Beltville Briefs

**Happenings at the First Baptist Church of Beltville**

The First Baptist Church of Beltville, 4700 Odell Road, Beltville, MD, invites you to its annual Noah’s Ark Party on Wednesday, October 26, from 7-8 pm. The party is for children ages pre-K through 6th grade. Come dressed as your favorite Noah’s Ark animal, but no scary costumes please.

The Mother’s Morning Out program continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 am. You can register your 2 or 3 year old for two mornings a week of learning, Bible stories, crafts, and playtime in a loving, Christian environment. Your child must be 2 or 3 years old by September 1, 2016. Potty training is not required. The registration fee is $80.00/child with low income fee of $40.00.

**Save the date for the St. Joseph Catholic Church Christmas Bazaar Returns to St. Joseph**

Save the date for the St. Joseph Catholic Church Christmas Bazaar Returns to Beltville on October 29 from noon to 4 pm. St. Joseph Catholic Church, 4700 Odell Road, Beltsville, MD, will be hosting an open house on October 29 from noon to 4 pm. The association will be holding an open house on October 29 from noon to 4 pm. The association will be holding an open house on October 29 from noon to 4 pm.

**Come Join the Pack—Cub Pack 1031**

Pack 1031 is off to a new year. On September 12, we held our Join Scouting Night at Beltville Academy. A great group of interested parents and boys showed up and learned about what Cub Scouting is all about. Current scouts and Boy Scouts taught the boys how to fold a flag and tie a square knot. The parents had an opportunity to talk to the leaders and find out what we will be doing this year.

At the end of August, returning scouts had a fun time at our annual Raingutter Regatta building boats from recycled water bottles. Now, we are ready to get back to regular den meetings! Each year, Pack 1031 leader and scout recruiting new scouts at Vansville Back-to-School Night.

**Honoring a Local Teacher**

It is always wonderful to hear about people who make a positive difference in the lives of those in our community. Sensei (Japanese for “teacher”) Ken Tamai was one of those people. In his life he filled many roles—son, brother, coworker, husband, father, grand-father, great-grandfather, teacher, mentor, and friend. He had a positive influence in the lives of hundreds of children, young adults, and mature adults not only in our Beltville Community but in a much broader scope. He was known for his compassion to help develop the character of those who participate in the sport. People often wonder what mark they will leave on the world when they are gone. Ken Tamai developed judo in this area for over 50 years. The legacy he left behind is all of the people he mentored and guided. He influenced thousands of people to become better citizens and developed character in all of them. Teachers are such wonderful gifts in our lives. Ken Tamai made a difference for so many of the people in this area.

Sensei Tamai loved doing and teaching the sport of judo. Throughout his life, he worked to help others understand all of the wonderful aspects of the sport. He believed that the aim of judo is to help develop the human character and to constantly improve oneself—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. He aimed to see each person not only grow and develop in life but to succeed in the support and exceed personal expectations.

The judo community comes together each year to honor his memory with the Ken Tamai Memorial Judo Championships held at DeMatha Catholic High School.

**Beltsville Designer Creates Entrance to a Haunted House**

Are you ready for Halloween? The entrance to Maryland’s scariest haunted house attraction was created by the Jay Williams Design Company in Beltsville. The owners, Charlene Dudek and Richard Blankenship, commissioned Jay to design and provide a very powerful visual display on their front entrance to the best haunted house in the DMV. Jay was given visual elements from their website, www.laurelnaunt.com. He developed the front entrance graphics on perfotrated material that fully displays the images from the outside, yet inside the view out is essentially clear except for a slight tinting.

Laurel’s House of Horror was built inside of the abandoned movie theater in Laurel and opened for its third season Friday, September 23, 2016, and continues on page 14.

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Beltsville Adventist Church Responds to Police Request: “We’d Like a Place Where Officers Can Unwind”

Six months of work and promise culminated Sunday, September 10, with the grand opening of a courtyard for Beltsville Police Precinct #6.

The police invited members of the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church who built the patio for the police as a gift to express the church’s appreciation for the police officers’ faithful service.

The story began back in April. The Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church invited police to the church so that they could pray for them.

“We wanted to say ‘thank you’ for their service to our community, but we also wanted to pray for their safety,” said Pastor Tim Madding.

The church also asked if there was something more tangible members could do to help the police. (“As if there’s anything more tangible than prayer,” Pastor Madding quipped.)

The request was for help in creating a courtyard where officers could unwind from the stresses of their job. The precinct had space behind the police station, but it didn’t have the time, expertise, or funds to build the courtyard.

The church responded with a plan that included picnic tables, a grill, a walkway built in the shape of a cross, and flower beds. Members from the church volunteered and recruited others from the Filipino American Adventist Church and the Beltsville Police Explorers group to help finish the project.

More than 50 people cleared overgrowth, dug out excess dirt, moved underground electrical wire, chopped out tree roots, brought in pressure-treated lumber, made picnic tables, installed a grill, and planted flowers.

And the volunteers tackled the biggest task of all—digging out, leveling, and putting in pavers for the cross-shaped walkway.

Church leaders thought the project might get done in one weekend of work. (Adventist volunteers worked on Sunday because they worship on Saturdays.) But the Sunday in April needed an added Sunday in May and then an added Sunday in June.

The September picnic marked the official opening of the courtyard, but the grill showed signs of use before the official opening. Several officers talked about having used the courtyard and expressed their thanks for the new spot that lets them get away from the stress of the job.

Claudio Consuegra is a member of the Beltsville Adventist Church and a chaplain for Prince George’s County Police. He was instrumental in the genesis of the project and said that even a few minutes’ break in a quiet place can help officers refocus.

The church also distributes thank you notes—and homemade cookies—to both the police and fire stations at Thanksgiving each year as part of the church’s ongoing community involvement.

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be casting a vote to expand the county council from the current 9 council districts. There is a ballot question that would allow for 2 additional at-large members for the County Council. Will residents be better served by the addition of two at-large council members? Is it worth the additional salaries that would have to be paid to the at-large members and their office support staff? These are just a couple of questions to consider.

I’m sure Beltsville residents can come up with others. We will be discussing the pros and cons of this ballot question at our October meeting. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor to the October meeting.

If you have a community question or concern, please contact me at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com. If you would like to receive updates from the police department, sign up on Nextdoor.com.
Come Celebrate Diversity at Emmanuel UMC

By Pastor Jacob Young, Ph.D.

In July 2014, I moved to Beltsville, MD, because I was appointed to Emmanuel United Methodist Church. My first impression of the Beltsville community was that it was diverse in terms of race, culture, and ethnicity. Each time I go to Costco, I am always mesmerized by the variety of people. I credit the beauty of the diversity to God’s creation. I believe that I also contribute to the beauty of the diversity in the community as a Korean immigrant. My skin color and Korean roots help contribute to the community’s diversity.

The church I am currently serving is also diverse racially, culturally, and ethnically. In the church, I have been celebrating diversity in various ways. First, as the church commemorates World Communion Sunday in October every year, I have been serving Holy Communion with different kinds of bread such as Jewish bread called Matzo and Korean bread called rainbow bread to symbolize diversity in the church and community. Also, the church has encouraged church members to read the scriptures in their native languages. It symbolizes the oneness in faith despite our different cultures and ethnicities.

In December 2015, I invited some Korean friends to participate in a Korean culture awareness Sunday. They served Korean food and introduced some Korean culture to the church members. Everyone involved enjoyed these special events.

For a couple of years, the church has been thinking about a fun event to celebrate diversity together in the community beyond our church. We have decided to have a multicultural food festival on Sunday, October 9, at 12:15 pm. It is geared to the celebration of multiple cultures and ethnicities in the Beltsville community. Each individual or family is asked to bring traditional food from their family and culture.

As part of the Beltsville community, we at Emmanuel would like to invite all of you to participate as well. If you are able, bring a dish, but if you aren’t, don’t let that stop you. All Beltsville residents are welcome at our table. Drinks will be provided by the church. Emmanuel is located at 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705. Contact us at 301.937.7114 or office@emmanuelbeltsville.com. The church and I are looking forward to celebrating our diversity together. I will continue to pray for the well-being, safety, and good quality of life of all residents in the Beltsville community.

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School in Hyattsville at the end of October. This event draws hundreds of people from New York to South Carolina. The event honors his memory and legacy in the sport. It also honors other local teachers for their contributions and inspirational lives.

Mr. Tamai was noted for his love of his family, all people he met, the sport of judo, and his trademark cigars. He was also often remembered for his smile and laugh, his Hawaiian shirts, his zoviz (flip flops), and his aroma of cigars. He gave of himself, in his own loving way, to guide us and to teach us. He became a mentor and friend to so many people. He was respected and loved by all the people he knew. I hope that each of you will celebrate his life and cherish fond memories of him.

He started his own club, Hui-O-Judo, which is Hawaiian meaning “club of judo,” in Berwyn Heights, Maryland, in 1968 as a family dojo (a place to practice judo) to teach both competitive and recreational judo to students of all ages (juniors and seniors, ages 5 and older). Sensei Tamai taught judo for the development of the overall student. His philosophy was about teaching the basics, doing them well, and helping others to learn.

Although Sensei Tamai passed away in 2004, his legacy continues in our local Beltsville community. Judo is practiced at the Beltsville Community Center, located at 3900 Sellman Road, every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 9 pm. There are classes offered for beginning, intermediate, and advanced students. It is a family-oriented activity that promotes physical fitness, fun, and character-building. The cost is a reasonable $15 per month for children and $20 for youth and adults.

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October Is Audiology Awareness Month

By Dr. Kathy Mellott, Audiologist, Audiology Unlimited/College Park Hearing Service

Hearing loss affects 50 million Americans today. Although hearing problems are commonly associated with the normal aging process, more than half of all hearing-impaired people are younger than 65. With the increased use of personal music players (MP3s) and earbuds, the number of Americans experiencing hearing loss at a younger age is growing. On average, most Americans consider hearing loss a condition that is simply associated with aging and don’t know how to recognize the condition or the person who is qualified to diagnose and treat the condition. In an effort to raise public awareness about the growing number of Americans suffering from hearing loss, the American Academy of Audiology in conjunction with local audiologists is celebrating Audiology Awareness Month this October.

As part of Audiology Awareness Month, the American Academy of Audiology is encouraging consumers to be more aware of their hearing health. Hearing loss can be caused by exposure to loud noises; ear infections, trauma, or ear disease; harm to the inner ear and ear drum; illness or certain medications; and deterioration due to the normal aging process.

An audiologist is a highly educated and clinically experienced healthcare professional who specializes in evaluating, diagnosing, and treating people with hearing loss and balance disorders. Hearing loss can affect patients of all ages—newborns, infants, babies, toddlers, children, teens, adults, and the elderly.

You may have a problem with your hearing and need to see an audiologist if you have trouble hearing a conversation in a noisy environment such as a restaurant, are unable to hear people talk to you without looking at them, or have a constant ringing or pain in your ears.

The first step in treating a hearing problem is a hearing evaluation by an audiologist. Audiologists have a variety of specialties that include, but not limited to, performing hearing evaluations on newborns and infants, prescribing and fitting hearing aids, designing and implementing hearing conservation programs, and providing hearing rehabilitation training.

Although most hearing loss is permanent, some can be reversible. An audiologist can determine the best treatment, which may include hearing aids, assistive listening devices, and hearing rehabilitation. Free hearing screenings will be conducted at College Park Hearing Service, 7305 Baltimore Ave, #202, College Park, MD 20740 on Thursday afternoons during October. Call 301.277.2100 for more information.

Meet the Little “Gem” Called Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center

By Laura Martinez, Parent Engagement Assistant

Did you see the speed camera on Cherry Hill Road? You know the one that is right after Powder Mill Road towards College Park? Near it, as you are driving along near it, as you are driving along Mill Road towards College Park? The one that is right after Powder Mill Road towards College Park? The one that is right after Powder Mill Road towards College Park? The one that is right after Powder Mill Road towards College Park? The one that is right after Powder Mill Road towards College Park? The one that is right after Powder Mill Road towards College Park? The one that is right after Powder Mill Road towards College Park? The one that is right after Powder Mill Road towards College Park? Now that you know where it is, you can hear the sound of children’s singing or laughing, whether it is from music classes, our school, or the community who are 2 and 3 years of age. We are also the home for pre-K students living within the boundaries of Cherokee Lane Elementary and Spring Hill Lake Elementary. We take the overflow of students for pre-K who are from Calverton Elementary and Beltsville Academy boundaries once our children love exploring the building and the literacy garden. Our gardens provide plenty of shade, and often during the warmer months, you can hear the sound of children’s singing or laughing, whether it is from music classes, art classes, or physical education. All of this combined helps us give the children a rich learning environment.

In addition, our school population is very diverse. We honor our school, and see all the great diversity by providing resources to best accommodate our families. Examples include our English and Spanish Literacy Nights and our Parent Academies. These are designed to help teach parents strategies for improving literacy and learning other pre-academic skills.

Our school’s staff may be rare with several teachers and para-educators speaking more than one language. This helps facilitate communication during workshops, parent-teacher conferences, or any time a parent has a concern. Our family and teacher partnerships are very important to us. Each month, we have a curriculum theme throughout the school. Teachers read the book ask questions and send home activities to do at home for enrichment purposes. Through our media center, music program, and adapted physical education programs, we often combine music and storytelling with a gross motor activity. The combined effort of parents and staff members is then showcased during our culminating activities. The first of these will be on September 29. We will be reading aloud Pete the Cat. This will be a live show where the students will follow along with a book while some of our staff members act out the story.

Working at an early childhood center, we make sure that our parents feel comfortable leaving their little ones with us. We are the first step in setting the tone in their children’s educational journey.

So the next time you are driving down Cherry Hill Road, please slow down for the camera, visit our school, and see all the great things that are happening here!
Obituaries

Harold Eugene Morris, 90

Harold Eugene Morris, 90, of Flintstone, MD, passed away Wednesday, August 31, at Gilchrist Hospice Care, Columbia, MD.

Born January 23, 1926, in Flintstone Creek, MD, Mr. Morris was the son of the late McKinley Morris and Nellie (Keptinger) Morris. He was also preceded in death by two brothers: Ulysses and Dwayne Morris; and three sisters: Griscilda Hill, Arvella Morris, and Cora Shanholz.

A graduate of Flintstone High School, class of 1947, Harold also completed a bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland and a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) certificate from Bryn Mawr College. He was a veteran of Korean War, serving in the United States Army, and retired from Southwestern Life Insurance Company. Harold was a member of the LaVale United Methodist Church and, for 55 years, was a member of Lions Clubs International, in which he was very active and held many offices. Harold was the recipient of the Melvin Jones Award and the Man of the Year Award. While living in Beltsville, MD, Harold was very prominent in the Beltsville Boys Club. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved square dancing. He and his wife, Jerry, spent their winters in Florida for the last 23 years.

Harold is survived by his wife of 66 years, Geraldine (Hartley) Morris; his sons: Sheldon Morris of Columbia, MD; Dale Morris and wife, Tracy, Laurel, MD; and Kevin Morris and wife, Kathleen, Beltsville, MD; and his daughter: Karen Sawyer and husband, Mark, Laytonsville, MD. He also leaves behind his brother: Dwight Morris, Clearville, PA; one grandchild; one great grandson; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD, (www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com) on Wednesday, September 7, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. The LaVale Lions Club held a service at 7:00 pm. A funeral service was conducted at the LaVale United Methodist Church on Thursday, September 8, at 11:00 am, with Reverend Frankie Revell and Reverend Bernadette Ross officiating.

Interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap. Harold’s grandsons served as pallbearers. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Post #13 Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the LaVale Lions Club, Post Office Box 3235, LaVale, MD 21502; LaVale United Methodist Church, 565 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; or Gilchrist Hospice Care, 6336 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044.

Harold Eugene Morris

Greater Beltsville Business Association (GBBA)

On October 19 from 7:30 to 9 am, the GBBA will welcome Jim Coleman, CEO of Prince George’s County’s Economic Development Corp (EDC), and his team. They will be speak about the opportunities and benefits of partnering with EDC as well as share upcoming news and announcements regarding economic development in the county.

For those who are not familiar with EDC, it provides business services that help attract, retain, and expand businesses, create high-quality jobs, and expand our county’s commercial tax base.

Mr. Coleman’s previous visit was very informative and exciting and resulted in a lot of energy in the room! Please join us for this event and bring your business cards! This is a free, sponsored event including a continental breakfast! All are welcome to attend.

GBBA’s monthly breakfast meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7:30 am until 9 am at the Cross Creek Golf Club, located at 12900 Bay Hill Dr. (off Old Gunpowder Rd.), Beltsville, MD 20705. To view more details as well as find our contact information, visit our website: http://beltsvillebusiness.com.

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Vote Early! Avoid Election Day Lines
You don’t have to wait until November 8 to vote. You can vote at an early voting center located at the College Park Community Center or the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center from Thursday, October 27, through Thursday, November 3, from 8 am until 8 pm.

Ways to Pay for College
Last month, Maryland Public Television aired a one-hour program entitled Ways to Pay for College, and it is now available to watch online at www.mpt.org/college. The program guides viewers through important financial aid and college preparation information such as new financial aid updates, state and federal financial aid programs, and best preparation practices for college and career success.

Beware of Recent Phone Call Scams
The Maryland Attorney General’s (AG) office reports that consumers have received phone calls that advise they have a state or federal case pending against them and that they must respond immediately. These calls are scams.

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Good Knight Child Empowerment Network
Benefits from Locally Owned Mr. Handyman
As part of the National Day of Service on Friday, September 9, technicians from Mr. Handyman of Anne Arundel & NE PG donated 60 hours of repair and maintenance jobs at the Good Knight Kingdom.

Mr. Handyman’s volunteer staff, made up of the franchise owner, three staff, two technicians, and four vans, visited the Beltsville-based Good Knight Child Empowerment Network and offered their professional services to help with multiple exhibits at the Good Knight Castle Museum. The Good Knight Child Empowerment Network is a volunteer organization dedicated to protecting the innocent through programs designed to develop character, teach conflict resolution, prevent bullying, and enhance critical thinking and general life skills.

This project is an example of a national effort by Mr. Handyman where technicians from coast to coast are encouraged to reach out to a special local charity, organization, or individual in need to offer their services in fixing up living areas, kitchens, bathrooms, or anything else that comes to mind. All projects took place during the month of September in honor of the 15th anniversary of 9/11.

This marks the eighth consecutive year Mr. Handyman has rallied around the cause, donating a combined 5,600 hours of labor to groups in need over the past seven years. The franchise will use its skilled technicians’ time this year with local fire stations and other groups in the hopes of building on past efforts.
We are back to our series on TV and the computer. This is part four of the series, and this month we will look at Media Center software with an emphasis on personal video recording or PVR software. Media Center software helps you organize your media and allows the media to be stored on a single computer and shared with all of the computers on your network. Many of these applications are aware of devices like Roku and AppleTV and can use them to stream your media to your TV. They can also connect to your streaming services providing access to Netflix and Hulu, for example, without using a streaming box. A common component or add-on for Media Center software is the personal video recorder. This application allows you to record programs from your TV signal so they can be stored and watched later. It’s like building your own TiVo or digital video recorder without needing to pay monthly fees.

Electronic Program Guide

First, let’s discuss electronic program guide applications (EPG). An EPG provides information about what will be showing on various TV channels for some period of time, often 14 days. Some software like Windows Media Center includes a free subscription to an EPG. Others allow you to enter the information yourself (very tedious) or subscribe to a service to get this information from you. The most common EPG service for free with limited budgets (as opposed to large corporations) is Schedules Direct [http://www.scheduledirect.org/]. It will provide you with your full TV listing as a service for $25 per year. The company is nonprofit, and the $25 reflects some of the costs of providing the service. The subscriptions are limited to individuals and not companies. If you decide to install Media Center software that does not include an EPG by default, you should check out Schedules Direct.

Ten-Foot View User Interface

All of the software discussed in this article uses what is often called the 10-foot view user interface. Ten-foot view is a term that describes how the user interacts with the software. The user interacts with the software through a graphical user interface (GUI). This means that the user interface is designed so it can be viewed from 10 feet away and controlled remotely. The software often supports remote control devices in addition to an optional keyboard and mouse. Some television sets have a built-in control channel through the HDMI interface. This is known as HDMI-CEC.

Windows Media Center

Windows Media Center (WMC) is software that Microsoft formerly provided with Windows Vista and most versions of Windows 7. It could also be purchased for Windows 8, but it is not available for Windows 10. That is unfortunate because it is currently the only software that allows you to record pay TV channels like HBO if you have a tuner that supports the CableCARD standard discussed in part 3. WMC can stream to other devices like the XBox, so your computer does not need to be connected directly to your TV. WMC stores recordings in a proprietary file format with a .wtv file extension. Recordings of shows on channels that are protected by your cable company can only be played or streamed from the computer on which they were recorded. Other recordings can easily be converted to a more standard format and played on devices like your phone or tablet. WMC also includes a program guide that is updated daily with the next 14 days of programming.

Kodi—Formerly XBMC

Kodi is the current name for a free and open source media center application that used to be known as “XBox Media Center” or “XBMC.” Kodi runs on many devices including Windows, Linux, and even a Raspberry Pi (which we discussed in an earlier article). There are also devices made specifically to run Kodi. Kodi has a large number of plug-ins including several modules that support watching and recording live TV. I have used Kodi combined with an HDPMax Prime and a Raspberry Pi to watch cable TV on a television that does not have a cable box attached. Configuring Kodi to watch live TV is easy; however, configuring it as a PVR is a greater challenge. Like a Roku box, Kodi plug-ins can provide access to a large number of Internet media sites.

Plex

Plex was a spin-off from Kodi. Like WMC, Plex organizes your media and streams it to various devices acting as Plex clients on your network. Plex will even stream your media to a channel on your Roku or to your phone or tablet while you are traveling. Plex can be downloaded free, but additional features including a PVR application are available by subscribing to the Plex service for $4.99 per month, $39.99 per year, or $149.99 for a lifetime subscription. Included in the subscription is an electronic program guide (EPG), which allows you to view what is on TV for the next 14 days.

NextPVR

NextPVR is a free PVR application for Windows. This is primarily a PVR and live TV viewing application and not a media center. It does integrate with Kodi if you want a full media center. It is ideal for those who simply want to watch and record TV. It does not include an EPG but does integrate with Schedules Direct. In my experience, it is very simple to install and use.

Wrap Up

That’s all for this month: we are out of room. There are many other applications out there. If you are a Linux user, take a look at MythTV. If you have a Silicone Dust product like HDHomeRun, visit its site and look at the PVR they are building to replace WMC (currently priced at $60). MediaPortal [http://www.teammediaportal.com] is another open source Media Center for Windows, but currently only supports Windows 7 and 8 (not 10).
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Bazaar on Saturday, November 12, from 10 am to 4 pm. Come and enjoy our many booths and activities including attic treasures, baked goods, book nook, cake-walk, crafts, dip and win, face painting, gift wheel, holiday and regifting items, jewelry, kid’s fun and games, Nevada cards, pictures with Santa, plants, popcorn, nachos and drinks, raffles, religious articles, Santa’s secret shop, tea room, teen arcade, and turkey raffle.

Lunch will be served during the day, followed by a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Sanctuary at Holy Cross from 6 to 7:30 pm. Dinner will include a salad, spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, a dessert, and a beverage. The price is $8.00 for adults, $5.00 for children 4-11 years old, and $7.00 for those 3 years and under. For free for those 3 years and under.

The center also offers emergency help with food, housing, and other needs. It offers longer range help with job search and job-seeking skills, and it launched a counseling service this fall. The center is open from 9 am to noon on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church Youth Group Hosts Community Halloween Party

The Youth Group of Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be hosting a community Halloween party for children from pre-kindergarten to 6th grade on Sunday, October 30, from 6–8 pm. There will be games, prizes, a costume contest, food, and more! The youth would like you and your family to join them for this fun and friendly event. Emmanuel is located at 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705. For more information, contact the church office@eumcheltsville.com or 301.937.7114.

Trunk-or-Treat Held Again This Year at Emmanuel UMC

Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be holding its annual trunk-or-treat this year on Monday, October 31, from 6:30–7:30 pm. During this time, children in the Beltsville area will be able to visit our parking lot and enjoy games, prizes, and more! For more information, please contact the church office at 301.937.7114.

Love in Our Lives
By Joseph Martinez

Many times, we need help and seek help. We ask people for help and pray to God to help us. But it is selfishness because we only are thinking of ourselves. We have to think of us—it is ok—but we should not forget to think of our neighbors. You need help, but do you know if your relatives and neighbors need help too and you are able to help them? If yes, why don’t you help them?

You pray to God for help, but do you pray for your relatives and neighbors too? If not, why don’t you begin to pray for them?

You need help, but you need to help too. Don’t just seek help for yourself but also seek help for other people too. God can help us, but God can give us opportunities to help other people. If we only seek help for ourselves, we just love ourselves. If we help other people, we love as Jesus Christ teaches us: “And the second command is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39).

“Love” is not just a word that we speak but also good works that we do for our brothers and sisters: This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:16-18

When you help your neighbors, you love them and love God. When you don’t help your neighbors, you have to ask to yourself if the love of God is in you because if you don’t love your neighbors, you don’t love God too.

We love because He first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love his brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. 1 John 4:19-21

Do you love God? If yes, you must love your neighbors too. Do you love your neighbors? If yes, you must help them when they need help. The love of God is with you when you help your neighbors and care about them. God is helping you when you help your neighbors and do everything for them. God wants us to love one another and help one another. If we do it, we obey all the commandments of God: “For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” Galatians 5:14. Can you do it?

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October Happenings at the College Park Moose Lodge

Join us on Sunday, October 9, for the all-you-can-eat crab feast from 2-5 pm. In addition to crabs, there will be crab soup, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, cold cuts, and corn on the cob. You can also play some games of chance including a 50/50 raffle. Purchase your tickets at the lodge prior to October 3, and the price is $40; after October 3, the price increases to $45.

The following Saturday, October 15, we will be hosting Nash-ville country singer Chad Reinert. Come out and listen to Chad sing his #1 hit “Don’t Take Her (She’s All I’ve Got”) and more. There will be food available to purchase between 6 and 7:30 pm, and the show begins at 8. Tickets are $25 per person.

On Saturday, October 29, we will hold a Halloween bash from 6-11 pm. Come have a fun evening and celebrate Halloween with live music featuring Tommy Edward and his wonderful national traveling Rod Stewart tribute show band playing Rod Stewart music as well as an array of other songs. Costumes are encouraged, but not necessary, and prizes will be awarded. Tickets include a full dinner with dessert for only $25 per person from 6-7:15 pm. The music begins at 8. You won’t want to miss this special event!

Following our Halloween Bash will be our traditional turkey dinner on Friday, November 4, from 6-7:30pm. This event is sponsored by the Women of the Moosé’s Higher Degree committee. There will be homemade food like grandma used to make. The menu includes turkey, real mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, and desserts. Tickets are only $10 per person. Don’t miss this great deal!

All of these events are open to the public. Tickets can be purchased at the College Park Moose Lodge, 3700 Metzerott Road, College Park, MD. For further information, please call 301.935.5525.

The Beltsville Garden Club

The September 1 meeting of the Beltsville Young at Heart Club was canceled by President Joan Pope. Gladyis Brown, Joan Lew-is, Rita McLaughlin, Ray Nagle, and Helen Speiser were wished a very happy birthday. Plans for the Thanksgiving luncheon were discussed. Lois Hamilton asked for a planning committee and said she has a band called Good Measures to play at the luncheon on November 17. Our guest at the meeting, Karen Hensley from the Greenbelt Senior Center, taught us Ageless Grace: How to Exercise in Your Senior Years. Everyone enjoyed it. We will have a guest duet in October called Night and Day. It sounds interesting. To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides.

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MONTPELIER MANSION & ART CENTER
9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20706. Phone: 301.377.7817. TTY: 301.699.2544. E-mail: montpelierman- son@pgparks.com. Contact the Art Center at 301.377.7800 regarding art and photography classes. Self-guided tours of the mansion: Thur. – Tue. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: $5/adults, $4/seniors, $2/children ages 5 – 18, free/ages 4 and under. The mansion is closed on Wednesdays. The grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year and access is free of charge.

TALES FROM THE DEARLY DEPARTED TALK AND TOUR
Sat., Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Hear ghostly tales, then take a candlelit tour of Montréal...if you dare! Storyteller Jane Dorfman's program: Vampires and Witches Comes Early. Includes seasonally frightening stories, folk tales, and legends for Halloween. Seating is limited. Ages: 18 and up. Cost: Advance sales $7/members, $12/non-members. Price at the door is $10/members. $15/non-members.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM
1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., Col- lege Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except for major holidays. Cost: $4/adults, $3/seniors, $2/children, free/age 1 and under. Please visit CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com for more information and events.

HOMESCHOOL DAY
Tue., Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Home-schooling students and their parents are invited to the museum for a day of aviation history. Students will participate in hands-on learning with primary sources and will have the opportunity to meet a pilot. Cost: $5/person. Ages: 7 – 17.

LAUREL–BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. Phone: 301.206.3380. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday. Contact the center regarding classes and events for September. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB
Friendship Club regular office hours are Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone: 301.206.3380. The monthly meeting will take place on Wed., Oct. 12 at 10:30 a.m. An update of our currently scheduled trips for 2016, will be given, and a special musical program will be provided by the Seasoned Players called No Business Like Show Business. Members are invited to bring live animal displays, children's crafts, tram tours, research exhibits, and behind-the-scenes tours of the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to see endangered whooping cranes and much more. Refreshments are available for purchase. Tours are limited; tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the event.

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THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)
The library is free and open to the public and parking is free. Hours of operation: Mon. – Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10301 Balti- more Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/USDA_NAL. For more information.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS ASSOC. MEETING
October 19 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Ave. Please plan to attend.

SAVE THE DATE: THE SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL IS COMING
The festival will take place Sat., Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At St. Gregory of Nysa Byzantine Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Rd. Spur in Beltsville. The annual festival will feature Slavic food, a bake sale, and a raffle. Eastern European foods will include pinchu, holupki, halushiki, and kobasni with sauerkraut. All food will be available for eat in or carry out. Our bake sale will offer kolachi and a wide variety of homemade goodies. Admission and parking are free. For details call 301.352.4343 or go to www.stgregorybynysa.org.

BELNKE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTER
11300 Baltimore Ave. Please call 301.977.1100, ext. 0 or see Belnikes.com for more information and events.

68th ANNUAL NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHID SOCIETY FALL ORCHID SHOW AND SALE
The event covers three days: Sat., Oct. 8 through Mon., Oct. 10. The orchid show and lectures are free and open to the general public. Call Belnike's regarding specific times for events or visit www.nccos.us for more informa- tion. Plan to visit, bring friends, see thousands. Students of unique orchid plants in bloom, partake in our educational lectures, visit our sales area with top-quality vendors for plant and supply sales, unique orchid-themed gifts, and much more. Fall is one of the best blooming seasons for orchids in the greater Washington DC area, so come prepared for a wonderful selection of orchids to see and buy.

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
CHESS CLUB
Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Drop in to learn to play or improve your game. All ages welcome.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES
Tuesdays at 7 p.m., repeated on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

READY TO READ TODDLER STORYTIME
Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 5.

STEM FOR FAMILIES
Wednesday, October 5, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Learn about water samples from a specialist. Ages 5 – 12.

TALL WAGGIN’ TUTOR
Sat., Oct. 15 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Children read to a dog. Ages 5 – 12. For information, call or visit the Branch.

LEAF RUBBINGS AND THE BENEFIT OF TREES
Sat., October 15 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. This craft program will be pres- ented by the Master Gardeners of Prince George’s County.

SPOOKY MOVIE NIGHT
See Hotel Transylvania on Mon., Oct. 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join us for a fun, frightening family flick. All ages welcome.

JOB FAIR
Wed., Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come meet potential employers at our job fair! Bring your resumes.

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YOUNG AT HEART CLUB
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STRATEGY GAME CLUB
Mondays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy board games, strategy games, and tons of fun. All skill levels welcome. Any game can be played as well as brought to the club to be played. Free. All ages.

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Baker Bill @ Riderwood!

Boy oh boy, the months go by quickly. I want to speak to all persons that go “Yuk!” when they hear “fruitcake.” Yeah, I know the stuff you get at Christmastime that comes from the barbershop needs improvement. So what follows is a great fruitcake recipe; it’s sweet and tasty. Start by purchasing a 1-pound cup of fruit, the kind for fruitcake at the store. When you get home, soak the fruit in hot water and wash all that goo off. It looks like sugar, but it is not. It’s sulfur-based to keep the fruit from spoiling. So here we go!

Mix 1/2 cup sugar
1 cup flour (any)
1 teaspoon baking powder
pinch of salt
Stir in 2 ounces (1/4 cup) milk
1 egg (put in with milk)
Mix well with hand mixer or whisk
Now add 1/4 cup oil (any)
The batter is made! Wasn’t that easy?
Mix in the soaked fruit and 1/2 cup nuts (pecans are best)
Coat everything with the batter and add flavor. I like rum flavor.
Bake in a cool oven at 350 degrees for 1 hour until there are no wet spots.

Come on now, don’t let the taste of the cheap fruitcakes turn you off. Remember: soaking the fruit is the key to good flavor. You can also find the recipe on my web page, www.bakerbill.net. Click on “recipes.” A quick note if you click on “recipes” on bakerbill.net: to print out a recipe, be sure you click this page only, or you will print all 49 recipes. Trust me, I know all too well. Next month, I’ll teach you about no spread cookies made with butter.

Everything is well here at Riderwood; the busses run on time and all day till 10 pm. The meals are good and plentiful plus all you can eat. Tonight, I’m going to a country show. Riderwood has a lot of shows, many free. We only have to pay $5.00 for other shows, and all are top-of-the-line. All in all, I’m happy here. So long for this month. Write me bill@bakerbill.net.

Bill Raulin aka Baker Bill

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the community and their guardians are invited to trick-or-treat cars parked safely in the church parking lot behind the church. Community members are encouraged to decorate their cars and pass out candy.

Trunk-or-treat was started in 2001 after the sniper attacks began around DC. During that terrifying time, children were not allowed to go out during recess, and many parents kept them inside once they got home. The members of Emmanuel felt that, with the safety of their parking lot in the back behind their buildings, they could provide an opportunity for the children to trick-or-treat safely. Each year, more children and their families come out and participate. The church community loves seeing the children in their costumes.

If you would like to hand out candy, please park your car between 5:45 and 6:15. From 6:30 until 7:30, the church asks that you don’t leave to ensure the safety of the trunk-or-treaters. The members of Emmanuel hope to see you and your family this Halloween!
the pack has activities such as camping, hiking, stomp rockets, popcorn sales, the annual pine-wood derby, and campfires. We will also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. We learn responsibility, play games, and have tons of fun.

If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your son, please contact Regina Halper through www.BeAScout.org—just put in your zip code and look for Cub Pack 1031.

First to fifth graders are welcome to come check out the pack, and new this year, kindergarteners can join a new Lion Den with their parent partner. Lions will meet twice a month: one meeting and one outing. It is a parent-child program. Pack 1031 is always looking for parents who want to be involved in leading the Cub Scouts.

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will close after November. This year’s haunt offers more sensory overload and a chilling sense of anticipation and fear with several new exhibits. New this season is the creepiest town, Georgetown Alley, where visitors venture through the twists and turns of the Alley’s dark maze with over 28,000 square feet of movie icons, clowns, zombies, snakes, spiders, and real ghosts.

Three dollars from every ticket sold during the opening weekend went to benefit the Ellicott City Partnership to rebuild after flooding. Advanced tickets and speed passes (to skip the line) are available online at laurelhaunt.com/schedule or at the box office (at the door) during this Halloween season.

Laurel House of Horror is located at 935 Fairlawn Ave., Laurel, MD 20707, in the old Laurel shopping center in the corner to the right of Giant food. For more information, go to www.Laurelhaunt.com or contact jswe@jwdc.com 301.938.4412.

GARDEN CLUB
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aged to bring something to exchange: a plant, cutting, or garden whimsy: bring something, take something! Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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