



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Dr. John N. Miller, Jr., Pastor

May 13, 2007--11:00 A.M.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

MOTHER'S DAY

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship (Psalm 67:1-4)

L—May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

P—that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

L—Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

P—Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

*Hymn 64 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

O God, because you dwell in our hearts you know the anger, the pain and the bitterness that try to crowd you out. The noise of the world makes it difficult for us to hear your word that can heal us. Our desire for revenge toward those who have hurt us shows us that your peace is not always within us. Forgive our sins, and create in us new spirits. Heal our brokenness, and teach how to live in your faithful ways. Amen.

Words of Assurance

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

Mission Moment

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

*Hymn 592 *Now Thank We All Our God*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lessons Joel 2:21-27

John 14:23-29

Sermon *Hungry Hearts*

Prayer of Commitment

*Hymn 40 *This Is My Father's World*

MEETING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

*Hymn 60 *His Name Is Wonderful*

*Extinguishing the Christ Candle

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those able will please stand.



14 TO 20

Wednesday:	Ascension of the Lord
Thursday:	
7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday:	
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship
12:00	Board of Christian Education Meeting
12:00	Board of Elder's Meeting
1:30	Rehearsal

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Website: eucmech.org

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 other who seek the best-
To the dangerous adventure of building a new world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Let all the peoples praise you, O God.

The Schlensker family gives today's flowers in honor of Jamye and Lisa.

Today is the day we honor all the special women in our lives for all they have meant to us.

The Board of Christian Education has provided Biblically based material for children in **grades 3-5**. Please put material back in the container and return to front pew after the service. Thank you.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE, NOT A PERFECT NOISE, TO THE LORD!
IF YOU LOVE TO SING, JOIN THE CHOIR!!!

The Advantages of Choir Membership:

1. You never have to worry about what to wear.
2. You have excellent seats and are assured a reserved seat for Christmas & Easter.
3. From your advantageous seat you can gawk at, smile at, ignore and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the congregation.
4. The pastor is nearly always looking the other way.
5. You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.
6. The cost for all these benefits? Just one evening a week.
7. Oh, yes, one more reason you'll want to be in the choir: You are a leader in the worship experience.



GROWTH /CARE MINISTRIES



We ask you to be in prayer for Bob Salmon, Kim Herman, Charles Woodman, Jean Anderson's brother, Wendy Maiello's grandmother, Betty Acetta, Mike Wood, Mike's mother, Heidi Wittchen's in-laws, Rose Nichols, Becky Dixon's sister and Mike Arnold. We pray, also, for non-profit nursing homes and hospitals as they face financial difficulties. We continue to keep our shut-ins in our prayers.

Rose Nichols expresses her thanks to the Youth Group for the lovely basket for Easter. "I really enjoyed the cookies, candy, postage stamps, etc. It is so nice to see how the Youth Group think of people who are sick and disabled. You are wonderful children. Thank you again". Rose Nichols

Rose Nichols says "hi" to everyone at Emmanuel.

If you are visiting with us today, **please sign our Guest Book** located in the back and pick up a church brochure.

Are you interested in becoming a member of Emmanuel United Church? Contact Dr. John at the church office (664-5204) or at home (541-2420/drjohnjr@aol.com).

GENERAL MINISTRIES

All articles for the June Newsletter are due on Monday, May 21, 2007.



Church Office Hours

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS are 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If he has a need to be away from the office during one of those times, Church Administrator, Judi Callanan, will know how to reach him. You're invited to drop in for a visit!

CHURCH WEBSITE—the monthly newsletter is on our Church Website as are the weekly bulletins: eucmech.org. If you would rather read the newsletter on line than receive a printed copy, please let Judi know. If anyone has pictures or other things they may want to add to the church website, please e-mail Jon Wilkinson and let him know. Jon's e-mail address is greatdane80@yahoo.com



Flower sign-up

We need people to donate flowers for the altar during the church year. You may do so by signing up on the **flower chart that is on the table in the back of the sanctuary** or by calling the church office. The cost is \$10 for both vases and may be paid for by sending the money to the church or dropping it in the collection plate. Weeks when no one signs

up, there will be no flowers on the altar.

We were there...Will you be there, too?

American Baptists and their forebearers have always made history:

In 1838 when Cherokee Indians marched and died on the "Trail of Tears,"

We were there. Our missionaries marched with the Cherokees. Later, we established the first institution of higher learning for Native Americans in the United States.

When newly freed slaves in the South needed help after of the Civil War,

We were there. We sent missionaries, such as Joanna P. Moore*, and helped found many educational institutions, including Virginia Union University, Shaw University, Morehouse School of Religion and Spelman College.

When women demonstrated and lobbied for equal rights,

We were there. American Baptists have long been advocates of the rights of women. An ordained woman, Helen Barrett Montgomery, served as the president of our denomination in the early 1900s.

When the U.S. interned Japanese Americans during World War II,

We were there. American Baptist missionaries voluntarily suffered internment along with their Japanese American friends.

When Martin Luther King, Jr. marched on Selma in 1965,

We were there. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American Baptist. We carry on his work today through the defense of human rights, a core of our mission and ministry. Today, Lauran Bethell** works to cease the exploitation of women and children.

When American Baptists celebrate 100 years of mission and ministry, June 29 - July 2 in Washington, DC,

Will you be there?

Register today at www.abc-usa.org.

*Dr. Anthea Butler will talk about Joanna P. Moore at the Biennial breakfast of the American Baptist Historical Society, Sunday, July 1, 2007, at Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, DC.

**Lauran Bethell will preach at the closing session, Monday, July 2, at 7:00 pm.



MISSION MINISTRIES

Campbell soup labels and other accepted labels for Springbrook's Labels for Education Program can be left in the box in the back.

We collect non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry, housed at the Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, Inc. **Each Communion Sunday**, you may leave items in the back of the church, and they will be delivered to the Food Pantry. If you, or anyone you know, are in need of food, the Pantry hours are Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Spring Mission Campaign *Come along for the ride!* Support **"For the love of Christ urges us on..." - 2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

God's Spirit urges us on, but an old saying asserts, "Even God can't move a parked car." Cars are meant for movement. They are built to traverse highways and move people and things into every place their presence is needed, requested, sought or volunteered. As Christians, we also are made for movement, for constructive change that brings us closer to experiencing the abundant life our Lord promises to us, while bringing others along with us (John 10:10). This year's America for Christ Offering theme affirms transformation that happens when a "restless people" set their faith into motion. This is also captured in the expression "the love of Christ urges us on," found within the description of an incredible transformation that reconciles human beings to God (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). *Come Along for the Ride! Give to our Spring Mission Campaign running through May 13 and help Emmanuel join with other American Baptist and Presbyterian Churches to support a variety of ministries at home and around the world.. Our goal is \$1500. To date, we have received \$785 and 8 more cars will be added to our parking lot.*



Over the summer months, the church directory will be updated. If anyone has an address change or a telephone number change, please let someone in the church office know. Also, please let us know if you have an email address, and we will publish it in the directory. If your birthday and/or anniversary is not published in the newsletter and you want it published, please see Judi.

The Board of Elders will meet on Sunday, May 20, following the worship service.

PERCY WALLER CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD

The Church Council announces that it is time for the annual Percy Waller Continuing Education Award. This award is given to graduating seniors who are going on to some post-high school education. These graduates must meet specific criteria:

- 1 Each senior must be a member of Emmanuel United Church or
- 2 Each senior must have a parent who is a member of EUC.
- 3 Each senior must be enrolled in a post-high school education program.

If you are a graduating senior or know of one who meets the above requirements, please call the church office or stop in and pick up an application.

Women of Faith Freedom Conference 2007. An all-new exciting event – join us and let your spirit soar! Rochester, NY - June 1-2, Blue Cross Arena. Friday 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Visit us at womenoffaith.com or call 888-49-FAITH.

"Come Alive and Thrive on Change!" conference featuring Jim Herrington, Saturday, June 9, 2007, St. George's Episcopal Church, 912 Route 146, Clifton Park, NY. Sponsored by the ABC/NYS, CABA and Capital Region Theological Center.

Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Northeast – Triennial Gathering – July 27- July 29, 2007 – Theme: "Open Unto Me: Blessing and Abundance – The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, 650 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, NY. See bulletin board.

CELL PHONES FOR SAFETY are collected in a box located in the back. If you are discarding a cell phone, you can benefit the Domestic Violence Advocacy

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Program of the Mechanicville Community Services Center. The cell phones will be programmed to dial 911 in case of a domestic emergency.

A SUGGESTION BOX is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you have a suggestion of something you believe would improve the life of our church, please write it on the card and place it in the box. Thanks for your helpful ideas!

Anyone interested in helping with the Prayer Chain should contact Laurie Salmon, Chairman of the Board of Elders.

Stillwater United Church seeks administrative secretary 3 hr/day, M-F/A.M., \$10/hr. Send resume and references to Stillwater United Church, c/o Elinor Coulter, PO Box 480, Stillwater, NY 12170 or e-mail to s_u_c@netzero.net. For further information contact Elinor Coulter 664-6469 or Jim Ferris 664-3716.



Camp Vick is seeking assistance in several ministry positions this summer.

1. Male Counselor: We are looking for a dedicated Christian man looking to serve God through ministry to our campers as a part of our full time summer ministry staff. Must be at least 18 years old.
2. Volunteer Positions:
 - a. Nurse: we need volunteer nurses to fill several weeks of the summer. Please contact for more information and open dates.
 - b. Male Counselor: we are in need of a volunteer male counselor for 2 different weeks: July 1-4 and July 15-20.
3. Van Drivers: August 6-10, 13-17 must be at least 25 years old, have a good driving record and be capable of driving a 12-passenger van.
4. Work Weekend Volunteers: Individuals or church groups can help open camp. Outdoor and indoor work needed. Workdays happen every Saturday in May.

For information on any of the above contact: Jillene Narraway 716-492-4494 campvick@abc-nys.org

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Children through Second Grade can attend Children's Church after the Children's Moment.

There will be no Sunday school on May 27th or June 3rd.

June 10th will be our last day of Sunday school. We will have a rehearsal for Children's Sunday during Sunday school time. The children will be responsible for much of the church service. Teacher and volunteer recognitions, and presentation of bibles will take place during the service. A picnic will follow at the Bobear's house. More information will follow in next month's newsletter.

The next meeting of the Board of Christian Education will be on Sunday, May 20th, immediately following church.

ATTENTION: MEN OF EMMANUEL UNITED--The Youth Group will be going on a Missions trip to Canandaigua, NY, July 29 (Sun.) - Aug. 3 (Fri.). I have seven youth planning to attend, two of whom are young men. Heidi Wittchen has agreed to chaperone the girls, but I need a man who would be willing to step up to the plate to chaperone the two boys. I know it's asking a lot to ask you to take a week off of work and go on a missions trip with teenagers, but I hope you will each pray about it and see if the Lord is leading you to take this trip. All expenses will be paid by the Ostrander fund so all that is required of you is your time and enthusiasm. If you think you will be able to help us out, please give me a call at 372-2233 or e mail me at VeraP@nycap.rr.com. I can try to answer any questions you have. Also, Heidi went on the trip last year so feel free to ask her questions, as well. Thanks so much! --Vera Petronis

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

Sun., May 27: Bible Study immediately following the service - Pack a lunch.
End-of-the-Year get-together: To be discussed - no date set (sometime in June)
Sun., Jun. 24: Movie & Discussion immediately following the service - Pack a lunch, but dessert will be provided.

This year the Youth Theatre will perform "The Secret of My Success". Tentative performance dates are Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m. **Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

