

  
**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 21, 2008

### **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

Praise Song

*"Days of Elijah"*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

\*Hymn 596, *"Count Your Blessings"*

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

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 462, *"My Faith looks up to Thee"*

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

Reading from the Word: *Exodus 16: 2-15*

Message, *"In the Wilderness, but Never Alone"*

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn 485, *"God Will Take Care of You"*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*please stand if able

**Altar flowers today are given by Pastor Jerrie, in loving memory of her mother, Mollie Shepard, who would be 100 years old today.**

## 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:**

**Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a  
memory no one can steal.**

**From a headstone in Ireland**



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

<b>Today:</b>	<b>9:45-Sunday School</b> <b>11:00-Worship-Guest Preacher, Linda Rosenthal</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>7:00-Choir</b>
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>9:45-Sunday School</b> <b>11:00-Worship</b> <b>12:30-Coffee Hour, Congregational Meeting and Board of Trustees (following)</b>

**We welcome today Pastor Linda Rosenthal** as our guest preacher. 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.

**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.

The newsletter deadline is **Thursday, September 25th**. Please send items for October to the office or e mail them to eucmech@yahoo.com. Thank you!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class are working on the bulletin board by the 4th St. entrance to the church. We would love to have pictures of any EUC event from the last year. Please bring them to Mrs. Bobear or email them to [mabobear@wildblue.net](mailto:mabobear@wildblue.net)



**A reminder:** please help to keep the Sunday school rooms and common areas of the church building neat by throwing out all unfinished food and drinks after you use the room. This will also help to discourage any unwanted small creatures from visiting us!

Be sure to check out the material 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

**ADULTS:** If you're interested in participating in the **Youth Group Movie Discussions, come check us out today! Adults are welcome to participate!** We will be meeting in the Round Room immediately following the service, and we ask that you bring \$5 towards ordering pizza and soda.

**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 contact you 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**, next Sunday, September 28, in Albany's Washington Park. 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. **We need some volunteers** to help sort food to be sent to the food pantry. All canned and non-perishable items are welcome. Especially needed are juices, canned soups and fruit, baby cereal, diapers, and wipes. Thank-you to Bill Bobear for your time helping to transport these to the Community Center.

**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.**