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## The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department



Beltsville's Volunteer Firemen

The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) was incorporated in January of 1947 by 43 men who had a vision of providing fire and emergency medical services to the Beltsville and Vansville Communities in Maryland. In June of 1947, a lot was deeded to the BVFD and construction, made possible by the efforts of the volunteer firemen and community donations, on the firehouse began shortly thereafter. Although additions and modifications have been made over the years, we are still occupying the building that was originally erected today. Currently we have approxi-

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## Beltsville Briefs

### Join the Central Maryland Chorale

Do you love to sing? Are you looking for a place to share your talent with others who are passionate about choral music? The Central Maryland Chorale invites you to join us. We welcome enthusiastic, dedicated singers who can follow music from a score; no audition required. Our artistic director is Monica Otal; the assistant director and accompanist is Dr. Theodore Guerrant. This May, we will sing music of the Bach family. Come refresh your soul, and experience the joy and camaraderie that a community chorus provides. Beginning Jan. 9, rehearsals are held every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Laurel Presbyterian Church, 7610 Old Sandy Spring Road, in Laurel, Maryland. For more information, see [www.centralmarylandchorale.com](http://www.centralmarylandchorale.com) or call 301-317-9646.

### Please Donate Blood

The Beltsville Lions cordially invite your participation in their quarterly blood drive on Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 3 to 6:45 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, Md. Professional staff of MedStar will conduct the blood donations.

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## Laurel Mall Status

Laurel, Md. Mayor Craig A. Moe, in response to several inquiries regarding the status of the Laurel Mall redevelopment project, has advised that he asked Greenberg Gibbons to delay the front deck demolition until after the holiday season. After careful consideration and discussion with several mall tenants, it was determined to be in the best interest of both the tenants and the general public to delay work at this time. Laurel Mall is open for business, and will be open

throughout the holiday season.

Mayor Moe was pleased to learn from Greenberg Gibbons that within 45 days, the company will submit to the city its full demolition plans for the mall and will update its plans for the Laurel Town Center development project. Mayor Moe encourages everyone to patronize the Laurel Mall tenants through this holiday season.

Mayor Moe wishes everyone a healthy, happy holiday. He said he hopes to meet people while shopping at the Laurel Mall, soon to be the new Laurel Town Center.



Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of Beltsville take part in the Battle of Zekiah Swamp camporee

## Pack 1031 Attends a Civil War Camporee

Seventeen members of Cub Pack 1031 attended the Battle of Zekiah Swamp, a scout reenactment held at the Samuel Mudd Farm in Waldorf, Md. on Nov. 19. They saw demonstrations and activities to show how the soldiers lived and fought during the Civil War.

The Confederate Orphan Brigade Camp 2166 out of Waldorf had stations to explain camp life, medical practices, weaponry, battle strategy and communications

that were available during the Civil War. They also taught the scouts how soldiers were trained and drilled during the Civil War. In the afternoon the scouts got to take part in a battle under the careful direction of the reenactors. No actual battles were ever fought at Zekiah Swamp, but Dr. Mudd's Farm was an important site at the end of the Civil War as the place John Wilkes Booth stopped to get medical care. The Dr. Mudd Farm is a great place to

learn about life during the Civil War times.

Eric Saathoff, the Pack Committee Chair, made the scouts wooden long rifles for them to carry and practice maneuvers. Thank you Mr. Saathoff. It is a wonderful reminder of a great time.

It was also a great experience for the Webelos who were able to camp with the scouts from Troop

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**Submissions Due**  
**No Later**  
**Than:**  
**January 18**  
**Paper Out:**  
**January 28**

### On the Agenda

**BY PRESIDENT**  
**KAREN M. COAKLEY**

Happy New Year to the Beltsville community! Please join us on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. for



Karen Coakley

our next meeting at Beltsville Academy located on Wicomico Avenue.

Good advice for the winter for your car from the District VI police station:

1) Do not leave your car on to warm up unattended. It is against the law to leave a car unattended while it is running and someone will steal your car.

2) Keep your headlights clear with car wax. Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights up to six weeks.

3) Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol. Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated in rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This trick can make badly streaking and squeaking wipers change to near-perfect silence and clarity. 4) Ice-proof your windows with vinegar. Is frost on its way? Just fill a spray bottle with three-parts vinegar to one-part water and spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid which raises the melting point of water, preventing water from freezing.

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## 25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the  
January 1987 issue*

### Looking Ahead

A front page article by **Marian Sadler** projected the future of Beltsville from a bedroom community to an employment center.

### Honor Society Induction

**Pamela Garland Lindley** was inducted into the Pi Lambda Theta National Professional Education Honor Society on Nov. 16, 1986.

### Wedding Photographer of the Year

The Maryland Professional Photographers Association named Beltsville photographer **George**

**Muerer** Wedding Photographer of the Year.

### Last Column

**Charles Mac Mathias** wrote his last column in the Beltsville News after serving 26 years as a member of Congress.

### New Arrivals

**Dennis and Pamela Yancheskie** of Indianapolis announced the arrival of their son, **Steven Michael**, on Nov. 5, 1986.

**Alyssa Grace Ashworth** was born on Sept. 24, 1986, to parents **Janette Susan** and **W. R. Ashworth**.

### Service News

Navy Seaman **Quintina T. Jones** completed recruit training in Orlando, Fla.

Marine PFC **Mark E. Bowen** completed the Basic Supply Stock Control course.

**Dale T. Golden** was promoted to senior airman, U.S.A.F.

### Obituaries

**Michael T. White** died on Dec. 25, 1986.

**Elizabeth K. Kochis** died Dec. 27, 1986.

**John W. Nicholson** died Dec. 28, 1986.

**Wayne A. Padgett** died Dec. 18, 1986.

**Richard Lee Miller** died Dec. 19, 1986

## Memories of Laurel Mall

By Jeannine A. Carter

Laurel Mall is going to be demolished. Someone once said that everything has an expiration date. How sad; how true.

Laurel Mall provided a reason for a weekly outing when my sons were much younger. On the weekend days when they weren't occupied by soccer, baseball, basketball or football, Laurel Mall guaranteed an inexpensive way to amuse two energetic children for this Beltsville mother.

Naturally, the food court was the main event. Four or five small rides were available for a mere 25 cents for five minutes of jerking and jumping about in a space ship or antique car. The helicopter ride was too large for my oldest, Denny, but he delighted in allowing his younger brother Corey to board the 'copter and Denny took on the role as air traffic controller. I sat close by and appreciated how simple it was to entertain two little boys. Boredom set in after 10 or 15

minutes and the lunch debate began. Fried chicken or pizza? A hot dog from Orange Julius or just a sleeve of Boardwalk Fries? Ice cream cones or sundaes? Corey inevitably took one lick of a single scoop cone and the entire scoop landed on the mall floor. He quickly learned a sundae in a cup made for a happier Mom. Kay-Bee Toy Store proved to be a lifesaver time and time again. Usually a last minute birthday party invitation would arrive and Kay-Bee was small enough to make split-second decisions possible. Much to a mom's delight they sold wrapping paper and, provided I remembered to throw scotch tape and a pair of scissors in my purse, made it possible to wrap the hastily-chosen gift in the front seat of my car while parked

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# Greater Beltsville Business Association Holds First Annual Membership Meeting

By Paul G. Zurkowski,  
President, Greater Beltsville  
Business Association

GBBA had a full house for its first Annual Membership meeting. Formally launched in February of this year, GBBA has reached 47 members and is ending 2011 growing. Directors and Committee chairs reported on first-year efforts of the group.

- Diane Brown, Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union, provided the Treasurer's report for our first year of operations; discussed the invoice process for upcoming dues and told the group they will now have the option to pay dues online via Paypal.

- Two members of GBBA's Communications Committee were called on for reports by Jay Williams, Jay Williams Design Co., and Committee chair. Howard Axelrod, Outreach Director of High Road Upper School in Beltsville, Md., invited all present to participate in its regular first-Wednesday-of-the-month meetings. He spoke

of the committee's development and its follow-through with print materials, the group's website: [www.beltsvillebusiness.com](http://www.beltsvillebusiness.com), and other innovations, such as setting up a GBBA phone number and a new video on the website of the GBBA's breakfast meeting in November, taped by Femi Dada of Smarthost Design Technologies, Inc. Kay Lane, a Herbalife independent distributor, explained the Ambassador program. This team of members calls on Beltsville businesses to explain GBBA and what it offers businesses that join. To date, 100 information packets have been provided businesses.

- \* Tom Aylward, Jackson-Shaw, and Development Committee chair, said the committee's work is vital to help inform members, especially for Beltsville businesses who lease space as only landowners receive pending project notifications from MNCPPC about development activities. GBBA work included the presentation on the Sub-Region 1 Master plan by Park and Planning staff; monitor-

ing of the CSX/MTA Rail Intermodal Facility site selection process (a possible Beltsville site) and the formation of a Camden Line Coalition to seek increased MARC service.

- Peg Duchesne, Duchesne Enterprise, chair of the Activities Committee, spoke about GBBA involvement in a series of public meetings, Police Night Out, Laurel Day and Beltsville Day; and GBBA happy hour open houses at various businesses over the past 6 or 7 months, many of which produced new members.

- Bob Mignon, Beltsville Minuteman Press and Membership Committee chair, alerted the members to a dues increase, from the 2011 introductory rates starting at \$45 per year. He announced that the newest GBBA member is Konterra with Caleb Gould as its voting member. He described membership drive efforts. He assured the group the budget target of 50 first year members would be reached in 2011.

- Buddy Clark, McCartin Insurance, GBBA Vice President and Program committee chair said the monthly speakers have provided the membership information that helps their business with government regulation such as Health Insurance and allows informed participation on many issues facing the Beltsville community. Buddy announced that Sandy Jimenez, Principal of High Point High School, will be the January 18 Breakfast meeting at Cross Creek Club. He invited members to sug-

gest future topics and speakers.

- Femi Dada and GBBA President Paul Zurkowski, Ready Real Estate, LLC, wound up the meeting. Femi Dada provided a PowerPoint presentation on how the proposed Beltsville First program would work and invited people to sign up for a Beta test of the concept. Paul Zurkowski provided a sign-up form for businesses interested in supporting detailed classified directory of Greater Beltsville businesses that would help residents "Shop Beltsville First." He also mentioned the Board is considering whether GBBA should hold a Beltsville Business and Industry Trade Show and invited a show of support by returning the sign-up form.

Sharon DeGrouchy, a Long and Foster agent, offered to chair a committee to manage a GBBA charity golf tournament at Cross Creek Golf Club. Sharon asked for suggested charities to benefit from the tournament. Karen M. Coakley, Beltsville Civic Association President and a RE/MAX agent covering the mid-Atlantic corridor, suggested the 6th District Police Explorers unit as an existing 501(c)3 in need of support. Cooperation with the Rotary club as a co-sponsor was raised by Dr. John Moynihan, an active member of the Beltsville Rotary for 23 years as well as Charter GBBA member. A promising beginning to a new year of service brought the meeting to a close. The assembled members networked before and after the meeting.

## AWANA Children's Ministry Coming to Beltsville

An AWANA children's ministry will kick-off on Jan. 20 at Touch Point Church Ministries (TPCM) located in Beltsville, Md. This is an exciting program that will initially start with classes open to youth who are currently in the first through sixth grade.

AWANA stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed and is taken from 2 Timothy 2:15. The goal of AWANA is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve God and others. AWANA is a national organization with ministries in all 50 states and in more than 110 countries.

Although the ministry at TPCM is new, many of the adult volunteers helping with this ministry have worked with the AWANA program for a span of three to more than 20 years.

What do kids do at AWANA? Each meeting consists of a game time, handbook time and council time. During game time, the children play fun games that provide exercise and teach sportsmanship. During handbook time, children progress through age-appropriate handbooks by memorizing and demonstrating an understanding of Bible passages. Council

time is not only used as a time to receive a Bible lesson, it is where the children receive recognition of achievement awards from handbook time.

How do I register my children for AWANA? On Jan. 20, parents will be able to register their children for the program that will be held on the first and third Fridays of the month from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Jan. 20 through July 31, 2012. The meetings will be held at the church located at 11310 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, Md.

Dr. Nathaniel W. Obey, Jr., is the lead Pastor of Touch Point Church Ministries where there is an emphasis placed on strengthening families. The church also has a Teen Ministry that meets on the first and third Fridays of the month.

Participation in the kick-off is free, but you must sign-up. To sign-up, register your child for AWANA or for more information go to AWANA link at [www.touchpointcm.org](http://www.touchpointcm.org), email [rcobey@gmail.com](mailto:rcobey@gmail.com), or call 301.335.5633. The kick-off on Jan. 20, will also include carnival-like activities and a free slice of pizza and drink for all children registered who are in first through sixth grades.

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## Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Join me, my wife Sheilah, and former U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes on Sunday, Jan. 15, to welcome 2012!

I hope you can join my wife Sheilah and me for our *Welcome 2012 Celebration* on Sunday, Jan. 15, from noon to 2:30 pm, at Cherry Hill Park, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, in College Park, Md. Former U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes will be our special guest.

Families are welcome. Please RSVP soon to Jim.Rosapepe@gmail.com or 301.441.8690. Directions: From 495, take exit 25 (College Park - U.S. Route 1). Make an immediate right onto Cherry Hill Road. Go one mile to park entrance on left, 9800 Cherry Hill Road. Drive straight past the office at the entrance, and then turn right onto Yosemite Lane. The Conference Center is a short drive. We look forward to seeing you!

### New College Prep School proposed in College Park

For the past several years, Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnik, Ben Barnes, and I have been working with local residents and the University of Maryland to bring more high-quality school choices to families in our area. The College Park City-University Partnership, which I chair, is proposing the creation of a rig-



Senator Jim Rosapepe

orous, world-class college prep public charter school in College Park (grades seven through first two years of college) to open in fall 2013.

Students from Beltsville as well as other Prince George's communities will be eligible. There will be a public forum to discuss this school on Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at College Park City Hall's Council Chambers. Come, learn the facts, and share your ideas. For information go to <http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/news.php#charter> and click on *Executive Summary*.

### Job opportunities — full and part-time

Whether or not you support gambling, you or your friends may be interested in job opportunities at the new casino in Anne Arundel County. Please share this infor-

mation with those who may be interested. The search is on to fill 1,500 new jobs at Maryland Live! Casino, as the \$500 million gaming and entertainment destination at Arundel Mills launches its online job application system. Job descriptions and requirements for positions that are currently available are posted online now at [www.jobsatmarylandlivecasino.com](http://www.jobsatmarylandlivecasino.com).

More jobs will be posted regularly as development progresses. Interested applicants are encouraged to register online now and create an account, which will expedite the application process for their desired position when it becomes available. Full and part-time positions will be available in all departments and all shifts, including hundreds of casino positions, as well as jobs in facilities, food and beverage, environmental services, security, marketing, information technology and finance. Maryland Live! Casino is scheduled to open in summer 2012 (pending approval from the Maryland State Lottery Agency).

### Contact Us

As always, please let Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnik, Ben Barnes and me know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email [21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com](mailto:21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com) or call 301.858.3141.

## TESST College of Technology Goes to the Health Fair

By Deborah D. Howard,  
Criminal Justice Program Chair

Students and staff from three different academic programs at TESST College of Technol-

ogy's Beltsville Campus teamed up to educate the community on health and safety awareness. Members of the Medical Assisting, Criminal Justice and Information Technology programs converged on the Beltsville Community Center to participate in the recent Beltsville Health Fair.

The members of the Medical Assisting team provided free blood pressure and glucose testing. The "patients" were given a reminder card with the test results for their personal records or for later consultation with a physician, if needed. The members of the Criminal Justice and Information Technology teams combined their efforts for the "Identi-Kid" program. The Criminal Justice team recorded pertinent descriptive information, and fingerprinted children and young adults. The Information Technology team photographed the children and then handed over a laminated complimentary fingerprint ID card to the parents, complete with photo and vital statistics.



"The Beltsville Health Fair is one of many excellent ways to showcase our students' talents," said Shartoyea Scott Dixon, Executive Director of the campus. "This opportunity provided a mini 'project management' experience for the students," she said.

"It also highlighted for them the benefit of collaboration across disciplines or departments as the case may be. TESST has been a part of Beltsville since 1998," Dixon continued. "The students volunteered for this project. They were willing to sacrifice a Saturday to participate in this event because they know the best way to serve the community is to become involved in the community."



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## Neighbors in the News

### The Beltsville Recreation Council Welcomes 2012

The function and purpose of the recreation council is to develop a well-rounded recreation program for all the citizens of the community, to effect proper coordination of all agencies and organizations in the community, and to help finance, publicize and evaluate year-round programs of recreation for all ages. In cooperation with the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, Md., the Beltsville Recreation Council has been privileged in 2011 to offer a successful Beltsville Day festival in May, a well-attended and informative Community Health Fair in November and a delightful holiday concert in December. In 2012, plans include continuing the current programs, as well as bringing back the popular Summer Jazz Concerts and adding two instructional classes: tennis and Spanish for English speakers.

The programs and classes would not be possible without the support of the MNCPPC and the wonderfully supportive staff at the Beltsville Community Center. Meetings are held at the center on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Members of the Beltsville Community Center staff attend the meetings to help with successful coordination of, planning, and set up for all of the events.

As we begin the new year, the members of the Beltsville Recreation Council (Peter Doan, Jim and Shirley Moore, Kathy Mellott, Thelma Forte, Ted Ladd, and Bob Mignon) would like to thank those who have supported our programs in 2011 and invite them and others to be a part of the 2012 programs. A calendar of events and meetings can be found on our website at <http://beltsvillerecouncil.home-stead.com> or our Beltsville Recreation Council Facebook page.

Below is a list of those who supported at least one of the Beltsville Recreation Council programs in 2011. If we excluded anyone, it was inadvertent. We sincerely appreciate everyone's support and look forward to a great new year in Beltsville.

Dr. Sharon M. Desmond and the University of Maryland School of Public Health  
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Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance  
M-NCPPC, Mount Rainier Center Ballet Academy  
The staff of the MNCPPC and Beltsville Community Center  
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## Neighbors in the News

# Fire Poster Contest Winners

The officers and members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank Beltsville Academy, St. Joseph's School, Vansville Elementary, Calverton Elementary and the Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist School for their participation in our annual fire prevention poster contest held during *Fire Prevention Week* in October. Awards were presented to the local elementary school children, grades K-6. The posters will be subsequently entered in a separate county contest. The award winners present to receive their awards are shown in a group picture for each school.



**Beltsville Academy** - Katana Chai Chong, Brendy Dayana, Destiny Nelson, Abraham Cruz, Tanee Calhoun, Kimberly Jarboi, Gracie Bell, Aaron Barnes, Ryanna Naithram, Allison Herrera, Veronica Urquilla-Arriaza



**St. Joseph's School** - E Fua Okoje, Andrew Etzel, Derricka Parks, Grace Finke, Christopher Kaelin, Jason Schwenz, Kacey Tarbrake, Annamarie Garcia, Mis Schwenz, Matilda Yemon, Madison Eyre, Brooke Gary, Gabrielle Hernandez



**Calverton Elementary** - Mateo Acuna, Leslie Gandy, Jorge Bonilla



**Vansville Elementary** - Mark Enamorado, Isaac Mbamuku, Yashi Gouda



**Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist** - Love Sellers, Scout Calderon, Zachary George, Miko Siarez, Evelyn Jane Solomon, Christian Steinert, Andrew James, Gabrielle Fancis, Liana Hill, Rhymiel Prudente, Ivan Rada, Adam Henriquez, Peace Maddox, Nathan Chhakchhuak, Brittany Murillo, Emily Dabney

The new Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center opened in August 2011. It is designed for pre-seniors ages 50 to 59 and seniors ages 60 and older. The center has a Great Room with an attached kitchen for large events and rentals. Also featured are lending storage, fireside lounge, Café Latté coffee shop, conference room, computer training lab, and rooms for billiards, fine arts, ceramics, woodcraft, and fitness. Parking is free in the large adjacent parking lot. The center is located at 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, Md. 20707 near the corner of Van Dusen Rd. and the Laurel Regional Hospital. The facility manager is Marybeth Dugan, CPRP. (Photograph by Elizabeth Olson.)





## Neighbors in the News



On Nov. 21, students at Vansville Elementary School participate in the school's annual Turkey Trot, where they walk, run or jog for 25 minutes outside in honor of Thanksgiving. HeadStart students shown in photo.

## Beltsville Briefs

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The donations are done in a very efficient manner, and waiting time is kept at a minimum. Please consider donating if you are able to do so. You could give no better gift to someone in dire need of a transfusion.

If you can and are interested in helping with a blood donation, please call Lion Ted Ladd at 301-937-6796 or e-mail [tedladd02@aol.com](mailto:tedladd02@aol.com) to schedule a time, or you may just walk in. Appointments are at 15-minute intervals starting at 3 p.m.

### ESOL Classes at Emmanuel United Methodist Church

ESOL classes at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, Md., will be conducted again this spring beginning Tuesday, Jan. 10 and will continue each Tuesday evening through April 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. We will provide English language instruction at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Registration for this session will cost \$20, and this fee will be refunded to those students who maintain perfect attendance. Supervised care for children 1 and older will be provided at a charge of \$1 per family per class session. Our child care program includes the availability of help with home work or other school projects for school-age children. We welcome all new and returning students.

Las clases de ESOL en el Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, Md., se llevará a cabo de nuevo esta primavera principio Martes, 10 de enero y continuará cada martes por la noche a través de 24 de abril, de 7 a 9 p.m. Vamos a ofrecer la enseñanza del idioma Inglés en principio, los

niveles intermedio y avanzado. La inscripción para esta sesión tendrá un costo de \$20, y esta cuota se devolverá a los estudiantes que mantienen asistencia perfecta. Atención supervisada para niños de 1 año de edad y mayores serán proporcionados en un cargo de \$1 por familia por cada sesión de clase. Nuestro programa de cuidado infantil incluye la disponibilidad de ayuda con el trabajo a domicilio o en otros proyectos de la escuela para niños en edad escolar. Damos la bienvenida a todos los nuevos y los estudiantes que regresan.

### Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday, Jan. 20, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, Md., from 7 to 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive specialty baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles. Tickets are available for \$12 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or at the door. Refreshments will be available. Snow date is Jan. 27.

### Two-Day Boating Safety Course Offered

On Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24-3 will teach the two-day Maryland Boating Safety Course for future boaters, new boaters and experienced boaters interested in refreshing their skills. Class will meet both days from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This class meets Maryland state requirements for anyone born after July 1, 1972, who wants to operate a powered vessel, including personal water craft, on Mary-

land waters. This course is also recognized by many other states as meeting their boating safety education requirements. It will be taught at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, Md. 20710. Phone: 301-779-0371.

Among the many subjects covered are: boat construction and terminology, boating laws, safety equipment, boat-handling, basic knot skills, navigation and trailering. The instructors are qualified and well-trained volunteer members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary who are devoted to promoting recreational boating safety. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$25. Please call Steve at 410-531-3313 or 301-318-1965.

  
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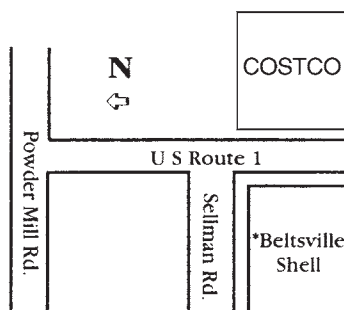


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## Neighbors in the News

### Jackson-Shaw Partners with Prudential Real Estate Investors on The Brick Yard Business Park

Jackson-Shaw, a national, diversified commercial real estate development and investment company, is joining forces with Prudential Real Estate Investors (PREI) to continue building on the success of The Brick Yard Business Park, a 60-acre mixed-use business park in Beltsville, Md. Jackson-Shaw sold three buildings totaling 273,000 square feet of light industrial, flex and warehouse space, as well as approximately 22 acres of remaining land, into a partnership with PREI for an undisclosed sum.

"The Brick Yard Business Park has experienced tremendous success since delivering its first building in 2009, and we look forward to continuing with an aggressive leasing and development campaign," said Chase Galbraith, vice president of development for Jackson-Shaw. "Explosive growth throughout the region and the development of high-quality projects, like The Brick Yard, are establishing Prince George's County as the economic hub of suburban Maryland. We are confident momentum will continue to build as new projects come online that will increase access to the property and strengthen the profile of this development."

The Brick Yard Business Park is currently 75 percent occupied with owners and tenants such as

Carrier Corporation, Freestate Electrical, Party Rental, Ltd., Limbach Facility Services and American Mechanical Services. Plans are being finalized for the next phase of business park construction, which is expected to break ground in mid-2012.

In order to continue driving growth at The Brick Yard Business Park, PREI and Jackson-Shaw have named Bethesda-based TSC Realty Services as the exclusive sales and leasing representative.

"This project has all of the necessary ingredients, which include excellent road and power infrastructure, access to the full range of labor pools and amenities, public transportation, and a strong ownership/development team, to be a tremendous success," said TSC's president Pere Roberts.

"We are very excited about this project, especially as the Intercounty Connector opens and streamlines access to Montgomery County and the I-270 corridor," said TSC's vice-president Rob Foa.

The Nov. 22 opening of the second phase of the Intercounty Connector (ICC), an 18-mile highway between Interstate 95 and Interstate 270 that links Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, will further strengthen the development's position. The Brick Yard offers new opportunities for businesses and commuters seeking convenient access to government agencies, such as the Department of Defense and the Federal Drug Administration, and other companies in employment-rich Montgomery County, but have not been able to find suitable space along the land-constrained Interstate 270 corridor. The ICC will be completed in 2013. The MARC commuter rail line Muirkirk station at The Brick Yard also provides easy access to Baltimore and Washington, DC.

The Brick Yard Business Park is just one component of The Brick Yard, a 125-acre master-planned residential and retail, transit-oriented community that is one of the largest in the nation to pursue LEED certification. The residential component, Brick Yard Station, will include 1,265 residential units and 100,000 square feet of retail and office space.

Construction on infrastructure for the residential units began in mid-November. Jackson-Shaw has contracted with Ryland Homes to build 51 single-family homes and 354 townhomes, and with JLB to build approximately 860 multi-family units surrounding the Muirkirk MARC station.

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## Obituaries

### Baker, Kenneth L. (age 92)

On Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011, beloved husband of Iris W. Scott, father of Linda Ann Brazil and James Alan (Joan) Baker, grandfather of Brian C. Brazil, Rebecca L. Brazil and Emily Jean Baker. Funeral service was held at Hope Lutheran Church, 4201 Guilford Drive, College Park, Md. 20740 on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. with Rev. Dr. James B. Vigen officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the above named church. [www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com](http://www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com)

### Shipley, Esther L. (age 90)

On Sunday, Nov. 27, of Beltsville, Md.; beloved aunt of Charles Shipley, Nancy Benefiel and Gor-

don (Jeanie) Shipley; great-aunt of Stacy Shipley, Sarah Benefiel and Anna Shipley; great-great-aunt of Robbie Shipley, Teresa Grimley and Cora Grimley; The family held the funeral service at College Park United Methodist Church, 9601 Rhode Island Ave., College Park, Md. 20740 on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 9 a.m. with Rev. Fay Lundin officiating; Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery; Memorial contributions may be made to College Park United Methodist Church or College Park Meals on Wheels at the above address; Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home. [www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com](http://www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com)

### Taylor, Gary R., Sr.

Gary R. "Wedge" Taylor, Sr., age 64, of Laurel, Md., and formerly of Beltsville, Md. died on Friday, Dec. 9, at Laurel Regional

Hospital. He was a Drywall Engineer for his brother's company, KenMar Drywall, Inc. He graduated from Mount Savage High School in western Maryland. He was the father of Gary Richard Taylor, Jr., (Trish) of Bird City, Kan.; grandfather of McKayla, McKenzie, Keigan and Ian Taylor of Bird City, Kan.; brother of Charlotte (Charles) Nicholson of Cumberland, Md.; Kenneth (Lucille) Taylor of Laurel, Md., and Ronald (Barbara) Taylor of Bowie, Md. Family received friends at Donald V. Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md. on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Funeral services were private. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC, 20015.

## Leatherman – Stebbins Wedding

Jessica Susan Leatherman and David Michael Stebbins were married on July 15 on the oceanfront in Kitty Hawk, N.C. The bride's father gave her away. Rev. Bonnie Williams presided over the ceremony.

The bride's attendants were Maggie Leatherman, the bride's sister, and Holly Mullikan and Heather Goldman, friends of the bride. The ring bearer was Christopher Kersey, nephew of the bride.

The groomsmen were Michael Stebbins, Matthew Stebbins, and Daniel Reeves, all brothers of the groom. David Reeves, stepfather of the groom, was a reader during the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Charley and Sue Leatherman of Beltsville, Md. The bride graduated from High Point High School in Beltsville, Md., in 1996, and attended the University of Maryland, College Park, where she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 2000, and a master's degree in education, curriculum instruction in 2005. She previously worked for the Montgomery County Public Schools



Jessica Susan Leatherman and David Michael Stebbins were married in July

and a sixth-grade English teacher at the Equality Charter School, Bronx, N.Y.

The groom is the son of Randy Stebbins and Terry Keane of West Lebanon, N.H. and David and Susan Reeves, New London, N.H. The groom graduated from Woodstock Union High School, Woodstock, Vt., in 2000 and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Castleton State Col-

lege, Castleton, Vt., in 2007. He was previously employed as a legislative staff assistant in the U.S. Senate in Washington, DC. Currently, he is pursuing his master's in international affairs at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

For their honeymoon, the couple traveled to Belize. They currently reside in New York City.

On December 6, 2011, retired Federal Officer Imani-Frances Smith graduated from the Prince George's County Police Citizens' Academy Session No. 29. Lt. N. Hamilton of the Prince George's County Police District VI in Beltsville nominated Smith. She noted this program was very informative regarding what the Prince George's County police officers truly represent in the state of Maryland, our community, and Prince George's County. Smith also noted a more positive image reflected in the news media. She is the only African-American female to have her three badges retired by the Commissioner upon her retirement in 1996. She worked for the Department of Justice, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, and cross-trained with the U.S. Customs Service. She is a veteran of 16 years who continues to serve and give back to her community.



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## Neighbors in the News

### Retired Federal Officer Participates in Career Day at Beltsville Academy

Retired federal officer Imani-Frances Smith participated in Career Day at Beltsville Academy on Nov. 18. She addressed three classes on the subject of law enforcement.

In the seventh grade reading and English language arts classes, Smith noted the students were well-organized and seemed to be serious about what they wanted to do in the future. She was pleased the students liked school and loved their teacher, Cynthia Loving.

Smith also addressed David Colon's sixth grade Spanish class. She advised students about the importance of respect for parents, teachers and elders and to keep God first.



Officer Imani-Frances Smith addresses David Colon's sixth grade Spanish class. (From left) David Colon, Henry Ventura, Imani-Frances Smith, Johana Bonilla, Terry Jeter and Rickia Levenberry

## Club News

### Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames, Publicity Chair

Ring in another year of informative gardening topics by attending the Beltsville Garden Club meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, Md.

Our speakers for this month will be David Keil and Christine Blazina, docents for the Dumbarton Oaks Historic Garden in Washington, DC. This

interactive lecture will focus on the development of Dumbarton Oaks as a study center, museum and planned garden.

Please join us for these informative speakers. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Bring a plant or plant-related material for the club's door prize table. The public is welcome and admission is free.

For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit our website at: [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org).

### Beltsville Rotary Welcomes the New Year

By Ivy Christoffers

Membership is a top priority for our Beltsville Rotary Club and to this end, we will be hosting a mixer on Tuesday, Jan. 17 to speak with potential future Rotarians. If you are interested, give George Krzywicki a call at 240.314.4359. Krzywicki is especially looking for an insurance professional, an attorney, an accountant, a BARC representative and all other professionals who desire to help our community grow. We inducted a new member in November, Kevin Henry, an investment banker. Two additional members should be inducted in January.

Our annual Christmas meeting was especially meaningful as we welcomed back our President, Eleanor Frierson, who has been recuperating from surgery since the first week of November. She hosted a special Christmas party with gifts for all in attendance. Our sergeant-at-arms also provided a small remembrance for everyone.

One of our special Rotarians, Harry Rinker, is recuperating at Hill Haven in Adelphi, Md., and welcomes visitors. We all miss Rinker's humor and fellowship. Hurry back, my friend.

We were pleased to come together as a group to ring the bell

for the Salvation Army at Behnke's and thank Behnke's for allowing us to continue to do this for our local Salvation Army Corps. In these hard economic times, we must all go that extra mile to assist whenever and wherever we can.

Let us all pray for a better financial picture in 2012. Please consider joining us for our mixer or for a luncheon meeting to check us out. We meet every Tuesday at noon at the Holiday Inn in College Park, Md. You might find that Rotary is the missing ingredient in your life; that elusive something that will make you whole.

### Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club celebrated Christmas with a potluck luncheon. There were lots of different dishes to choose from and scads of desserts. Jeanette Vannoy swore in the new officers. Three brand new officers volunteered to fill vacancies; they were

Mary Smith as secretary, Angie Dixon as president-elect, and me as president.

We also went on a great trip to the Ocean City Jamboree. At the Dunes Hotel, the ham, fried chicken and crab cakes were delicious. The show was delightful, with some comedy and lots of singing. A Christmas shop was filled with

many tempting items.

Everyone had a fabulous time and a good bus ride with friends. We wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope you will come and join us.

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## Club News

### College Park Unit #217 Welcomes the New Year

By Ivy Christoffers

The end of 2011 was very busy and festive for the members of College Park Unit #217. Two days after Thanksgiving, we held our second Coach Bag Bingo that was even more successful than our first one. Many attendees left with a new, expensive Coach purse. Even I have one. This was a great fundraiser for our unit and a terrific opportunity to show others that a dedicated group of women can, "Git 'er done," as a past department commander loves to say. As folks were leaving, a rousing cry of, "When are you having the next one?" could be heard throughout the hall. We hope to have another Coach Bag Bingo in the spring.

Following the Coach Bag Bingo was the community children's Christmas party held on Dec. 3. Approximately 40 children were

entertained at the brunch; after which, they all had an opportunity to meet Santa Claus and give him their wish list. Only a couple of the children were on the naughty list and, after some prompting from the big guy in the red suit, promised to mend their ways.

A great big thank you to all the volunteer helpers at both these events. We could not function without our volunteers.

We are happy to have been of assistance to those families in our community who would not have had a Christmas without our intervention.

Our annual Holiday Party held on Christmas Eve was well-attended. Shotgun Bingo held on Monday nights has proven to be a big hit and an excellent social event. And you can even win money. Go figure.

Another special event that occurred in December was the

Christmas program for our Veterans. That included the Christmas Gift Shops held at the various VA Medical Centers and Charlotte Hall Veterans Home where the veterans can choose (at no cost to them) gifts for their loved ones, which are then wrapped in bright paper and bows and either given to the veterans to present to their families or we send the package to their homes for them.

Another event for our veterans is the Christmas party we hold at the same hospitals. This is in addition to the gift shops. We are kept very busy making sure our hospitalized veterans and their families are enjoying, as best they can, the holiday season. Now that our soldiers are homeward bound let us all welcome them with open arms and be there for them when they need our assistance to pick up where their lives were interrupted. God bless America, land that I love.



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The Martin Luther King SGA collects and loads up food for the Women's Club Thanksgiving distribution

## Women's Community Club of Beltsville

Our regular daytime meetings will be held on the second Monday of most months. We do not meet in January so our next meetings are Feb. 13, March 12, April 9, May 14 and June 11 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane in Beltsville, Md.

Thanks to all our community members and businesses who donated and helped with our Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday food and gifts-giving pro-

gram for those Beltsville families in need. We provided food and gifts for 41 families for Christmas. Please see our separate thank you to all!

Our mission is to serve the Beltsville community. Please remember we are a 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

If you would like more information about our club, please contact Elaine Chabot, President at ecchabot@aol.com.

### Women's Community Club of Beltsville Thanks Contributors and Volunteers

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville wishes to thank the following for their support with their donations of monies, food and volunteering so that we were able to assist 41 Beltsville families at Thanksgiving and Christmas with not only food but also gifts for the children in the family.

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### Las Vegas Night at College Park Moose Lodge #453

On Saturday, Jan. 28, the College Park Moose Lodge will present *Las Vegas Night*. There will be video horse races where you can purchase a horse for \$10, name it, and cheer for it during the race. There will be table games, cake wheel and game boards.

Food and refreshments will be available. Doors open at 6 p.m. with post time at 7 p.m. Free admission. The Lodge is located at 3700 Metzert Road, College Park, Md. Call 301-935-5525 for information.

## School News

### Calverton Students Perform in Winter Music Concert

By Becky Cavallo

On the evening of Dec. 14, the scene in the multipurpose room of Calverton Elementary was one of anticipation and excitement as parents and siblings of the performers settled into their seats to await the annual winter program. The show, *Winter Fantasy*, which had already been performed twice in the morning for the entire student body and staff, was about to begin. The stage was decorated with poinsettias, colorful balloons and music stands lined up neatly. Performers, in their black and white finery, gathered behind the scenes and readied themselves for their big night.

The instrumental part of the program commenced shortly after 7 p.m. First to perform were the first-year flutes, directed by the instrumental teacher, Ms. McAninch. The students performed four pieces: "Hot Cross Buns," "Nightingale," "Jingle Bells," and "Lullaby." The first-year clarinets and the trumpets performed three songs together: "Au Claire de la Lune," "The Donkey Round," and a seasonal favorite, "Good King Wenceslas." The clarinets then performed the lively calypso number, "Mary Ann." The performance was rounded out by fifth-grader, Laura Espinal, playing a solo, "The Thousand-Legged



Mrs. Arbach accompanies the fourth and fifth grade chorus at the Winter Fantasy Concert

Worm."

The string students performed the second part of the instrumental portion of the evening. More than 20 young, beginning violinists eagerly assembled on the stage. Their pieces were performed by pizzicato, or plucking the violins, rather than bowing. The pieces they performed were "Song for Christine," "Natalie's Rose," another seasonal favorite, "Dreidel," and, lastly, "Seminole Chant." The smaller, poised group of second-year strings followed, bowing their selections, "Bluebird's Song," "Long, Long Ago," and "Variations on a Theme."

The second part of the program

featured the melodious voices of the fourth and fifth grade choruses, directed by Mrs. Arbach and Mrs. Reed. Some of the pieces were partner songs, two songs sung at the same time, which serves as an introduction to singing harmony. The choral students were up to the task, enthusiastically singing "Nightingale," a Ugandan folk song called "Dale, Dale, Dale," a traditional Mexican song called "Ntunze," and a lively Hanukkah song, "Sing and Dance, it's Hanukkah."

All of the performances were applauded loudly and enjoyed by all.

### Calverton's Fourth Grade Students Explore Aquatic Ecosystems

By Becky Cavallo and Staff

Fourth grade classes at Calverton Elementary had the wonderful opportunity to learn firsthand about the local aquatic ecosystems. The series of science field trips included a voyage on the Anacostia River, a trip to the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens and a visit to Lake Artemesia. With their new knowledge of the intricacies of the environment, they can now understand the importance of protecting our natural treasures. Living Classrooms sponsored the trip to the Anacostia, a grant-funded program.

Fourth-graders have also embarked upon a trans-disciplinary voyage into the realms of space-science and geometry. As they learn about rays in geometry, they are also learning about the



Calverton fourth-graders prepare to explore the Anacostia River ecosystem

rays of our sun. Real-world connections are made as students find streets on a local Calverton neighborhood map that are parallel and others that are perpendicular. They have identified obtuse, acute and right angles in an automotive blueprint as well as constructed three-dimensional straw models of right,

acute, straight and obtuse angles. Students have been encouraged to study their math facts and play *First in Math* at home daily. All students who pass all four math facts tests by Dec. 21 will be invited to a math facts party with the fourth grade teachers.

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## School News

### Celebrating the Holidays at High Road Upper School

Each year the students and staff celebrate the holidays with the community. This year, the High Road Upper School opened its doors for both a Thanksgiv-



Maleeca Bryant, teacher at High Road School

ing luncheon, Nov. 22, and Christmas party, Dec. 21.

Michelle Anderson, director, shared, "This is a great opportunity for our staff and students to share the joy of both Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday together."

This year, the students baked all the desserts for the holiday party as part of the Thanksgiving bake sale. There were about a dozen different items from pies to cookies to cakes.

One student explained, "This is the coolest thing... all of my favorites."

The Christmas party turned the school red and green keeping with the holiday season. There were refreshments and activities for the students before going on break.

Everett Richardson, Director, grinning from ear to ear shared, "It warms my heart to watch the students interact with each other in the spirit of the holidays."

### Christmas at St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School

The second week of December was a busy one for St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School located on Montgomery Road in Beltsville, Md. Aside from a new roof being put on the school, students participated in the annual Christmas play on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 13, in front of a packed parish hall. Mr. Nguyen, music teacher, orchestrated and directed another smash hit, *A Christmas Carol*. Students from all grades participated in this hour-and-a-half regalia of music, theatrics and all around Christmas spirit.

School leadership was impressed by the turnout and the gracious donation of canned food items for the St. Joseph's Food



Pantry. On Thursday, Dec. 15, the Beginner Band and award-winning Advanced Band, under the direction of Paul Martens, performed two wonderful, themed concerts for students, parents and teachers.

Finally, on Friday, Dec. 16, the students celebrated the Advent

Season with their class Christmas parties. The students then left school for a two-week Christmas vacation. The St. Joseph's students and staff wish everyone in Beltsville, Md. a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### ESOL Families Participate in Book Club at Beltsville Academy

This year Beltsville Academy is excited to hold an after-school Audio Lending Library book club. The club focuses on improving reading skills for English Language Learners (ELLs) through the use of audio books. There are 30 second- and third-grade students involved, as well as five

teachers who run the program: Kristen Benovic, Lilian Winters, Dana Grimaud, Lindsey Slaybaugh and Graciela Cedillos. The ESOL parents are a wonderful support to this program as well.

The main focus of the program is the reading book club discussion. Students borrow audio books

each club meeting, listen to and read the stories at home, and complete writing prompt responses. Teachers lead book club groups to discuss students' reading material and writing. The school has a wonderful range of audio books in both Spanish and English. These include fiction, non-fiction and chapter series books. During club meetings, students have the opportunity to receive homework help. They also listen to teacher read-alouds, complete art projects connected to reading activities, and utilize technology reading programs.

Parental involvement is a huge piece to the success of this program. Parents participate in choosing, reading and listening to the audio books with their children. The club hopes to improve students' reading fluency and comprehension as they develop a love for reading as well as maintain a strong connection between Beltsville Academy and its ESOL families.



ESOL teacher, Kristen Benovic, with four members of the Book Club





# Baker Bill

## STUFF 'N THINGS

Winter is here, the trees are bare, there's talk of snow, but I don't care. Some like the fireside slumber; as for me, I like the warm long summer!

I had a good compliment the other day. Someone heard me called Baker Bill and he said, "Oh, you're the writer."

Who, me? I may be called a writer but never a poet. I had two letters from people who made the fruitcake and liked it. I told you so.

It's your last chance to sign up for the baking class that starts Jan. 9. Many of the ladies that take the class more than once say it's a fun night out without drinking.

You know it's wintertime! You also know it's time for baking: cookies, cakes and breads. Moms, if the kids are stuck in the house on a cold snowy day after you have had fun with them shoveling the walk, here is a simple muffin recipe. When anyone talks about blueberry muffins, we all think, "Yum!" Maybe you are not sure how to make them. Well here's

how.

In a medium size bowl, place 1/2 cup sugar, 1 cup all-purpose flour. Now stir in 2 eggs, a pinch of salt, 1 teaspoon baking powder. Mix together with 1/4 cup milk. Add a shot of vanilla for flavor. Mix until smooth. Now add 1/2 cup of salad oil\* and stir in until smooth. This is a basic muffin mix and will turn out great the first time. If you use fresh blueberries, wash them well and add to batter. If canned, wash all the sugar off them. Fill muffin pans to the top and bake at 390 degrees for approximately 25 minutes. Special note: Only mix fruit in by hand and not too much or everything will be blue, but still tasty. Here is a real treat. Stir in 1/2 cup cream corn and 3 tbsp. corn meal. You see why I call it a basic mix? You can add chopped apples to the mix. Baker's secret! Steep the fruit in flour before adding to batter and they will stay up in finished muffins not sink to bottom while baking. \*NOTE: salad oil is any oil you want to use, Soya, canola,

even olive oil. All will work fine.

Man, the news media is making me sick. I feel for the family that lost a child, but every day on the news, come on. They will still be hashing over the Penn State mess when you read this in January! How many times can anyone stand seeing it. CLICK. Here's something we all know about, the Washington Redskins. Nothing will change there until we stop buying tickets and turning off the game. There's a regulation that states if the stadium is not sold out it cannot be televised. Frankly I do not think anyone enforces it. CLICK.

"Success is getting what you want. Happiness is liking what you get." - Jackson Brown. Comments: bakerbill2010@hotmail.com Bakerbill

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## Our Lady of Guadalupe's Image Arrives at St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School

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Monsignor also discussed the importance of the concept and significance of "Theotokos," or Mary Mother of God, with the middle school students. The new image is a special print placed on a backlit light box, whereby Mary's brilliance shines forth into the school hallway. *The light box was a gift of St. Hugh's Parish.*



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**JANUARY 2012**

# Calendar of Events

## AREA EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities for any  
changes in hours of operation due to inclement  
weather.

### U. S. NATIONAL ARBORETUM

3501 New York Ave., N.E., Washington, DC  
20002. See [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov) or call  
202.245.4521 for days and hours of operation  
as well as to register for the workshop.

### KADOMATSU WORKSHOP

Jan. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. Attract good luck  
and ward off evil spirits in the new year by observ-  
ing the Japanese tradition of creating and placing  
a kadomatsu at the entrance of your home. Learn  
the story of this practice and make a tabletop  
kadomatsu (literally gate pine) with the traditional  
symbolic materials we will provide: bamboo, pine  
and winter flowers. Expert instruction and all  
materials provided. Fee: \$49 Registration required.

### MONTPELIER MANSION

9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel. Call 301.377.7817  
for information on events. TTY: 301.699.2544.  
E-mail: [montpeliermansion@pgparks.com](mailto:montpeliermansion@pgparks.com).  
Contact the Art Center at 301.377.7800 for  
information on art and photography classes. The  
grounds are open from dawn until dusk every  
day of the year. Holiday hours: the mansion will  
be closed on Saturday, Dec. 31, and Sunday,  
Jan. 1, but will be open regular hours of opera-  
tion on Monday, Jan. 16.

### NEW DAYS AND HOURS FOR TOURS IN 2012

The schedule of self-guided tours is: Thursday  
to Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be  
no guided tours in January and February. The  
mansion will be closed on Wednesdays. Fees for  
tours: \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for  
children 5 to 18. Children younger than age 5  
are admitted Free.

### HANDS-ON HISTORY

Saturday, Jan. 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn about  
the tradition of John Canoe. Participants will  
learn about various African-American foodways,  
the cultural traditions of food. Hands-on activi-  
ties will focus on hominy. Advance registration is  
recommended. Fee: \$5 per participant. All ages.

### COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, Md. Call  
301.864.6029 for information on more events.  
TTY: 301.699.2544. Museum admission is \$4  
for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$2 for children.  
Children younger than 2 admitted Free. Open  
daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for major  
holidays. Tours for groups of 10 or more are  
available by appointment.

### MAD SCIENCE

Saturday, Jan. 14. There are two shows: 11  
a.m. and 1 p.m. Before Wilbur and Orville Wright  
could even begin to build an airplane, they had to  
understand the science that makes flying possi-  
ble. Join Mad Science of Washington, DC, for  
an exciting and interactive science program. All  
ages. Tickets cost \$5 each and will be available  
at the door on the day of the show.

### GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, Md., 20770. Call  
301.397.2208 for general information and to  
register for classes. Note: Please contact the  
center for any changes in the hours of operation  
due to holidays. See [www.greenbeltmd.gov/rec-recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/rec-recreation)  
for more events and class listings.

### POLAR PLUNGE

Sunday, Jan. 1 at 11:45 a.m. at the Greenbelt  
Aquatic & Fitness Center (GAFC). Wake yourself  
up for the New Year with an invigorating dip in  
the outdoor pool! For more information contact  
GAFC at 301.397.2204.

### BEGINNING VOICE FOR ADULTS

Ten meetings: Saturday, Jan. 14 to March 24 (no  
class on Feb. 18) from 11 to 11:55 a.m. Longing  
to sing a special song? Don't wait! This course is  
an introduction to the basics of singing. Instruc-  
tor Margaret Stricklett, a professional singer and  
teacher for more than 30 years, uses her own  
creative images and exercises to help students  
learn the basics of singing. Students should  
dress comfortably for breath exercises. So join

Margaret on Saturday mornings for singing, self-  
discovery, and fun. Fee for Beltsville residents:  
\$125 Ages 18+.

### LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, Md., 20707. Contact  
the center for more information and to inquire  
about classes and special events. Phone:  
301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY:  
301.446.3402. Holiday hours: closed Monday,  
Jan. 2 and Monday, Jan. 16. Regular hours of  
operation: Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9  
p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday  
from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed on Sunday.

### NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, Md.,  
20708. The Visitor Center entrance is accessed  
from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-  
Washington Parkway and Route 197. The center  
is part of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge.  
Its regular hours of operation are daily from 9  
a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for major holidays.  
Contact the Visitor Center regarding any changes  
in operating hours before a major holiday. Free  
admission to the center and its exhibits, the  
grounds and the trails. For more information  
regarding the following and other activities, call  
301-497.5887 or see: [patuxent.fws.gov](http://patuxent.fws.gov).

### NATURE TOTS: AWESOME POSSUM

Thursday, Jan. 12 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and  
from 1 to 2 p.m. What makes opossums awe-  
some? Do they really hang upside down in trees  
by their tails? Do they have pouches like kanga-  
roos? Come explore the world of the opossum  
in this fun hands-on program for preschoolers.  
Free. Ages 3 to 4.

### WINTER BIRD WALK

Saturday, Jan. 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. Join us for  
a naturalist-guided search for winter birds on the  
refuge. Field guides and binoculars are recom-  
mended. Free. Ages 14+.

### RECYCLED RHYTHMS

Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., learn  
how recycled items can produce music to your  
ears. Come make your own instrument and then  
explore the rhythms of the natural world in this  
creative hands-on program. Free. Ages 5 to 7.

### WHO'S CLUES?

Sunday, Jan. 22 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Join us in a  
fun, interactive program to solve the mystery of  
who's been roaming the refuge by reading tracks,  
traces, and scat clues. Free. Ages 8 to 10.

### WILD WOLVES

Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Learn  
where these powerful predators call home and  
how wolves survive the pack. Free. Ages 8 to 12.

### ROAMING RACCOONS

Saturday, Jan. 28 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Discover  
the world of these mysterious masked mammals  
seen roaming the neighborhood. Learn through  
exploration, identification and activities. Free.  
Ages 5 to 7.

## BELTSVILLE EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities for any  
changes in hours of operation due to inclement  
weather.

### BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 3 to 6:45 p.m. at Emmanuel  
United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane,  
Beltsville, Md. Sponsored by the Beltsville Lions  
in cooperation with MedStar Health Blood Donor  
Services. Please call Ted Ladd, 301.937.6796 to  
make an appointment.

### NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

10301 Baltimore Ave. Parking is free in the visi-  
tor's lot accessed via the Rhode Island Avenue  
driveway entrance. NAL is open Monday to  
Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for  
federal holidays. Call 301.504.5876 for informa-  
tion on basic services, resources, and special  
events. Free and open to the public. See NAL at  
[www.nal.usda.gov](http://www.nal.usda.gov) or on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/#!/National\\_Ag\\_Lib](http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib).

### BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

The Beltsville Library will be closed on the fol-  
lowing dates: Saturday to Monday, Dec. 31 to  
Jan. 2, and Monday, Jan. 16. Regular operating  
hours are: Monday to Tuesday from 1 to 9 p.m.,  
Wednesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.,  
Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on  
Sunday. Contact the Beltsville Library by phone  
at 301.937.0294 for more information regard-  
ing these and other programs. Visit us at 4319  
Sellman Rd., Beltsville, Md., next to the police  
station. Visit our library system website at [www.pgcmis.info](http://www.pgcmis.info).

### PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

#### CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays, Jan. 10 and 24 at 6 p.m. Chess for  
all ages and levels. Everyone welcome. Come to  
learn or just to play and have fun.

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

#### STORYTIME

Wednesdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 10:30  
a.m. Stories, songs, and fingerplays. Ages 3 to 5.

#### TODDLER TIME

Wednesdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 11:30  
a.m. Songs, stories and fingerplays. For children  
18 to 36 months with caregiver.

#### FAMILY READING THEATER

Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. Participants will be  
reading excerpts from Martin Luther King's life  
and speeches. Be a character, member of the  
chorus or the audience, and have fun reading  
aloud with a group. Families and children ages  
8 to 11.

#### TAIL-WAGGIN' TUTORS

Saturday, Jan. 21 at 10:15 a.m. Build your  
child's confidence in reading. Bring a favorite  
book or choose one from the library. Read to  
Bou, specially trained therapy dogs who will  
be glad to listen. Each child will read for 15  
minutes. Registration is required. Please contact  
the Beltsville Library for more information. Ages  
6 to 12.

#### FAMILY GAME ON!

Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. Families are invited  
to join the library for a night of video games and  
board games.

### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

#### FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

#### EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. Willa Cather's *My  
Antonia*. Drop by the library to pick up a copy. All  
are welcome.

#### AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 2 p.m. Chris Gardner's *The  
Pursuit of Happyness*. Drop by the library to pick  
up a copy. All are welcome.

### BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, Md. The Program  
Specialist is Michael Hansborough. Contact him at  
301.937.6613 or [Michael.Hansborough@pgparks.com](mailto:Michael.Hansborough@pgparks.com)  
for more information. Span-  
ish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512.  
Holiday hours: the center will close at 4 p.m.  
on Saturday, Dec. 31. The center will be open  
for business as usual on Martin Luther King  
Day, Monday, Jan. 16. Regular hours of opera-  
tion are: Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9  
p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for  
Xtreme Teen events), Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4  
p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), closed on  
Sunday.

### SNOWMAN MAKING WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

Wednesday, Jan. 11 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Bring your creativity and join us as we make  
edible snowmen in honor of winter. These treats

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outside of the birthday boy's home. Memories: the sweetness of a simpler time when adults paid attention to the children they had in their care without a cell phone glued to their ear and 10-year-olds weren't obsessed with smartphones and computer tablets. Laurel Mall, to me, will always represent a simpler time when a 25-cent ride occupied two rambunctious boys. Those were simpler times when a \$1.25 slice of pizza sufficed instead of a large home-delivered version for 10-times the cost. Laurel Mall served the community for many years. The anchor stores were J.C. Penney, Montgomery Ward and Hecht's; Bloomingdale's and Lord and Taylor weren't necessary or able to meet the needs of our community. The mall and its businesses met our needs. Online shopping, outlet malls, the demand for high-end electronics and sushi for lunch proved to be the death knell for Laurel Mall. It's okay. We, in Beltsville and the surrounding communities, still have our memories.

(Editor's note: Laurel Mall will be renewed as Laurel Town Center in the near future.)

FIRE DEPT.

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mately 55 active members that not only can be seen on the fire trucks and ambulances from BVFD every day, but who oversee the business side of running a viable non-profit organization. Additionally, BVFD has a Ladies Auxiliary that assists with community events and fundraising activities. As a result of prudent planning and the generous donations from our business and residential neighbors, BVFD is the proud owner of its own fire station at 4911 Prince George's Ave., Beltsville, Md., as well as several pieces of costly fire apparatus: a 105-foot aerial ladder truck, three pumper wagons and three command vehicles. Additionally, we own a retired 1967 Ward LaFrance pumper wagon that so many of you enjoy seeing when you visit us at our annual open house or when Santa is riding through your neighborhoods every year right before Christmas. The Volunteers of the BVFD are dedicated to providing quality fire, rescue and emergency medical services to the Beltsville, Vansville and surrounding communities in Maryland. Make sure to watch for the upcoming editions of the Beltsville News as we introduce our members to you. We thank you for your continuous support and wish you a Safe and Happy New Year.

CAMPOREE

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1033. The Webelos had been working all month on their outdoorsman pin, one of the required activity pins for Arrow of Light, and camping with the Boy Scouts helped them finish the pin.

School News

Beltsville Adventist School Students Helping Their Community and Beyond

Big hearts, helping hands and cheerful givers are phrases that describe Beltsville Adventist School (BAS) students this school year. The students have been busy spreading joy and hope to their community and communities around the world.

Since September, the students have collected shoes and school supplies, walked for the homeless, gathered food donations, and assembled care packages to help others. So far this year the students have supported Fannie Mae's Help the Homeless Mini-Walk; Operation Christmas Child; Eden Garden Orphanage in Haiti; and local families in need through The Women's Club of Beltsville and Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS).

The school year kicked off with a school supply and shoe drive to support the Eden Garden Orphanage in Haiti. The orphanage is the difference between life and death for the 27 children living there. BAS students wanted to be part of the life-line of support for the orphanage and collected boxes of school supplies and 275 pairs of shoes.

This is the first year the students



have participated in Fannie Mae's Help the Homeless Mini-Walk in support of LARS. Students and faculty gathered on the athletic field and walked laps in support of those in their community needing assistance with food, clothing and rent and utility payments.

This is the second year the students have helped Operation Christmas Child, a nonprofit organization that brings joy to children worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes. The students filled 159 shoe boxes with toys, school supplies and other necessity items; then prayed for the children who would receive the boxes.

An annual tradition culminated our season of giving when BAS students collected over hundreds of non-perishable food items for The Women's Club of Beltsville. The students collected food donations and sorted donations to help Beltsville area families in need this holiday season.

The generosity of the BAS students and their families has made a positive impact on local families and people around the world. BAS is proud of its students and their commitment to community service.

Beltsville News CHURCH DIRECTORY



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**Rev. Wyndell O. Banks, Senior Pastor**

**Worshiping every Saturday**

*Sabbath*

**Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
You're invited to join us for worship some Saturday morning—  
at whichever service best fits your needs.


Worship Service .....	9:30am
Adult Bible Classes.....	10:30am
Children's Bible Classes .....	10:30am
Worship Service .....	11:30am

*The 3 Temptations of Jesus—  
and the 21st Century*

*January 14*  
The Temptation to Be Relevant


*January 21*  
The Temptation to Be Spectacular

*January 28*  
The Temptation to Be Powerful




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Sunday Worship Celebration begins at 10:30 a.m.

Church School for all ages 9:00 a.m.

Weekly Prayer Service Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Off the Hook Young Adult Bible Study First & Third Tuesdays of  
the Month  
7:00 9:00p.m.

Church Administrative Office 301-937-7122 Fax 301-937-7172  
Web Site: [www.gbqm-umc.org/qcumc](http://www.gbqm-umc.org/qcumc)  
E-mail: [secqcumc@verizon.net](mailto:secqcumc@verizon.net)



# Beltsville News CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Iglesia Pentecostes Sinai

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**Martes Oracion 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

**Sabado Evangelistico 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Domingo Alabanza y adoracion de 2:00-5:00 p.m.**

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### Service Times:

- Christian Education/Sunday School 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Devotion & Prayer 10:45am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am
- Intercessory Prayer Wednesday 7:00pm
- Christian Education/Bible Study Wednesday 7:30pm
- Holy Communion 1st Sunday (During Morning Worship)
- First Friday Night Prayer (every month) 9:00pm

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are as fun to make as they are to eat. Space is limited, so sign up today. Reservation required by Jan. 4. Ages 5 to 12. Fee: \$2 Resident; \$3 Non-Resident.

### NATIONAL OATMEAL MONTH CELEBRATION

Friday, Jan. 27 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Come in and celebrate National Oatmeal Month by enjoying a morning oatmeal treat provided by the community center. All ages welcome. Free.

### XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

No events on Saturday, Dec. 31. Events for other Fridays and Saturdays take place from 7 to 10 p.m. Ages 13 to 17. Free with valid Center ID card.

### VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. The Director is Jeremy Weiss. Contact him at 301.937.6621 or [Jeremy.Weiss@pgparks.com](mailto:Jeremy.Weiss@pgparks.com) for more information. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Holiday closings: The Center will close at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31, and will be closed all day both Sunday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 16. Regular hours of operation are: Monday to Thursday from 2 to 9:30 p.m., Friday from 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), and Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.

### TASTE OF VANSVILLE

Thursday, Jan. 5 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join us for several demonstrations of classes that Vansville has to offer. The demonstrations are free.

Hip Hop classes begin Saturday, Jan. 7 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ages 5 to 7.

Hip Hop classes begin Saturday, Jan. 7 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Ages 8 to 14.

Cheerleading classes begin Saturday, Jan. 7 from 2: to 3:30 p.m. Ages 6 to 13.

Belly dancing classes begin Thursday, Jan. 12 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Ages 14+.

### TRIP TO COLLEGE PARK AIRPORT AND AVIATION MUSEUM

Wednesday, Jan. 11. Departing the center at 3 p.m. and returning by 6 p.m. We are taking a special trip to the College Park Airport and the College Park Aviation Museum, which are home to a century of aviation history. Join us for an eye-opening tour of many firsts in aviation. Reservation required by Jan. 4, with a maximum of 13 participants. Ages 10+. Free.

### I STILL HAVE A DREAM

Friday, Jan. 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, we challenge you to submit your interpretation of his famous speech known as *I Have a Dream*. Your artistic forms can be, but are not limited to, paintings, sketches, dramatic interpretations and music. Your creative and inspiring submission will be put on display. The deadline for your submission is Friday, Jan. 6. Contact the Center for more details. All ages. Free.

## PARTNERS

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of Washington, DC, in Beltsville, Md., The Brick Yard includes a dinosaur fossil park that commemorates and protects the discovery of a significant fossil deposit on a portion of the land. The property has been donated to the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission for management of the research activity. The Brick Yard is a model of sustainable building techniques. It is the first project in the area to adopt a site waste management policy, utilize recycled materials and incorporate numerous methods for energy efficiency and resource conservation.

## Abiding Presence Lutheran Church

10774 Rhode Island Avenue  
301-937-7646



Sunday Worship:  
9:30 a.m. in English  
10:30 Coffee and Social Hour  
11:00 a.m. in Korean  
Rev. Jongkil Na  
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10754 Rhode Island Avenue Beltsville, MD 20705

Phone: 301-595-3001 or 240-280-6341

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**Pastor:** Michael Ajayi

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Worship Service

Saturday-5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Saturday 10:00 a.m. Breakfast Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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## St. John's Episcopal/Anglican Church

at the corner of Route 1 & Powder Mill Road in Beltsville  
(301) 937-4292

The Rev. Paula E. Clark, Rector



### Sunday Worship Schedule

Quiet service: 8:00 a.m.

Family-oriented service: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Between September and June

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## First Baptist Church of Beltsville (SBC)

4700 Odell Road Beltsville, MD 20705  
301-937-7771

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

**Keith Holland, Pastor**

## Abundant Grace; Abundant Life...Abundant God!

### Sundays:

Sunday School for all ages	9:45am
*Morning Worship	11:00am
*Evening Worship	6:00pm
Kidz Choir & Mission Kidz	6:00pm
Youth Fellowship	6:00pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:00pm

### Wednesdays:

*Adult Bible Study & Prayer	7:00pm
RA's, GA's, Mission Friends	7:00pm
Youth Fellowship (7th - 12th grade)	7:00pm

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## Emmanuel United Methodist Church

Rev. Daniel Mejia

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### COME AND STUDY!

10:15am Sunday School for all ages, including adult  
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