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**Sunday Schedule:**  
**Sunday School-9:45 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.



**PALM  
SUNDAY**

**EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**  
**APRIL 5, 2009**

# **OUR 35TH YEAR AS A UNITED CHURCH**

**Emmanuel United Church**  
Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor  
Ben McCormack, Organist  
Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director

**April 5, 2009  
PALM SUNDAY**

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

Palm Sunday Procession

Call to Worship

\*Hymn 234 , *"All Glory Laud and Honor"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Holy God – our praises die quickly. We want to walk with you but easily turn aside. We wish to honor you with our whole lives, but sometimes we run for safety. Claim us, Lord, as your own. Save us from living in the mists and shadows. March us into the bright and holy light that is yours, that we may be faithful always. We pray in the name of your son, who came riding on a donkey, and ended up on a cross. Amen.

## **SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS**

A Moment with Mission

Offering and Offertory Music

\*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem, *"On Humble Beast Now Rides the King"* , (Hal Hopson)

## **PRAYING AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

Sharing of announcements, joys, and concerns.

Silent Prayer

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

## **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Reading from the Word: Matthew 21:1-11

\*Hymn 233,

Message: Communion Meditation, *"I Want a Hero"*

## **MEETING AT CHRIST'S TABLE**

\*Communion Hymn 258, *"We Come as Guests Invited "* v. 1,3

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

\*Hymn 138 *"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"*, vs. 1

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*You are invited to stand

**Altar Flowers today are given by  
Patti Morris in loving memory  
Of her dad, Frank D'Aloia**

Please remember to keep your cell phones and iPods turned off during worship. Thank you

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome each of you to worship today, and hope you receive a blessing from the service. We especially welcome visitors, as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper this Palm Sunday. All who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are welcome to the table. If you are visiting with us today, please sign our guest book located in the back and pick up a church brochure.



**Thought for the week:**

**“ A Christian ought to make a difference. Everywhere that Paul went there was either a revival or a riot.” Wilson Franklyn**



**What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church**

- Today:** 9:45 - Sunday School
- 10:50 - Congregational Picture
- 11:00 -Worship
- 12:30 -Board of Elders Meeting
- 2:30 - Musical rehearsal
- 4:30 -Baptism Class
- Wednesday:** 7:00- Choir
- Thursday:** 7:30 -Maundy Thursday Service
- Friday:** Noon -Good Friday Service at Assumption/St. Paul (William St. Church)
- Next Sunday:** 6:30 a.m. -Easter Sunrise Service at Saratoga Battlefield Visitor’s Center
- 11:00 -Worship-Happy Easter!



**Special days-This Week:**

**Birthdays**

10-Marion Conerty

**Blessings to You!**



**Pastor Jerrie will be in the office (or home office) Tuesday-Friday mornings. Abby Bee will be in the office Tuesday from 10-1 pm and Thursday and Friday from 10-1 pm.**

**Maundy Thursday Worship** – We will be gathering in the Round Room on Thursday for worship to commemorate the Last Supper and other events of Holy Week. Please join us at 7:30, and invite a friend to come with you. (Please let Pastor Jerrie know if you are available to read – thank-you.)

**Good Friday worship** – There will be an ecumenical service at St. Paul's – Assumption Roman Catholic Church, beginning at noon. It will be led by the local clergy. Everyone is invited to join us to observe this special day.

Two weeks from today will be Lay Sunday, when Pastor Jerrie is on vacation.

**This is the last Sunday for our Spring Mission Campaign.** We are still collecting fish boxes. Our congregational total so far is **\$ 887.47!** **Laurie Salmon also has cookie dough** for sale to benefit the mission campaign. There are several yummy kinds. Please see her for ordering information. Thank-you for your contributions to the ministries and missions our church supports.

**Would you like to help beautify the sanctuary for Easter?** If you would like to donate a potted plant to decorate the sanctuary for the Easter service, please bring it to the church by April 11th. If you would like it in memory/honor of a loved one, **please leave a note in the church office today, or let her know by Tuesday.**

**Today**, the Sunday School will be delivering Easter baskets for our homebound members. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and helped with this in any way.

**Books!** If you haven't checked out Pastor Jerrie's book boxes in the Round Room. You may do so today. Help yourself!

### **YOUTH GROUP**

**Spring Spin** ticket information is on the back table in the sanctuary. The dates for Great Escape this year are May 9-10, 16-17, 22-25 (Memorial Day weekend) and May 28-31. The teens are taking orders and payment until May 3. For more information see any member of the youth group.

**Preparations for the spring musical, "Lifesong," are well underway.** There will be no rehearsal next week, on Easter, but they will resume on April 19 at 2:30. The following list includes items needed for the musical – if you can contribute, please see Becky Dixon or Laurie Bobear. Thank-you!

### **Props needed are:**

One sheet – or something to make a parachute  
megaphone(s) pizza carrier (insulated box) fake pizza slices  
cooler to carry several bottles/cans

**It's a new month, so our EUC goal for donations to the food pantry are needed.** Thank you for continuing to generously support the need for food in our community. Our monthly food donation goal is 100 items each month.

**There is a pink coin purse and a Toyota key on a ring in the office, if they have been lost by anyone recently.**

### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Today**, Mechanicville United Methodist Church is performing a Palm Sunday cantata, "*Once Upon A Tree*", written by Pepper Choplin, at 4p.m. at the Methodist church on Main St. Admission is free, but there will be a free will offering to support the music ministry program.

On Good Friday there will be a noon service at Assumption/St. Paul Church, on William St.

**Also on Good Friday**, The Arts Center on The Hudson presents "*The Gospel of John*", bringing to life with stunning simplicity the actual text from the Gospel. Three actors, using only two chairs, a table and a few cloths employ drama, choral speaking storytelling and song. There is a sign up sheet on the back table for anyone wishing to go as a group from the church.

**Prices for each performances is \$10 for adults, \$3 for children, with a \$20 family maximum. See the back table for a sign up sheet to go to the Good Friday performance as a group. Visit their website at: [www.artscenteronthehudson.com](http://www.artscenteronthehudson.com)**