

  
**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.

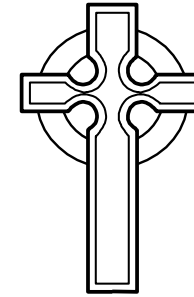
We summon you:

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 8, 2012***

# Emmanuel United Church

*God is With us!*

*Rev. Richard McSherry, Pastor*

*Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director*

**Epiphany - January 8, 2012**

Welcome and Announcements

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### Gathering Song

*"O Come let us adore Him,*

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

### Opening Prayer

O God, you made of one blood all nations of the earth, and by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples Him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence among us so to proclaim the unsearchable riches that all people may come to His light and bow before the brightness of His rising, for it is in His name we pray. That name which is above every name, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

\*Hymn, #220 - *"We Three Kings"*

### Responsive Reading - Hymnal #635 - Worship of God

\*Hymn - #218 - *"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"*

## SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

A Moment With Mission

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

Anthem, *"In My Heart There Rings a Melody"*, (Roth)

## 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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. *Amen*

\*Hymn - #104 - *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Isaiah 60: 1-6

St. Matthew 2: 1-12

Message, *"Light to the Nations"*

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn #219 *"As With Gladness"*

\*Benediction

\*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

**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:**

**"O, do not pray for easy life. Pray to be stronger. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.**

**-Phillips Brooks, adapted, from**  
*"Abounding Grace, an Anthology of Wisdom"*



**What's Happening This Week at Emmanuel United Church**

**Today: No Sunday School**

11:00 - Worship

12:00 - All- Church Meeting

1:30 - Youth Group Trip to Jillian's

**Thursday :** 7:00 - Choir

**Next Sunday:** 10:00 - Sunday School

11:00- Worship



*More Thoughts...*

*" I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year; 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' and he replied, 'go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.' "*

*-Minnie Haskins, from Exchange, published by Cathedral Press*

*Happy New Year*

## YOUTH GROUP

### YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

**Sun., Jan. 8: Jillian's.** Meet at the back of the church immediately following the church meeting \*\*Bring your own money for lunch & games.

**Sunday, January 22: Movie - 12:30 in the parlor.** Eat first or bring lunch to eat here.

**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,



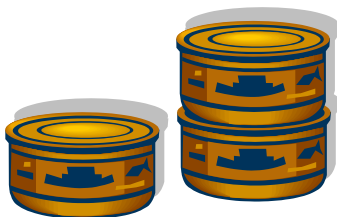
(it ALL goes to World Vision) the coins in your jar will be subtracted from your total to determine who won.

### In Our Community

The Mechanicville United Methodist Church is looking for people interested in knitting or crochet to make red scarves to sell in February at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy. The proceeds from the sale will benefit the American Heart Association. Donations of red yarn are also welcome. Donations need to be brought to the Mechanicville UMC by the end of January. For more information, call Gary Isles at 664-3777.



The Mechanicville Community Center Food Pantry is looking for donations of Tuna, Peanut Butter, Juice, and canned fruit and soups. Please bring items in non-glass containers.



## RICHES to RAGS

This is the 14th year that Emmanuel United Church will be presenting a play starring youth from our church and the local community and we welcome all to participate. In fact, we encourage you to invite friends to the kickoff, assure them that it is an informational meeting and there is no obligation. There are quite a few parts in this year's play and we would love to have new people join us.

This year's production is called "Riches to Rags", the story of Job. Hard to imagine how that could be humorous, isn't it? It's written by the same team that wrote State Road 47, and we're expecting to see a few quirky characters and some funny lines as we enjoyed last year.

This year we are changing the format slightly, eliminating the formal auditions. Rehearsals will mostly be on Sunday afternoons, either 1:00 – 4:00 (when no Youth Group is scheduled) or from 2:30 – 4:30, following Youth Group. A full list of rehearsal dates will be available at the first practice.

The performances will be on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> at the church and (tentatively) on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Center on the Hudson. So please check your calendars and let us know if you are available for all of those dates.

Please start praying for God to lead us to our beneficiary, as well for another successful production!

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