

# Brookfield-Immanuel Charge

Sandy Cross, Editor

Spring 2011



**REMINDER TO ALL  
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**  
Brookfield Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.  
Immanuel Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Immanuel Worship Service - 11 a.m.



## **A Message from the Brookfield Immanuel Pastor Parish Relations Committee:**

As most of the members of Brookfield and Immanuel are aware, Rev. Hunt will be retiring from the ministry on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Jim and Gwen will be taking residence in a retirement community in Florida. Since his announcement, the members of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC), the Chairs of the Administrative Councils, the Lay Leaders and the Lay Member to Annual Conference, have been meeting to prepare many documents for the Conference to use in the consideration of the appointment of a new pastor for Brookfield and Immanuel. We have had to consider and make adjustments to meet certain requirements of the conference for appointments. In an effort to meet the service attendance recommendations, Brookfield and Immanuel have proposed to worship together in one worship service at least once a month. Further, a single Charge Council is being proposed and designed to better serve our combined needs. A new profile of the 2 churches, their goals, worship styles, ministry needs, ministry strengths, financial status, other attributes as well as evaluations of each of the congregations has been prepared by the committee. So as you can see, it has been a busy year.

Our Conference Guide, Rev. Vicky Starnes, has met with us, and several weeks ago facilitated a meeting with our appointed pastor, Rev. Marianne Brown. Pastor Marianne will begin her ministry with us the first Sunday in July at 10 a.m. -- joint worship service at Immanuel followed by a welcome meal-event to be announced later.

Pastor Marianne, as she has requested to be called, is joining us from Arnolia UM Church in Parkville, MD. She and her ministry partner/sweet dog, Angel, will be moving into the parsonage in the first week of July. We pray that each of you will come out and meet Pastor Marianne and support her and our churches. Please see the next page for a bio provided for us by Pastor Marianne:

## ***By PASTOR MARIANNE***



Rev. Marianne Theresa Brown, the eldest of five siblings, was raised in Annapolis, MD. In 1972 she attended University of MD, College Park for two years; she married in 1974, moved to Southern MD and lived on a working tobacco farm with her husband and his extended family while working as a bookkeeper for the now defunct MD Tobacco Grower Co-op.

As they came along, Pastor Marianne stayed home to raise her 3 children, Amiee, William, and Shawn. In addition she raised and canned vegetables and jellies, and she made applesauce and apple butter for the family table. She raised a black Labrador named Desie and two litters of her pups, including a chocolate named Coffee. She and her husband raised rabbits, chickens, turkeys, sheep, for the table; they kept honey bees, goats and horses as well. (Pastor Marianne knew exactly how Mrs. Noah felt on the ark!)

When the marriage ended in divorce Pastor Marianne moved to St. Leonard, went to work for the Calvert County landfill, took classes, and transferred to Administration and Finance two years later. Pastor Marianne remained single and raised her children. She lived and worked in So MD for another 16 years until her call to ordained ministry re-surfaced in 1999, after a Walk to Emmaus retreat and Disciple Bible Study class. From that time forward she began to make plans as she became an empty nester to answer that call.

In 2000, her pastor and his wife, Jim and Vickie Farmer, introduced Pastor Marianne to the Rev Lynn Arthur Brown who was already in seminary, answering the call as a second career pastor. Marianne and Lynn fell in love and they married on Epiphany in January 2001. Lynn became an instant grandpa. They found an adorable little pug who thinks he is a BIG dog. His name is Angel. Lynn and Marianne lived in Brandywine until Lynn was appointed to a church in north Baltimore County in 2003. Marianne completed her BA of English degree from UMUC in 2004 and began seminary that fall. From 2004-2008 Marianne served three congregations as a student pastor while obtaining her Master's of Divinity degree at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C.

In January 2007, while serving a church in Frederick County, Lynn became seriously ill quite suddenly; he went into respiratory distress and died 8 days later on February 1. The cause of his illness is still unknown. While dealing with sudden loss, change and grief, Pastor Marianne continued her classes after a brief absence. In 2008, she graduated with honors and was commissioned by Bishop John Schol at annual conference. The bishop appointed her to Arnolia UMC. The next steps for the ordination process that began for Pastor Marianne in 1999 are the completion of several requirements to be eligible for the elder's exam.

Pastor Marianne's adult children still live in the So. MD area, and she now has three grandchildren: Amiee's son Alex who is 12, William and Amber's daughter Willow, age 6 and Shawn and Leslie's daughter Kayli, age 2.

Country living, reading, gardening, good food, and conversation are favorites, as well as, movies, theater, good art and good music. She is still a horse-crazy gal. She especially loves the beach. Pastor Marianne enjoys crocheting, cross stitch and just learned the art of piecing and hand quilting at a retreat this past winter. Her first project is a memory quilt made from Lynn's favorite shirts.

***Thank you, Pastor Jim and Gwen for your kindness when I came for a quick visit a few weeks ago. Your help and hospitality are appreciated! Thank you to Sharon Roberts and the members of SPRC, for your gracious SO MD welcome. I look forward to serving God, getting to know the congregations and discovering what God has in store for us beginning in July!***

***Peace,***

***Rev. Marianne Brown.***

## ***PRAYER LIST***

SHUT INS/NURSING HOME/HOMEBOUND: **Ruth Goldsmith** (Im) at Charles Co. Nursing Home; **Josephine/Goldie Goldsmith** (Im) at home, **Faye Cross Oliver** (Im) at Home, **Marie Hutton** (Im) Morningside House, **Helen Martin** (Im) at home, **Edith Baden** (Im), Clinton Nursing Home

### **Prayer Concerns**

Edith Baden  
Mary Cole  
Shirley Hemming  
Debbie Richards

Bill Brunig  
David Cross  
MiMi Murray  
Jonathan Roberts

Susan Chones  
Donna Goldsmith  
Jack Pussard  
Bobby Seger

*All those who have lost their jobs or homes  
People living with natural disasters  
Japanese Earthquake Victims/Lybia and the Near East*

### **Sympathy to the families of**

Violet Christy (Phyllis & Sandy's dear friend)  
Mildred Darcey (Steve Darcey's mother)  
Greg Habershon (friend of Eldon Baldwin)  
Dorothy Mortimer (Bernice Seger's sister)  
George Nutwell (Judie Gibson's father)  
Morris Richardson (oldest membership at Immanuel)

### **Continuing Concerns**

Bill Aker  
Rick Burtnick  
Leon Dixon  
Ruby Funkhouser  
Brandy (Norleen) Hale  
Richard Mortimer  
Kevin Prus  
Sue Rye  
Betty Sparks  
Karl Voehl

Randy Baden  
Ryan DePaulo  
John Duley  
"Bunky" Greenfield  
Alan Landon family  
Bill O'Neil  
Jean Richards  
Doris & Tom Sanders  
David Taliaferro  
Becky Walton

Bobbi Borrás  
Daniel DeVillier  
Ruth Fletcher  
Walt Grimes  
Daniel/Nancy Moreno  
Ken Prinkey  
Garnet Roberts  
Bernice Seger  
Dewey Tarbox  
Karon (Rye) Weatman

### **All Those Serving in the Military Especially Those Deployed**

Jennifer & Ryan Becker  
Nathaniel Cook  
Stephon DeVille  
Patrick Jenkins  
Shawn Murphy  
Jay L. Parsons, IV

Ben Blanton  
Chris Crusius  
Ryan Gass  
Chris Kastronis  
Richard Myers  
Garrett Rogers  
Trent Watson

Collin Bradley  
Brian Decker  
Alyssa Glampie  
Jeff Komives  
Michael Oliver  
Thomas Thornton



Immanuel Church mourns the death of Morris Richardson this week. Morris joined the church in 1934, making him a 77-year member and the person with the longest membership on the rolls. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Jean Richardson and her 4 daughters and their families. He was pre-deceased by his sister, Mary Richardson (a 50+ year member at Immanuel and a dedicated Sunday School teacher for 47+ years) and a surviving sister, Shirley Hemming (also a dedicated Sunday School teacher for many years and a 62-year member at Immanuel), her husband Bernard Hemming, and son, Bernie of New York. Not only was Morris a social worker and later worked with the Peace Corp, the records of Immanuel Church Men's Brotherhood carry the name of Morris representing the organization in letters of support for community needs.



Violet Christy, a 6-year member of Immanuel Church, also passed away March 23, 2011. Her memorial service will be a 11 a.m. at the Cheltenham Veteran's Cemetery Chapel in Cheltenham.



TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH WITH

JESUS CHRIST

**VBS 2011**

**Nottingham-Myers United Methodist Church  
 Brookfield United Methodist Church  
 Immanuel United Methodist Church  
 Christ United Methodist Church**

- **Date:** July 11-15, 2011
- **Time:** 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. (Mon – Fri)
- **Place:** Immanuel U.M. Church Hall



Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

## **EASTER FLOWER ORDER**

Once again it is time to decorate the altars for Easter. If you would like to place a flower in Honor of or in Memory of a loved one, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate along with payment OR mail it to your church treasurer. Absolute deadline for orders is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Put a number (how many) you want to order in the blank below

Lilies: \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangeas: \$16.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_ Blue

Tulips: \$11.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow

Daffodils: \$11.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths: \$11.00 \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_ Blue

Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

## **!!! Help Christmas in April of Prince George's County**

**Put It On Your Calendar:**  
**Next Christmas in April Day is April 30, 2011**

**Please contact Eldon Baldwin or Vic Grabis if you are able to work  
on the Unity Ministries Team - We have been assigned 2 houses.**

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### ***His House***

*It was a cold Sunday morning when members started arriving at church, snow flakes had just fallen, people were rushing in to get inside to the warmth, to the dry sanctuary.*

*As the members were walking in they were astonished to see a homeless person laying on the sidewalk by the front door. He was bent over all covered up with an old black trench coat that had many holes in it. His shoes had holes in it and you could see his socks filthy from months of grime on them. The man had a black hat on that covered his face. His hands filthy with dirt from probably digging in a garbage can some thought.*

*As the members made their way into the sanctuary, they were all discussing how this horrible filthy man, had the nerve to sleep at THEIR church doors! Finally the pianist started playing and the members all sat down in their seats. They were all looking around, wondering where the Pastor could be. You could hear people whispering, saying, "Pastor Joe is probably telling that homeless man he needs to leave the property." "What would visitors think if they seen him." All of a sudden, you could hear a gasp! The homeless man was walking down the middle of the church aisle, he made his way to the front, and then to the platform!!! When the homeless man got to the microphone, he said "Good morning, how are you all?" The homeless man was their Pastor Joe! Not a word was said, no one moved all around. Even the pianist stopped playing.*

*Then Pastor Joe said, "Did any of you see Jesus outside this morning?" "He was cold, He was dirty, His clothes were filthy!" However no one asked Him into HIS house."*



....to Jonathan Roberts and Erin Kauffman on the birth of their son, Colton born December 27, 2010, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. and 22" long. Proud grandparents are Bib and Sharon Roberts. Great Grandmother is Clara Volm.

....to JoDee (Hutton) and Moise DeViller on the birth of their son, Daniel Christopher born January 21, 2011, weighing 4 lbs. 9 oz. And 16" long, born at 31 weeks. Proud grandparents are Phil and Linda Hutton. Great Grandmother is Marie Hutton.



### Congratulations

To Christy and Joseph Burnett on their marriage at Brookfield Church on March 12. We wish them much happiness.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SAVE THIS DATE**

**BROOKFIELD'S ANNUAL TEA  
SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011**



**The theme this year is**

**"Springtime Serenade"**

Tickets will be available at the 10 a.m. worship service April 3.

Please make your reservations as soon as possible

Tickets sell out quickly. - Tickets are \$35.00 each.

Contact person for tickets and reservations are

Shirley Burnett at 301-579-6265



**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE. A SOCIAL EVENT TO BENEFIT OUR  
COMMUNITY. ONE YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!**

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

By Dorothy Borrás



The ladies sponsored a Christmas Pot Luck Dinner early in December 2010. Dinner was served



around 5:00 p.m. with families from both churches attending. Seniors 70 and over received a box of candy and later in the evening, there was a visit from Santa Claus. A program was provided by the children, led by Cherry Lynn Tarbox and Nina Voehl. Lots of food and fellowship.

Then, again in February we had a Valentine Pot Luck Dinner. The hall was decorated beautifully for this special occasion. Roses were given to the couple married the longest, Bernard and Thelma Jean Duvall – 56 years, and the newest married couple, Jean and Walt Grimes – 4 years. A rose was given by Dot Borrás to each of her helpers, Carol Tarbox, Joyce Sweeney, and Robin Young. Special thanks to Cherry Lynn Tarbox for leading the group in singing. Everyone that attended was treated to an evening of fun and good food.

Again this year a Silent Dinner Letter has been mailed asking for your support for the Ladies Group and their activities. With your support, we can continue to be an important part of the ministry at the churches. A BIG thank you.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> we will be having our 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother/Daughter Banquet at Immanuel Church Hall. Make your reservations with Phyllis Decker, 301-579-6444.

Our ladies continue to serve our church Family and Community in various ways, for that we are proud. The Friendship Circle continues to be an active part of our group.

## Immanuel United Methodist Men

By Ray Borrás

The group has had a propitious year with the yard sales paying for the youth fishing trip. The Father/Son Banquet was very successful. We were able to assist the youth in attending a Baltimore-Washington Conference Youth Retreat (ROCK 2011 at Ocean City), paid for training classes and repairs to the Church and Hall. We will continue to contribute as much as possible in 2011. Some of our upcoming events for 2011:

- Cemetery clean up April 16 (rain date April 23) at 8:00 AM
- Father/Son Banquet June 18 at 6:00 PM
- Yard Sale July (TBA) Donations will be accepted
- Youth fishing trip August (TBA)
- Riverside Service Refreshments
- Assistance to various Charities
- Vacation Bible School

As you can see, we need your help. Please donate items to our yard sale or if it is easier just write a check to Immanuel U. M. Men to help us support the Church.



**Pavers – continued**

A person's/couple's name with a favorite saying or description, a Bible verse, a Message to a deceased love one, or anything that is in your heart. It does NOT have to be a memorial.

We hope to have enough bricks by the end of July to be able to fill the sidewalk to the right of the ramp. So far we have 11 - 4 x 8, 3 - 8 x 8, 5 - 12 x 12. There will be blank fill ins placed around some of the bricks, but it is important for you to get your brick order sent to the treasurer by the end of July. Make your check payable to Immanuel UM Church and send to c/o David Cross, Treasurer, 13801 Martin Road, Brandywine, MD 20613. When the orders are all in, then the designing firm will lay them out on paper, order the bricks and have them put in place. We will keep you advised.

**It's Not Goodbye – It's "Till We See You Again"**

On March 6 and 13<sup>th</sup>, Brookfield and Immanuel spent time sharing worship, a meal, hugs, and memories with Pat and Pete Schaecher as they move to Florida after 47 years of membership at Brookfield. They were presented a memory photo book of the events and services on the charge, favorite recipes, and messages from folks wishing them well. On behalf of the choir, Joyce presented Pat with a filigree cross necklace. We will all miss them so much. The following is contact information for them:



**Comments made in the year 1955!**

'I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$10.00

**Out of the Mouths of Babes.....**

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what 's the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'



**Retirement in FL – Vic & Linda Grabis**

**CONGRATULATIONS to Pat and Pete Schaecher on becoming Great-Grandparents – Jaxon Trotter (weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz, 19" long), was born to Becky & Chris Trotter March 31. Grandparents are Brad & Kelli Sweeney.**

**Brookfield-Immanuel**  
**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS**

**Sunday, April 3 – Joint Worship at Immanuel at 10 a.m.**

**Saturday, April 16 – Cemetery Clean up @ Immanuel (Rain date Sat. April 23)**

**Saturday, April 16 – Hunt’s Yard Sale**

**Sunday, April 17 – Palm/Passion Sunday -**

**Thursday, April 21 - Maundy Thursday Service – Immanuel, 7:30 p.m.**

**Friday, April 22 - Good Friday Service – TBD**

**Saturday, April 23 – Easter Egg Hunt @ Immanuel at 1:30 p.m.**

**Riverside Clean up for Sunrise Service – will confirm with Ms. Lee.**

**Easter Season – April 24, 2011**

**Sunrise Service 6:00 a.m. at Riverside (in case of inclement weather, riverside is cancelled)**

**Easter Morning Worship - Brookfield at 8:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt following service**

**Immanuel at 11 a.m.**

**Saturday, April 30 – Christmas in April**

**Sunday, May 1 – Joint Worship at Brookfield at 10 a.m.**

**Thursday, May 5 – National Day of Prayer – Immanuel will open church from Noon – 2 p.m.**

*(Linda Grabis will serve as church monitor)*

**Saturday, May 7 – Mother/Daughter Banquet at Immanuel – 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 8 - Mother’s Day/Festival of the Christian Home**

**Saturday, May 14 – 3 p.m. Lisa Jones wedding at Immanuel**

**Saturday, May 21 – Spring Tea @ Brookfield**

**Saturday, May 28 – Hunt’s Estate Sale**

**May 29 – Youth Sunday at Immanuel -**

**Graduate Sunday – tentative May 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day**

**Sunday, June 5 – NO JOINT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY (see Sunday, June 26 for Joint Worship**

**Saturday, June 11 – Hunt’s Yard Sale**

**Sunday, June 12 – Pentecost – Receive new members**

**Sunday, June 12 – Open House in honor of Rev. & Mrs. Hunt (*community and local churches invited*)*Time to be announced***

**Saturday, June 18 – Father/Son Banquet at Immanuel – 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 19 - Father’s Day**

**Sunday – June 26 – Joint Worship at Riverside – 10:30 -- Farewell for Rev. & Mrs. Hunt @ 10:30 for Brookfield and Immanuel**

**Sunday, July 3 - Independence Sunday – Joint Worship – New Pastor @ Immanuel, 10:30 a.m. followed by a Welcome Event -**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Please put the dates on your calendar - July 11-15.**  
**More information to come.**



## *Hunt n'Peck*

## LENT SYMBOLS

### A Symbolic Journey to Easter

Shrove Tuesday, observed in many places the evening before Ash Wednesday with a pancake supper, recalls how, in their haste, the Israelites left all their leavening in Egypt and were sustained by unleavened bread in their wilderness journey. Pancake suppers were a way of using up all the leavening in the house so that only flat breads were eaten during Lent. (In every community there is always one non-Christian who is asked to keep the leavening cultures alive in her house, so that it can be reclaimed by the worshiping community after Easter.)

Lent, of course, begins on Ash Wednesday. The central message of Ash Wednesday is humankind's recurring sinfulness. It is appropriate that we use as a symbol of this message the ashes from the previous year's palms. The joyfulness of the Palm Sunday celebration is revealed over time to have been a hollow welcoming of Jesus, and we wear the ashes of those palms in the shape of a cross on our foreheads as a public act of repentance.

The forty days of Lent are another symbolic reminder of Jesus' wilderness temptations and of the wanderings of the children of Israel out of bondage and into a new freedom. The forty days, in some places observed with specific acts of self-denial, are both days of reflection and days of anticipation of Easter. The liturgical color of Lent is purple, the color of repentance.

The palms of Palm Sunday (also known as Passion Sunday) are a symbolic recollection of the palm-strewn welcome Jesus received as he entered Jerusalem for the Passover. This is a bitter-sweet recollection for it also inaugurates Passion Week, the week during which "Hosanna" was replaced by "Crucify Him!" The liturgical color red momentarily replaces the somber purple, both to symbolize the celebration of the day and the blood of the cross.

Passion week is observed in many ways: there are worship services held on Maundy (Dark) Thursday recalling by extinguished candles Jesus' last supper with the disciples, who then fell away one by one. The darkening that begins around the communion table on Maundy Thursday continues into Good Friday, the day on which Jesus was crucified. Some churches use a procession by the "stations of the cross" to symbolically follow Jesus on his way to Calvary. But the predominant symbols of Good Friday remain the darkness and the silence.

Easter itself has many symbols. We sometimes forget that the most important symbol of Easter is the empty cross which is with us in the sanctuary throughout the year. To this we usually add the Easter Lily with its ivory trumpet reflecting Spring, and the Christian proclamation of the resurrection. White, for purity, is the color of Easter – a color used in many parts of the world only on Easter and Christmas. Easter is perhaps the most important celebration of Holy Communion in the whole Christian year, and is what makes it a sacrament of thanksgiving (or Eucharist). On no other day is the Risen Lord more symbolically among us. Traditionally, Easter is the first time since Ash Wednesday in which the church joins in singing "Halleluia" to the risen King.

I hope this little overview sketch of Lent and Easter helps to make the symbols of the season even more enriching.

Grace and Peace,  
Jim

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Please be sure to visit Immanuel's web site at: <http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/IUMC>

Special thanks to those who contributed to this newsletter: Rev. Hunt, Sharon Roberts, Dot Borrás, Ray Borrás, Joyce Sweeney, Phyllis Decker, Bill Bice, Gil Carr, Gina Maybee, Gwen Hunt, Rev. Marianne Brown.

Brookfield-Immanuel Churches  
c/o 13801 Martin Road  
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### **IMMANUEL CEMETERY NEWS:**



**Spring is here and the cemetery will have it's annual cleanup on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. (Rain date is Saturday April 23rd). All help is greatly appreciated. If you have any decorations on your graves you want to keep, please have them removed before the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. We are in the process of raking, filling, fertilizing and seeding needed areas to get ready for**

**cutting the grass.**

When making donations, please make your checks out to Immanuel Cemetery Fund, and send to Phyllis Decker, Cemetery Co-Chairperson, 16307 Ashbox Road, Brandywine, MD. A special thanks to Co-Chairman, Joe Richards and those that have helped with the cleanup and maintenance of the cemetery throughout the year.