

## EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Dr. John N. Miller, Jr., Pastor  
April 22, 2007--11:00 A.M.  
Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements  
Lighting the Christ Candle  
Prelude

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship (Psalm 30:1-2, 4-5)

L—I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

P—O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

L—Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

P—For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

\*Hymn 274 *Morning Has Broken*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

O God, we can carry our grudges around with us for years, just waiting for the time that our hurts explode. You might get angry for a moment, but you surround us with love and mercy all the days of our lives. We sing songs of morning joy, hoping they will drown out the mean-spirited murmurs around us. Our attitudes and actions toward the poor and suffering reveal that our joyful

songs are not loud enough. Forgive us, O God, and offer us ways to share the love of your name with everyone we meet. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

### SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory

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

Anthem

Mission Moment

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 439 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lessons Jeremiah 32 :36-41

John 21:1-19

Sermon

*Go Fish!*

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn

\*Extinguishing the Christ Candle

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Those able will please stand.



**23 TO APRIL 29**

Wednesday:

7:00 Middle Ground: GenX Worship Night

Thursday:

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Friday-Sunday: Women & Girls' State Gathering sponsored by the ABWM

Sunday:

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

12:00 Youth Group – Laser Tag

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-

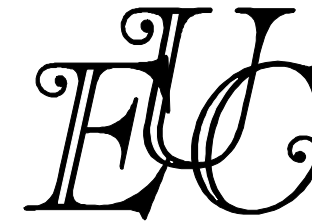
To a friendly fellowship with others who seek the best-

To the dangerous adventure of building a new world.

**EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**

**516 Park Avenue**

**Mechanicville, NY 12118**



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**A**ttend the 2007 Biennial/Centennial, June 29-July 2.

**R**elect on God's word.

**I**nteract with missionaries and denominational leaders.

**S**hare the joy.

**E**xperience the power of prayer and song with thousands of people in worship together.

**A**ffirm God's work in your life.

**N**urture old friendships and make new ones.

**D**iscover creative ministries in pre-Biennial events.

**S**ense God's presence.

**H**ear dynamic speakers.

**I**mmerse yourself in Baptist History.

**N**avigate our nation's Capital.

**E**ngage in stimulating Bible study.

***Leave refreshed  
and inspired to  
Arise and Shine!***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP MINISTRIES

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** It is the Lord!

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, 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 hospital as they face financial difficulties. We continue to keep our shut-

ins in our prayers.

If you are visiting with us today, **please sign** 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).

### GENERAL MINISTRIES

All articles for the June Newsletter are due on Monday, May 21, 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!

THE PASTOR will be away April 23-May 8. Local pastor on call for April 23-30 will be Alan Rhodes of the Mechanicville UMC (O - 664-3095; H - 664-3554; C - 542-9065). The Church Administrator and Custodian will be away April 20-29, and the church office will be closed. In case of emergency, please contact Laurie Salmon or John Fusco.

**CHURCH WEBSITE**—the monthly newsletter is now on our Church Website: 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)



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 of the sanctuary** 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 altar.

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

### MISSION MINISTRIES

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

### 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.*

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.

**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 men. Heidi Wittchen will chaperone the girls, but I need a man to chaperone the boys. All expenses will be paid by the Ostrander fund so all that is required 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 email me at [VeraP@nycap.rr.com](mailto:VeraP@nycap.rr.com). Thanks so much! --Vera Petronis

### **YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:**

- 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 their own money.
- Sat., May 12: Iron Chef, teens arrive by 6:30 p.m.
- Sun., May 27: Bible Study immediately following the service - Pack a lunch.
- End-of-the-Year get-together: To be discussed - no date set (sometime in June)
- Sun., Jun. 24: Movie/Discussion following service - Pack a lunch, dessert provided.

**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 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, the upstart challenger is Heidi Wittchen, who assures me she is already searching for the recipe she is sure will be a winner! The fun part is that it is YOU, the audience, will ultimately decide! On Saturday, **May 12**, at **7:00 p.m.**, join us in the dining room for some fun, prizes and great dessert...We ask that each family attending bring a potluck dessert 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 audiovisual equipment at the church. We'd like to add a DVD player and possibly a new TV.



Our monthly coffee hour will be held next Sunday, March 25, following the worship service. Please sign up in the back if you wish to help.

**The May Newsletters are in the basket on the back table.**

### **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. 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.

**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.

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.

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

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.

The Board of Elders will meet today following the service.



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/indoor work needed. Workdaysevery Saturday in May.
- For info on 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, 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 22, 27, 28, 2007. See Heidi Wittchen for more information and tickets.

**Meet me at the Middle Ground: GenX Worship Night**

Wednesday April 25 at 7 pm at Pine Knolls Gym  
New Life Fellowship of Saratoga Springs, Ballston Spa United  
Presbyterian, and Pine Knolls Alliance of South Glens Falls are  
inviting believers (18-35) from all churches to gather as the  
Church for a night of rock'n'roll worship and experiential  
expressions of praise.

Visit [www.newlifeinsaratoga.org](http://www.newlifeinsaratoga.org) for directions or call 580-1810 with questions.

**EDUCATION MINISTRIES**

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

There will be no Sunday school on May 14th, May 28th, or June 3rd.

June 10th will be our last day of Sunday school. We will have a rehearsal for Children's Sunday during Sunday school time. The children will be responsible for much of the church service. Teacher and volunteer recognitions, and presentation of bibles will take place during the service. A picnic will follow at the Bobear's house. More information will follow in next month's newsletter.

The next meeting of the Board of Christian Education will be on Sunday, May 20th, immediately following church.