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Sunday Schedule:

Sunday School-9:45 am

Worship-11:00 am



Emmanuel United Church

516 Park Ave.,

Mechanicville, NY 12118



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
Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor
Ben McCormack, Organist
Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director
October 19, 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 the Lord.
O nations of the world,
Recognize the Lord.
Know that the Lord is glorious and strong.
Give to the Lord the glory he deserves!
Bring your offering and come to worship him.
Tell all the nations that the Lord is King!
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!"**

*Hymn 100, "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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A Moment with Mission

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory Music

Offering

*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem, "Famous One", (Reeves/Tomlin)

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 536, "Jesus Shall Reign" vs. 1,3,4

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: #647 - Acts 1:6-9

Message "In the Steps of the Judsons"

Prayer of Commitment

*Hymn 524, "We've A Story to Tell" vs. 1,2

*Benediction

*Postlude

* You are invited to stand

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:

**"Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart,
and learn to love the questions themselves."**

Rainer Maria Rilke



What's Happening at Emmanuel United Church

- Today:** 9:45-Sunday School
11:00-Worship
12:30-Trustees meeting, Elders meeting
Youth Group Bible Study
- Wednesday:** 7:00-Choir
- Next Sunday:** 9:45-Sunday School
11:00-Worship
12:30-Coffee Hour, Church Council Meeting

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

Next week, the CHURCH COUNCIL will meet after worship. The Council hasn't met in over a year, so it is important that everyone make an effort to be there.

Thank You to all who pitched in with the church work day yesterday. Your time and energy were much appreciated.

The deadline for the November newsletter is **Tuesday, Nov. 21**. Please send articles, information, or November meeting dates to the office or e mail them to: **eucmech@yahoo.com**

Two 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 invite family and friends who came to the musical.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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:

First Baptist Church, Ballston Spa is sponsoring an evening of fellowship, featuring speakers **Wayne and Kathryn Niles, on Sunday October 26, at 6 p.m.** The Niles will talk about their missionary work in the Congo and Haiti. Everyone is welcome and the event is free. First Baptist is located at 20 Milton Ave. Ballston Spa. For more information, call the church office at 885-8361.

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.

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.