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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  
516 Park Ave.,  
Mechanicville, NY 12118



Remember



Our Fallen

## Emmanuel United Church

Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor

Ben McCormack, Organist

Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director

May 25, 2008-11:00 A.M.

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Praise Song

*Here I am to Worship (Michael W. Smith)*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O, Praise the Lord, all ye nations

**People: Praise Him, all ye people**

Leader: For His merciful kindness is great toward us

**People: And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.**

**All: Praise ye the Lord.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*Hymn 181, "*Standing on the Promises*"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, we come today realizing that we are often far from you. Humble us, O Lord, we pray. Convict us of sin. Give us strength and desire to turn from wrongdoing. So that your face may be turned toward us, Your eyes opened unto us, Your ears attentive to us, so that your glory may again visit our land. Amen.

### SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory

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

Anthem, "*I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb*", (Ray Holtz)

Time with Our Children, Rev. Schilling

*(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 600, "*America the Beautiful*"

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: II Chronicles 7:14, Romans 8:35-39

Message, "If My People..."

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn 275, "*Because He Lives*"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*please stand if able

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome each of you to worship on this Memorial 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.



**Thought for the Week:**

**“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than one’s self”**  
**Joseph Campbell**



**For the week of May 25**

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

- Today:** 11:00-Worship, guest preacher  
Rev. Marie Schilling
- Monday** 2:00-Picnic at the Fusco’s
- Tuesday:** 7:15-Search Committee meeting
- Thursday:** 7:00-Choir
- Saturday:** 7:00-Iron Chef Competition
- Next Sunday** 9:45-Sunday School  
11:00-Worship, Communion

Our guest preacher today is Rev. Marie Schilling. 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.

Pastor Jerrie is back at home Monday. She will be in the office Tuesday- Friday morning. Please call if you need her (331-0390). Abby Bee is in the office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-1pm.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Thanks to all who contributed to the Great Escape Spring Spin fundraiser. **We raised \$140.00!**

**We now have three chaperones** for the youth group mission/work trip to York, PA. The trip is scheduled for July 20-25. Please continue to be in prayer for the young people going on the trip.

Coming this Saturday-**IRON CHEF!** Mary Beth Fusco will be defending her title against Kevin McCormack. Iron Chef starts at 7pm; the cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, ages 3-11. There will also be a "Movie basket raffle for \$1 per ticket. If you would like to bring a dessert, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary

**Looking ahead:** Be sure to mark your calendars for the **church retreat on June 7<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-1:00. (Coffee at 8:30.) This will be a time of renewal, sharing, prayer, envisioning, and worship. There is 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.

Don't forget the **CABA Conference on June 14<sup>th</sup>**, 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 table for more information. Registration deadline is June 2nd.

## 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.

Food items are desperately needed for the food pantry . Please help keep EUC's goal of 100 items per month. Any canned or non-perishable food is welcome.

## Volunteer Opportunities

CAPTAIN Youth and Family services is looking to expand their offerings of home goods and furniture. They are in need of volunteers who are able to pick-up and deliver donations of used furniture. They need people who are willing to lift and carry sofas, chairs, tables, etc., and vehicles to transport. Items. If you are able to offer assistance, please call 371-1185 or e mail rkennedy@captainyfs.com.

## From the Home Office:

There will be a new **Parish Directory** printed before the end of June. Please take a slip on the back table and complete it with the information 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 pick it up in church, get it from the church website, or have it mailed to you. If you would like it mailed, it will help to defray the mailing cost by sending a check for \$2.10 to the office.

