


NOVEMBER

Emmanuel United Church
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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-

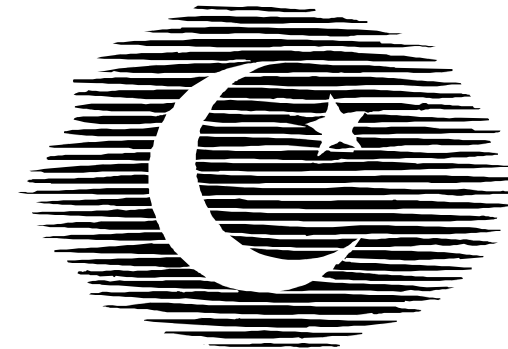
To a friendly fellowship with others who seek the best-

To the dangerous adventure of building a new world.

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CHURCH**

NOVEMBER 29, 2009



*"And there will be signs in sun
and moon and stars..."*

Luke 21:25

OUR 35TH YEAR AS A UNITED CHURCH

Emmanuel United Church
Rev. Richard McSherry, Pastor
Ben McCormack, Organist
Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director
November 29, 2009
First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Gathering Song, *"There's Something About That Name"*

Call to Worship

*Hymn, 186, *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering

*Doxology (No. 623)

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem, *"Majesty with All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* (Hayford)

Time With Our Children

PRAYING AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Sharing of Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

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, #196, *"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21: 25-26

Message: *"Signs in the Heavens"*

Prayer of Commitment

*Hymn #187, *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

*Benediction

*Postlude

*You are invited to stand

Welcome to Worship!

We are delighted to have you with us today as we gather to worship God. If you are visiting with us today, please sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary and let us know how we can be praying for you. May you be blessed by our time together.



What's Happening at Emmanuel United Church

Today: 9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship
12:00- Hanging of the Greens, Trustees meeting
Monday: 7:00 – Choir
Saturday: 5:00 – Progressive Dinner
Next Sunday: 9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship, Communion



**Special Days this Week
Birthdays**

November 30-John Fusco

Blessings to You!



Today there will be a trustees meeting today after worship.

Choir is now meeting on Monday evenings for practice. Please join us at 7:00 – all singers welcome.

MISSION CAMPAIGN

Our Mission Campaign, *“With Willing Hands”* has ended. We raised \$1066.01 for mission projects supported by the EUC congregation. Thank you for your generosity with our mission work!

Hanging of the Greens will be today immediately following church and a potluck lunch. Please plan on joining us for the festivities as we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Beverages will be provided.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Christmas pageant, *The Not-so-Silent Night*, is scheduled on Sunday, December 20th during the worship service. **Rehearsals will occur during Sunday School time on December 6, 13, and 20** There will be no Sunday School on December 27 and January 3rd.

The Progressive Dinner is on Saturday, December 5th. At 5pm, we will begin with appetizers at the Fraser’s, move to soup & salad at the Dixon’s, have the main course at the McCormack’s and, finish with dessert at the Swan’s, Please join us! For more information please see Becky Dixon or Nancy Mc Cormack.

The Dorothy Welch Choral Society will be presenting their winter concert on **December 6 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Assumption/St. Paul Church on North Main St. This is a free concert.

Please continue to donate to the food pantry. The pantry is in desperate need of boxed, non-perishable items for families in need. Please help by donating non-perishable items in non-glass containers. Besides providing items for Thanksgiving baskets, every day items needed are cereals, peanut butter, juices, soups, baby food; also needed are baby wipes and diapers.



The Board of Elders has put up a tree with ornaments for the 2 children we are sponsoring for the Chamber Angels. Emmanuel is sponsoring 2 boys: a 15 year old and a 16 year old. There are ornaments on the tree with gift wishes for each child. **Please return the gift, unwrapped, with the tag attached next Sunday December 6.** The gifts will be delivered to the coordination site on Dec. 7th The Chamber Angels program is coordinated between Saratoga County and The Southern Saratoga Chamber of Commerce , and helps needy children with gifts and warm clothing for Christmas.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

30-HOUR FAMINE FOR WORLD VISION

On Saturday night to Sunday, Dec. 5-6, the teens will be having an all-nighter doing the **30-Hour Famine** to help raise funds for World Vision. World Vision is a Christian organization that raises money to get food, clean water and health services to the poorest of the poor throughout the world (including the U.S.). The teens will be going without food - only water & juice - for a full 30 hours in an effort to really understand what it is to go hungry. This is especially important as we get ready to enter into the season of Christmas - a season usually associated with feasting and plenty. If you wish to support the 30-Hour Famine, see any teen and make a donation/pledge to support their efforts in this very worthy cause.