

# EMORY EPISTLE

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Hello Emory Church,

It's hard to believe that I've been blessed to be your pastor for two months already! On the one hand, it feels like I just had my first meeting with the transitional SPRC yesterday. On the other, we have done so much in ministry together already.

As we move from the dog days of summer into the fall, I'm hoping that we can keep the word **community** on our hearts and minds. In our sermon series on 1 John we explored what it means to be a community drawn together by Christ's love and the power of the Holy Spirit. Through the fall and winter we will be looking for ways to build community within our congregation, amid our neighbors, and further out into the United Methodist connection.

Reaching out in love requires eyes that see and ears that hear our neighbors. We need each other to build up the body of Christ! If you see a way that we can bless someone, no matter how big or small, then let's talk about it! I'd love to hear your ideas and experiences. As 1 Peter 4:10 says, we must be "good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serv[ing] one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

However we find to build up the community outside of our doors, I'm so grateful for the community we have within our doors. You are a powerful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and I can't wait to see where God takes us in the future.

Blessings,  
Pastor Ryan

September 2023

## 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:

[pastorryan@emorychurch.org](mailto:pastorryan@emorychurch.org)

## 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://facebook.com/emorystreet)

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

OR

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**September 10th @10am**

**Service on the Lawn**

**Picnic following the service**

Please bring a covered dish to share  
with everyone

Contact Trudy Daniels 410-322-0061

**SEPTEMBER 10TH@4:30**

"THE NORTH HARFORD COMMUNITY  
YOUTH GROUP"

Open to all kids who are of  
middle/high school ages.



**September 13th @12N**

United Women in Faith



**LITTLE BELIEVERS:** Pre-schoolers and an adult are invited to join Ms. Jackie for Little Believers on **Friday, September 8th** at 10:00 a.m ask Jackie in the church nursery. Little Believers is a small group for babies and preschoolers to engage in story, song, play, and craft while

**Stay tuned for new member classes, fall book studies and more!**



Lets give a warm welcome to our newest ***Emory Church*** Members

***Susan Appell  
Ashley Melber  
Danny Johnson  
Patty Johnson  
Niki Wiggins***

- September Birthdays
- 1 Vicki Bridges
- Tim Hammond
- Bob Pruitt
- 2 Vernon Mitchell
- Ed Ogrysko
- 3 Susan Underwood
- 4 Morgan Ayres
- 6 Jacob Thomas
- Janet Burkins
- 7 Brooke Serra
- 8 Daniel Kelly
- Ryan Scarff
- 9 Katelyn Bertier
- Kevin Tarbert
- 10 Holly Phipps
- 11 Barbara Clark
- 13 Adrienne Clark
- Kristin Gruber
- 14 Janet Streett
- 15 Zachary Singleton
- Lauren Crue
- 16 Bobbi Jo Ayres
- Christine Mullin
- 17 DeeDee McCann
- 18 Sheryl McDorman
- Sophia Underwood
- 19 Jake Martin

# GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

## September Birthdays Cont..

20 Carlton Bridges

Richard Birkmaier

21 Emily Castelucci

Bill Muth

22 Morgan Bair

Gisele Thompson

Tim Mullin

23 Donna Birkmaier

Becky Muth

24 Sheryl Smith

27 Susan Galbreath

Luke Phipps

28 Jessica Burns

Fay Ogrysko

30 Susan Slattery

Linda White

## September Anniversaries

14 Bill and Debbie Miller

17 Matthew and Fallon  
Bachman

27 Steve and Meredith  
McKeon

30 Stanley and Karen Paw-  
lowski

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 President/Chairperson :** The United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministries describes the responsibilities of the chairperson as a leader that meets and works with the pastor, lay leader, and others to fulfill the mission of the church. Along with the pastor and lay leader they are the primary spokespersons for the vision and mission of the church and encourage all other ministry leaders. The Council President/Chairperson organizes annual planning meetings for church vision and ministry goals. During the year, the leader prepares and communicates the agenda for meetings, leads the meetings, follows up actions by assigning responsibility for implementation, coordinates the activities of the leadership team, and maintains a healthy and growing spiritual life.

**Our Church Council President is**

**MR. JACK BOWEN**



Jack and His wife Joanne joined Emory United Methodist Church In 2008 and Jack became a member of the Church Council in 2009. When Sam Foard, the long time greatly respected Chairperson of the Church Council stepped down at the end of 2011, Jack was asked and accepted the nominations committee's offer to serve as Chairperson of the Church Council beginning January 2012. Jack was raised in a family of five in Middle River, Md. His family regularly attended Orem's United Methodist Church where Jack and older sisters Jackie and Ginny were members of the MYF and the church sponsored Scouting programs. Jack graduated from Kenwood High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee. Jack retired from his career with the State of Maryland's Department of the Environment after 38 years of service in 2012. Jack and Joanne have one son, Matthew, who married his College sweetheart Liz and have a daughter Lucy who is 2 years old.

**Staff-Parish Relations Committee** : According to the United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministries, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee is expected to build a strong positive relationship between staff and congregation so that the congregation makes disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This committee works with the lead pastor and other staff to fulfill legal and ethical responsibilities related to staff.

**Our Church Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Chairperson is**

**MR. ROB IVY**

Rob grew up in Harford County and went through the North Harford School system. Even though Rob knew Megan since he was 7, he eventually had a class together in 1989 and that is when they started dating. From there he went on to get his BS from William and Mary and then obtained his Masters in Organic Chemistry at The University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Megan and Rob managed to handle 7 years of long distance dating and eventually were married in 1999. After graduation from grad school, he worked as a Medicinal Chemist at GlaxoSmithKline for 7 years, then changed careers and Rob has been in Technical Sales for the last 15 years. Rob has been blessed with 2 wonderful kids (Brody and Payten) whom he loves spending time with and embarrassing them whenever he can. When possible Rob enjoys going to their family place at the beach, getting a round of golf in or just watching a movie with the family. Rob is extremely excited about the future of Emory and the impact it is having in Harford County and beyond.





Additional SPRC Committee members are Bob Bostic, Jack Bowen, Dave Kelley, and Karen Pawlowski. **This committee has 5 vacancies.** If you feel that you have one or more of these spiritual gifts: exhortation (encouragement), wisdom, discernment, administration, shepherding, helping, servanthood, and leadership then perhaps you should consider joining the SPRC. Ideally this committee is diverse in age, experience and interests, bringing all interests of the ministry to the attention of the staff. Additionally, this committee must be able to maintain confidentiality. If you are interested in helping with the SPRC please contact Rob Ivy [bobspivy@yahoo.com](mailto:bobspivy@yahoo.com) or [communications@emorychurch.org](mailto:communications@emorychurch.org).

## 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. 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 MISSION NEWS

Mason Dixon Community Services is open Monday- Thursday 9Am till 12 noon. It is located at 708 Highland Road in the old Highland School building (the opposite side from the Post Office.) Their Phone number is 410-452-9025.

Mason Dixon held their Back-to-School Giveaway on August 14-16<sup>th</sup>. 75 children got new backpacks, composition books, spiral notebooks, crayons, pencils markers, erasers, folders, and many other items. Each child received a zip lock baggy with a toothbrush and toothpaste, also. (thanks to Bonnie Hopkins and her dentist Dr. Jennifer Sanzari.)

A Big- Big thank you to everyone who prayed, donated school supplies, and volunteered to help the children select their school items. It was a fun and very successful event because of you! If you know of a family that needs school supplies for their children, please call Mason Dixon and they will be glad to help.

A Senior Giveaway was held in August also. Each senior received a large bag of fresh vegetables and fruit. A group of volunteers delivered the bag to their house, so they did not need to go pick it up. Many seniors do not drive or have transportation.

Mason Dixon welcomes donations of canned and box food, fresh vegetables, and fruit. The next few weeks Emory will be collecting side dishes and canned corn.

On September 19 there will be a Food Pop-Up Giveaway for anyone in need of some extra food. There will be fresh fruit and vegetables along with meat. The location will be in Whiteford on Rt#165, in front of the old Whiteford Packing Company near the traffic light. Please share this information.

**CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER - STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Thank you for your continued support and donations.**

**All donations are welcome.**

## JOIN US ...

**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:**

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

**NURSERY: 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 [Galbreathjenifer74@gmail.com](mailto:Galbreathjenifer74@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!



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## MISSION STATEMENT

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