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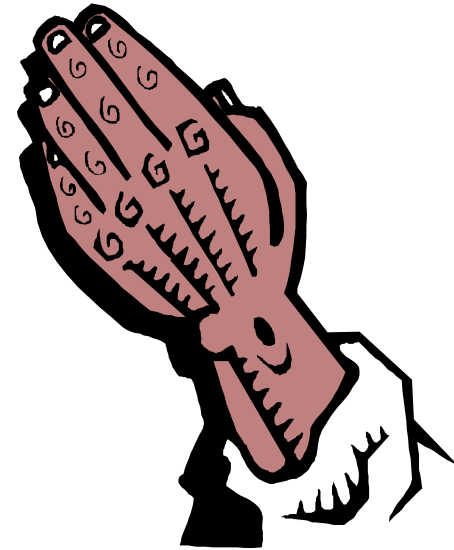
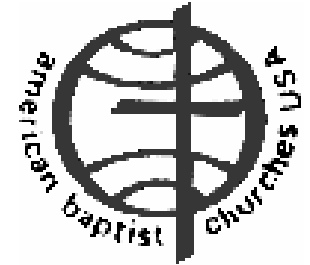
Sunday Schedule:
Sunday School-9:45 am
Worship-11:00 am

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 8, 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 8, 2009

Second Sunday of Lent

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude, *Ben McCormack*

Gathering Song, *"My Life is in You, Lord"* (Gardner)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Hymn 70, *"Come Christians, Join to Sing"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, give us grace to be your people in this fractured world. Give us your strength and your power, which is stronger than all of our failures and the evil which seems so prevalent in our day. Forgive us when we find ourselves consumed by worldly concerns. Forgive us when we are not mindful of your presence, or centered in your spirit. Remind us constantly of the power of prayer as we come into the presence of Christ, we pray in His name. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory Music

*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem, *Day by Day (Godspell)*

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 90, *"O Worship the King"*, v 1,3,4

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Matthew 7:7-11, Philippians 4:4-7

Message, *"Love On it's Knees"* (intercessory prayer)

Prayer of Commitment

*Hymn 181, *"Standing on the Promises"* v. 1,2,4

*Benediction

*Postlude

*You are invited to stand

Altar Flowers are given by Jeanne Anderson in celebration of her grand-daughter, Melani's first birthday yesterday.

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:

“In times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these.” Paul Harvey, 1918-2009



What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church

- Today:** 9:45- Sunday School
- 11:00 –Worship
- 12:30 –Youth group international dinner
- 12:30- Board of Elders
- 2:30- Musical rehearsal
- 4:00 –Baptism class
- Wednesday:** 7:00- Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday:** 7:00- Bible Study
- 6:45- Search Committee
- Next Sunday:** 9:45 - Sunday School
- 11:00–Worship
- 12:30- Board of Trustees
- 2:30- Musical rehearsal



Special days-This Week:

Birthdays

**9- Vera Petronis
Blessings to You!**

Pastor Jerrie will be in the office (or home office) Wed.-Fri. mornings. She will be at a Ministers' Council retreat in Utica from tonight through Tuesday. She will be available by cell phone if you need her at 331-0390. Abby Bee will be in the office Tuesday from 11-1 pm and Thursday and Friday from 10-1 pm.

Our Spring Mission Campaign, "Where Is Your Treasure?" Is underway. **Last week we raised \$231 towards our goal of \$1200** - you will find envelopes on the back table. 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.

On the back table you will find: The calendar for March, Lenten calendar, frig magnets to take home or give to friends, ballots for Favorite Hymn Sunday - this is the last week to vote!! **Be sure to also check out the awesome picture collage made by Jeanne Anderson of the Play Kick-off party!**

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

Today: 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.

Coming: March 22 is Movie and Discussion 1:00 p. m.

Preparations for the spring musical, "Lifesong," are well underway. Rehearsals are every Sunday at 2:30. 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!

Props 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

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. **The need for food at the Community Center has increased by 200% due to the difficult economic times many are facing.**