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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.



*Mother's  
Day*

**EMMANUEL UNITED  
CHURCH  
MAY10, 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  
May 10, 2009

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude, Ben McCormack

Gathering Song

Call to Worship

The God who makes us all children of one family calls us to gather in his name. Grandparents, parents, brothers, sisters, and children – we are here. The God who hears both our laughter and tears sets life before us and calls it good. We receive our lives as a gift from God, whom we worship this day.

\*Hymn 71, *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* – vs. 1,3,4

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

## SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory Music

\*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

Children’s Time

## PRAYING AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Sharing of Announcements, Joys, and Concerns.

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, 64 - *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* vs. 1-4

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: from Genesis, Chapter 29

Message, “ Two Women “

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn, *Faith of Our Mothers* (bulletin)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*You are invited to stand

**Altar flowers are given today by the Salmon Family  
in celebration of Mothers**

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:**

**"An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy."**

**Spanish Proverb**



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

**Today:** No Sunday School  
**11:00** -Worship, Happy Mother's Day!  
**12:30**- Baptism class

**Monday:** **6:30-8:30** – Musical Rehearsal

**Wednesday:** **6:30-8:30**--Musical Dress Rehearsal

**Friday:** **7:00** -"**Lifesong**" **Performance at EUC**

**Saturday:** **7:00** -"**Lifesong**" **Performance at EUC**

**Next Sunday:** **9:45** - **No Sunday School**  
**11:00**-Worship, Memorial Day  
**1:00**- Youth Group Movie and Discussion  
**4:00**- Musical Rehearsal at the arts center  
**7:00**- "**Lifesong**" at *The Arts Center on the Hudson*



### **Special Days this Week:**

**Birthdays-** 12-Kevin Rowland, 13-Richard Sullivan, 16-Cori Lynch  
17-Ashley Wood

**Anniversaries-**16- Patti & Robert Morris

**Blessings to you all!**

**Pastor Jerrie** is in the office (or home office) Tuesday-Friday mornings. Abby Bee is in the office this week on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10-1pm.

**We still have LOTS of cookie dough** to distribute and would those people who purchased it please pick up their order. If you did not get a chance to order earlier, it's not too late to get some. Please see one of the Elders.

If you did not get one last week, please pick up a May newsletter this morning, or find it on the web page, [www.eucmech.org](http://www.eucmech.org).

Camp brochures for both **Camp Vick and Pathfinder** are on the back table in the sanctuary. Please feel free to help yourself!

### **YOUTH GROUP**

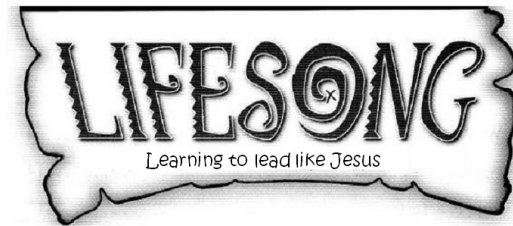
**Next Sunday is Movie and Discussion** after worship. We will watch a movie and discuss it at our meeting on June 7th. End of year evaluations will be passed. Bring your lunch.

There is no musical rehearsal today. Our next rehearsal is tomorrow (Monday) night from 6:30-8:30. Dress rehearsal is on Wed. night at the same time.

Flyers for the musical "*Lifesong*" are available! Invite your friends and neighbors to a performance on May 15 or 16 at 7:00 p.m. the church, or May 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Arts Center on the Hudson. The cast and crew are working hard in preparation, so make plans now to be here one evening – or all three! We are referring to our website in all our publicity, so check the "*Lifesong*" link for info and pictures: [www.eucmech.org](http://www.eucmech.org). The play is also first on the calendar of events on arts center website: [www.artscenteronthehudson.com](http://www.artscenteronthehudson.com). Check it out! There are flyers on the back table to take around the community – please help yourselves!

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Cast Party is June 6 "Murder Mystery in the Wild West". We'll be meeting at church. Watch for more information!

**Donations to the food pantry are needed.** Our monthly food donation goal is 100 items each month. We have been able to meet the emergency needs of many in our community through our donations to the food pantry; the need is great.



This is the 11th year that Emmanuel United Church will be presenting a play starring youth from our church and the local community. This year's production, **Lifesong**, is set on a tropical island where cast members are put to the test, not only to find the true leader inside of each of them, but to learn to lead like Jesus. Each character brings his or her gifts to the challenges they meet along the way.

Performances will be on Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 at 7:00pm at Emmanuel United Church, 516 Park Avenue in Mechanicville. A reception will follow each performance. There will be a third performance on Sunday May 17 at 7:00pm at the Arts Center on the Hudson, 2 South Main Street, Mechanicville.

A free will offering will be taken following the performance to benefit Melani Fu. Melani is a one year old little girl with a wonderful smile who lives in Mechanicville. When she was three months old it was confirmed that she is deaf. She has also been diagnosed with hypotonia (severe muscle weakness).

In February she was admitted to the hospital with an ear infection and a very high fever. Her liver enzymes were so elevated that she was transferred to Mt. Sinai in NYC for a possible liver transplant. Fortunately, it was not needed. She has been hospitalized twice for several weeks and endured many tests in an effort to determine the cause of her illness. Within the last few weeks Melani's diagnosis of mitochondrial disease has been confirmed.

Mitochondrial disease is a chronic disease that affects the cell structure of the body, resulting in insufficient energy for the organs including brain, heart, liver, muscles or kidneys. It can also cause deafness and infections. The symptoms are different for each person, depending on which cells are affected.

We hope and pray that now that she has a definitive diagnosis, the doctors will develop a treatment plan so that she can enjoy life as a happy, healthy little girl. She is cherished and loved by everyone who meets her and especially by her parents and her four year old big brother, Alex.