



## EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Dr. John N. Miller, Jr., Pastor

April 15, 2007--11:00 A.M.

Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Leader: Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; By His power we trust  
in His love.

All: Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; By His mercy He  
proves He is love.

\*Hymn 3 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

O God, you come into our hearts when we least expect it and fill us  
with your forgiveness. When we hesitate to speak of hope, give us a  
voice. When we find it difficult to love one another, give us renewed  
compassion. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, send  
us out to share your good news. When we cannot believe your word  
of new life, fill us with your joy. Forgive our sins, and send the light  
of Easter into every corner of our shadowed lives. 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 43 *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lessons Job 42:1-10

John 20:19-31

Sermon *Open Heart, Open Hands*

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn 139 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

\*Extinguishing the Christ Candle

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Those able will please stand.

**APRIL 16 TO APRIL 22**

Monday:  
Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday:  
9:30 Spring Gathering/ Annual Meeting Presbyterian Women of Albany Presbytery

Thursday:  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Sunday:  
9:45 Sunday School  
10:00 Adult Class  
11:00 Worship  
12:00 Board of Elders Meeting

Church Office 518-664-5204/ Manse 518-541-2420  
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-
- To the dangerous adventure of building a new world.

**EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**  
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**“Seek, Serve, Celebrate”**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP MINISTRIES

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** Peace be with you.

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 Wittchen's mother-in-law, Rose Nichols, Becky Dixon's sister and Mike Arnold. We pray, also, for non-profit nursing homes and hospitals as they face financial difficulties. We continue to keep our shut-ins in our prayers.



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

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Anne Morin and her family on the death of her father, Ed Smodell, this past week.

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)



**Flower sign-up**

altar.

We need people to donate flowers for the altar during the church year. You may do so by signing up on the **flower chart that is on the table in the back** or by calling the church office. The cost is \$10 for both vases and may be paid for by sending the money to the church or dropping it in the collection plate. Weeks when no one signs up, there will be no flowers on the

### 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.

### Spring Mission Campaign

*Come along for the ride!*



**"For the love of 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 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 today 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.*

**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 trip last year so feel free to ask her questions, as well. Thanks so much!  
--Vera Petronis

### MISSION MINISTRIES

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.

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.

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.

CABA/ABWomen's Ministries SPRING MEETING, Saturday, May 12, 2007, at Latham Community Baptist Church, 10 Forts Ferry Road, Latham, NY.

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 will meet Sunday, April 22, following the service.

The Board of Trustees will meet today following the service.

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.



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

- 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)

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 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 2007. See Heidi Wittchen for more information and tickets.

#### EDUCATION MINISTRIES

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

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

The Board of Christian Education will meet today following church.

#### **YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:**

- Sun., Apr. 15: Bible Study immediately following the service - pack a lunch.  
Sun., Apr. 29: Laser Tag. We will be heading to Saratoga Springs after church to play 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.

**FOURTH ANNUAL IRON CHEF DESSERT!** Yes, it's that time again! For the fourth year in a row, the Youth Group will sponsor 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, prizes and great dessert...We ask that each family attending 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 **\$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!



