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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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**EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 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 22, 2009

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude, *Ben McCormack*

Gathering Song

Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship

One thing I have asked of the Lord,

This is what I seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord

All the days of my life;

To behold the beauty of the Lord

And to seek Him in his temple.

\*Hymn 11 - *"Thou Art Worthy"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God, we are so grateful for this time together, and blessed by the power of prayer in our lives. Forgive us when we neglect to come into your presence, when we take for granted the privilege of prayer, when we use it as a magic solution, or an easy answer in times of trouble. We confess that sometimes prayer is a last resort for us, instead of a first response. We confess that sometimes we talk more than we listen. We try to manipulate and bargain, rather than purely seek your will. Forgive us, Lord, for these and other sins. Draw us closer to your heart, and teach us to pray once again. 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

\*Hymn 162, *"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"*

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Romans 8:26-30, 35-39

Message, *"Staying Between the Lines"*

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn 171, *"Take Time to Be Holy"* vs. 1,3,4

\*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:**

**“God has a master plan for all of us, but He expects us to do our share of the work.”** **Minnie Pearl**



**What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church**

- Today:** 9:45- Sunday School  
11:00- Worship  
1:00- Youth Group  
2:30- Musical rehearsal
- Wednesday:** **Lent Begins**  
7:00- Choir Rehearsal  
7:00- Bible Study at church
- Thursday:** 7:00- Search Committee
- Next Sunday:** 9:45- Sunday School  
11:00- Worship  
12:30- **Coffee Hour and Round Table**



2:30- Musical auditions

**Special days-This Week:**

**Birthdays**

Feb. 24- Joanne Fraser’s birthday  
and Bill and Joanne Fraser’s anniversary

**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.

**A Big Thank You** to everyone who planned and participated in last week's Kick-Off party for the spring musical. A good time was had by all! Rehearsals for the musical begin today at 2:30 and will be held on Sunday afternoons. Auditions for speaking parts and solos will be next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The musical is tentatively scheduled for Friday and Sat., May 8 and 9.

**Lent begins this Wed., Feb. 25.** Please take a Lenten calendar with you today – (it is also available on email). There will not be a newsletter in March, but relevant announcements will be in the bulletin each Sunday. Please send any information that you want in the bulletin to Abby Bee at [eucmech@yahoo.com](mailto:eucmech@yahoo.com).

The **Spring Mission Campaign** begins next Sunday and will go through March. The theme is "Where Is Your Treasure?" and our goal is \$1200. Each Sunday there will be a special Mission Moment, focusing on one aspect of the campaign. Thank-you for your generous and prayerful contributions to our mission budget.

**Coffee hour and Round Table discussion-** Next Sunday following worship we will gather for food and fellowship, then for a time of discussion on worship and other concerns of the church. All are invited to attend and participate. Please sign up today in the back of the church if you can bring something for the coffee hour. Thank-you.

**Weekly Bible study** is underway!. This week we are meeting on Wednesday 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.

### YOUTH GROUP

Bible Study is today Please note that we will begin at **1:00 p.m. sharp** lunch is before that & on your own.

**Sunday, March 8:** International Potluck immediately following the service in the dining room. This year will be a bit different - instead of picking one country that we all study - you will each be picking a country of your own choice. You must bring in a dish to share, some general info about your country (especially its religious leanings) and *one* of the following: an artifact from the country that you must talk about, music, a game or other local pastime, or photos that you must talk about.

### ONGOING MINISTRIES

A big "**thank-you**" to Laurie and Bill Bobear who have volunteered to be permanent greeters for worship on Sunday mornings. You are much appreciated!

**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%.**

"God of the journey,

As we approach this season,  
Remind us who we really are.

In the desert, in temptation,  
Remind us who we are.

When we have choices to make,  
Remind us who we are.

When the going gets rough  
Remind us whose we are."

Amen

Andrea Castner Wyatt