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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.

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LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND,
IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST,
IT IS NOT PROUD.
IT IS NOT RUDE, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING,
IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED,
IT KEEPS NO RECORDS OF WRONGS.

1 COR. 13:4-5

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
FEBRUARY 15, 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
February 15, 2009

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ringling of the Bell
Prelude, *Ben McCormack*
Gathering Song, *"Love, Love, Love"*
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 31)

"Blessed be the Lord,
For he has wondrously shown
His steadfast love to me!

**Love the Lord, all you his saints!
The Lord preserves the faithful ...
Be strong, and let your heart take courage
All you who wait for the Lord."**

*Hymn 71, *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory Music
*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication
Anthem, *"Every Move I Make"*, (David Russ)
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

*Hymn 262, *"My Jesus, I Love Thee, (vs. 1,2,4)*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Selections from I John 4
Message, *"The Best Story of All"*
Prayer of Commitment
*Hymn 126, *"The Gift of Love"*
*Benediction
*Postlude

*You are invited to stand

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. 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:

**“Love is like bread. It must be made fresh every day.”
Old saying**



What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church

Today: 9:45- Sunday School
11:00- Worship
2:00-5:00-Kick-off for Musical
Wednesday: 7:00- Choir Rehearsal
Thursday: 7:00- Bible Study at church
Next Sunday: 9:45- Sunday School
11:00-Worship
2:30-First rehearsal for musical



Special days-This Week:

Birthdays
Feb. 15 today!- Jon Wilkinson
Blessings to You!



Pastor Jerrie is in the office on Tuesday-Friday mornings this week. Abby Bee will be here in the office at odd hours for the next few weeks. You can send E mails to the church e mail at: eucmech@yahoo, for the bulletin and newsletter and she will check mail from home.

Speaking of Mrs. Bee, **Thank you** for the lovely flowers and the get well card, and of course, for the prayers. I am getting better. If you would like to sign the cast, you’re welcome to, but you might have to come up with a favorite bible saying to put with your name.

A Big Thank You too to the Sunday School students and to Carol Gartner and Laurie Bobear for all the hard work on the valentines to send out to our homebound family members. They were a lovely thought for our members who can't be with us each week.

Weekly Bible study is underway!. 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The **Cast Party and Kick-Off Party** for this year's Spring musical, "*Lifesong*," will be held today at the Comfort Suites in Clifton Park, from 2 - 5 p.m. The pool will be open, so bring your bathing suits and towels. There will also be games, and food and drink, and an introduction to the play. We will be car-pooling from the church at 1:30 today. The first rehearsal will be next Sunday, with auditions on March 1. The cost for a book and CD of the play is \$20.

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. p to our neighbors. **The need for food at the Community Center has recently increased by 200%.**

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

World Day of Prayer will be observes this year at St. Luke's' on McBride Rd in Mechanicville on March 6. There will be a planning meeting there on Thursday Feb. 19th at 10 am for any who are interested. For more information, call the church office at 664-4834