
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 20, 2009**



"Looking Back, Moving Forward"

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 20, 2009

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Gathering Song *"Thank You, Lord"*

Call to Worship

*Hymn #90 - O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have been our shepherd, our guide, a very present help in times of trouble. You have been our compass, the source of all that is good, the image of the truth, Lord of Lords, God of Gods. We have known you through your word and your living church. We have known you through your servants, both those we know and the people you send our way. But despite this, we have sometimes abandoned your path, ignored your guidance, and turned away from the wisdom we share as your people. May we turn once more to you, O Lord. We offer to you our difficulties, our tragedies, our trials and challenges, as well as the successes and triumphs we have experienced through your goodness. These things we pray in your name. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering

*Doxology (No. 623)

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem, *"I Love to Tell the Story"*, (Donald Moore)

Time With Our Children

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

*Hymn #442 - *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* (v. 1,2)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Exodus 14:1-16

Message, *"Looking Back, Moving Forward"*

Prayer of Commitment

*Hymn, *"Forward through the Ages"* (insert)

*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:

"Faith accepts quiet guidance. Only unbelief demands a miracle"
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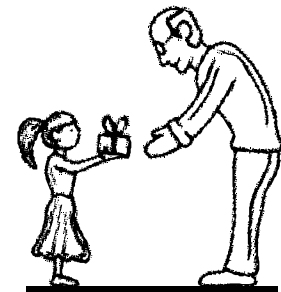


What's Happening at Emmanuel United Church

Today: 9:45 – Sunday School
11:00 – Worship
12:15 – Board of Elders meeting
Monday: 7:00– Choir
Saturday: 8:30– 1 p.m. City-Wide Garage Sale
Next Sunday: 9:45 – Sunday School
11:00 – Worship, Report on Youth
Mission Trip to PA.



Today is Grandparents' Day!
Congratulations and best wishes to
all grandparents!



Choir is now meeting on Monday evenings for practice. Please join us at 7:00 – all singers welcome.

Be sure to be with us next Sunday as the youth group reports on their mission trip to York, Penn. in July.

Pastor Jerrie will be in town from Sunday-Wednesday this week. Next weekend she will be in Mass. attending her son's wedding. She will return on Sept. 29. 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.

YOUTH GROUP

Next week is the Mechanicville City-Wide Garage Sale. Please bring any items your family no longer needs but that are still usable, as well as a baked item for the bake sale. **We will meet at 8:30 a.m.** at the church, rain or shine and set up outside or in the Round Room (in case of rain). We will pack up at 1:00 p.m.. Bring money for lunch. This event is a fundraiser for the youth group.

Pencil in your calendars for the youth group trip to Springbrook home in Oneonta. **The tentative date is Saturday, October 24.** Springbrook (formerly the Upstate Home) is a home for severely disabled children and adults. We will be doing a little work to help out. Included on the itinerary is a stop at the world famous Brooks Barbeque. Please let Pastor Jerrie, Vera Petronis, or Laurie Salmon if you can go.

Donations to the food pantry are needed. Our local food pantries are in desperate need of boxed, non-perishable items for families in need in our community. Our monthly food donation goal is 100 items each month. Please help by donating non-perishable items in non-glass containers. Items especially needed are cereals, peanut butter, juices, soups, baby food; also needed are baby wipes and diapers.

