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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.

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Emmanuel United Church

Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor

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May 11, 2008-11:00 A.M.

Pentecost

Mother's Day

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Liturgical Dance *"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

A mighty wind has blown.

And tongues of fires have danced!

Let us worship the God who is Creator,

The God who is Redeemer,

And the God who is the wind of the Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, be with us now,

In love, in grace, and in power.

*Hymn *"Faith of our Mothers "*, see insert

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and eternal God, who loves us like a mother and a father, we come on this very special Sunday in a spirit of expectation and joy. As we remember the day of Pentecost, how you poured out your Spirit on the disciples and set them afire for Christ, we are awed by the story. But it was so long ago, and we wonder where the power went. Forgive us when we doubt that your Spirit still blows among us. Forgive us when we question that you really are present in this world, doing amazing things. Forgive us when we think that you no longer perform miracles. Help us to remember that you are still speaking, still working, and still loving us in the midst of this crazy world we live in. Remind us always of your presence - and your power - among us. We come in the name of your Spirit, who helps us to pray. Amen.

A Litany for Mothers, see bulletin

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

A Moment with Mission

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem, *"A Mother's Love"*, Boyd Bacon

Time with Our Children

(Children through Second Grade may leave for Children's Church following the Children's Time.)

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 139, *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God "*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Acts 2:1-12

Message, *"Earthquake, Wind, and Fire "*

Prayer of Commitment

*Hymn, *"Spirit Song"*, see insert

*Benediction

*Postlude

*please stand if able

**Flowers on the altar today are given
In honor of mothers by the Schlensker Family**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome each of you to worship on this Pentecost Sunday, 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.



Thoughts for the Week:

**“An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy.”
Spanish Proverb**

**“No one is poor who has had a godly mother.”
Abraham Lincoln**



What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church

- Today: 11:00-Worship
Happy Mother’s Day to all the moms!**
- Tuesday: 7:15- Search Committee**
- Wednesday: 3:45-Baptism Class
7:30-Bible Study**
- Thursday 7:00-Choir**
- Next Sunday 9:45-Sunday School
11:00-Worship, Baptism Sunday
12:30- Baptism Reception
Youth Group Bible study**

Baptism class and Bible Study resume this week. Pastor Jerrie will be visiting her son today and tomorrow. She will be in the office Wednesday-Friday mornings. Please call if you need her (331-0390). Abby Bee is in the office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-1pm.

Thank-you for bringing 150 items for the food cupboard during April. This is so much needed and appreciated. We have now started working on our 100 for May. Any canned or non-perishable food is welcome.

A LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

SPRING MISSION CAMPAIGN NEWS

Thank-you for your generous sharing for the Spring mission campaign! Spring Mission campaign has raised a total of **\$1514.27**. We exceeded our goal of \$1400.00! Thank you for such hard work and dedication to our Mission goal!

Looking ahead: Be sure to mark your calendars for the **church retreat, on June 7th** from 9:00-1:00. (Coffee and stuff at 8:30.) This will be a time of renewal, sharing, prayer, envisioning, and worship. There will soon be a sign up sheet in the back of the church, so you can indicate your attendance. Older youth are welcome also. Questions? See Pastor Jerrie

YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth group work/mission trip to York, Pa., is scheduled for **July 20-25**. **We still need one more volunteer** to help with this trip. Please see Vera Petronis for more information.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

Greeters: There are still some slots available for Sunday greeters. Please sign up in the back of the church You may sign up for one or more Sundays. Thank You.

Would you like to donate **flowers** for a significant event in your life, or in honor or in memory of someone special? You may do so 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.

From the Home Office:

We are currently in the process of updating the **parish directory**. Please fill out the slip in the bulletin with your address, phone and e mail info. as you would like it to appear in the directory. If you use a pledge envelope indicate **what is your current envelope number**. This will help to verify that we have the correct current pledge envelope information.

Also: In order to keep an updated mailing list, please check the sheet in the back of the sanctuary and indicate if you would like to have your newsletter mailed to you, pick it up in church or get it from the church website. Thank You!

Mothers come in many forms, and today we celebrate them all.

Thank God for mothers!

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

Thank God for my mother!

For those women who have joined God in heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

Thank God for mothers of the past.

For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

Thank God for the mothers of today.

For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet.

Thank God for the soon-to-be mothers.

For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

Thank God for mothers who are so strong.

For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

ALL: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

(Peggy Emerson, 2007, UMC Bd. of Discipleship)