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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.



## Emmanuel United Church

Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor

Ben McCormack, Organist

Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director

May 18, 2008-11:00 A.M. Trinity Sunday

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Praise Song, *"The River"*, (Andy Park) CCLI# 2243065

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus said:

**"Go and make disciples of all nations,  
Baptizing them in the name of the  
Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,**

And teaching them to obey  
Everything I have commanded you.

**And remember, I am with you always,  
Even to the end of the age."**

\*Hymn 2, *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*, v., 1,2,4

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of joy, show us how to sing and dance your praises, that we may proclaim your wondrous love to all the world. Lift up our spirits when they droop, that we may celebrate your presence among us. In our rejoicing, we are bold to ask.....Lord, be merciful.

God of community, remind us that we do not live here alone. Guide our steps and lead us to those who need us most, that we may speak your word and tell of your love. Calm our fears, and forgive us when we falter. Lord, be merciful. Put fresh wind in our sails and lead us to others, so that those who are lost may find their way home.

God of power, we feel powerless and small against those who are in control. Remind us that your power is greater, and that even a small step in the cause of justice is valuable, when done in the name of Christ and in the Spirit's power. So we ask you.....Lord, be merciful.

God of love, we know that we need radical love to counteract the fear that is rampant in our world. You are the source of that kind of love. May we drink deeply from the well of living water that you offer us, and find nourishment for our thirsty souls. When we forget this, and try to feed our spirits from other places.....Lord, be merciful.

Forgive all that binds us in fear, that we might radiate love. Amen.  
Words of Assurance

### SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory

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

Anthem, *"Passed through the Waters"* (Avery/Marsh)

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 *"Baptized in Water"*, (bulletin)

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Ephesians 4:1-7

Message, *"What Do We Say "Yes" To?"*

Presentation of the Candidates

Hillary Anderson

Jillian Salmon

Brianna Wood

Elizabeth Fraser

### SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Responsive Reading - #641 - The Baptism of Jesus

Hymn #575 - *Shall We Gather at the River?* vs. 1,3,4

Commitment and Immersion

\*Hymn # 507 - *Are ye Able?* - vs. 1,2,4

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*please stand, if able

**Altar flowers today are given by Pastor Jerrie  
in honor of  
Hillary, Jill, Brianna, and Liz**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome each of you to worship on this Baptism and Trinity 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.



**“Cherishing children is the mark of a civilized society.”**

**Joan Ganz Cooney**



**What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church**

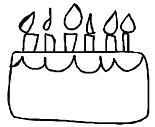
- Today:** 11:00-Worship, Baptism  
and Confirmation Sunday
- 12:30- Reception  
Youth Group Bible study
- Thursday** 7:00-Choir
- Next Sunday** 9:45- **No Sunday School**  
11:00-Worship,  
Guest preacher, Rev. Marie Schilling

This morning we celebrate with joy the confirmation of Hillary Anderson, and the baptism of Jillian Salmon, Brianna Wood, and Elizabeth Fraser. They will be receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship as new members of the church on June 8.

Pastor Jerrie will be on vacation this week. She will be attending a preaching conference in Minneapolis, and will return home next Monday. Please call her cell phone (331-0390) if you need to reach her. Abby Bee is in the office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-1pm.

**The Rev. Marie Schilling** will be leading worship and bringing the message **next Sunday**. Rev. Schilling is a member of the Clifton Park Center Baptist Church and is coordinator of Family Life Ministries there. She is also a member of the CABA Field Ministry Enhancement Team. Be sure to be here for worship on this Memorial Sunday.

There will be a **memorial day picnic at the Fusco's on May 25** from 2pm-? (9 Van Buren Ave., Mechanicville) All are invited. Please bring a dish to share, and a beverage. The pool is open, but chilly!



Please remember in your thoughts and prayers, (and maybe a short note), **Doris Jarrard's 100th birthday is on May 28th!** Her address is: Baptist Health Nursing and Rehab. Center, Room H157B, 297 North Ballston Ave., Scotia, NY 12302

**Looking ahead:** Be sure to mark your calendars for the **church retreat, on June 7<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-1:00. (Coffee and stuff at 8:30.) This will be a time of renewal, sharing, prayer, envisioning, and worship. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church, so we know how many are attending. Older youth are welcome also. Questions? See Pastor Jerrie.

Don't forget the **CABA Conference on June 14**, at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Albany. Diana Butler Bass, author of "Christianity for the Rest of Us," will be the leader. Please take a brochure from the back of the church for more information. Registration deadline is June 2.

### SPRING MISSION CAMPAIGN NEWS


**Thank-you for your generous sharing for the Spring mission campaign!** The final total was **\$1552.27**. We exceeded by over \$150! Thank you for such hard work and giving.

### 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. 

**Thank-you for continuing to bring items in for the food pantry.** Any canned or non-perishable food is welcome. Remember, the EUC goal of 100 items per month.

### From the Home Office:

Please submit articles and information for the June newsletter by **May 27<sup>th</sup>**. You may leave them in the office or e mail to: eucmech@yahoo.com. Don't forget to include family news, awards accomplishments, etc.

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!