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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 22, 2008-11:00 A.M.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Praise Song

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (Based on Ps. 98)

O sing to the Lord a new song,
For he has done marvelous things.

**His right hand and his holy arm
Have gotten him victory.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
All the earth;

Break forth into joyous song And sing praises!

*Hymn 79, *"To God Be the Glory"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we know we live in anxious times, in the world and in the church. Forgive us when we are afraid. We know that we are sometimes called to step out in faith. Forgive us our lack of trust. We know that you walk beside us every step of the way. Forgive us when we fail to notice. We know that we are people of faith. Strengthen us and give us courage, so that even when we fail, we will be able to start anew. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our loving Savior and Lord. Amen

Words of Assurance

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 126, *"The Gift of Love"*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Psalm 137:1-6

Message: *"Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land"*

Prayer of Commitment

*Hymn 35, *"God Beyond Us, God within Us"*, v. 1,2,4 (bulletin)

*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. 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:

“Don’t prepare the path for the child; prepare the child for the path”

Anonymous



What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church

- Today:** 11:00-Worship
12:30- Meeting of Board of Trustees
- Tuesday:** 7:15-Search Committee
- Thursday:** 7:00-Baccalaureate service
at St. Paul/ Assumption
- Next Saturday** 12-4-Picnic at the Gartner’s
- Sunday** 11:00-Worship
12:30-Youth Group Movie

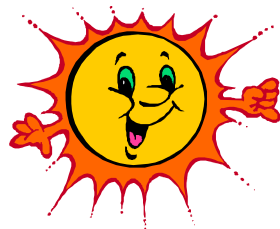
Pastor Jerrie is in the office Tuesday-Friday in the mornings. Abby Bee is in the office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-1pm.

We will have a combined July/August Newsletter. If you have any information or news items you want to submit, please send them to the office by Friday June 27. You can send them by e mail to: **eucmech@yahoo.com.** We love EUC Family news!

Next Sunday, June 29 at 7pm-The Dunnemans, a Gospel singing couple from Binghamton, will be doing a concert at Sand Lake Baptist Church in Averill Park. There is no admission, but a free will offering will be taken. Pastor Jerrie will be going and can take two or three people. For more information go the their website: **www.thedunnemans.net.**

Two weeks from today we will begin our combined services with the Mechanicville United Methodist Church. Worship will also begin at **9:30** for July and August. The preaching schedule is as follows:

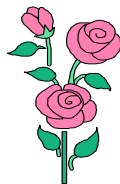
July 6 – Rev. Alan Rhodes at EUC
July 13 – FAMILY DAY in the park
July 20 – Pastor Jerrie at EUC
July 27 – Pastor Jerrie at EUC
Aug. 3 – Pastor Jerrie at UMC
Aug. 10 – Pastor Jerrie at UMC
Aug. 17 – Rev. Rhodes at UMC
Aug. 24 – Rev. Rhodes at UMC
Aug. 31 – Rev. Rhodes at UMC
Sept. 7 – Return to fall schedule – S.S. Kickoff



YOUTH MINISTRY

Movie and discussion is scheduled for **next Sunday**. 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.

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.



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.

HYMN #35

From "Singing in Celebration", Hymns for Special Occasions
Jane Parker Huber, 1992

God Beyond us, God within us, Holy God whose praise we sing:
When You call to faith and service take our lives as offering.
Time and culture, age and difference, add enrichment to the whole.
Called and challenged, we Your people seek a vision of Your goal.

In this time of changing patterns, new relationships, new hope,
Send a rainbow full of promise with its focus, depth, and scope.
In Your Word we find direction from the past, yet pressing on.
Christ, the One led by the spirit, bids us face a new day's dawn.

Send us out to serve with justice, so, forgiven and set free,
We can act with joy and healing with Your Spirit's energy.
Show us how to ease the suffering of our neighbors far and near.
Teach us how to work as partners where the need may next appear.

Called to lively praise and witness where we live and work and play,
May we offer love and learning, hope and nurture day by day.
Help us listen to each other, our communion to increase,
Giving substance, time, and talent to our dreams of faith and peace

Tune : Hymn to Joy, Ludwig von Beethoven, 1824
Arr. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.