

  
**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**



## **Emmanuel United Church**

Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor

Ben McCormack, Organist

Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director

September 14, 2008

### **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

Praise Song

*"The Days of Elijah", by Robin Mark*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

*\*Hymn #119, "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

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

Offering and Offertory Music

Offering

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

Anthem, "Open the Eyes of my Heart, Lord" ,  
with Doxology , Paul Baloche

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 3 , "Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

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

Reading from the Word

Message,, Reflections from the Youth Mission Trip

Prayer of Commitment

*\*Hymn 317, "Love Lifted Me"*

*\*Benediction*

*\*Postlude*

*\*please stand if able*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome each of you to worship today, and hope you receive a blessing from the service. We especially welcome visitors! 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:**

**“Religion is a candle inside a multicolored lantern. Everyone looks through a particular color, but the candle is always there.”**

Mohammed Neguib



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

- Today:** 9:45-Sunday School  
11:00-Worship-Mission Trip reports
- Thursday:** 7:00-Choir
- Next Sunday:** 9:45-Sunday School  
11:00-Worship, Guest Preacher, Linda Rosenthal

Pastor Jerrie is out of town, visiting Ireland until September 26. For pastoral emergencies, contact the Elders, or the office, phone 664-5204. Abby Bee is in the office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-1pm.

**Today is Lay Sunday** with worship led by members of the congregation. Next week Rev. Linda Rosenthal will be our guest preacher.

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](http://www.eucmech.org).

**The ABC Biennial** will be held at Keuka College, Penn Yan, October 12-14. See details in the September newsletter. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday school year has begun! The teachers are assigned for the following grades:

Laurie Bobear: teaching **grades 4-5**,

Becky Dixon and Laurie Salmon are teaching **grades 6-8**,

MaryBeth Fusco is teaching **grades 9-12**.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

**ADULTS:** If you're interested in participating in the **Youth Group Movie Discussions, come check us out Sunday, Sept. 21st**. I am inviting the adults to participate in four of our Movie Discussions this year: September 21, December 14, March 22 and June 14. We will be meeting in the Round Room immediately following the service, and we ask that you bring \$5 towards ordering pizza and soda. We watch a movie and then discuss issues raised by the film including our views of said issues, the film's views and, finally, what the Bible has to say about it. Please note that it is not recommended that children younger than 8th grade join us, due to the discussion nature of the films and the fact that they may be as high as a PG-13 rating. See you there!

**FUNDRAISER WORK DAYS:** Members of Emmanuel - do you have some fall work inside or outside your homes that you could really use a little help with? Well, help has arrived! **On two upcoming Saturdays, Sept. 27 & Oct. 4**, the youth will be available to help you in groups of as little as two or larger, as you need it. There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table, on which we ask that you place your name & contact info, as well as the nature of the assignment, your preferred date & time & the number of teens you would like to employ. I will be contacting you after the 21st once we have worked out a schedule. In return for our services, we ask that you give a donation in any amount to the Emmanuel United Youth Group (can make checks out to this), and the money will be put towards our convention trip in November. Thanks for your help! --Vera Petronis, [VeraP@nycap.rr.com](mailto:VeraP@nycap.rr.com) or 372-2233.

## 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.

Looking Ahead: There will be a weekend of Praise and Healing titled **Glory Explosion** on October 3 & 4 at **Christ the King Spiritual Life Center**, Greenwich. Please see the flyer on the bulleting board in the hall if interested.

## 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.**

**There will be a congregational meeting on  
Sunday, September 28, 2008 following worship to discuss and vote  
on reducing the number of members serving on the  
Board of Elders.**