

  
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  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2009**



*Communion  
Sunday*

# OUR 35TH YEAR AS A UNITED CHURCH

Emmanuel United Church  
Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor  
Ben McCormack, Organist  
Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director  
**September 13, 2009**  
**Communion Sunday**

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Gathering Song "*Days of Elijah*"

Call to Worship

**Leader:** Let us worship God together! What do we share that unites us in a common celebration of life?

**People:** We share one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.

**Leader:** Then we are one in Christ.

**People:** We have a covenant together before God to be God's people.

**Leader:** Our lives belong to Christ.

**People:** And to each other. Amen.

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

## SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering

\*Doxology (No. 623)

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem, "*Big House*"

## 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

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn, 135, "*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*"

Reading from the Word: Psalm 126

Communion Meditation: "Returning"

## MEETING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

\*Communion Hymn, "*Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine*" see insert

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*

Please remember to keep your cell phones and iPods turned off during worship. Thank you

**Welcome to Worship!**

We are delighted to have you with us today as we gather to worship God. May this time in the Lord's house nourish your soul and renew your spirit. 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. This morning we are celebrating the Lord's Supper. Everyone who is a follower of Jesus Christ is welcome to the table, regardless of tradition or church affiliation. May you be blessed by our time together.



**Thought for the Week:**

**" Jesus promised his disciples three things: that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy and in constant trouble."**

**F. R. Maltby**



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

**Today:** 9:45 - Kick-Off Breakfast  
11:00 - Worship, Communion  
**Next Sunday:** 9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Worship  
12:15 - Board of Elders meeting



**Birthdays This Week**

9-Olive Sommer

10-Bob Salmon

**Blessings to you!**



**Welcome back to Emmanuel United!** A big thank-you to everyone who provided food for this morning's Kick-Off breakfast, and especially to Laurie Bobear for coordinating and planning it.

Thank-you also to Kevin, John, Jim, and anyone else who spent many hours repairing the sanctuary wall and helping the worship space look more beautiful over the summer. Thank you also to Mike Wood for helping with the cleaning of all the upstairs carpets.

Please be sure to pick up a September newsletter before you leave this morning, or check it out online - ([www.eucmech.org](http://www.eucmech.org)).

**Pastor Jerrie** will be in town from Sunday-Wednesday for the next 2 weeks. If you need to reach her on the other days, you may call her cell phone, 331-0390, or her Springfield phone (413) 331-0342.

**Today**, Jeanne and Abby Anderson will be participating in a walk to raise money for organizations that do research and education related to mitochondrial disease; as you may remember, that is the diagnosis for little Melani. The walk is to support several organizations, including the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, who's mission is both research and education. Their website has a lot of information about this rare disease. ([UMDF.org](http://UMDF.org)) If you would like to make a donation toward this cause that is close to Jeanne and Abby's hearts, they would really appreciate it. Checks can be made out to UMDF. **The walk is at a park called the Crossings, it is located off exit 4 of the Northway, about 1/2 mile past Wolf road, at the park square gazebo location.**

### YOUTH GROUP

**Today** there will be a youth group organizational meeting and Pizza Party! Meet in the Round Room immediately after worship. Pizza and soda will be provided, and we will be talking about the new school year.

**Donations to the food pantry are needed.** Our monthly food donation goal is 100 items each month. Please help by donating non-perishable items in non-glass containers. **In a new program** sponsored by the Saratoga County Clerk's office, food donations can also now be taken to any of the Saratoga County DMV offices

