


SEPTEMBER

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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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Emmanuel United Church

516 Park Ave.,

Mechanicville, NY 12118



WELCOME FALL



Emmanuel United Church

Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor
Ben McCormack, Organist
Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director
September 7, 2008

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Praise Song

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Hymn 13 , *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, who comes to us through the Holy Spirit, as we celebrate this day, let us not lose the fire of your passion for the transforming of ourselves and the world around us. It is very tempting to settle down and enjoy the familiar rhythms of daily life, both at home and in the church. Keep us open to your presence all around us, and the whispers of your spirit in our midst. Show us what, and who we can be when we offer our whole selves to you. Save us from the fear which keeps us from being open to your surprises, and lead us into the new year. In the name of Christ, our Savior, we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory Music

Offering

*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

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 115 , *"The Church's One Foundation"*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Hymnbook #654, *"The Church"*

Message: *"Are You Smarter Than a First Grader?"*

MEETING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

*Communion Hymn 258 *"We come as Guests Invited"*

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Hymn 138 *"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"*, vs. 1

*Benediction

*Postlude

**You are invited to stand*

**Today is Grandparent's Day
Altar flowers are given today by the Fraser family
in honor of parents and grandparents**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome each of you to worship today, and hope you receive a blessing from the service. We especially welcome visitors, as we celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning. All who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are welcome to the table. 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:

"Prayer is not asking for what you want, but asking to be changed in ways you can't imagine"



What's Happening at Emmanuel United Church

Today: 9:45-Sunday School kick-off Breakfast

11:00-Worship

12:30-Meeting of all Boards

Thursday: 7:00-Choir

Next Sunday: 9:45-Sunday School

11:00-Worship, Mission Trip reports

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

Please pick up a copy of the **September newsletter** before you leave this morning. You can also find it on the web at www.eucmech.org.

If you have recent pictures of church events to share, please send them to Jon Wilkinch to put on the website, www.eucmech.org. The only recent ones are from the musical in March. Thank You!

The ABC Biennial will be held at Keuka College, Penn Yan, October 12-14. See details in the September newsletter. Please let Pastor Jerrie know if you are interested in attending.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Today is our Sunday School Kick-off! Please keep our children, youth and their teachers and mentors in your prayers as we begin another year of Christian Education.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Youth Group kick-off begins today with an organizational meeting immediately following worship in the Round Room. All youth, grades 8-up (and adults too! Are invited to join us! Pizza donation \$5.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

The Troy Area United Ministries, TAUM, is promoting the **AIDS WALK 2008** on Sunday September 28, in Washington Park, Albany. Check in time is 1pm. Copies of the information form/registration sheet are on the table in the sanctuary and on the bulletin board in the hallway.

The Dorothy Welch Choral Society is gearing up for another year, and all singers are welcome. If you're interested, stop by the Mechanicville United Methodist Church (Fellowship Hall) this Tuesday, at 7:00 for their first rehearsal. There are no try-outs, just fun singing.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

Greeters: Would you like to be a greeter on Sunday Mornings? Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

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.

As we begin a new year in the church, let's remember to continue the challenge of bringing **100 items for the food cupboard** each month. All canned and non-perishable items are welcome. Thank-you to Bill Bobear for delivering the food to the community center.

Nina Wendell has recently moved! She would love visits, call, or a card sent to her at Diamond Ridge Retirement Home, Room 328, 59 Harris Rd. Troy, NY 12182. **Her phone number is 237-1350.**

WRITTEN WHEN TAD BEGAN SCHOOL

World, take my son by the hand - he starts school today.
It's all going to be strange and new to him for awhile, and I wish you would sort of treat him gently. You see, up to now, he's been king of the roost. He's been the boss of the backyard. I have always been around to repair his wounds, and I've always been handy to soothe his feelings.
But now things are going to be different. This morning he's going to walk down the front steps, wave his hand, and start on a great adventure that will probably include wars and tragedy and sorrow.
To live in this world will require faith and love and courage. So, World, I wish you would sort of take him by his young hand and teach him the things he will have to know.

Teach him - but gently, if you can.
He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just, that all men are not true. Teach him that for every scoundrel there is a hero; that for every crooked politician there is a dedicated leader; that for every enemy there is a friend.
Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest people to lick.
Teach him the wonders of books. Give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun, and flowers on a green hill.
Teach him that it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat.
Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone else tells him they are wrong.
Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone else is getting on the band wagon....Teach him to sell his brawn and brains to the highest bidder, but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul.
Teach him to close his ears on a howling mob - and to stand and fight if he thinks he's right.
Teach him gently, World, but don't coddle him, because only the test of time makes fine steel.
This is a big order, World, but see what you can do.
He's such a nice little fellow.

Abraham Lincoln