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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.

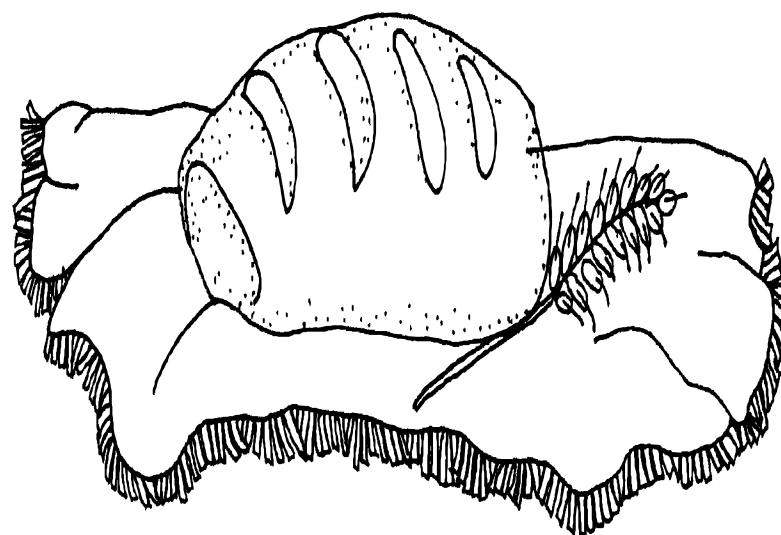
We summon you:

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.



**EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**  
**MARCH 1, 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  
March 1, 2009  
First Sunday of Lent

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ringing of the Bell  
Prelude, *Ben McCormack*  
Gathering Song  
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Phil. 4:4-7 (Unison)

**"Rejoice in the Lord always,  
Again, I say rejoice!  
Let everyone know your faith,  
The Lord is at hand.  
Have no anxiety about anything,  
But in everything by prayer and supplication  
Let your requests be made known to God.  
And the peace of God,  
Which passes all understanding  
Will keep your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ."**

\*Hymn 66, *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession

## 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

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Luke 11:1-4  
\*Hymn, 424 - *"Teach Me Thy Way"* - vs. 1,2,4  
Communion Meditation *"Our Father"*

## MEETING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

\*Communion Hymn *"Our Father In Heaven"* (insert)  
Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution  
Sharing of the Bread and Cup  
\*Hymn 138 *"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"*, vs. 1  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude  
\*You are invited to stand

**Altar Flowers today are given in Thanksgiving  
by Jim and Laurie Salmon for the anniversary of their marriage**

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. We especially welcome visitors, as we celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning. All who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are welcome to the table. 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:**

**"An important part of praying is a willingness to become part of the answer."  
Unknown**



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

- Today:**
  - 9:45- Sunday School
  - 11:00- Worship, Communion
  - 12:30- Coffee hour and round table discussion
  - 2:30- Musical try-outs
- Wednesday:** 7:00- Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday:**
  - 7:00- Bible Study
  - 7:00- Search Committee
- Saturday:** **SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD**
- Next Sunday:**
  - 9:45- Sunday School
  - 11:00- Worship
  - 12:30- Youth International Dinner
  - 12:30- Board of Elders
  - 2:30- Musical rehearsal
  - 4:00- Baptism class



**Special days-This Week:**

- Birthdays**
- 6- Juanita Steenbakkers
- 7- Melani Fu - 1 year old!
- Anniversaries**
- 5- Laurie & Jim Salmon
- Blessings to You!**

Pastor Jerrie is in the office on Thur. - Friday mornings. I will be in Syracuse for a Committee on Ministry meeting on Wed. Please call cell phone if you need to - 331-0390. Abby Bee will still have irregular hours for a few more weeks. Thank you for your patience!

**Our Spring Mission Campaign**, "*Where Is Your Treasure?*" begins today. Our goal is \$1200 - you will find envelopes in your bulletin. You may put your offering in anytime during March. If you haven't picked up a Lenten Calendar and a fish, they are on the back table. Please help yourself. Thank-you for your contributions to the missions and ministries that our church supports.

**Coffee hour and round table discussion** - Following worship today we will gather in the Round Room for food and fellowship, then for a time of discussion on worship and other things. Everyone is invited to participate. The **try -outs for the musical** will be held today at 2:30, followed by a meeting of the musical committee.

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

**Next 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.

#### **For Your Lenten Meditation:**

A four-year-old girl was learning how to say the Lord's Prayer. She was reciting it all by herself without any help from her mother. She said, "...and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some e-mail.....Amen"

**Preparations for the spring musical, "Lifesong," are well underway.** Try-outs are today, rehearsals are starting, stage sets are being designed, and props are being gathered. The following list includes items needed for the musical - if you have any of these to contribute, please see Becky Dixon or Laurie Bobear. Thank-you!

Needed are -

2 *small* tents - easy to assemble

One sheet - or something to make a parachute

SCUBA/snorkel gear

megaphone(s)

pizza carrier (insulated box)

cooler to carry several bottles/cans

fake pizza slices

**Don't forget to vote for your two favorite hymns** for Favorite Hymn Sunday on March 22. There is a "ballot box" in the back of the church. All votes need to be in by next Sunday, March 8. Several readers are also needed for that day - please let Pastor Jerrie know if you would like to read a hymn story.

### 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%.**