Beltsville
Briefs

Basket Bingo
Basket Bingo is back at St. Joseph’s in the New Year! The date for St. Joseph’s Basket Bingo is Jan. 23, the snow date is Jan. 30.

5901 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, Md., Sold for $16,850,000
Colliers represents seller of 105,673 SF Class A office/flex property.

MCVET - A Haven For Homeless Veterans

By Ivy Christoffers

The first ever report on homeless veterans reported that in 2009 there was in excess of 76,000 veterans who found themselves homeless and at least 136,000 spent at least one night a week in a homeless shelter. This study was conducted by The Veterans Administration in conjunction with the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

Those men and women who have served our nation as members of our armed forces are responsible, and it helps us learn that we play a very important role in our community. The above article was written by troop 2751, which consists of sixth through eighth graders with a twelfth grade mentor. Girl scouting is so much more than cookies. I hope that when a girl approaches you and asks, “Do you want to buy Girl Scout cookies?” you will stop and think about it’s more than the cookies, it’s about giving opportunity.

Cub Scout Pack 1031 Is Climbing to New Heights
11 scouts from Cub Pack 1031 attended the Prince George’s District Cub Carnival on Dec 13. They were introduced to Archery, Slingshot shooting, scout skills and climbing. The National Capital Area Council was recently donated a wonderful climbing wall and the Cub Scouts at the Cub Carnival were the first to use it.

The Girl Scouts of Troop 2751!
We, as troop 2751, think Girl Scouting is important because it gives us opportunities to make friends, be creative, be respectful, and it helps us learn that we play a very important role in our community.

Local Dancers Perform for the Community
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The dancers of Eleanor Pernia Dance School.

On the Agenda

NEXT ISSUE:
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Happy New Year! Get ready to bundle up if the weather forecasts are correct. We are supposed to have a colder than normal winter and a higher than normal amount of precipitation. Let’s hope the coldest days are not the same days as the precipitation. If they are we will have a repeat of snowmageddon! Below are a few safety tips from Cpl. Woody.

- Do not leave your car unattended while it is warming up! Two reasons 1) it is against the law. 2) Someone may come along and steal it. Cars have been stolen while the owner is in the house and the car is warming up!!
- 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 - lasts 6 weeks.
- Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol! Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly

Karen Coakley

By President Karen Coakley
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A wedding is planned for March of 2015.

Engagement Notices

Stephen Faulconer and Sakeenah Shakoor

Mr. and Mrs. James Faulconer are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Stephen Faulconer, to Sakeenah Shakoor on Oct. 4. The couple were vacationing in Orlando, FL when Stephen proposed. Family and friends made a surprise visit to FL to join them in celebration of this blessed occasion. The wedding is being planned for Oct. 13, 2015 in Paradise Cove, Orlando, FL. We wish them a lifetime of happiness as they begin their life together.

Kristine Nicole Bell and Michael Simmons Jr.

Letter from the Editor

Hello everyone, I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to 2015. I can’t believe I have been working for the paper and working with all the wonderful people on staff for 2 years now. As we roll out 2015, I am excited to announce a new column, Tech Sense, that will be written by Beltsville Resident John Bell. The column will focus on the technical world that surrounds us. It is an exciting addition to the Beltsville News. Also, keep your eyes open in the coming months because the Beltsville News will be holding a meeting so that you can come out and meet our staff and talk to us about the paper. I look forward to 2015 and all of the blessings it will bring.

Happy New Year,

Rick

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Ask Chef Cole!

Beginning next month, our food columnist and owner of the café Rue would like to answer your questions. If you have a question about food, cooking or related item email Chef Cole with your question at Cole@thecaferue.com. Chef Cole will then select a question or 2 at random and respond in the next issue of the Beltsville News.

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Thank You, Teachers
By Pastor Jacob Young, Ph. D.
of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, MD

November is a month when many people take time to count their blessings and give thanks to family, friends, and others whose lives cross our path. At Emmanuel United Methodist Church, where I am pastor, we appreciate the commitment that the teachers and staff in our Beltsville schools make every day, and we thought that it would be especially appropriate to show our gratitude to the people who work in our schools during the Thanksgiving season.

Therefore, a few days before Thanksgiving, several representatives from Emmanuel UMC accompanied me to two local schools before the school day began. At 6:30 a.m. on Nov. 21, we visited High Point High School. At 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 25, we visited Beltsville Academy, which has students ranging from pre-kindergarten through 8th grade, as many of you know. We brought with us coffee and doughnuts to share with all of the teachers and staff members in that school.

Although there was a limited amount of time before the teachers and staff had to begin their duties, we visitors did have an opportunity to introduce ourselves and meet the principal of each school - Sandra Jimenez of High Point High School and Leslie Lowe of Beltsville Academy. We also were able to chat briefly with some of the school employees. I expressed Emmanuel’s willingness to partner with each school to help serve the children, perhaps by supporting a backpack or lunchbox project for students.

After the visits were over, the participants from Emmanuel discussed the events among themselves. We were grateful to have had the opportunity to provide coffee and doughnuts to the school teachers and staff members as a token of gratitude. We agreed that this would be a good way to express our thanks to the schools on a regular basis.

I know that many other community organizations support our schools in various ways. Emmanuel United Methodist Church will continue to look for ways to support our local schools, also. We encourage everyone to find a way to give special thanks to those working in our schools.

Once again, I would like to give heartfelt thanks to the teachers and staff members in Beltsville’s schools for their dedication.

Community Thanksgiving A Success at Emmanuel
By Patrick Elliott

Emmanuel United Methodist Church held its second-annual, free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day 2014. We welcomed 56 guests who feasted on turkey, chicken wings, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, salad, rolls, and many desserts. We served leftovers to 16 local homeless persons and donated the rest to Sarah’s House in Fort Meade, Maryland. Our Thanksgiving meal is open to everyone; our goal is to provide food and fellowship on what otherwise might be a feastless day. We look forward to continuing the tradition next year.

We would like to thank our congregation and community sponsors, who made this free event possible. With their support, we raised over $500 in donations. We ask that you consider supporting their businesses too: T.J.’s of Calvertown Restaurant, Buffalo Wild Wings, America’s Best Wings, Yia Yia’s Kitchen, Einstein Brothers, Old Line Fine Wine and Bistro, Giant Food, and Costco Wholesale.

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Neighbors in the News
An Unexpected Benefit
By John Drago, Parishioner St. Joseph’s Catholic Church

Each year, I look forward with joyful anticipation to attending my church’s pre-holiday bazaar. I make a day of it! I’m there when it opens and go home only after it ends. But this story isn’t about my day at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church bazaar. That would be a typical tale of treasures found, bought enthusiastically and carried home. Or, being a man, how I stuffed my face with pork barbecue sandwiches and Italian sausages with peppers and onions, etc. Instead, I wish to relate how a single act of giving on my part returned to me a priceless solution to a dilemma. Most American households are burdened with possessions they no longer need. But because some of these objects fall into the category of cherished family heirlooms, they are almost impossible to part with in good conscience. My dilemma came in the form of a hand-crafted toy wooden bed my father made for my daughter’s Cabbage Patch doll. Needless to say, the doll bed was made by my father with all the love and tenderness that real grandfathers have towards their grandchildren. The evening before the bazaar it came to me that this might be the right venue for that doll bed to find a new home. In the morning, armed with my adult daughter’s previously granted permission, I took the doll bed to the bazaar just before opening time. And, with a little mist in my eyes, presented it to the appropriate booth. I later learned that a grandmother bought it for her 2 year old granddaughter and that a new baby was due in that same home on Dec. 5. By coincidence, my own daughter’s birthday is Dec. 4, and I found peace in the knowledge that I made the right decision. I honored the memory of my father and another child is now enjoying my father’s handiwork. He would be pleased. It is my hope that this story will provide a solution for others making similar difficult decisions about family treasures.

Peace and Good Will,
John Drago

Community Thanksgiving A Success at Emmanuel

Members of Emmanuel wear their Emmanuel T-shirts as they bring coffee and donuts to the teachers of Beltsville Academy to express their thanks for all that the teachers do.

A keepsake from St. Joseph’s Bazaar

One of the many attendees of Emmanuel UMC’s Community Thanksgiving enjoys some home cooked food.

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Tech Sense

By John Bell

Post Christmas Software Blues
So you got a new computer for Christmas and now you are faced with the prospect of spending hundreds of dollars to purchase new software to use on your new computer. In this column we will look at some free alternatives to the software most people use on their computer.

Antivirus
Antivirus software protects your computer from being infected with a computer virus. Most new Windows computers come with a pre-installed trial copy of one of the popular Anti-Virus software packages. This trial software will normally expire after 30 days after which you are prompted to pay a fee to continue the protection for another year. Windows 8 and 8.1 also includes Microsoft Windows Defender, however this product is ranked very low when compared to other antivirus products.

The products listed below all provide good antivirus protection for personal use for free.
Avast Free Antivirus: http://www.avast.com


Office Suites
Office Suites typically provide as a minimum word processing, spreadsheets and presentation software. Microsoft Office is the most popular Office sold today. A Home and Student edition of Office normally sells for over $100. Several good free alternatives to Microsoft Office exist:
LibreOffice
LibreOffice: http://www.libreoffice.org/
LibreOffice is free and Open Source software that implements a full office suite including: A word processor, a spreadsheet, a presentation program, a drawing program, a database program and several other utilities. It supports reading and writing Microsoft Office compatible files and is considered by many to be the best free office suite available. This article was written using the word processor included as a part of LibreOffice.

Google Drive Apps
Google Drive: https://tools.google.com/

Prince George’s County Library helps facilitate health insurance enrollment

HYATTSVILLE, Md.—Prince George’s County Memorial Library System partnered with the Prince George’s County Health Department to provide computer access for self-directed online health insurance enrollment until Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015.

Individuals and families can shop, compare and enroll in health insurance plans at any library branch throughout Prince George’s County. Shoppers can receive special assistance at the Spauldings, Oxon Hill, Accokeek, Hyattsville, New Carrolton and South Bowie branches during normal branch hours.

By law, under the Affordable Care Act, most people over age 18 must have health insurance coverage beginning in 2014 or pay a fine.

Applicants should have their Social Security numbers, birthdates and general information about any family members applying for health coverage, employer and income information, policy numbers for any current health insurance plans and information about any other job-related health insurance available when they visit the library. For more information, visit www.pgcmls.info/ MarylandHealthCoverage.

Prince George’s County Library introduces IndieFlix

HYATTSVILLE, Md.—Prince George’s County Memorial Library System now offers customers access to IndieFlix, which provides online streaming of award-winning independent films, shorts and documentaries from around the world.

IndieFlix offers access to thousands of films, including films from major festivals all over the world such as Sundance, Cannes and Tribeca. The service can be accessed on any Internet-enabled computer, smartphone or tablet with a Web browser as well as devices such as Roku, Xbox and Apple TV.

To access IndieFlix, library-card holders must create an RBdigital Gateway login with their library card and email address. For more information and access to IndieFlix, visit www.pgcmls.info.
Neighbours in the News

Achieving Something New with Riderwood’s Art of Ceramics Class

SILVER SPRING—They came to Riderwood from all walks of life—designers, writers, scientists, teachers and more, but a creative endeavor brought them together.

About twenty residents of the Erickson Living retirement community are in the Art of Ceramics class, and on November 11th, their work was displayed at the group’s 2nd Annual Exhibition 2014. One of those residents is Dorothy Liddel. The former professor of nursing from Bethesda joined the group as a novice working with the medium of clay. But most importantly, we would not be possible. We would like to thank all of those who participated in our activities.

As we look back on 2014, we would like to thank all of those who participated in our activities. Without the active support of the MCPCPC, the events provided by the Beltsville Recreation Council would not be possible. We would like to thank Old Line Fine Wine, Spirits & Bistro, for selling our I Heart Beltsville t-shirts throughout the year.

The Beltsville Recreation Council congratulates the Winners of the 2014 Beltsville Holiday Decorating Contest, who were present and received a prize: “Best Holiday Spirit” – 4602 Marie Street and “Best Use of Animation” – 4218 Kenny Street, and “Best Lawn Display” – 4211 Ulster Road. Look for the “Winner” sign in the front yards.

Members of the Beltsville Community Center staff attended the meetings to help with successful coordination of planning and set up for all of the events. A calender of events and meetings can be found on our website www.beltsvillicouncil.homestead.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 2014. If we excluded anyone, it was inadvertent. We sincerely appreciate everyone’s support and look forward to a great 2015 in

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The Beltsville Rotary Club
By Howard Phoebus, Past President

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! 'Tis a time of year for joyful sights and sounds.

What sight could be better than a family receiving ample food over the Holidays-Beltsville Rotary does that! What sound could be better than joyful laughter from a united family that was once fragmented-Beltsville Rotary does that! What sight could be better than a graduating High Point senior receiving a scholarship contribution-Beltsville Rotary does that! What sound could be better than an assistance dog gleefully greeting it’s owner-Beltsville Rotary does that! You too can receive the blessings of these inspirational sights and sounds.

Join us, my wife Sheilah and USM Chancellor Brit Kirwan
Join us for our Welcome 2015 Celebration, Mon., Jan. 19, from 11:30 to 2:00 pm, at Cherry Hill Park (10600 Cherry Hill Rd) in College Park. This year we’ll also be celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Brit Kirwan, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, will be our special guest. Families are welcome. Please RSVP soon at www.SenatorJimRosapepe.com. Directions: Driving southbound on Route 1 from Beltsville, turn right onto Cherry Hill Rd at College Park Marketplace. Go one mile to park entrance on left, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd. Drive straight past the office at the entrance, then follow the signs for the Conference Center. We look forward to seeing you!

State Legislative Session
Starts Jan. 14
Delegates Barbara Frush, Josefine Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I will be back in Annapolis representing you in the 2015 Maryland legislative session starting on Jan. 14.

Let us know your opinions on issues of concern and contact us with any questions. Of course, feel free to be in touch if the Delegates or I can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.838.3141.

The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville

The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville would like to thank all the people that helped us provide food and gifts for Beltsville Families in Need this past Thanksgiving and Christmas. We were able to help 27 families for each of those holidays. A special thanks to St. Gregory’s Catholic Church! They provide food to us year-round so that we can provide on-going help to families beyond the holidays. Also, a very special thanks to the Principal and 8th grade students at the Beltsville Adventist School. They sort and box all of our donated food helping us greatly with our distribution process!

The following individuals and groups supported us for our 2014 season of giving with donations of varying kinds (monetary, food, gifts):

- St. Gregory’s Catholic Church
- Beltsville Adventist School
- Martin Luther King Jr Middle School
- Beltsville Academy, First Baptist Church of Beltsville
- Route 1 Liquors, Cherry Hill Camp City
- Donald Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville Costoco, Safeway, Beltsville Lions Club Foundation, Mary Kirk, Donna Mertens, Dr. John Maynihan, DDS, USDA Beltsville, Crescent Nursery


Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Join me, my wife Sheilah and USM Chancellor Brit Kirwan

Senator Jim Rosapepe
College Park Unit #217 Enjoys the Season

By: Ivy Christoffers

This has been a very active time for some members of College Park Unit #217. Beginning Dec. 1, one of our members has been donating her red and white Mrs. Santa Claus outfit and entertaining many in our community, beginning with the Special Olympics of Prince George’s County. Their annual Holiday party is held at La Fontain Bleu in Lanham the first Mon. in Dec. each year complete with Santa, Mrs. Santa and several Elves. More than 125 children were in attendance, along with their teachers. A special stuffed bear, made by volunteers, was presented to each child by Mrs. Santa along with a candy cane presented by Santa. It was a very festive time for these special children who enjoy dancing, singing and dining in a holiday atmosphere.

The Christmas gift shops for our hospitalized veterans were held for Perry Point, Loch Raven, and Baltimore VA Medical Centers, our retired veterans residing at Charlotte Hall, and our homeless veterans housed at MCVET (Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training) located in Baltimore. These events were very well attended by volunteers. They assisted our veterans as they chose gifts for their loved ones.

These gifts were wrapped in festive paper and ribbons and given to the veterans, except from Perry Point, where they were shipped to their homes. We also held holiday parties for our Veterans in Washington VA Medical Center and Perry Point VA Medical Center. The American Legion Auxiliary also contributed a few thousand dollars to the personalized gift programs at Washington VAMC and Martinsburg VAMC. No veteran pays in any way for these holiday programs. The cost is borne by The American Legion Auxiliary by soliciting donations from the 118 Units in Maryland. Our members consider it an honor to shower our veterans with the blessings of the season which is borne out by their generosity.

Unit # 217 hosted our annual Christmas Party for the community where Santa gave a gift to each child. The children and their parents enjoyed a day of making crafts, musical chairs, a festive lunch and enjoying holiday tunes. We were assisted by Miss College Park and several Princesses. Post and Unit #217 also catered the Carpenters Union holiday party again this year. It was a very well attended affair.

Our next event will be our annual New Year’s Eve party. This is a great way to ring out the old year and ring in the new. Complete with dining and dancing with your friends and champagne at midnight. It promises to be a great time. Tickets ($25) can be obtained at the Post.

Remember our Bingles held on Tue., Wed. and Thur. each week beginning at 12:15PM. The hall of Post #217 is available for rental for wedding receptions, parties or special events. Call 301.441.2783 to plan your event.

Our Friday night dances continue to bring in a good crowd. It helps to have good bands scheduled to perform. There is something about dancing that places wings on one’s feet and lightens the heart. Welcome to 2015. Let this be the year that we see all of our troops coming home and let us pray for peace around the world. God bless you, God bless our troops and may God continue to bless our great country.
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Wrapped with scarves, topped
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Mounds
Of snow were formed.

REBECCA Hutchings
12/05/2014
The High Road School

As the New Year approaches, we begin to think about things we want to change. In order to better ourselves, we should take a look on our past year in order to make resolutions for the upcoming year.

At High Road, our winter bulletin board theme was “New Year’s Resolutions”. Students had various goals and achievements for the upcoming year, some school related and some not.

~“I want to do better in the New Year. I am going to work on my behavior, being responsible, and being respectful.” - Anton Boulware

~“I want to get a new car. I also want to improve my scores in math and science because they will help me in my career.” - Jorge Ocana

~“I want to earn gold level. I’ve been able to maintain my level on blue for such a long time; I feel that I can achieve silver soon, and then move on to gold.” - Destiny Pelaez

~“I’m going to come to school more often.” - Rodney Williams & Mohammed Kamara

~“I want a better paying job.” - Charles Reed

The students were not the only ones who had new year’s resolutions. Teachers also had some goals they wanted to achieve and improve on for the upcoming year.

~“I want to live a healthier, more productive life.” - Ms LA, Teacher

~“I want to lose weight and win our biggest loser challenge. I also want to improve on my time management and finish school.” - Mr. S. Lewis, Teacher Assistant

~“I want to travel more!” - Mr. Rasheed, Teacher Assistant

~“I’m going to finish school and pass my Praxis exam!” - Mr. Hicks, Teacher & Ms Lucas, Teacher Assistant

~“I will surround myself with positivity and positive people!” - Mrs. Shemika, Administrative Assistant

The potential benefits of starting a Beltsville Academy “chapter” of the Imagine Learning Club to the schools’ English Language Learners (ELLs). So they took advance of the wonderful opportunity to establish the club at Beltsville Academy, which was made possible by Prince George’s County Public Schools Title III grant.

Each year, the student population of Prince George’s County Public Schools is getting more diverse. Students, who came from different countries with different cultural backgrounds and languages, continue their education here. It is inevitable for some of these students to face difficulty in transitioning to their new learning environment if not provided with enough necessary support. Therefore, such programs play a vital role for these students to succeed in their academic endeavors.

At Beltsville Academy, a group of teachers initiated to start a “chapter” of the Imagine Learning Club. It focuses on offering after-school academic support for ESOL students, improving confidence and language skills for students as they learn English, and encouraging newcomers and their parents to feel involved in our school community. The main focus of the club is the Imagine Learning software program, which builds students’ oral language, academic vocabulary, and reading skills.

The club is run by ESOL teacher Kristen Benovic, first grade teacher Dana Grimaud, and ESOL paraprofessional Graciela Cedillos. It was in Fall 2012 when Ms. Benovic and Ms. Grimaud saw the potential benefits of starting a Beltsville Academy “chapter” of the Imagine Learning Club to the schools’ English Language Learners (ELLs). So they took advantage of the wonderful opportunity to establish the club at Beltsville Academy, which was made possible by Prince George’s County Public Schools Title III grant.

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First conduct a financial Check-Up with our Online Calculator. Just like an annual physical or your vehicle’s service schedule, it’s a good idea to perform an annual financial checkup to see if you’re on track to meet your goals and to see how you’ve done over the past 12 months. The beginning of the New Year is a great time to do it.

1. Evaluate your goals. Did you make progress on them in 2014? If not, why? If your goals changed during the year, revise them and commit to paper. Has your personal situation changed, or do you anticipate any major changes in the near future—like a job change, a divorce, another child, retirement, a new house, getting married? These kinds of events can alter your income and lifestyle significantly, so you may need to revise your budget, your spending, your savings, and your investments.

2. Protect your assets. Review your homeowner’s or renter’s insurance, health insurance, and auto insurance. Also, keep your long-term disability insurance updated to protect your income earning ability.

3. Review retirement plans. A 401(k) is one of the best tax-reducing strategies available. Are you contributing the max? If your employer doesn’t have a 401(k), consider starting an IRA or a Roth IRA. If so, contribute as much as possible towards maximizing your retirement savings.

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RATES ARE STILL LOW, PRICES ARE GOING UP, STILL A GOOD TIME TO BUY AND SELL!
Text Alive program, which allows high school students to perform at the Shakespeare Theater. These students were involved in a semester-long connection with the Shakespeare Theatre Company, attending workshops and rehearsing scenes from one of Shakespeare’s plays. After collaborating with professional actors and actresses on their scenes, the students were able to perform for their friends and family.

Prior to the winter break, the fine arts department showcased the talents of the students, with an orchestra, and dance students in a winter concert that captivated the audience. The winter sports, including basketball, swimming, wrestling, indoor track, and cheerleading began their seasons. High Point would like to welcome Mr. Malcolm Laurence as our new head boys’ basketball coach. Please check the school’s website for information on the athletic teams and schedules in order to support them.

The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) has a new head boys’ basketball coach, Mr. High Point would like to welcome Mr. Malcolm Laurence as our new head boys’ basketball coach. Please check the school’s website for information on the athletic teams and schedules in order to support them.

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On Saturday, December 13, HP’s Drama Teacher, participated in the opening of Ms. Betty Smalls, English and Spanish. She played one of the RISE (Respect, Integrity, Service, and Excellence) team models of the Brookside Gardens Conservatories, the Dentzel Carousel, and the Chautauqua Tower of Glen Echo Park.

BROOKSIDE GARDENS 1800 Glenside Ave, Wheaton, MD 20902. Information Desk: 301.962.1400. Website: MontgomeryParks.org/brookside. The grounds are open every day of the year from sunrise to sunset. Free admission. Limited parking is available next to the Conservatories. Regular hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Closed in the evenings and on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. The South Conservatory comes to life with a landscape in miniature, as trains and trams stroll their way through town and country scenes, past one of kind models of the Brookside Gardens Conservatories, the Dentzel Carousel, and the Chautauqua Tower of Glen Echo Park.

MONTPELIER MANSION & ART CENTER Address: 9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708. Phone: 301.774.1341. Fax: 301.699.2544. E-mail: montpeliermansion@parks.org. Contact the Art Center at 301.377.7800 for information on art and photographs of our 301-acre gardens and grounds. Hours of the mansion: Thur. – Sat., from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost: $3/adults, $2/persons 65 years old or older. The mansion is closed on Sundays and holidays.

LAUREL–BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER Address: 7120 Center Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. Closed Thur., Jan. 1, 2015. Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fri. from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sat. from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., closed on Sun. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

THREE MOVIE MATINEES Join us for Academy Award® winners. The movie for Thu., Jan. 8 is The Monuments Men and the movie for Thu., Jan. 22 is The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. Movie time is 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and ends around 12 noon. We’ll supply the popcorn and you enjoy the movie free.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER The National Wildlife Visitor Center will be closing at 1:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve (Wed., Dec. 24th) and will remain closed through Dec. 31, 2015. Make sure to stay on marked trails at all times and find out about closed areas when visiting.

ROAMING RACCOONS Fri. Jan. 9th, 10:00-12:00 p.m., Ages 8-11. Find out about this fascinating nighttime creature and learn how to tell an animal’s lifestyle just by looking at its tracks and scat.

WHO’S CLUES? Wed., Jan. 14th, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Ages 8-10. 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. Registration is required.

AN OTTER TALE Fri., Jan. 16th, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Ages 5-7. Live your own story of an otter’s life in this “otter-ized,” hands-on program. Learn why otters are so at home in the water. Registration is required.

STORYTIME Sun., Jan. 18th, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Ages 3-5. Discover the world of these mysterious masked mammals that roam our neighborhoods under the cover of darkness. Learn through hands-on activities and make a craft. Registration is required.

WINTER BIRD WALK Sat., Jan. 19th, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Ages 8-11. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended. Registration is required.

WINTER WOODS HIKES Join us for guided hikes through our refuge. Ages 5-7. Hike conditions vary daily, so please check our online library services for information and events.

EMPOWER Minnesota program, Tue., Jan. 6, at 5:00 p.m. Elementary students, bring the family and join one of the EMPower Rangers for a fun, interactive presentation about our energy choices and what we can do today to make our homes and neighborhoods cleaner and greener!

Pre-school Storytimes, Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., for ages 3 to 5. Wednesday 10:30 a.m. story time is a repeat of the Tuesday evening story time. (Tuesdays: Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27; Wednesdays: Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 28)

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SKULL DETECTIVES Wed., Jan. 28th, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Ages 8-10 Join a referee naturalist in discovering what different animal skulls can teach us. Learn how to tell an animal’s lifestyle just from looking at its bones! Registration is limited and required.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY The library is located at 4319 Selman Road, Beltsville, next to the police station. Main contact number: 301.879.0274. Please note: The library will be closed on Thur. Jan. 15. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Tue. from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wed. – Thu. from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sat. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Sun. Visit our library system website at www.pgc.gov/lib to use our online library services.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY Tea Time, Thu., Jan. 8, at 4:00 p.m. Join in a rouging round of EPIC at the library!
I hope all of you had a good holiday season, I have. I’m blessed because all of my family live in this area. That could change soon but for now it’s great.

I have written about this subject before, on television there are more ads for medications, new stuff. The funny thing is they need to list all possible side effects and they seem to go on and on. I start thinking why in heavens name would I try that. I know why they charge a small fortune and not covered by Medicare.

All the family went to the Yacht club for Thanksgiving dinner. It was arranged by my son in law, who’s a member. This is the son in law that has a money tree growing in the back yard. He is a great guy and I think a lot of him. He and My daughter Jane have given me two great grand kids.

So now the food fest is over and you have put on a few pounds, thinking of going on a diet? Well I guess it’s that but I will keep staying away of the sugar free candies. Why you ask.

because of 3 words, Matitol, Lati tol and Sugar alcohols, they all have a laxative effect, enough said. I googled Resolutions and got a list 100 strong. The first most popular was lose weight, #2 was get into shape, #3 quit smoking, #4 Volunteer somewhere and #5 cut drinking alcohol. I for one do not make any, never had.

I watch the History channel a lot and they were preaching about bread, something I know a lot and they were preaching about bread, something I know about. One bread was corn bread, also something I know about.

They say bakers guard their recipes with their life. Well I don’t take a pencil and copy this recipe from the paper.

**Corn Bread!**

In a med size bowl place 3/4 cup sugar, 1 cup of flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder/2 teaspoons salt. Mix well and dry. Mix together 1/4 cup milk, stir in two eggs, 1/2 cup crisco oil and stir into dry mix now place 3 heaping tablespoons of cream corn and 4 heaping tablespoons of corn meal, MIX WELL.

This mix will fit into 6 muffins or bake in baking dish. cool and cut into squares. it will not rise fins or bake in baking dish. cool and cut into squares. it will not rise. set your oven to 410 degree and bake aprox. 15 minutes. You can find the recipe on my web sight bakerbill.net scroll down to corn muffins. If you have a question call me 301 572 4180. Also note, cream corn is best but it will work with drained corn.

That’s all for January 2015. Baker Bill
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301-937-7771
www.fbcbeltsville.org
Keith Holland, Pastor

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Sundays:
*Sunday School for all ages 9:45 a.m.
*Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays:
*Adult Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.
RA’s, GA’s, Mission Friends 7:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m.

Mother’s Morning Out Program For 2 & 3 year old
Tues/Thurs mornings (Sept-May)
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
*Childcare available for children up to 4 years old

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301-937-7646

Sunday Worship:
9:30 a.m. in English
10:30 Coffee and Social Hour
11:00 a.m. in Korean
Rev. Jongki Na
www.APLChurch.org

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The Reverend Doctor John R. Price, Interim 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
Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., contemplative service with music as well as times of silence. Come join us.

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9:00 am Contemporary Service
11:15 Traditional Service
10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School for adults & children
Nursery Care is available for both services
Sign Language Interpretation at 11:15 service

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The holidays are over and slowly the reality of what you spent is beginning to weigh in. Don’t worry. We have a debt “skimming” calculator that shows you how much you could save when you refinance your debt to us.

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