

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Hello Emory Church,

It's a joy to greet you in Jesus' name! This last month has been a whirlwind but I'm grateful for the warm welcome that you've given me. For those who I haven't had a chance to meet yet, I wanted to share a little bit about myself and my family.

I grew up in Rising Sun and our family lived in Aberdeen from 2012 until we moved into the Emory parsonage this year. My wife, Niki, and I have been married for 13 years and have three kids: Ryan Jr. (11), Eliza (9), and Henry (6). Niki's family is from the Street area and she lived about five minutes from Emory UMC during elementary school. The kids are excited that the crickets out here seem bigger than the ones they could catch in Aberdeen.

I'm a recent graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC and an elder candidate for ordination. I've been serving the [Mission Central Parish](#) in pastoral roles since 2020. While I actively served in volunteer ministry positions for nearly twenty years, professional ministry is a career shift for me. I previously worked for several tech companies in data analysis and operations.

Above all, I'm thankful to have been sent to be your pastor. I've seen the Holy Spirit at work here and am excited for the future of our ministry together.

In Christ,  
Pastor Ryan



## THE PASTOR IS IN...

Pastor Ryan's Office Hours:

Tuesdays: 12:00-3:00

Thursday: 9:00-12:00

Also available by appointment

Contact info:

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## HOW TO WATCH

**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:

[facebook.com/emorystreet](https://www.facebook.com/emorystreet)

[Youtube.com/@emorychurch](https://www.youtube.com/@emorychurch)

OR

# LIVESTREAM

[www.emorychurch.org](http://www.emorychurch.org)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT EMORY

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### **August 13th at 9:00am Moving Onward and Upward**

Honoring our young adults entering trades, enlisting, or entering/returning to college

### **August 20th at 9:00am Blessing of the Backpacks**

All students, teachers, and school staff are invited to bring your backpack to church for a special blessing!

### **August 25th COFFEE HOUR**

In the fellowship hall following the church service  
PLEASE bring something to share, if you can.

We could also use help in the kitchen getting everything together.  
If you are able to help please contact Trudy Daniels @ 410-322-0061.

### **September 10th : Service on the Lawn**

#### **Picnic following the service**

Please bring a covered dish to share  
More details to come, keep an eye on your emails

# MOVING ONWARD AND UPWARD

Emory United Methodist Church had the pleasure of providing scholarship's to FIVE young adults, here is their story:

**Maggie Mullin**: Maggie received a continuing education scholarship to Blue Field State University in West Virginia where she is a sophomore studying early education and playing Division II Softball.

**Vance Haire**: Vance received a continuing education scholarship to Harford Community College where he will be a sophomore and will be studying Health Sciences.

**Amber Jourdan**: received a scholarship to the University of Delaware in New Castle Delaware as an incoming freshman studying Marketing.

**Ethan Jourdan**: received a scholarship to Harford Community College as an incoming freshman studying the Musical Sciences.

**Piper Wright**: received a scholarship to Hood College in Frederick, Maryland as an incoming freshman studying Integrated Business Management and playing Division III Women's Lacrosse.



*I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me." Jeremiah 29: 11-13*

## August Birthdays

- 1 Peggy Bachman  
Laura Anne Tarbert
- 2 Amy Wibirt  
Lori LeJeune
- 4 Joanne Bowen  
David Street
- 5 John Alexander  
Rebecca Houck  
Sadie Edwards
- 7 Chris Holdaway  
Drake Schmidt
- 8 Kristy Hopkins  
Amy Moffitt  
Piper Wright
- 10 Emily Jourdan  
Mark Sonnenreich
- 12 Susan Gorman
- 13 David Crue  
Sharon Nuff  
Rick Tilley  
Carolyn Edwards
- 14 Emma Jourdan
- 17 Josh Streett
- 18 Fallon Bachman  
Gerald Caldwell
- 19 Hannah Ayers
- 20 Cassidy Waters
- 25 Isabel Hammond  
Isabella Harden
- 26 Kristina Corun
- 27 Hope Ruff
- 28 Michael Duncan  
Jordan McKeon
- 30 Raymond Muth
- 31 Steve McKeon

## August Anniversaries

8 Paul and Saroja Benjamin

9 JD and Carol Thomas

12 Roy and Mary Anne Hutchins

17 Frank and Connie Richardson

19 Timothy and Rebecca Hammond

Steve and Peggy Williams

24 Tom and Betsy Galbreath

Jim and Sarah Morris

25 David and Lauren Crue

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Thank you to Upper Chesapeake Chorus of Sweet Adelines for providing special music to the congregation on July 19th, 2023!

Sweet harmonies were enjoyed by all!

Check them out on line

<https://www.uccsai.com/dbpage.php?pg=home>



## LOCAL MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

### THREADS OF HOPE

Donations of clean clothing, shoes and accessories for men, women, and children in nearly new or good condition are accepted. Summer items are needed! Some items currently in high demand: Boy's clothing sizes 8 and up including men's small sizes. Also new in the package underwear for both boys and girls. **Drop off at Emory 2<sup>nd</sup> shelf right side by office for Debbie** For info contact: Debbie Giro 410 979 3705 / [heaven7g@gmail.com](mailto:heaven7g@gmail.com)

### MASON DIXON

Mason Dixon will have it's ***Back To School*** event August 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm with an additional time of 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers for this event are a blessing!! See Trudy Daniels for details.

## JOIN US ...

**LITTLE BELIEVERS:** Preschoolers and an adult are invited to join Ms. Jackie for Little Believers on Friday, August 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the church nursery. 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.

**PLEASE COME JOIN ONE OF OUR BIBLE STUDIES:**

**Men's bible study Tuesdays at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall**

**Wednesdays 6:30pm all are welcome in the parlor lead by Bob Bostic**

**YOUTH MINISTRY: Youth Church**  
**Prayerfully consider leading** and or helping in some way. Thanks. Contact Jackie Tarbert [Jacquelinetarbert@gmail.com](mailto:Jacquelinetarbert@gmail.com) or Jeanie Tilley [jtilley19@gmail.com](mailto:jtilley19@gmail.com)

**NURSERY:** Emory will begin to offer a nursery to babies and children up to 5 years old. **We are looking for another adult to help staff our nursery during the 9:00am.** It is a **PAID POSITION.** Contact Jackie Tarbert or Jenn Galbreath with questions or to serve. [jacquelinetarbert@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelinetarbert@gmail.com) or [Galbreathjennifer74@gmail.com](mailto:Galbreathjennifer74@gmail.com)

**EMORY CHOIR:** is always looking for new members. 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](mailto:maryann3085@gmail.com) with questions.

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](mailto:administrator@emorychurch.org)

We always need more ideas and help!



*Vacation Bible School Students and Helpers*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

God is good! All the time!

During our week of VBS, we shared God Sightings each evening. You can read some and see pictures on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall at church. Here are a few highlights:

We had 33 beautiful children over the course of the week and new children came every night.

We served about 200 meals for the week - children, parents, and workers enjoyed a meal together.

We collected food for Mason Dixon. We gathered about 63 pounds of food.

We had 1 family commit to joining us in church beginning in July.

We supported a family who has food insecurity and connected them with Mason Dixon services.

We had adult helpers who had never been part of children's ministry before- I think they are hooked "I didn't know I could be part of something like this" one person said.

Our teachers and helpers logged miles and miles on their step counters.

We had multiple emergency agencies in our parking lot to teach and share with our children for Community Helper Night.

We got wet- in the rain Sun and Mon and on purpose for Water Night.

The bucket band still plays. Nothing like a bunch of kids beating on ice cream buckets in unison to Jesus Loves Me.

We made tshirts. We gave out gifts. We had fun!

VBS never disappoints. God shows up in STELLAR ways every year.

All the time, God is good!

# REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED

## **Evelyn Marie Kreiner**

**January 27, 1935 — July 3, 2023**

Evelyn Marie (Livezey) Kreiner, age 88, of Forest Hill, Maryland passed away on July 3, 2023 at Forest Hill Heights. Born in Bel Air, Maryland, she was the daughter of James Swartz Livezey and Frances Baker Livezey, wife of the late Gerald Kreiner and companion of the late Mark “Tony” Tressler. She retired from Forest Hill State Bank after 24 years of service as Vice President. After retirement, she enjoyed traveling, crafts, card games and crabbing at the summer home in Rock Hall. Evelyn was a member of Emory United Methodist Church where she was a part of the Methodist Women's Group.

Evelyn is survived by daughter, Kathleen M. (Robert) Caswell; son, Gerald M. (Bonnie) Kreiner; grandchildren, Eric Caswell and Andrew Caswell; step-grandchildren, Nicholas (Audrey) Costa, Carley Costa and A.J. Costa; great-granddaughter, Fionna Costa and sister Alice Boettcher. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by; four brothers, James, Robert, Wilbur and Charles Livezey and three sisters, Frances Ward, Helen Johnson and Mary Pelt.

## **Elenor L. Bittner**

**May 23, 1932 – July 21, 2023**

Eleanor L. Bittner 91, of Street, MD, died on Friday evening, July 21, 2023, in her home. She was the beloved wife of the late John (Johnny) Christian Bittner who passed away in September 2015.

Born on May 23, 1932, in Baltimore, MD, Ellie was one of two daughters of the late Eugene Levering Thompson and the late Edna Elizabeth (Klehm) Thompson. As a child, Ellie lived in a loving home on Shirey Avenue in Baltimore, with her grandparents, parents, aunt, and sister. Lauraville Methodist Church, with Sunday School classes and church services as well as Methodist Youth Fellowship and Girl Scout activities, served as a center of her life. Playing with neighborhood friends, listening to evening radio, and playing games with the family also filled her time. Ellie enjoyed listening to her mother reading aloud which led to a lifelong love of reading. Art classes and visits to the Baltimore Museum of Art in Wyman Park developed Ellie's artistic talents and, when older, she worked independently for professional photographers colorizing black and white photos with special transparent oil paint. Ellie attended Garrett Heights Elementary School and Hamilton Junior High School; transferred to Clifton Junior High School, which offered the Carnegie Art course; and graduated in 1950 from Eastern High School in Baltimore.

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During high school, Ellie met Johnny, the love of her life. Johnny won Ellie's heart by serenading her with his guitar. Engaged on Easter in 1951, Ellie and Johnny planned a whirlwind wedding after Johnny received his draft notice in September 1951. Married October 14, 1951, Ellie and Johnny honeymooned in New York City. In January 1952, the US Army deployed Johnny to California for basic training and Ellie followed him to California. In June 1952, the Army deployed Johnny to Germany and Ellie returned to the Thompson family home on Shirey Avenue. When Johnny returned from Germany, he and Ellie started their family, welcoming Elaine, Gail, Sandie, Tim, and Lance. In 1966, Ellie and Johnny bought their home in Street, Maryland, where they raised their young family and joined Emory United Methodist Church.

Once all the children entered school, Ellie returned to work. In 1971, Ellie found a job as a secretary in the main office of North Harford High School. During her tenure at NHHS, during which she earned a promotion to Head Secretary, Ellie enjoyed working with the NHHS teachers and students. Eventually, Ellie transferred from NHHS to a position in the Board of Education main office in Bel Air, Maryland, and later retired from her career with Harford County Public Schools in 1992.

Ellie, blessed with amazing artistic talent, created beautiful stained glass pieces, oil paintings, still life drawings, and wood carvings. She attended oil painting classes at Harford Community College and displayed her paintings at the HCC art shows. After retirement, the Highland Senior Center in Street, Maryland, became a meaningful part of Ellie's life where she shared her talents by teaching art and memoirs classes. Ellie formed dear friendships with other Highland Senior Center members with whom she enjoyed shopping, luncheons, and sightseeing excursions.

Ellie found hours of pleasure in the challenges of crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She looked forward to the arrival of the daily Baltimore Sun so she could read it cover to cover and complete the crossword puzzle. Over the years, she collected an impressive number of carousel horse figurines that she loved.

Always ready for an adventure, Ellie enjoyed traveling near and far – Lancaster, California, Paris, Wyoming, Outer Banks, Cape Cod, Niagara Falls, Grand Canyon, and Hawaii, to list just a few of her destinations. Ellie fulfilled one of her lifelong desires by climbing into the basket of a hot air balloon for a trip over Harford County pastures. Family vacations provided Ellie with memories that she cherished throughout her life.

Ellie's family members grieve her loss but take comfort knowing that Ellie and her devoted husband, Johnny, are together again. Ellie's survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, P. Elaine (Elaine) and Keith Jacobs; daughter, Gail Sharon Duncan; son and daughter-in-law, Timothy (Tim) John and Susan Bittner; as well as thirteen grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren. Those preceding Ellie in death include her daughter and son-in-law, Sandra (Sandie) Lynn and John Thomas (Jack) Duncan; son, Lance Duane Bittner; son-in-law, William (Bill) A. Duncan; and sister, Virginia May Thompson Rowley.

Friends may gather at Emory United Methodist Church, 911 Cherry Hill Road, Street, Maryland, on Thursday, July 27, 2023, for visitation beginning at 11:00 AM. The celebration of life, officiated by Pastor Ryan Wiggins, begins at 12:30 PM. Ellie will be laid to rest next to her loving husband in the adjoining church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, friends may consider donations to Emory United Methodist Church in Ellie's memory.



## YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council President:	Jack Bowen
*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
*Staff Parish Relations:	Rob Ivy
Trustees:	Bob Bostic
Historian:	Phyllis Kelly
Church Administrator:	Mary Bostic

\*Indicates newly appointed to position



## MISSION STATEMENT

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