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**Sunday Schedule:**

**Sunday School-9:45 am**

**Worship-11:00 am**



**Emmanuel United Church**

**516 Park Ave.,**

**Mechanicville, NY 12118**



*A MOMENT WITH MISSIONS*

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 26, 2008**

### **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

#### **Praise Song**

*"I Will Go" (Starfield)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Ps. 119:174-176

"O Lord, I have longed for your salvation,  
And your law is my delight.  
Let me live so I can praise you,  
And may your laws sustain me.  
I have wandered away like a lost sheep;  
Come and find me,  
For I have not forgotten your commands."

\*Hymn 1, "A Mighty Fortress" v.1,3,4

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know we like to go our own way. We are independent people, self-reliant and confident. We have talents and abilities and gifts. But sometimes we depend only on our own power. We forget to listen for your voice, since there are so many other voices in our ears. And sometimes, Lord – we think that we don't even need you. Forgive us our arrogant attitudes and controlling natures. Call us back to your heart, that we may never forget that we are yours. In the name of your Son Jesus, who gave up all power, we bring these prayers. Amen

A Moment with Mission

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

Offering and Offertory Music

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

Anthem, "This is the Day: Rejoice!" (Kelly/Brown)

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 469, "Trust and Obey" v.1.2.4

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

Reading from the Word: Psalm 119: 1-16

Message "Hey, I Can Do It Myself!"

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn 424, "Teach Me Thy Way"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\* You are invited to stand

**Flowers on the Altar today are given in loving memory of  
Betty Gartner by the Gartner family**

**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:**

**“I hope you’re proud of yourself for the times you’ve said ‘yes,’ when all it meant was extra work for you and was seemingly helpful only to someone else.”**  
**Fred Rogers (aka “Mr. Rogers”)**



**What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church**

- Today:** 9:45-Sunday School  
11:00-Worship  
12:30-Coffee Hour, Church Council Meeting
- Tuesday:** 7:15-Search Committee
- Wednesday:** 7:00-Choir
- Saturday:** **Set your clocks back 1 hour**
- Next Sunday:** 9:45-Sunday School  
11:00-Worship, Communion, Invite a friend  
Sunday, Pete and Joan Rocco, guest speakers

**Today 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.

**Today** there will be a 10th anniversary celebration the Federation of Emmanuel Baptist Church and Friedens United Church of Christ, Nott Terrace in Schenectady The service of celebration will be at 4:00 P.M.

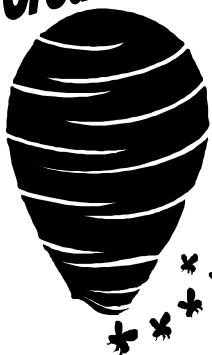
Also today: There will be an **“Energy Saving”** seminar at the Presbyterian-New England Congregational Church fellowship hall from 12:30-2pm. The event will feature Dan Gibson a representative from NYSERDA to speak about improvements to help you save energy in your home. The event is free. For more information, call Gail at 583-3986.

First Baptist Church, Ballston Spa is sponsoring an evening of fellowship, featuring speakers **Wayne and Kathryn Niles, today 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.

Pastor Jerrie will be in the office Thur. and Fri. mornings. She will be taking study days on Tuesday and Wed., but will be available by cell phone - 331-0390. Abby Bee is in the office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-1pm.

**Next week 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.

**Create a Buzz**



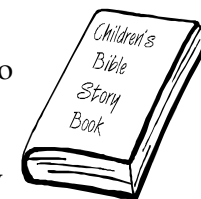
### MISSION NEWS

A Moment for Missions: We have "Created a Buzz"! Our Fall goal this year is \$1,500 and so far we have collected \$614! We are still looking for items to be auctioned off 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!

**Operation Christmas Child:** It is again OCC Season! This Sunday we will be displaying a slideshow in the Round Room during the coffee hour. Please take a moment to watch this short inspiring presentation. In the October 19 bulletin a list was included of "Ideas for Shoeboxes". Please take a look at the list and make sure that items you include are acceptable. There have been a couple of additions to the "Please Do Not Include" list. Shoeboxes along with labels will be available on Sunday during the slide presentation. The collection date for the Shoe Boxes is November 16, Please see Wendy if you have any questions.

### 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 attending the **The ABY Convention** is scheduled for the weekend of **Nov. 7-9**, in Syracuse. This year's theme is "Ignition".

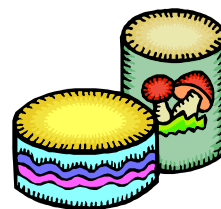
### For Your Information:

**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.

### 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.