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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:

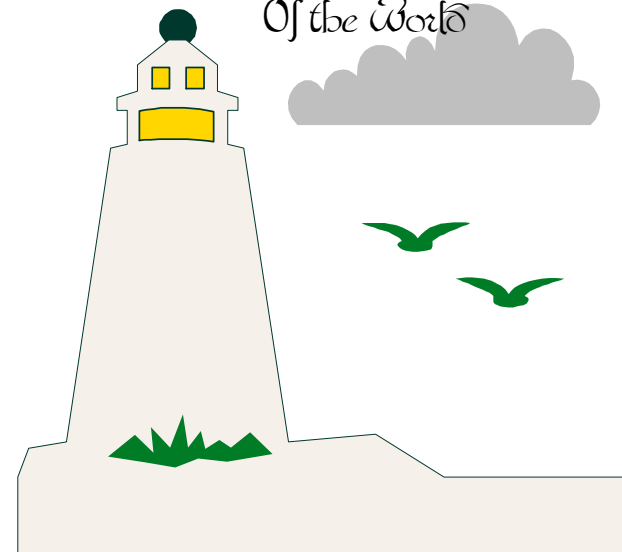
To the beauty of the worship of God-
To the service of bewildered humanity-
To a friendly fellowship with others who seek the best-
To the dangerous adventure of building a new world.



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



*You Are the Light
Of the World*



Emmanuel United Church
Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor
Ben McCormack, Organist
Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director
October 12, 2008

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Praise Song

"Thy Word" (Smith/Grant)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship **Psalm 96**

Sing a new song to the Lord!

Let the whole earth sing to God!

Sing to the Lord, bless his name,

Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

*Hymn 79, *"To God Be the Glory"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we know that we are your hands and feet in this world. We know that our actions, as well as our words, tell others of your love. But sometimes we forget to let our light shine. We neglect to use the gifts you gave us, and squander them instead. Remind us, Lord, that your Spirit lives in us, and in all people. Forgive us when we fail to see your light in others as well. Open our hearts and energize us to be your servants-in our words, in our deeds, and in our lives. In the name of Christ, who was the Light of the world, we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

A Moment with Mission

Offering and Offertory Music

Offering

*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem, *"Be Thou My Vision" (Gaelic)*

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

*Hymn 528, *"Lord, Be Glorified" (life-church-world-life)*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Matthew 5:14-16, Galatians 5:22-23

Message " Giving Ourselves Away "

Prayer of Commitment

*Hymn 525, *"Make Me a Blessing"*

*Benediction

*Postlude

*please stand if able

Three weeks from today - Nov. 2 - is "Invite A Friend" Sunday.

Everyone is encouraged to invite a friend to come to Sunday School and worship that day. This is for youth and adults as well. Also, Peter and Joan Rocco will be with us that morning to share their story and faith journey during the time of Gabby's illness and death. You will really be blessed by this testimony.

Be sure to pick up a copy of the **October newsletter**. It can also be found on the website at: www.eucmech.org. **The deadline for the November newsletter is Tuesday, November 21.**

There is a pair of eyeglasses on the desk in the office looking for their owner. Please come and "see" if they might belong to you!

MISSION NEWS

Our "Create a Buzz" Fall Mission Campaign is now underway! Our Fall goal this year is \$1,500.00! We are doing some new, exciting things this year to broaden our Mission horizons. We will be having an auction on E-Bay to raise money and you can help! We are asking that you take a look around your home and bring to church any items that can be put up for auction on E-Bay. The Elders are working on getting our E-Bay account set up and items added for bidding. The Campaign runs through November 9, 2008. Keep an eye out for weekly updates.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class are still collecting pictures for the bulletin board by the 4th St. entrance to the church. If you have any pictures of any EUC event from the last year, please bring them to Mrs. Bobear or email them to mabobear@wildblue.net

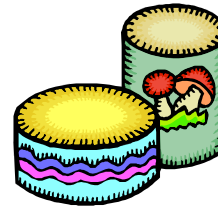


Be sure to check out the material for **children, grades 3-5** provided by the Board of Christian Ed. in the containers in front of the church. Please return items back to the boxes after the service.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

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.



Help EUC keep our goal of 100 food items donated each month to the Mechanicville Community Center Food Pantry. In these difficult and uncertain times, many families rely on the food pantry to help feed hungry children and families. If you have some time to donate to help sorting and packing food for transport to the Community Center, please see Bill Bobear. So far for October, we have collected 47 items.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth group members are welcome to help and participate in the church work day this coming Saturday. **This is a way to earn points for the ABY Convention in November.** Be here beginning at 8:30.

The ABY Convention is scheduled for the weekend of **Nov. 7-9**, in Syracuse. This year's theme is "Ignition". Several of our youth and adults will be attending.

For Your Information:

A great opportunity: Michael W. Smith and Stephen Curtis Chapman, both superstars on the contemporary Christian music scene, will be performing at the Palace theatre in Albany on Nov. 1 at 7:30. Is anyone interested in going as a group from the church? Group rates are \$35 each.

Rev. David Rowe has a new book of poems out, "**Fieldstones of Faith**", **vol. 2**. They can be purchased at \$5 and \$2.50 postage. (All proceeds go to Friends of Christ in India) More info is on the bulletin board in the hall. If we have 10 orders, they are a flat rate of \$6 each. Let the church office know if you want one, and they can be ordered from there.