY COOKIE BAKE

On October 1 the Emory Youth had a delicious time making cookies for residents at Broad Creek Manor Assisted Living.





SCHOOL LUNCH DEBT PROGRAM

Emory is reinstating a successful and helpful outreach program from the past, The School Lunch Debt Program. This program is intended to support children and families who might be struggling to pay for school meals.

There is a Federal program that families can apply for benefits but some families don't meet the qualifications or there other complicating circumstances that are in play. The child carries any debt through their years in school, up until graduation. Sometimes the child is not allowed to get the regular school lunch but is given a different meal. Older children often go without a meal because there is a hold on their account. Families receive notification every day there is a pending balance due.

Emory has helped multiple children/families reduce or eliminate the debt. We have helped families who were in a tight spot and shown that there are people who care. Jesus cares and we get to be a part of that.

Contacts have been made to our community schools and once we meet those local needs contact will extend into other areas of Harford County. The school administrators and school counselors know the families who could benefit from our outreach.

We need the support of the congregation of Emory to help fund this program. You can give your monetary donations in the collection plate with School Lunch noted. Feel free to speak to Pastor Ryan, Trudy Daniels, or Jackie Tarbert with any questions.

