



## EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

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Welcome and Announcements  
Lighting the Christ Candle  
Prelude

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship (Psalm 118:14-17)

L – The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

P – There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

L – the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

P – I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

\*Hymn 269      *Christ Arose!*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

O God, we confess to you and to each other how we have clutched at things that pass away and let go of your eternal truths. We have burdened our spirits with selfishness and surrendered our peace to useless worries. We have diluted love with lame excuses and buried joy under our doubts and fears. Forgive our sins and lift us out of

the spiritual graves we have dug for ourselves. Set our feet on the path that leads to joyous and triumphant life. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

### SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory

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

Time With Our Children

*(Children through Second Grade may leave for Children’s Church following the Children’s Time.)*

### PRAYING AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Sharing of Joys, Concerns and Celebrations

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

\*Hymn 268      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

### LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lessons    Isaiah 65:17-25

Luke 24:1-12

Sermon      *Is It True?*

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High* (printed, page 1 of insert)


\*Extinguishing the Christ Candle

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

To the dangerous adventure of building  
a new world.

\*Those able will please stand.

 **APRIL 9 TO APRIL 15**

Monday:

Office Closed

Thursday:

7:00

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday:

9:45

Sunday School

10:00

Adult Class

11:00

Worship

12:00

Youth Group/Mission Campaign Begins

12:00

Board of Christian Ed Meeting

Board of Trustee's Meeting

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Website: [eucmech.org](http://eucmech.org)

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-



Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

V1:

Lord, I lift your name on high  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

Refrain:

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord, I lift Your name on high

V2:

Lord, I lift your name on high  
Lord, of wonder and salvation  
With one voice we magnify  
God of every generation. (Refrain

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP MINISTRIES

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** **Jesus is not here, but has risen.**



Thank you to everyone who donated the beautiful plants that decorate our our sanctuary on this glorious Easter Morning.

The Board of Christian Education has provided Biblically based material for children in **grades 3-5**. Please put material back in the container and return to front pew after the service. Thank you.

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE, NOT A PERFECT NOISE, TO THE LORD!**  
**IF YOU LOVE TO SING, JOIN THE CHOIR!!!**

**The Advantages of Choir Membership:**



1. You never have to worry about what to wear.
2. You have excellent seats and are assured a reserved seat for Christmas & Easter.
3. From your advantageous seat you can gawk at, smile at, ignore and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the

congregation.

4. The pastor is nearly always looking the other way.
5. You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.
6. The cost for all these benefits? Just one evening a week.
7. Oh, yes, one more reason you'll want to be in the choir: You are a leader in the worship experience.

### GROWTH/CARE MINISTRIES



We ask you to be in prayer for Charles Woodman, Jean Anderson's brother, Wendy Maiello's grandmother, John Fusco's mom, Betty Acetta, Mike Wood, Heidi's mother-in-law, Jo Anne Boisvert, Rose Nichols, Becky Dixon's sister and Mike Arnold. We pray, also, for non-profit nursing homes and hospital as they face financial difficulties. We continue to keep our shut-ins in our prayers.

Pussy Willow Time

*Georgia B. Adams*

The pussy willow soft and sweet  
Are here again this spring;  
What lovely overtures of joy  
To my own heart they bring.

They hint of spring and every year  
Their age old promise keep -  
These silky catkins all curled up  
Like kittens fast asleep.

When stroked by sun and gentle breeze,  
It seems sometimes that I  
Can hear them purr a friendly purr-  
Or just a little sigh.

It's spring! It's spring! I thrill to see  
The very sight of them.  
These furry puffs of velvet plush -  
Wee kittens on a stem!



In Loving Memory of

Given by

Olin Salmon

His Family

Dorothy Salmon

Her Family

A Friend

Judi

Doc John

Judi

Loved Ones

Shirley & John Coons

Nanny

Laurie, Jim, Meghan &  
Jillian Salmon

Mimi

Laurie, Jim, Meghan &  
Jillian Salmon

Loved Ones

Marion McGowan



If you are visiting with us today, **please sign our Guest Book** located in the back and pick up a church brochure.

Are you interested in becoming a member of Emmanuel United Church? Contact Dr. John at the church office (664-5204) or at home (541-2420/[drjohnjr@aol.com](mailto:drjohnjr@aol.com)).

GENERAL MINISTRIES

All articles for the May Newsletter are due on Monday, April 16, 2007.



**Church Office Hours**

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS** are 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If he has a need to be away from the office during one of those times, Church Administrator, Judi Callanan, will know how to reach him. You're invited to drop in for a visit!

**CHURCH WEBSITE**—the monthly newsletter is now on our Church Website: [eucmech.org](http://eucmech.org). If you would rather read it on line than receive a printed copy, please sign-up on the sheet in the back. If anyone has pictures or other things they may want to add to the church website, please e-mail Jon Wilkinson and let him know. Jon's e-mail address is [greatdane80@yahoo.com](mailto:greatdane80@yahoo.com)



will be no flowers on the altar.

Marguerite Yager and Catherine MacDonald express their thanks for the Easter baskets they received.

### PERCY WALLER CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD

The Church Council announces that it is time for the annual Percy Waller Continuing Education Award. This award is given to graduating seniors who are going on to some post-high school education. These graduates must meet specific criteria:

- 1 Each senior must be a member of Emmanuel United Church or
- 2 Each senior must have a parent who is a member of EUC.
- 3 Each senior must be enrolled in a post-high school education program.

If you are a graduating senior or know of one who meets the above requirements, please call the church office or stop in and pick up an application.

Women of Faith Freedom Conference 2007. An all-new exciting event - join us and let your spirit soar! Rochester, NY - June 1-2, Blue Cross Arena. Friday 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Visit us at [womenoffaith.com](http://womenoffaith.com) or call 888-49-FAITH.

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not published in the newsletter and you want it published, please see Judi.

**CELL PHONES FOR SAFETY** are being collected in a box located in the back. If you are discarding a cell phone, you can benefit the Domestic Violence Advocacy Program of the Mechanicville Community Services Center. The cell phones will be programmed to dial 911 in case of a domestic emergency.

**A SUGGESTION BOX** is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you have a suggestion of something you believe would improve the life of our church, please write it on the card and place it in the box. Thanks for your helpful ideas!

**Women and girls (7-12)**, check out the Fourth Street foyer bulletin board for information on the Women & Girls' State Gathering sponsored by the ABWM of NYS to be held in Buffalo April 27-29, 2007. Also on the bulletin board, Community Hospice's Wave Riders Program for grieving children, teens and families.

The Board of Elders will meet Sunday, April 22, following the service.

The Board of Trustees will meet Sunday, April 15, following the service.

Campbell soup labels and other accepted product labels for Springbrook's Labels for Education Program can be left in the box in the back.



We collect non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry, housed at the Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, Inc. **Each Communion Sunday**, you may leave items in the back of the church, and they will be delivered to the Food Pantry. If you, or anyone you know, are in need of food, the Pantry hours are Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

#### **FOURTH ANNUAL IRON CHEF DESSERT!**

Yes, it's that time again! For the fourth year in a row, the Youth Group will be sponsoring a clash of Emmanuel United Cooking Titans. Last year's returning champion is Mary Beth Fusco, who pulled an amazing upset against then-reigning champion, Kevin McCormack, with her Flaming Bananas Foster! This year, however, the upstart challenger is Heidi Wittchen, who assures me she has already begun searching for the recipe she is sure will be a winner! The fun part is that it is YOU, the audience, who will ultimately decide! On Saturday, **May 12**, at **7:00 p.m.**, come join us in the dining room for some fun, some prizes and some great dessert...We ask that each family attending also bring a potluck dessert of their own to share, but you will ALL get to taste and judge the desserts of our competing chefs. Admission is a suggested donation of **\$5** for adults and **\$3** for children under 12. This year, the money raised will go towards updating some of the audiovisual equipment at the church. We'd like to add a DVD player and possibly a new TV. So come join us! Your taste buds won't regret it!

#### **MISSION MINISTRIES** **Spring Mission Campaign**

***Come along for the ride!***

**Christ urges us on..."-  
2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

God's Spirit urges us on, but an old saying asserts, "Even God can't move a parked car." Cars are meant for movement. They are built to traverse highways and move people and things into every place their presence is needed, requested, sought or volunteered. As Christians, we also are made for movement, for constructive change that brings us closer to experiencing the abundant life our Lord promises to us, while bringing others along with us (John 10:10). This year's America for Christ Offering theme

**"For the love of**



affirms transformation that happens when a "restless people" set their faith into motion. This is also captured in the expression "the love of Christ urges us on," found within the description of an incredible transformation that reconciles human beings to God (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). *Come Along for the Ride! Give to our Spring Mission Campaign beginning April 15 and running through May 13 and help Emmanuel United join with other American Baptist and Presbyterian USA Churches to support a variety of ministries at home and around the world.. Our goal is \$1500.*

Spring Gathering and Annual Meeting Presbyterian Women of Albany Presbytery, First Presbyterian Church of Glens Falls, Wednesday, April 18, 2007, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.. See bulletin board for more info.

Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Northeast—Triennial Gathering—July 27-July 29, 2007—Theme: "Open Unto Me: Blessing and Abundance—The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, 650 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, NY. See bulletin board.

The Board of Elders, acting on an idea from our Suggestion Box, is sponsoring a Prayer Chain. Anyone interested in helping with the Prayer Chain should contact Laurie Salmon, Chairman of the Board of Elders.

**Dreams & Schemes Follow-up**--On Saturday, March 3, Pastor John conducted a congregational get-together, "Dreams and Schemes" to discuss and plan our church's focus for the coming year. Out of this get-together, we came up with 6 action steps:

1. The Board of Elders to assess our worship service by March 31, 2007 (Worship & Music Group met and discussed possible changes.) We are looking for ways to make our worship service even more meaningful and energetic.
2. The Youth Group to appoint a Public Relations Chairperson to work with Jim and Laurie Salmon to actively promote activities by March 31, 2007.
3. To develop and adopt an on-purpose statement/slogan by March 31, 2007 (congregational votes tallied with result "Seek, Serve, Celebrate".)
4. To have more fellowship and revitalize the adult's group.



5. To grow. Follow-up after worship service attendance with visit by Dr. John.
6. To revitalize our marketing committee and to meet by March 21, 2007 (Marketing Committee met and approved first publicity mailing.)

Stillwater United Church seeks administrative secretary with warm and welcoming people skills. Looking for self-starter with excellent communication, organizational and computer skills. 3 hr/day, M-F/a.m., \$10/hr. Send resume and references to Stillwater United Church, c/o Elinor Coulter, PO Box 480, Stillwater, NY 12170 or e-mail to [s\\_u\\_c@netzero.net](mailto:s_u_c@netzero.net). For further information contact Elinor Coulter 664-6469 or Jim Ferris 664-3716.

Stillwater Players Among Others Community Theatre presents "The Odd Couple". Show dates are April 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 2007. See Heidi Wittchen for more information and tickets.



Camp Vick is seeking assistance in several ministry positions this summer.

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- 1 Male Counselor: We are looking for a dedicated Christian man looking to serve God through ministry to our campers as a part of our full time summer ministry staff. Must be at least 18 years old.
- 2 Volunteer Positions:
  - a) Nurse: we need volunteer nurses to fill several weeks of the summer. Please contact for more information and open dates.
  - b) Male Counselor: we are in need of a volunteer male counselor for 2 different weeks: July 1-4 and July 15-20.
- 3 Van Drivers: August 6-10, 13-17 must be at least 25 years old, have a good driving record and be capable of driving a 12-passenger van.
- 4 Work Weekend Volunteers: Individuals or church groups can help open camp. Outdoor and indoor work needed. Workdays happen every Saturday in May.

For information on any of the above contact: Jillene Narraway 716-492-4494 [campvick@abc-nys.org](mailto:campvick@abc-nys.org)

## EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Children through Second Grade can attend Children's Church after the Children's Moment.

The Adult Sunday School Class will meet April 15. Join us then.

There will be no Sunday School May 13th or May 27th.

The next meeting of the Board of Christian Education will be on Sunday, April 15th, immediately following church.

**ATTENTION: MEN OF EMMANUEL UNITED**--The Youth Group will be going on a Missions trip to Canandaigua, NY, July 29 (Sun.) - Aug. 3 (Fri.). I have seven youth planning to attend, two of whom are young men. Heidi Wittchen has agreed to chaperone the girls, but I need a man who would be willing to step up to the plate to chaperone the two boys. I know it's asking a lot to ask you to take a week off of work and go on a missions trip with teenagers, but I hope you will each pray about it and see if the Lord is leading you to take this trip. All expenses will be paid by the Ostrander fund so all that is required of you is your time and enthusiasm. If you think you will be able to help us out, please give me a call at 372-2233 or e mail me at [VeraP@nycap.rr.com](mailto:VeraP@nycap.rr.com). I can try to answer any questions you have. Also, Heidi went on the missions trip last year so please feel free to ask her any questions, as well. Thanks so much! --Vera Petronis

### **YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:**

Sun., Apr. 15: Bible Study immediately following the service - pack a lunch.

Sun., Apr. 29: Laser Tag. We will be heading over to Saratoga Springs after church to play a couple games of laser tag, followed by a late

lunch at Friendly's. Everyone is responsible for his/her own money for this event.

Sat., May 12: Iron Chef.

This year the Youth Theatre will perform "The Secret of My Success". Tentative performance dates are Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. It is not too late to join the cast if you are interested.

