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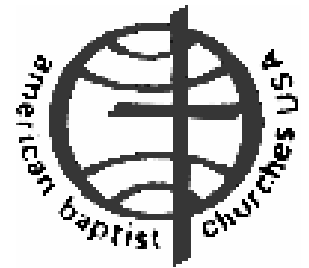
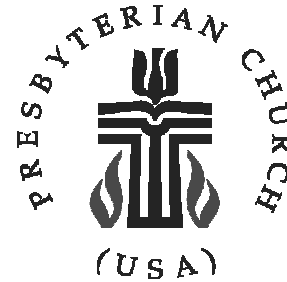
Sunday Schedule:
Sunday School-9:45 am
Worship-11:00 am

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 29, 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 29, 2009
Fifth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude, *Ben McCormack*

Gathering Song, # 615 "Seek Ye First", (Praise)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship, **Psalm 100**

*Hymn 27, "We Praise Thee, O God"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Response: "God's Love Continues Forever"

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

A Moment with Mission

Offering and Offertory Music

*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem, "God is Great", (Sampson)

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 2, "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Psalm 95: 1-7, Matthew 18:20

Message, "Worship as Pilgrimage"

Prayer of Commitment

*Hymn, 35, "We will Glorify"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*You are invited to stand

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:

“We prepare more for our vacation than we do for worship.”

Brad Berglund



What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church

- Today:** 9:45- Sunday School
11:00 -Worship
12:30- Coffee Hour and Round Table Discussion
2:30- Musical rehearsal
4:30- Baptism Class
- Wednesday:** 7:00 - Search Committee
- Thursday:** 7:00 – Bible Study
7:00- Choir
- Next Sunday:** 9:45 - Sunday School
- Palm Sunday** 10:50- **Group picture outside church**
11:00- Worship
12:30- Board of Elders meeting
2:30- Musical rehearsal
4:30- Baptism Class



Special days-This Week:

Birthdays

Today- Betty Butler

Anniversaries

April 4- Kevin and Nancy McCormack

Blessings to You!



Pastor Jerrie will be in the office (or home office) Tuesday-Friday mornings. Abby Bee will be in the office Tuesday from 10-1 pm and Thursday and Friday from 10-1 pm.

Today we will gather in the Round Room immediately after worship for coffee hour fellowship, followed by a round table conversation about worship and other things. Everyone is invited to attend and participate, members or not.

Our Spring Mission Campaign is continuing through March. Our Congregational total received so far is **\$ 887.47!** You will find envelopes on the back table for your offering – and beautiful fish if you are following the calendar. **Laurie Salmon also has cookie dough** for sale to benefit the mission campaign. Please see her for ordering information Thank-you for your contributions to the ministries and missions our church supports.

If you would like to donate a potted plant to decorate the sanctuary for the Easter service, please bring it to the church by April 11th. If you would like it in memory/honor of a loved one, please contact the church office by April 5th.

Next Week, on Palm Sunday – please come to worship a little earlier so that we may gather outside before worship (about 10:50) to take a picture of the congregation-weather permitting. We will then enter the sanctuary as a group in a Palm Sunday parade. Hope to see you there!

Also next week the Sunday School will be delivering baskets for our homebound members. On the back table you will find a sign-up sheet to provide small gifts for our homebound members. These will include note paper, stamps, lotion, candy, etc. Please check out the list and see what you can provide. Thank-you!

YOUTH GROUP

Spring Spin ticket information is on the back table in the sanctuary. The dates for Great Escape this year are May 9-10, 16-17, 22-25 (Memorial Day weekend) and May 28-31. The teens are taking orders and payment until May 3. For more information see any member of the youth group.

Preparations for the spring musical, “Lifesong,” are well underway. The Play dates are May 15-16. Rehearsals are every Sunday at 2:30. The following list includes items needed for the musical – if you can contribute, please see Becky Dixon or Laurie Bobear. Thank-you!

Props needed are:

One sheet – or something to make a parachute
megaphone(s) pizza carrier (insulated box) fake pizza slices
cooler to carry several bottles/cans

So far this month the EUC food pantry collection total is 70 items. Thank you for continuing to generously support the need for food in our community. Thanks to Bill Fraser for taking the food to the Mechanicville Community Center.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS On Palm Sunday the Mechanicville United Methodist Church is performing a Palm Sunday cantata, “*Once Upon A Tree*”, written by Pepper Choplin, at 4p.m. at the Methodist church on Main St. Admission is free.

The Arts Center on the Hudson is presenting two upcoming performances at their location in the Old St. Luke’s church on Main St. Mechanicville. On April 4th, “*The Open Window*” is “ about Vedran Smailovic, of the Sarajevo Opera and his response to the genocide in Sarajevo in 1992. “*The Three Strings*” is about famed violinist Yitchak Perlman, who broke a violin string while playing a concert.

On April 10, Good Friday, The Arts Center presents “*The Gospel of John*”, bringing to life with stunning simplicity the actual text from the Gospel . Three actors, using only two chairs, a table and a few cloths employ drama, choral speaking storytelling and song.

Prices for each performances is \$10 for adults, \$3 for children, with a \$20 family maximum. See the back table for a sign up sheet to go to the Good Friday performance as a group. Visit their website at: www.artscenteronthehudson.com