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Emmanuel United Church

516 Park Ave.,

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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

Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor

Ben McCormack, Organist

Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director

June 15, 2008-11:00 A.M.

FATHER'S DAY

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Praise Song

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (Based on Ps. 116)

In a day when many fathers are absent, we cherish the love of our fathers.

Thank God for fathers who comfort and encourage.

Thank God for fathers who build character and inspire us to greatness.

Thank God for fathers who teach good values and model integrity.

Thank God for fathers who lovingly teach boys to become men.

Thank God for fathers who help their children follow Jesus.

*Hymn 40, *"This is My Father's World"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, whom we call Father, we confess that we have often neglected the gifts and demands of family life. We have coveted the privileges of family life, but have not always been faithful to all that it requires of us. What should be a faithful witness to Christ's presence among us has too often been a reminder of our lack of love and responsibility. Lord, where there is fear, let us show trust. Where there is selfishness, let us be loving. Where there is competition, let us act out cooperation. Forgive us when we hurt those who love us most, and help us all to be your obedient children. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is Brother to us all. Amen

Words of Assurance

The Right Hand of Fellowship- Bill Bobear, Moderator

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory Music

Offering

*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 118, *"Faith of our Fathers"*, vs. 1,4

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Luke 15:11-32

Message: *"How to Ruin a Good Party"*

Prayer of Commitment

*Hymn 17, *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*, vs. 1,2

*Benediction

*Postlude

*You are invited to stand

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 Father's Day. 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:

"The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him." Proverbs 20:7



What's Happening at Emmanuel United Church

Today: 11:00-Worship, Happy Father's Day!
Tuesday: 7:30-Bible Study
Thursday: 7:00-Choir
Next Sunday 11:00-Worship, Trustees meeting

Pastor Jerrie is in the office Tuesday-Thursday morning this week. She will be at Camp Pathfinder on Friday, but there is no cell phone service there. Please call the church office if you need to reach her on Friday; or the camp at 607-547-2300. Abby Bee is in the office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-1pm.

Bible study will meet on Tuesdays through June at 7:30 at the church. We are studying the Holy Spirit, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you to the children and youth who did a wonderful job with Children's Sunday. We are blessed with many talented and spiritual children. Thank you also to the Bobear's for opening up their beautiful home to host the picnic, to Laurie Bobear and Carol Gartner, who designed the service, and to Nina Fusco for bringing the Word on Christian appearance. The inspirational coin was a touching and powerful reminder of Larry Rowland who will be remembered by everyone he touched. A final thank you to our Sunday school teachers and youth leaders who work with our children year after year.



From the Gartner Family:

Thank you to everyone who provided us with support and prayers during the last few weeks. We would like to invite you to a “thank you” picnic at our house (15 Valencia Lane, Clifton Park) on Saturday, June 28th from 12-4. Please drop in if you can. Please RSVP by June 14th at 383-2091 or jgartner@nycap.rr.com. Bring bathing suits, towels and chairs.

Sunday School is now on a break for the summer.

Thank-you to all the teachers and Board members who made this such a good year. Sunday School Kickoff for the fall will be on Sept. 7.

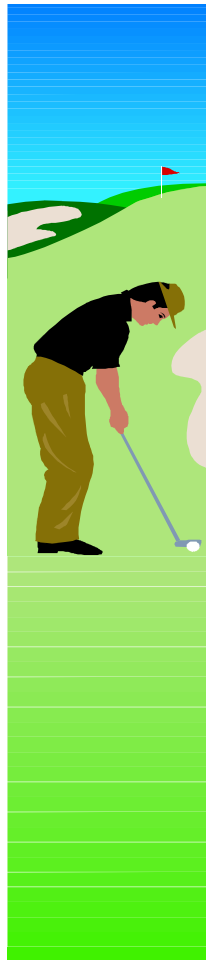
YOUTH MINISTRY

Movie and discussion is scheduled for **June 29th**. Bring food to share for potluck for the final get together of the year. The end of year evaluations are due and assignments for fall will be updated.

From the Home Office:

Don't forget to send pictures and other info to the church website-**eucmech.org**. Baptism, Iron Chef, Children's Day are good opportunities for pictures. Jon's address is: **GreatDane80@yahoo.com**. We are grateful for Jon's good work on the website.

Thank you for sending updated information for the **church directory**. Please let the office know if there is any information to be added or changed regarding members who may not attend regularly, or those who are on the inactive list. If you haven't given info to Abby yet, please do so this week. Thank you.



a PRAYER FOR THESE TIMES

Lord,

All around us we see brokenness, and we are aware of the fragility of life.

There is a child's delicate trust and sense of wonder which can be so easily trampled and broken.

There is a teenager's sense of self worth which can be completely shattered by a word or simply by a disapproving look.

There is a family's unit of love, respect, and closeness which can be marred by criticism or misunderstandings, dividing family members into torn and fragmented individuals.

There is a marriage, we all thought was so whole and sturdy, which can splinter into pieces before our eyes.

There is an old man, a young boy, and a middle-aged woman who all suffer the crushing effects of daily pressures. Their minds are disturbed and frail.

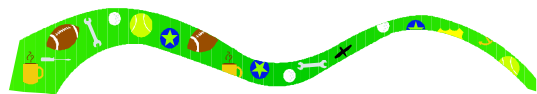
O dear Lord, be the glue that holds our fragmented hearts and minds together and never let us forget your words:

“I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid.”

Thank-you, Lord, for that, because these are very fragile times and sometimes we

Thoughts on Fathers

“When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant that I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.” Mark Twain



“A real family man is one who can look at his new child as an addition rather than a deduction.”

Before he had children, the young pastor preached a sermon entitled “Ten Rules for Raising Children.” After his children were born, he changed it to, “Ten Suggestions for Raising Children.” When his kids became teenagers, he stopped preaching on the subject altogether.

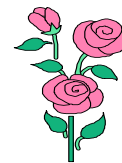


The first celebration of Father’s Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men. Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who’d cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910. In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father’s Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father’s Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father’s Day as a national observance. (Newsletter Newsletter June 2008)

ONGOING MINISTRIES

Greeters: There are still some slots available for Sunday greeters. Please sign up in the back of the church You may sign up for one or more Sundays. We need greeters through July-we meet in the Methodist Church in August. Thank You.

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to give glory to God, and also 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. If you have flowers from your garden, they are welcome also.



Please help to keep EUC’s monthly donation goal of **100 items** for June. Non-perishable items (no glass please) are especially needed by the Mechanicville Food Pantry as the summer approaches. Juice, canned fruit, soups, and baby cereals are welcome and in especially short supply.

A request from Pastor Jerrie: **There are now little plants in the garden** at the parsonage (you can’t see them all yet.) If you’re going through the yard, please walk around them and not through them, so they can grow up big and strong. Thank-you very much.