



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Dr. John N. Miller, Jr., Pastor
May 27, 2007--11:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements
Lighting the Christ Candle
Prelude

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship (Psalm 8:1, 3-5)

L— O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

P— When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

L— what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

P - Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

*Hymn 104 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

O God, you generously share your life with us in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and how have we responded to this gift? We have not always willingly accepted your coming to seek and save the lost, and often we have not responded in faith to your call. Jesus gave his life for us, but we are not ready to give our lives for him. Forgive our sins, and pour out your creative, refreshing Spirit to awaken and renew us. 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 315 *The Solid Rock*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lessons Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Romans 5:1-5

Sermon *Is There Hope?*

Prayer of Commitment

*Hymn 616 *God Is So Good*

*Extinguishing the Christ Candle

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those able will please stand.



28 TO JUNE 3

Monday:



Thursday:

7:00

Choir Rehearsal

Friday:

7:00

Women of Faith Freedom Conference 2007
Youth Theatre Production

Saturday:

7:00

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Sunday:

11:00

Worship/COMMUNION/PENTECOST

Church Office 518-664-5204/Manse 518-541-2420
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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: The Spirit will declare to you the things that are to come.

The Schlensker family gives today's flowers.

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



Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of Marshall Pierson who passed away on May 17, 2007, at the Schuyler Ridge Nursing Home in Clifton Park. Marshall was a member of our church family for 63 years.

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



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.

Over the summer months, the church directory will be updated. If anyone has an address/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, let someone know.

These Biennial/Centennial Speakers Will Inspire, Uplift and Energize You

What great speakers await you at this summer's ABCUSA Biennial/Centennial! Here's a small sampling of the gifted and talented people you will meet and hear at the Pre-Biennial and Biennial/Centennial sessions (June 29-July 2).

Tony Campolo: Famous ABCUSA [pastor](#), [author](#), and public speaker known for challenging [Christians](#) by illustrating how their faith can offer solutions in a world of complexity. (Saturday, 8:30 – 9:30 am)

Emerging Voices: Four dynamic young people who are helping to shape our future: Kim Kushner of International Ministries Volunteers in Global Mission Team; Lauren Ng, assistant pastor, First Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco, California; Hector Ramirez, associate pastor, Second Baptist Church of Cidra, Puerto Rico; and Adam Taylor, senior director of campaigns and organizing, Sojourners/Call to Renewal. (Saturday, 10:30 am – 12:00 noon)

Elizabeth Conde-Frazier: A religious educator who integrates the discipline of religious education with theology, spirituality and the social sciences. (Sunday, 10:30 am – 12:00 noon)

Arlee Griffin, Jr.: President ABCUSA, winner of the Edward H. Rhoades Urban Ministry Award at the 2005 Biennial, and senior pastor of Berean Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York. (Saturday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm)

Lauran Bethell: Recognized as an outstanding voice in international circles addressing the exploitation of women and children. The Baptist World Alliance recognized her work by awarding her its 2005 Human Rights Award. (Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 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.

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 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 \$1320 and 1 more car will be added to our parking lot for a total of 26 cars. Our lot is almost full.*



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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT—June 3, 2007 after service, moderated by Cass Shaw, regarding the proposed dissolution of the pastor relationship with Dr. John N. Miller, Jr.

CELL PHONES FOR SAFETY are being collected in a box located in the back. If you are discarding a cell phone, you can benefit the Domestic Violence Advocacy Program of the Mechanicville Community Services Center. The cell phones will be programmed to dial 911 in case of a domestic emergency.

The June Newsletters are in the basket on the back table.

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!

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. **Applications must be handed in to the office by May 31. The awards will be handed out on Sunday, June 10, during the worship service.**

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.

The Board of Elders, acting on an idea from our Suggestion Box, is sponsoring a Prayer Chain. Anyone interested in helping with the Prayer Chain should contact Laurie Salmon, Chairman of the Board of Elders.



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 June 3rd.

June 10th is our Children's Sunday. The children will be responsible for the church service. Teacher and volunteer recognitions and presentation of bibles will take place during the service.

The annual picnic will follow at the Bobear's house. Transportation is available for those who need it. Hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs, swim suits, towels, sunscreen, etc.

ATTENTION: ADULTS OF EMMANUEL--The Youth Group still needs a second chaperone for the Missions trip in Jul/Aug, but I am now opening up that spot to men OR women - any church member over 21 would be welcome. The dates are Jul. 29 - Aug. 3, and ALL EXPENSES ARE PAID, thanks to the Ostrander fund. However, I need to hear from you ASAP so we can send in our final paperwork. Please call me at 372-2233 or e mail me at VeraP@nycap.rr.com. You don't have to be a parent of a teen - just willing to take a week off of work to spend some time with some great kids. The trip is to Canandaigua, NY. Any questions? Just ask! --Vera Petronis

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED IRON CHEF!--We raised \$133 towards some new electronic equipment for the church, and we had a lot of fun and ate a lot of yummy dessert, to boot! A special thanks goes out to our two competitors, Mary Beth Fusco and Heidi Wittchen. Mary Beth managed to maintain her champion status, but that will only make it more interesting *next* year. I'm hearing rumors there are some past competitors looking to get even...

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

June: End of the Year get-together TBA.

Sun., Jun. 24: Final Bible Study - will be a movie & discussion. Pack a lunch, but dessert will be provided.

Sun., Jul. 29 - Fri., Aug. 3: Missions Trip to Canandaigua, NY.

August: Great Escape or Water Park trip - tentative.

Sun., Sept. 9: Organizational Meeting with pizza provided. All 8th - 12th graders invited, especially new members!

This year the Youth Theatre will perform "The Secret of My Success". 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.** If you are interested in helping with refreshments, please sign up in the back.