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### It Still Flows

Well, it's been a week since our world started changing in a very eerie sort of way...need I say it...coronavirus! We had been hearing about it, but if you were like me, I thought it was another flu bug that was getting a little blown out of proportion and it would soon settle down. But then last Friday, a week ago today, the governor announced schools would be shut down for two weeks, and shortly after he announced that restaurants, bars, gyms and movies would be closed as well. Now it's one thing to close schools for a little while and the gyms not going to bother me too much, but when you start closing up restaurants, hold on, that gets my attention!! So I thought I'd better pay a little more attention. This thing must be a little more serious than I thought. Then I started hearing how people were buying all the milk and toilet paper they could get their hands on. For a moment I thought I missed the weather forecast and a winter blizzard was on the way. But I started to realize people were getting all their supplies ready for a big shutdown in all the world. The world was going to change real big and real quick! And everyone was asking "What will we do?"



That evening I took notice of a most wonderful event. The moon had come up, still in the sky, hanging about  $\frac{3}{4}$  full like it always has. The next morning as I started out with the dogs, the most beautiful sunrise was rolling over the mountains down Howard Street, just like it always has been. Walking back from my walk with Burt and Lucy, I took note that all around my front porch and walk the buds on trees were popping out, and flowers of purple and yellow were starting to pop out of the earth, just like it has always been. All of this which means spring is still coming, just like always. Yes, I've seen all of this because I'm still walking the dog, just like always. It's amazing how when we're feeling

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Early Worship: Sunday 8:15 a.m.  
Worship: Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  
Fresh Start Contemporary Worship:  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

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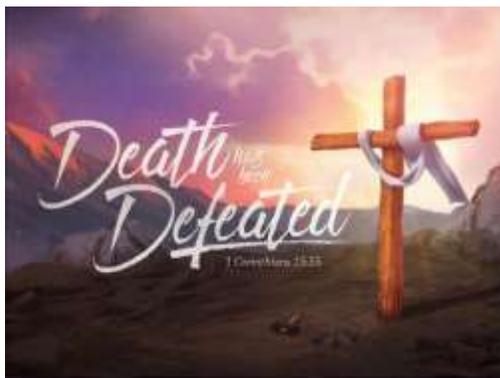
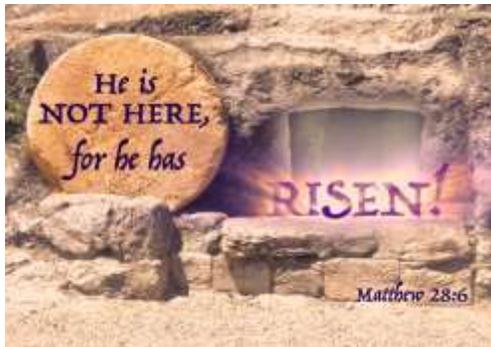
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like life is coming to an end, we are reminded that it still flows, because God still flows, just like He always has!

You know what, that's the simple message of Easter. Just when you think life is at its worst and where and what's going to come next, we are reminded that it still flows! We are reminded that the blood of Christ still flows to wash away the sin of the world. We are reminded that the grace of God still flows to redeem all of humankind and make us stronger than what this world could ever throw at us. We are reminded the love of God still flows through each one of us as we work and live to be Easter people with this message of hope and life. We are reminded that no matter what, it still flows!

In these most trying times in the world, even talk that the grand celebration of Easter be cancelled for now, don't forget...nothing changes Easter for the people of God, because we know God always still flows. Look for Easter wherever you go. Share it wherever you can. Yes, the world has changed, but God has not! His love, His grace, His mercy, His life to the full still flows, and as long as you let it flow through you, Easter still flows. And that's the message of Easter! So wherever we might be, here or there, we will still be celebrating Easter, because it always and forever still flows! Happy Easter!!



## United Methodist Men— Prophecy Zone

The COVID-19 virus has brought lots of changes to our lives these past few weeks. But do you know who never changes? JESUS!

Hebrews 13:8: says, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever." During this Easter season we celebrate the amazing life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. During His life on earth, Jesus celebrated the Passover.

The original Passover foreshadowed the amazing thing that happened: Jesus became OUR "Passover"! "For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed." (1 Corinthians: 5:7)

Join us to learn more on Saturday, April 4th, 2020, as our video teacher, Amir Tsarfati, teaches on "**THE PASSOVER LAMB**".

Hopefully we will be able to meet at 9:00am at The Railroad Junction Family Restaurant, but if not, we may meet at an alternative location. Please check the church website on the day before the meeting to look for details! And let's all be thankful for our unchanging Jesus!

by Dawn Gipe

*We want to remember those who  
have gone on before us:*

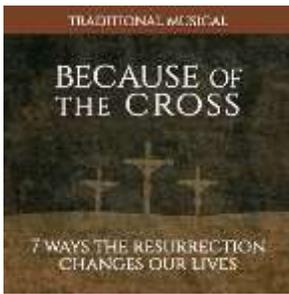
*Kathleen Rebock  
(February 20, 2020)*

*Please keep these families in your prayers.*

*A Note of Thanks...*

*Thank you to all of Emmanuel for your prayers, thoughts and cards during Bob's stay at Fahrney-Keedy. It is so helpful to know our church family remembers us in our difficult times.*

*Louise Wyant & family*



**“BECAUSE OF THE CROSS:  
7 WAYS THE RESURRECTION  
CHANGES OUR LIVES”**

story of Easter, this musical for Easter 2020 powerfully communicates—through song, scripture, and extended narrations—seven ways Christ’s death and resurrection radically transforms our lives.

**7 Ways the Resurrection Changes Our Lives:**

1. Our sin debt with God is paid in full at the cross.
2. We’re adopted into God’s family as sons and daughters of the King.
3. We’re transformed by the power of His Spirit.
4. We can experience wholeness of body, mind, and spirit.
5. We enjoy deep unity in love and worship with other believers.
6. We eagerly look forward to the new heaven and new earth.
7. We’re made enthusiastic ambassadors of this good news!

**“Christ Is Risen Indeed”** - Dennis Allen has crafted an upbeat, contemporary style anthem that celebrates the resurrection of Christ and all that comes with it! (Luke 24:4-6; Matthew 28:6; John 20:12-18)

**“Chosen”** - Richard Kingsmore celebrating the biblical truth that God chose us for salvation and that we must choose to accept His free gift of grace. (1 Samuel 3:9; Matthew 16:24; Romans 6:13; Romans 12:1, 1 Peter 2:9)

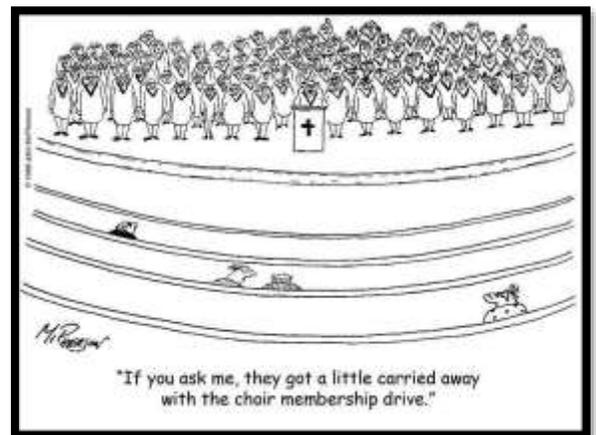
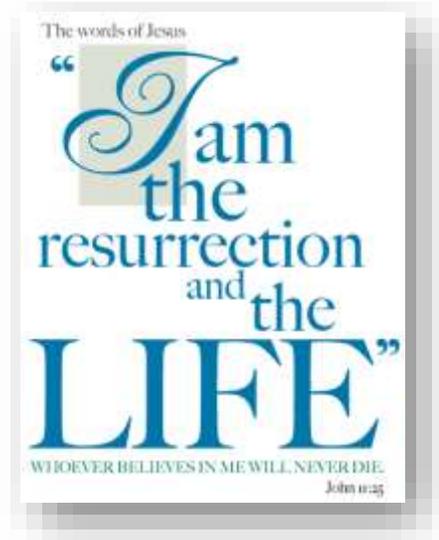
**“Family of Faith”** by Dave Williamson - This uplifting, light contemporary anthem celebrates the unity that comes from being adopted into God's family. (Psalm 55:14; Matthew 23:8; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:5-6; James 5:16)

**Alive! w/Jesus Christ Is Risen Today** by Dennis Allen - This lively anthem delivers an exuberant and worshipful response to Christ's resurrection and triumph over the grave. (Mark 16:6, 1 Peter 1:3)

Practices are being held on two Saturdays, April 4<sup>th</sup> & April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am. Please plan to join us in making this a very special event!

*Sing-cerely,  
David M. Miller*

(Call or text 301-471-4947 or dmiller4947@gmail.com)



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:

The Evangelism Committee continues to provide coordination for several important church functions. We are responsible for the Visitor Welcome Bags, Welcome Flags, Summit Avenue entrance bulletin board, Fellowship Snacks, and Summit Suppers, the monthly free community meal. Each of these areas are thriving because of the dedication and hard work of our team. All of our team members are involved in multiple church activities so we can always use extra hands. If you have any time to give and have a heart for spreading the Good News, please join us.

*Suzanne Van Nosedall, Chair*



### ELECTRONIC GIVING & ONLINE GIVING

Due to the experience of coronavirus, please consider signing up for automatic giving for tithing! With this, when crisis hits and we can't be together, you're tithing still comes to the church to help keep us going. We also are looking at online giving to NOTHING will stop the work of the church! Submit the form attached to this newsletter and we will get you hooked up from there. Thank you and God bless you!



### April Committee Meetings...

Mon, Apr 13 – Ad Board – 6:30pm

Mon, Apr 20 – Missions – 7:30pm

Stay tuned for alternate meeting arrangements.

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For those who can, please make an effort to download ZOOM and be familiar with it as we may be meeting that way in the future!



**The BWC Bishop has declared that all church buildings will be closed to gatherings until April 26. This will impact Holy Week Services and activities.**

**Check the church office, website, and Facebook page for alternative arrangements!**

Thursday, April 9 - Holy Thursday

Friday, April 10 – Good Friday

Saturday, April 11 – Kids' Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 12 – EASTER



# Announcements



## GOOD NEWS CLUB

is suspended while school is closed. The normal schedule is every Thursday @2:45pm at Emma K. Doub Elementary School.

## PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

Will not meet in April.

## PROPHECY ZONE, 1<sup>ST</sup> SAT. GROUP

Will not meet at Railroad Junction in April. Check the church office or website for any named alternate location. We are looking at today's events in the world and what the Bible has to say about these things.

## DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER

is Friday, Apr 17<sup>th</sup>. Committee Reports due for May are: *Lay Leadership, Memorials & Worship Design.*

## SUMMIT SUPPER & FRESH START

Will not be held in April according to the state and Bishop's building closure restriction.

## LIFE GROUP MEETINGS

Life Groups may not be meeting in April 2020. Please check the church office or website for up to the minutes details.

### Bread of Life Group

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30pm @Emmanuel  
Leaders: Dave & JoEllen Smith

### West Virginia Group

Meets every two weeks on Wednesdays at 5:30pm  
@Domino's  
Leaders: Donnie & Debbie Reid/June Meyer  
(Meeting weekly on Facebook.)

### Homewood Group

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 1pm  
Leader: Lillian Myers

If you are interested in joining a LIFE Group, please sign up at the LIFE Group table in the fellowship area.

Watch for  
weekly updates  
to our  
schedule.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL (currently suspended until April 26)

Children's Sunday School - after children's sermon.

**Adult Classes – 11:00 am**

### **Meridian Adult Class**

Topic: *Wilderness*

Teachers are: Dave Smith, Dick Snyder & Bruce Storms

All are welcome!

Meets in the room at the tops of the steps

### **Journey in Faith Adult Class**

Topic: *Unusual Healings* by Adam Thomas.

Pastor Randy and others will be leading the discussion.

All are welcome! Meets in the library

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**Scripture Lessons**

**Apr 5<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**

Matthew 21:1-11  
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)  
 Isa 50:4-9a  
 Philippians 2:5-11

**Apr 12<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday**

Acts 30:34-43  
 Psalm 16 (UMH 748)  
 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 John 20:19-31

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
 Psalm 16 (UMH 748)  
 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 John 20:19-31

**Apr 26<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)  
 1 Peter 1:17-23  
 Luke 24:13-35

**Our topic is:**

**Bible Study**



*12 Ordinary Men*  
 by John MacArthur

Come Thursday mornings at 8:30am.  
 You will be blessed!



**We don't want to miss anyone's birthday. If we have missed yours, it's because we do not have record of it. Please call the church office at 31-733-4720 to let us know. Thank you!!**

**April Volunteers**

**Greeters**

5 – Michael & Suzanne Van Nossdall  
 12 – Jack & Shelli Gest  
 19 – Bob & Ruth Rhoe  
 26 – Don & Joan Baer

**Announcers**

5 – Shirley Anders  
 12 – Philip Reid  
 19 – Dick Snyder  
 26 – Mike Botzan

**Projector**

5 – Amanda Manspeaker  
 12 – Courtney Peterson  
 19 – Mitch Mitchell  
 26 – James Peterson

**Altar**

5 – [Name]  
 12 – [Name]  
 19 – [Name]  
 26 – [Name]

**Lay Reader**

5 – Dick [Name]  
 12 – [Name]  
 19 – [Name]  
 26 – Team 4

**Acolytes**

5 – Sophia Dominick & Riley Alberding  
 12 – Isabella Delaney & Haylee Reese  
 19 – Tyler Chendikum & Kaeson Thompson  
 26 – Alex Daniels & Jazlyn Reese



**The Bishop has closed all church buildings through April 26.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**If you are unable to do your scheduled date, please switch with someone else and let the church office know. Thank you!**

**April Birthdays**

- 1 – Taylor Golden, Erik Rice
- 2 – Cindy Pope
- 5 – Josh Haymes, Ruth Rhoe
- 8 – Courtney Peterson
- 9 – Don Baer, Karen Dudley
- 10 – Bill Leonard, Nan Seeburger
- 11 – Danni Bussard
- 12 – Sharon Dominick
- 13 – Wesley Golden
- 14 – Savannah Plumadore, Marie Zeigler
- 17 – Josh Daniels, Eric Harrison, Randy Reid
- 18 – Elizabeth Alberding, Tony Dahbura, Caitlin Mertz
- 21 – Debbie Huntsberger
- 24 - Jim Bruchey
- 25 – Liam Fisher
- 27 – Edythe Rickard
- 28 – Todd Keplinger, Margaret Lowery

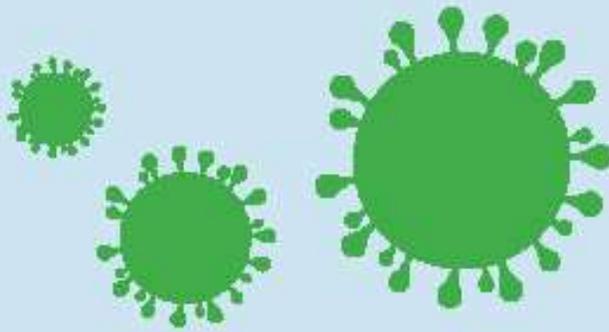


# Four Things You Need to Know CORONAVIRUS



## What is it?

The 2019 novel coronavirus infection, also known as **COVID-19**, is a respiratory infection caused by a new virus that was first identified in late 2019.



**Coronaviruses are common.** In fact, many ordinary colds are caused by coronaviruses.

COVID-19, identified in Wuhan, China in 2019, is actively being studied to determine how it is transmitted.

## How do I know if I have it?

The risk to the general public in the United States is considered low at this time.

People who have traveled in China, or who live in the same household or have had close contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19, are at highest risk.

Older adults and those with weakened immune systems are also at higher risk.



**Common symptoms** can include **fever, cough** and **shortness of breath**.

If you have symptoms and are at high risk, you should call your health care provider. Tell them about your symptoms and recent travel before visiting their office. This allows for infection prevention and control measures to be in place before your arrival.

## How do I protect myself?

While there is currently no vaccine, the best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 is similar to how you'd take precautions against the cold or flu.



**Avoid close contact with people who are sick**

**Cover your cough or sneeze**

**Wash your hands using soap and water for at least 20 seconds**

There is no need to wear a face mask if you are well and do not have any symptoms.

## What are experts doing?

Infectious diseases physicians, scientists and public health experts affiliated with the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization are working in several areas related to COVID-19, including:

- **Providing guidance** to hospitals and health care providers;
- **Working closely with local, state, national and global partners** to provide accurate information and clinical guidance;
- **Providing resources and expertise** to contain the outbreak;
- **Researching diagnostic tests** that may be able to better detect the disease;
- **Studying the spread of COVID-19** to better understand how to protect the public.

IDSA provides up-to-date information on its resource page: [COVID-19: What You Need to Know](#)

For more information visit [idsociety.org/covid-19](https://idsociety.org/covid-19)

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## YOUTH NEWS & PHOTOS

These photos were taken on Saturday, February 19th, at our Washington County Schools outreach. We went to South High, Emma K. Doub Elementary, E. Russell Hicks Middle, Antietam Academy and Washington County Technical High School. We are so proud of all the students that participated and we ended with a treat at McDonald's. We also have photos from the Nerf Wars Returns event from our March Outreach Activity! It is amazing to see how far the students are coming along! Some who have never been "churched" are so curious in learning about Jesus and how He can be Relevant in our lives!

We had a youth/adult meeting this month, discussing our missions ministry for this year! We can't wait to get the ball rolling with this! Be looking for our missions announcement next month (Mathew 28:19-20)!

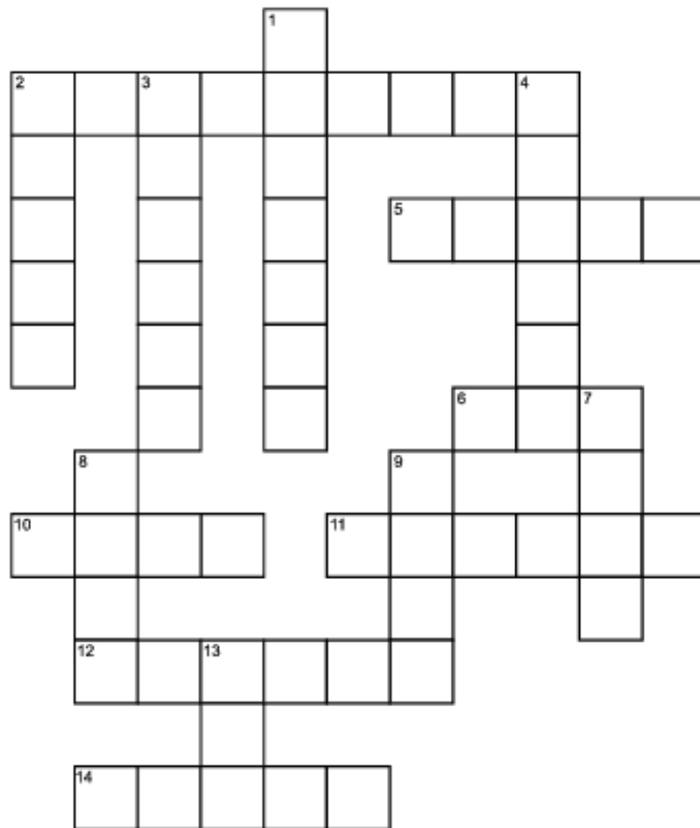
We thank everyone who has donated in any way or prayed for us! GOD IS SO GOOD! Thank you for supporting your Relevant Youth!

Thank you!  
Mandy Bussard  
*Every student matters!*



# KIDS CORNER

## Easter Crossword



### Across

- 2 - A mother duck keeps a close eye on her \_\_\_\_.
- 5 - Easter's month.
- 6 - Which came first, the chicken or the \_\_\_\_?
- 10 - A mother cow gives milk to her \_\_\_\_.
- 11 - Easter is always on this day of the week.
- 12 - Carry your Easter Eggs in a \_\_\_\_.
- 14 - The Easter \_\_\_\_ hops around the world and delivers presents.

### Down

- 1 - April showers bring May \_\_\_\_.
- 2 - Cows give milk for \_\_\_\_ products.
- 3 - A mother hen watches over her baby \_\_\_\_.
- 4 - Easter's season.
- 7 - A baby \_\_\_\_ is called a kid.
- 8 - A baby sheep is called a \_\_\_\_.
- 9 - In the backyard, the kids are having an Easter Egg \_\_\_\_.
- 13 - The \_\_\_\_ warms the earth and brings light to the world.



# PRAYER LIST

## Emmanuel UMC

Updated 3-27-20

(Names in bold have been added.)

Anderson, Andy (Rosalie Marlin)  
Baker, Sharyn  
Barnes, Ben  
Blosser, Dave  
Breedon, Jill (CB)  
Curtis, Paul (Barry Curtis' brother)  
Deibert, Mark  
Dick, Buddy (Mary White's brother)  
Dylan (Bruce Storms)  
Ergler, Maxine (cancer)  
Foster, Kathryn (Elizabeth  
Alberding's sister)  
Frank (brain tumor) (friend of  
Marlin's)  
Gardner, Deborah (Ben Marlin's  
daughter)  
Corombol, Chel (Leslie Phillips)  
Hahn, Lorelei (Edith Hahn's great  
granddaughter)  
Harris, Diana (Josie Dominick)  
Harsh, Katie  
Hice, Braelin (Lois Wolford)  
Hunter, Lillian (Dave Wade's sister)  
Ingram, Karen (friend of Barb  
McKee)  
Kidwell, Mona (ALS) (Donnie Reid)  
Lindeman, John  
Linebaugh, Gordon  
**Lucas, Baby Raylin**  
Maggie (Heather)  
Marecki, Chester  
Maushart, Chris (Barry Curtis)  
Maushart, Roberta (Barry Curtis)  
McKee, Barb  
Metz, Ronald (friend of Buck &  
Deb Cantler)  
Miller, Harmony Mae  
Miller, Penny  
Our United Methodist Church

Palm, Brad  
Pinieski, Allison (leukemia)  
Powell, Darryl  
Rauch, Jimmie  
Rauth, Jane  
Rebok, Kathleen (stroke)  
Reeder, Susan  
Rhoe, Ruth & Bob  
Richards, Linda (Melanie Clippinger  
& Cheryl Jennings' cousin)  
Rickard, Edythe  
Rohm, Clyde (Pat Reeder's great  
nephew)  
Ruth (friend of Dawn Gipe)  
Ruth, Kay  
**Semler, Harold**  
Shaffer, Caitlyn  
Shanholtz, Julie (Rachel Rice's  
niece)  
Sharon's brother (Allen)  
Shelton, Dave & Debbie (Linda Reed)  
Siler, Sr., George (cancer) (Donnie  
Reid)  
Speaker, Phyllis  
Speakman, Shirley (Ben Marlin's  
sister)  
Sutton, Elizabeth Hastings  
Tasker, Shawn  
Trovinger, Tommy  
Watts, Avery (Aly Phillips' friend)  
Wells, Rick & Lorraine  
Williams, Claire  
Williams, Michael  
Williams, Zoey  
Wolfe, Roy  
Wolford, Jeannette  
Wolford, Lois  
Wright, Anita  
Yeager, Jimmy (Larry Boward)

### REMEMBER OUR SENIOR CITIZENS:

Don Bowman  
Kitty Crone  
Les & Ardis Elliott  
Louise Horst  
Alma Kershner  
Joe & Lorraine Robeson  
Leonard & Pat Snodderly  
Ben Witt

### PRAY FOR OUR RELEVANT YOUTH

Riley, Adam, Holly, Ben, Danni, Jordan  
B., Tyler, Bella, Josie, Sophia, Kaleb,  
Korey, Diamond, Briana, Tina, Ona,  
Jonathan, Jordan P., Surfusa, Megan,  
Tyra, Diana & Lucas

Leaders: Mandy, Amanda, Katie,  
Connie, Dave S., Dave M., Sharon,  
Tomo & Barry

### PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Cpl. Ethan Boyd (nephew of Steve &  
Linda Toomey)  
Capt. Phillip Dudley  
Joshua L. Lyons  
Walter Paolino  
David M. Rawlings (Clarks' son)  
Nicholas Joseph Robeson  
Taylor Souders

*(Please let the church office know  
of any updates for prayer.)*

# April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Bishop <u>LaTrelle</u> Easterling directs churches throughout the BWC to refrain from gathering in their buildings through <u>Sunday, April 26</u>, because of the coronavirus pandemic crisis.</b></p> <p><b>Out of the building activities may continue.</b></p> <p><b>Please check the church Website and Facebook page for any updates throughout the month.</b></p>						
26 8:15am-Early Worship 9:30am-Sun. Worship 10:30am-Fellowship 10:45am-Sun. School	27  7:00pm-AA	28  6:30pm-Bread of Life Group @Emmanuel	29  6:30pm-Hospice Class (in Meridian Room)	30 8:00am-Prayer 8:30am-Bible Study  2:45pm-Good News Club 6:30pm-Lay Servant Class (Meridian Rm) 6:30pm-Relevant Youth		

# AUTHORIZATION FORM



Name of the organization: Emmanuel United Methodist Church

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	<b>ENVELOPE/DONOR #</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Effective date of authorization: ___/___/___ (We will start this program on April 1, 2014.)		
Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation		
Last Name		First Name
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Email Address		
<b>DATE OF FIRST DONATION:</b> ___/___/___	<b>FREQUENCY OF DONATION:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Monthly – 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FUNDS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial <input type="checkbox"/> Missions/Faith Promise <input type="checkbox"/> Communion <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <b>AMOUNTS:</b> \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ <b>Total \$ _____</b>
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<b>CHECKING / SAVINGS</b>	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below)	Routing Number: _____ Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3  Account Number: _____ 02100002389778111111111111111111 _____ Check Number _____ Account Number _____ Routing Number
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.  Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____	

*If using a checking account, please attach a voided check at the bottom of this page.*