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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:

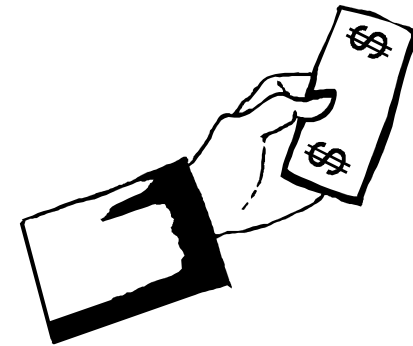
To the beauty of the worship of God-  
To the service of bewildered humanity-  
To a friendly fellowship with others who seek the best-  
To the dangerous adventure of building a new world.



**Emmanuel United Church**  
**516 Park Ave.,**  
**Mechanicville, NY 12118**



**"Bring the full tithe**



**into the storehouse"**

**Emmanuel United Church**  
Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor  
Ben McCormack, Organist  
Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director  
**November 16, 2008**

## **Stewardship Sunday**

### **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude , Ben McCormack, Organist

Gathering Song , *I will go*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship from Ps. 66

Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!  
Sing about the glory of his name!  
Tell the world how glorious he is.

**Let the whole world bless our God,  
And sing aloud his praises.  
Our lives are in his hands,  
And he keeps our feet from stumbling.**

Now I come to your temple with offerings,  
To fulfill the vows I made to you.

**The sacred vows you heard me make  
When I was in deep trouble.**

Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
And I will tell you what he did for me.

**Praise God, who listens to our prayers,  
Who does not withdraw his unfailing love from us.**

\*Hymn 70 , *"Come Christians, Join to Sing "*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

A Moment with Mission

Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

### **SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS**

Offering and Offertory Music

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

Anthem, *"Servant Song"*

Time with our children

### **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

*"The Offering"*

\*Hymn, *"Join Hearts and Voices"* , v.1,2,4, see insert

### **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Reading from the Word: #669 *"Christian Giving"*

Message, *"First Fruits or Leftovers?"*

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn 466 , *"O Jesus, I have Promised"*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*please stand if able

**The Flowers on the altar today are given  
by the Schlensker family in  
loving memory of Opa**

Please remember to keep your cell phones and iPods turned off during  
worship. Thank you

## 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.



### **Stewardship Thoughts.....**

“Christian stewardship begins not with an inventory of what we have, but from a recognition of whose we are.”

Donald W. Joiner, Creating A Climate for Giving

“Stewardship is never a matter between *you and me* or between *you and the church*; it is between *you and God*. Whether the church budget gets balanced is not a matter of ultimate importance. Whether our lives get balanced *is*.”

Herb Miller, Money Is/Isn't Everything



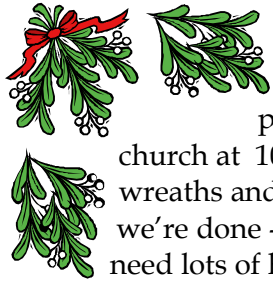
### What's Happening at Emmanuel United Church

<b>Today:</b>	<b>9:45</b> -Sunday School <b>11:00</b> -Worship, Shoebox collection day <b>12:30</b> - Youth Group Bible study, Board of Elders and Board of Christian Education meeting
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>9:30</b> - Albany Presbytery Mtg. , Glens Falls <b>7:15</b> - Search Committee meeting
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>7:00</b> - Choir
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>9:45</b> -Sunday School <b>11:00</b> -Worship <b>4:00</b> -Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at St. Luke's Church, McBride Rd.

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

Next Sunday is the Thanksgiving service at St. Luke's Church at 4p.m. The service will be held in their new building on McBride Rd., and will be led by the local pastors.

Today is the collection day for **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes. Please place your shoebox, with the boy/ girl age label and check for shipping inside. Thank You!



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!

### MISSION NEWS

We have finished our Fall Mission campaign with a total of **\$1164!** If you haven’t yet given to the fall campaign, you can still put a check in the collection, marked “mission campaign”

The Board of Elders is offering a new program instead of the White Gift Sunday. We are going to participate in the Saratoga County Chamber Angels. This is a program, similar to the White gift program, that helps children from families in southern Saratoga County with financial hardships. There is a Christmas tree in the back of the sanctuary decorated with angel ornaments, and on the back is written a particular item. The items cover a wide range of prices; one or more families can work together to purchase higher priced items. Please bring the **unwrapped items** back to church by **December 7.**

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There will be a meeting of the board of Christian Education after worship today.

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

Today there will be youth group Bible study and potluck lunch after worship.

### 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.

