


JANUARY



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Sunday Schedule:

Sunday School-10:00 am

Worship-11:00 am

The doors of this Church are open wide.

We welcome every man, woman, youth and child who is disturbed by a sense of need, who hungers for a nobler life, who seeks a better world and who aspires to faithfully follow Jesus.

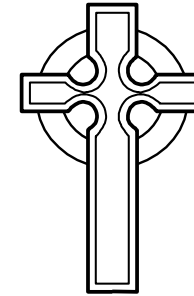
We summon you:

To the beauty of the worship of God-

To the service of bewildered humanity-

To a friendly fellowship with others who seek the best-

To the dangerous adventure of building a new world.



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
SEEK, SERVE, CELEBRATE



REV. RICHARD MCSHERRY, PASTOR

MARY BETH FUSCO, CHOIR DIRECTOR

ABBY BEE, PARISH SECRETARY

JANUARY 1, 2012

Emmanuel United Church

God is With us!

Rev. Richard McSherry, Pastor
Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director
New Year's Day - January 1, 2012

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Gathering Song

*"O Come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him! Christ the Lord!"*

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, for all the possibilities ahead in this New Year makes us thankful. Give us wisdom, courage, and discernment in the face of so much chaos, despair, and fear. Help us to look forward with joyful and expectant anticipation to another year of grace. Help us to see how, in our circumstances, we can contribute toward peace, faith, and love. And give us the will to translate our desires into action. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

*Hymn, #67 - "O, God our Help in Ages Past"

Responsive Reading - The Church Covenant *(hymnal)*

*Hymn - "I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord" *(insert)*

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

A Moment With Mission

Offering - Doxology (No. 623) - Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

PRAYING AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Sharing of Prayer, Joys, and Concerns

Time of silence for special intentions

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #207 - "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Reading from the Word: Genesis 1:1

St John 1:1

Psalm 1

Communion Meditation: "A New Year - A New Beginning"

MEETING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

*Communion Hymn #448 - "Higher Ground"

Invitation to the Table

Pastor: We Have one Lord, one God, one Savior.

People: The Holy Spirit makes Christ real to us, binding us in one, as we share him together.

Pastor: This is something we do eagerly.

People: Christ welcomes us here.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Hymn *God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.*

*Benediction

*Hymn #194 - "Joy to the World"

*Postlude

*You are invited to stand



*Please be
in prayer for*



Our Emmanuel Family

The Elderly and Homebound

Prayers of Joy and Celebrations

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Today - Doris Aldrich 2- Bill Wheelock

3- Mary Beth Fusco

Those with special needs and concerns

Gary	Jean	Michelle
Melani	Adam	Frank
Colbie	Pat	Rich
John	Steve	Ben
Grace	Kent	Alicia
Stephanie	Meredith	Garrett
Joe	Henry	Lena
Judy	Lee	Patty and Rob
Rev. James Hoffman	Kathy	

Local, Regional, National, and Global Concerns

The people of the Middle East, whose countries are in conflict
Our nation's Veterans, those who lead our nation, and all other nations

For Missionaries and the Churches in our Community

For those who serve our neighbors who are in need

All Saints on the Hudson Roman Catholic Church

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Mechanicville Methodist Church

Highway Tabernacle

Stillwater United Church

Malta Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Worship!

We welcome you to worship with us today. Whether it is your first time with us as a visitor, or you have been away for awhile, we are glad to have you with us as we worship God this morning. If you are new to the Emmanuel United Church, please take a moment to fill out a visitor card, and join us for coffee and refreshments after the service. We'd love to meet you!



Thought for the Week:

"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves."

-Bill Vaughn, in Kansas City Star
(from Reader's Digest, Quotable Quotes)



What's Happening This Week at Emmanuel United Church

Today: No Sunday School

11:00 - Worship, Communion

Tuesday: 7:00 - Kick off for the

Youth Production "*Riches 2 Rags*"

Thursday : 7:00 - Choir

Next Sunday: 10:00 - Sunday School

11:00- Worship

12:00 - All- Church Meeting

1:30 - Youth Group Trip to Jillian's



There will be an All-Church Meeting next week, after worship

Please bring a dish to share.

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From the Fusco's:

Thanks to all who shared in you fellowship for our birthdays!

You made it a very special event!

John and Mary Beth

It's kick-off time!

Tomorrow January 2nd, we will have the kick-off party for the annual Emmanuel Youth Production. This year the productions "Rags 2 Riches". Auditions will begin on Monday, January 16th, at 7 p.m. Please pass the word to family and friends who might be interested in participating! Please See Becky Dixon, Jeanne Anderson, or Mary Beth Fusco

YOUTH GROUP

Look for the change containers at the back of the church again this year. Once again it's men vs. women. Last year the men won, and you'll finally get to hear the women sing this December (waiting for Emma Dixon to get back from college!). The prize for our 2011 contest will be dinner. Either the men will have to cook for the women, or the women will have to cook for the men here at church. The rules are the same as last year: Bills count *for* you; coins count *against* you. So you want to put bills in your jar, and stuff the other jar with coins. When all of the money is counted, (it ALL goes to World Vision) the coins in your jar will be subtracted from your total to determine who won. *For example: If your jar contains \$25, and \$13 of it is in change, we'll subtract 13 from 25 for a total of \$12. If your competitors have \$30 total, but \$20 is in change, their total would only be \$10 so the \$12 jar would win. Get it? The jars will remain until the end of December, and a winner will be announced in January.*

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Sun., Dec. 18: "The Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader" Discussion. 12:30 p.m. in the parlor. Bring your lunch, or eat before you arrive.

Sun., Jan. 8: Jillian's. Meet at the back of the church immediately following the morning worship and activities **Bring your own money for lunch & games. Drivers Needed for that day I don't know yet how many extra drivers I might need to transport them there, but if you would be willing to come hang with us, please see Vera Petronis or e mail her at VeraP@nycap.rr.com. Thank-you!