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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.



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
FEBRUARY 1, 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
January 25, 2009

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ring of the Bell
Prelude, *Ben McCormack*
Gathering Song
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

"Come, let us shout joyfully to the Lord,
Shout triumphantly to the rock of our salvation!
Let us enter his presence with thanksgiving,
Let us shout triumphantly to him in song.

**Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God
And we are the people of his pasture,
The sheep under his care."**

*Hymn 135, *"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

Lord, we gather here in this holy place, to remember what a joy it is to be your people. We are blessed beyond measure. Forgive us when we forget that you are the center of our church, and our lives. Forgive us when we rely on our own power instead of the strength of your Spirit. Help us keep our eyes on the cross, and on the love that built this church. We pray in the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory Music
*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication
Anthem
Time with Our Children

PRAYING AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Sharing of Joys, Concerns and Celebrations
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: #654, *"The Church"*
*Hymn 115, *"The Church's One Foundation"*
Message: "The Main Thing"

MEETING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

*Communion Hymn, *"There is a Redeemer"*, see insert
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

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 morning. 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:

“You block your dream when you allow your fear to grow bigger than your faith.”

Mary Manin Morrissey



What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church

- Today:** 8:30-Musical planning meeting
9:45- Sunday School
11:00- Worship, Communion, Coffee Hour, and Annual Meeting
- Wednesday:** 7:00- Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday:** 7:00- Bible Study at church
- Next Sunday:** 9:45- Sunday School
11:00-Worship



Special days-This Week:

Birthdays

- Feb. 5- Jennifer Wilkinson
- 6-John Gartner
- 7-Austin Rowland

Anniversaries

- Feb. 1-Vera and Chris Petronis

Thanksgiving and Blessings to You!

The Congregational Annual meeting will be held today, after worship and coffee hour. This will be for the purpose of electing officers/board members, receiving reports, approving the 2009 budget, and any other business to come before the church. Non-members are welcome to attend and participate, but we ask that only official members vote.

Copies of the Annual Report are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Please take one per household.

Pastor Jerrie is in the office on Wednesday-Friday. She will be at a CABA meeting on Tuesday. Abby Bee will be here Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am-1 pm.

Weekly Bible study has begun once more. We are meeting on Thursday evenings at the church, at 7:00. We are studying the book, "Who is Holy Spirit," and having good discussion, as well as a time of prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Baptism/Discipleship classes may be starting soon. If any young people would like to be baptized and join the church in the spring, please let Pastor Jerrie know as soon as possible so we can schedule classes. She can also answer any questions you might have about this.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Today our church is participating in the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. The Souper Bowl is a youth-led grassroots movement to join people together on Super Bowl Sunday to fight against hunger and poverty in their communities. The large soup pots will collect donations that will be sent to the Mechanicville Food Pantry.



ONGOING MINISTRIES

Greeters are needed for Sunday mornings. A sign up sheet is on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank You! This is a very important expression of hospitality from the church.

Altar flowers are a way to celebrate and honor a loved one. You may donate flowers by signing up on the flower chart on the back table. The cost is \$10 for both vases and you may send money to the church office or drop it in the collection plate.

The EUC goal of **donating 100 food items** each month has been able



to make regular contributions the Mechanicville Community Center. **The following items have been in great demand recently: child, adult, and baby cereals, regular and baby juices, pasta mixes, rice, soup tuna, powdered milk, regular pasta, and baby foods.** Please help us to bring much-needed help to our neighbors.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



St Luke's Episcopal Church, McBride Rd. is hosting a Dessert Fest and Chocolate Extravaganza, on Saturday, **February 7 from noon-4 p.m.** For \$5.00 you get 4 decadent desserts and a beverage. Baked goods and candy will also be available for sale. Come fill your chocolate need and see St. Luke's new sanctuary at the same time!

Also, coming to the new **Arts Center on the Hudson**, a presentation called, "A Story of Timeless Love" on Saturday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. This performance combines music and drama in the new facility in Mechanicville, formerly St. Luke's church. For more information, visit the website: www.artscenteronthehudson.com.

