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**Sunday Schedule:**  
**Sunday School-9:45 am**  
**Worship-11:00 am**

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**



2 Corinthians 5:7

**Emmanuel United Church**  
Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor  
Ben McCormack, Organist  
Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director  
**November 9, 2008**

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Gathering Song , 64, *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*, v.1,2

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

"O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
Make known his deeds among all peoples!

**Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
Tell of his wonderful works!"**

\*Hymn 64 , *"For the Beauty of the Earth "* v.3-5

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, sometimes our lives are filled with challenges and it is difficult to find hope. We confess that we are anxious and afraid. We are tempted to take the easier paths, or to give up altogether. Even when we are committed to change, it is difficult to see any progress. Remind us that you do not leave us alone, even in the midst of uncertain times. Forgive our doubts, our lack of vision, and our tentative discipleship. We pray in the name of Christ, who continues to call us forward. Amen.

A Moment with Mission

### SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory Music

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

Anthem, *"Servant Song"*

### 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 135, *"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"* v. 1-4

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Hebrews 12:1-2, 13:1-2

Message, *"Invisible People"*

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn 174, *"Open My Eyes, That I May See "* v.1,3

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*please stand if able

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome each of you to worship today, 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:

**“Keep praying, but be thankful that God’s answers are  
wiser than your prayers.”** William Culbertson



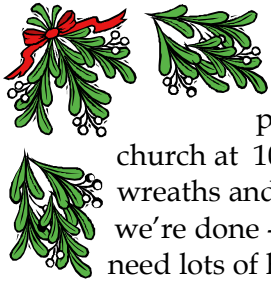
### What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church

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| <b>Today:</b>       | 9:45-Sunday School<br>11:00-Worship,  |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | 7:15-Search Committee meeting   |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | 7:00-Choir  |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | 9:00-CABA Meeting   |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | 9:45-Sunday School<br>11:00-Worship<br>12:30- Board of Elders and Board<br>of Christian Education meeting |

Please pick up a November newsletter before you leave this morning. You may also find it on the web at [www.eucmech.org](http://www.eucmech.org).

Pastor Jerrie will be in the office Wednesday-Friday morning. Abby Bee is in the office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-1pm.

There will be an ecumenical Thanksgiving service at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church on **Sunday Nov. 23rd at 4p.m.** The service will be held in their new building on McBride Rd.



The "Hanging of the Greens" this year will take place on Sat., Nov. 29. We will gather at the church at 10 am to decorate the sanctuary, put up trees and wreaths and other symbols of the season. At noon - or when we're done - we will enjoy a pot-luck lunch together. We will need lots of helping hands, and tall/strong people, so please join us if you can, as we prepare the church building for the Advent season. See you then!

**CABA - Capital Area Baptist Assn.** - meeting next Saturday, Nov, 15. Latham Community Baptist Church, Forts Ferry Rd., Latham. The meeting begins at 9:00 with registration and worship. Then we will hear from those who participated in disaster relief in the Gulf, and the Youth Gathering in Colorado in July. Pastor Jerrie will also do a presentation on her pilgrimage to Ireland. The morning will conclude with lunch at noon. Lunch is \$5.00 (registration due tomorrow) and the program is \$1.00. You may call 374-0288 to register.

## Create a Buzz



### MISSION NEWS

A Moment for Missions: We have "Created a Buzz!" Our Fall goal this year is \$1,500 and **so far we have collected \$1114!** We are still looking for items for auction on E-Bay and Craig's List. Please take a few moments and take a look around your homes for items to donate. Remember the old saying "One's trash is another's treasure". This is a great opportunity for us to expand our Mission Campaign!

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class have put together a fantastic bulletin board by the 4th St. entrance to the church. Take a moment to check it out!

There are materials for **children, grades 3-5** provided by the Board of Christian Ed. in the containers in front of the church. Please return items back to the boxes after the service.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Please be in prayer for the EUC youth and adults returning today from **The ABY Convention.**

### ONGOING MINISTRIES

**Toyota of Clifton Park and The Express Newspaper** have kicked off their 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for 5 local food pantries. Last year enough food was collected to feed 350 families. The challenge this year is to collect enough food to feed 400 families (165 in Mechanicville, 75 in Halfmoon, 60 in Stillwater, 60 in Pittstown, and 40 in Schaghticoke). Food donations and/or grocery store gift cards may be dropped off at Toyota of Clifton Park, Rts. 146/236 or The Express newspaper office, 138 N. Second Ave. through Nov. 19.

On Friday, November 21 at 1 p.m. at Toyota of Clifton Park, the 5 food pantries will be presented with our collected food.

Please help us meet this real challenge. Sadly, some of our neighbors do not have the food they need to feed their families during these tough economic times. For further information, please call 664-4444 (Toyota) or 664-3335 (Express).

**Greeters** are needed for Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank You!

**Altar flowers** are a wonderful way to celebrate and honor a loved one. You may donate flowers 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.





**Operation  
Christmas Child**  
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE



## Ideas for shoeboxes

### School supplies

pens,  
pencils and sharpener,  
crayons  
markers  
stamps and ink pad sets  
writing pads or paper  
coloring and picture  
books

### Hygiene Items

toothbrush  
toothpaste  
mild bar soap  
(in a plastic bag)

### Please Do Not Include

Used or damaged items  
War-related items  
(toy guns, knives, ,military  
Figures or vehicles)  
chocolate or food  
out-of-date candy  
liquids or lotions  
medications  
vitamins  
breakable items  
glass containers  
aerosol cans

### Toys

small cars  
balls  
Dolls  
Stuffed animals  
kazoos, harmonicas  
yo-yos, jump ropes  
toys that light up  
Slinky®

### Other

hard candy  
lollipops  
mints, gum  
t-shirts socks  
ball caps sunglasses  
hair clips  
toy jewelry  
watches  
flashlights  
(with extra batteries)

**The collection date will be:**

**November 16**

**Please choose an age range  
and boy or girl      Age 2-4**

**5-9**

**10-14**

**Also, please enclose a check for \$7  
shipping for each box, payable to:  
Samaritan's Purse, with "Operation  
Christmas Child" on the memo line**

### Operation Christmas Child

Check the next page for more information on EUC shoebox collection. Here are two examples of the benefits of the OCC program:

#### The Gift of Receiving

##### Russia - From the parents of Nina:

We are thankful to the Lord for your kind hearts. God made a miracle and showed His love and care for our daughter through you. She had been dreaming about a teddy bear! She asked us many times to buy her one, but we couldn't afford it. All we could do was to pray and believe that God would answer her prayers. She prayed every night before going to bed about a teddy bear, and she dreamed about having one and singing lullabies to him.

She got so excited when she received a gift and opened the box. There was a teddy bear inside the box! Just like the one she had been dreaming about. There were also many other toys, crayons, and candies. God fulfilled the need tremendously. It was a great example of God's love to our daughter. Now she understands that it is very important to open up your heart and bless someone, to serve someone. Tonight before she went to bed she prayed and asked God to bless those who sent her such a wonderful gift. Then she embraced her teddy bear and fell asleep.

#### The Joy of Giving

##### United States - From an eighth-grader who packs boxes:

It is gratifying that I put a smile on the face of someone who is less fortunate than me. I love to find different and unique toys to put in my box. I also love the fact that the boxes are filled with Christmas joy, a joy that many may not have had before.