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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 29, 2008-11:00 A.M.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Praise Song

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
The people who are his heritage.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
Even as we hope in you.

**Hymn 67, "O God, our Help in Ages Past"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord, for the things we take for granted: the love of family, the affection of friends, the songs of birds, the glories of nature. Forgive us when we forget the privileges we have in this land, and the sacrifices that secured our freedom. Forgive us when we fail to use those freedoms wisely, and for those times when we are selfish and irresponsible. Guide us, as individuals and as a nation, in the paths you have planned for us. Keep us always faithful and trusting your ways, assured of your continuing love and grace. 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 418, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", vs. 1,2,4*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Galatians 5:1, 13-15

Message: "The Things that go Unnoticed"

Prayer of Commitment

**Hymn 602, "America", vs. 1,3,4*

**Benediction, pg. 603 (unison)*

**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:

“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the struggle of supporting it.” Thomas Paine



What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church

Today:	11:00 –Worship 12:30 -Youth Group Movie
Friday:	Have a happy and safe 4th!
Next Sunday:	9:00 – Choir practice 9:30 –Worship here with UMC

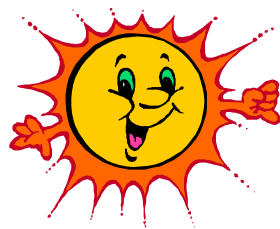
Pastor Jerrie is in the office Wednesday-Friday in the mornings. Abby Bee is in the office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-1pm.

This evening 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 to their website: www.thedunnemans.net.

Next Sunday worship will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the congregation from the United Methodist Church will be joining us for month of July. **Rev. Alan Rhodes** will be preaching next week while Jerrie is at Pathfinder. For all who would like to sing in the choir, please gather here At 9:00 for rehearsal.

Next week 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

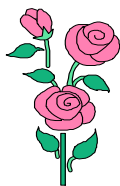


Pastor Jerrie will be working at **Pathfinder from July 5-12**. There is little or no cell service there, so please call the camp if you need to reach her, 607-547-2300

YOUTH MINISTRY

Today is the Youth Group Movie and discussion is **today**. 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 handed out.

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: We still need greeters for the month of July. Since we are serving as the host church, slots are available to greet our neighbors and friends. Please sign up so we can practice the gift of hospitality!

Please pick up a copy of the July/ August newsletter before you leave this morning. You may also find it on the website: www.eucmech.org.

Prayer for Independence Day

Almighty God, ruler of all nations:
We pray for our nation and its people, and for our leaders.

**May we be mindful of your favor and obedient to your will.
Forgive our shortcomings as a nation, and purify our hearts
to know the truth that alone can make us free.**

You created a land rich in resources
And set before the founders and pioneers of our nation
an opportunity beyond measure,

**To build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom
that might be a blessing to all the world.**

We cannot congratulate ourselves
on what we have done with your creation,

**But when we consider your county and your mercy
and see afresh the dream you set before us,
We join with your people in every land on earth
and with the company of heaven
in your unceasing praise.**

O Lord, save us from injustice and oppression,
from pride and arrogance,
and from greed and self-centeredness.

**Increase our concern for people beyond our boundaries
And for the poor and afflicted in our own land,
that we may be a blessing and example to all nations.**

Bring us at last to that day
when the whole world shall know peace and blessedness,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.

Amen

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