



Emmanuel's Informer

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It seems quite unusual to already be looking toward Holy Week and Easter when, as I write this, we are still in February. But given the fact that Easter is on April 4th this year and with the uncertainty of mail delivery, we can't be sure that the April Informer will reach your homes before we celebrate the Resurrection. In some ways it feels like an eternity since Easter 2020. Last March we were all expecting that things would be back to normal within a few weeks and that we would all be able to gather on Easter Sunday to worship the Lord together. But, alas it wasn't meant to be. Now here we are a year later and even though progress is being made in fighting the virus, things are still not the way they were before COVID became part of our lives.

Over the course of the last couple of months we have had multiple, sometimes intense discussions regarding how we can worship safely while making it possible for the largest number of people to come to the church on Palm Sunday and Easter mornings. Our discussions have taken into consideration the opinions of members of the Emmanuel's family with diverse views about how best to move forward. We have also considered information provided by the ELCA and our ecumenical partners, the CDC, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania all of which are based on scientific research and in the case of the ELCA a faith-based perspective when formulating our plans. You will find detailed information on what we have planned for Holy Week and Easter on page 2.

We are definitely living in difficult times and, try as we might, we know that not everyone will be happy with any decisions that are made. A decision one person considers to be prudent will to another person seem to make no sense at all. Hopefully we have found a way to let people experience the richness of worship throughout Holy Week and Easter while still doing our best to keep everyone, including the most vulnerable members of our community, as safe as possible.

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Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

Online / Parking Lot Traditional Service at 8:00am

Online / Parking Lot Celebration Service at 9:30am

Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

All are invited to gather together in the parking lot (rain or shine) at either 8:00am (Traditional) or 9:30am (Celebration) for our Palm Sunday Services. The services will be online and also broadcast on the FM transmitter. Both services will offer communion. When you arrive ushers will provide Bulletins, Communion Cups and Palms to each car. We ask that you remain in your car.



Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021 Online Worship at 7pm

Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another.



Good Friday, April 2, 2021

Online Traditional Tenebrae Service at 10:00am

Online Contemporary Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm

Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life.



Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

Online / Parking Lot Traditional Service at 8:00am

Online / Parking Lot Celebration Service at 9:30am

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. We gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

All are invited to gather together in the parking lot at either 8:00am (Traditional) or 9:30am (Celebration) for our Easter Services. The services will be online and also broadcast on the FM transmitter. Pastor Dan will be there live to read the Gospel, give his sermon and preside over communion. When you arrive ushers will provide Bulletins and Communion Cups to each car. We ask that you remain in your car during the service. The services will take place rain or shine.



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I ask that all of us remember that none of us have experienced anything like this in our lifetime and most likely we will never experience anything like it again. As we continue to struggle, it's important for us to treat everyone with respect and dignity even when we disagree with each other. Berating, bullying, or attempting to intimidate is never acceptable. We all long for a sense of normalcy. The best way for us to get there is to remain positive, join together and work with each other always remembering the sacrifice Christ made for us and then celebrating his victory over death in the Resurrection.

May the words "**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again**" resound in our hearts and help us experience a new sense of hope during this holy season, knowing that we have been saved by grace through faith in the One who gave everything in order that we may live.

Peace and blessings,

Pr. Dan



Online Midweek Lenten Devotional
Wednesdays during Lent at 7:00pm



Will you not pray with me for one hour?

(Mark 14:37)

Our annual Prayer Vigil will start at 8:00pm on Good Friday and will continue until 6:00 on Easter morning. The Vigil will be virtual again this year with people praying from their homes. Our goal is to have 2 people praying during each hour. Please sign up online at Sig-

nUpGenius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D44AEAE28A6FD0-prayer>) for a one-hour time slot. The link can also be accessed on the weekly eNews or from our website. Or you may call the church office to sign up.

Let us WORSHIP Together

**Holy Communion is celebrated
at all services.**

8:00am Online Traditional Service
from the Sanctuary

9:00am In-Person Worship in the
Fellowship Hall
(please call church office to sign up)

9:30am Online Celebration Service
from the Fellowship Hall

Online services can be found on our
Facebook page - see [emmanuelsofthebath.org](https://www.emmanuelsofthebath.org) or
the weekly eNews for the link.

Dial-In Call 610-477-0100 to listen to
our services at any time.

Bulletins/announcements for all online
services can be found on our website:
[emmanuelsofthebath.org](https://www.emmanuelsofthebath.org)



MARCH Bath Area Food Bank

During the month
of **March**, Em-
manuel's Lutheran Church will
help the Bath Area Food Bank by
collecting :

**Pork and Beans, Baked Beans,
Kidney Beans**

**There is also an ongoing need
for Ramen Noodles.**

They are **no longer** accepting
Jell-o or pudding.

**Donations for the food bank
can be dropped off in the vesti-
bule to the downstairs parlor
(see below for details).**

Grocery gift cards (preferably
Ahart's) are needed for emergen-
cies. Please drop all gift cards in
an envelope marked "Food Bank"
into the lockbox located on the
wall in the vestibule to the down-
stairs parlor.

The Bath Area Food Bank is al-
ways in need of monetary dona-
tions which stretch farther than
any amount of food that we can
give.

In Person Worship, Activities and Meetings are resuming on March 14.

Worship: In-person Spoken Worship will resume on Sunday, March 14,
2021 at 9:00am. All services will take place in Fellowship Hall where we can
be flexible with seating arrangements and accommodate more people.
Our existing guidelines will still apply:

- ◆ We ask that you call in advance and let us know you are coming.
Please call by Thursday afternoon.
- ◆ Screening will take place when you arrive on Sunday morning
- ◆ Seating will be assigned
- ◆ Masks are mandatory
- ◆ Social Distancing will be practiced

Bath Area Food Bank Special Appeal



The Food Bank has asked churches of the Bath Area Council of Churches for help in providing **\$25.00 gift cards to Ahart's Market** in Bath to assist those in need with Easter Dinner. If you are able to help by obtaining one or more cards please **drop them off at the Church by Friday March 5th**. The last distribution before Easter will be on Tuesday the 9th. Thanks for your willingness to help.

How to Donate During Social Distancing

During business hours (Monday-Friday, 9am -3pm) the outside side red door into the downstairs parlor vestibule will be unlocked. There will be bins inside the door for you to drop off any items you wish to donate (Food Bank or other donations). There is also a lockbox to drop off your envelopes and offerings.



Please feel free to drop off items at your convenience. The inside door into the building itself will remain locked. If you need assistance please call the church office (610 -837-1741).



Email Addresses and Phone Numbers

To help communication work more effectively, the church would greatly appreciate it if you would notify us of any email address changes or if you move to the use of a cell phone number as your main contact.

Souper Bowl of Caring Update

As participants in the Souper Bowl of Caring, the people of Emmanuel's church donated \$301 to the Bath Area Food Bank. In addition, you brought more than 35 cans of soup and other items of food which will help to stock their shelves.. Across the United States, over 1200 participating groups raised more than \$2.2 million in cash and over 400,000 pounds of food items to support local food banks. May God continue to bless the world through your generosity!



EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, January 14, 2021 @ 7:00 PM, Zoom Online Meeting

Justin Fallenstein, President	Mercedes Kasper	Andrea Roberts
Pete Coccetti, V. President	Rachel Lebron	Chris Wolf*
Kristin Butz, Secretary	Kathy Milander	Pr. Dan Clayborne
Jane Fried	Win Miller	
Paul Honett	Karl Monroe	Bob Siegfried, Treasurer
		Bob Bennett, Financial Secretary
		*denotes not in attendance

This meeting was held via ZOOM due to COVID-19 precautions for social distancing.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Pete Coccetti.

Devotions: Pastor Dan opened meeting in prayer. **February** prayer will be offered by Pete Coccetti. **March-** Mercedes Kasper. **April** - Karl Monroe. **May** - Justin Fallenstein. **June** - Jane Fried. **July** - Paul Honett. **August** - Rachel LeBron. **September-** Kathy Milander. **October.** - Kristin Butz. **November** - Andrea Roberts. **December** - Win Miller..

Nominations for Officers:

- Karl Monroe moved to nominate Pete Coccetti for President, who declined nomination.
- Karl nominated Justin Fallenstein for President. Seconded by Win Miller to close nominations. Motion carried. Justin Fallenstein is Council President.
- Office of Vice President - Pete Coccetti. Motion to close nominations offered by Win Miller and seconded by Jane Fried. Motion carried. Pete Coccetti is Vice President.
- Secretary - Kristin Butz. Motion to close nominations by Win Miller and seconded by Karl Monroe. Motion carried. Kristin Butz is Council Secretary.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Moved by Karl Monroe and seconded by Pete Coccetti to approve minutes from the December 2020 meeting. Motion carried.,

Pastor's Report:

- There were 2 full online services on Christmas Eve with some issues with Facebook that delayed the contemporary service.
- There were 100 people that signed up for the outdoor services. There were initially supposed to be 2 services but due to inclement weather were adjusted to just one. People in their cars used the FM transmitter to hear the service and it was streamed on Facebook. Approximately 60 people attended the parking lot worship.
- The reopening committee has decided to continue the suspension of in person worship and all other activities in the church building through Feb. 17, which is Ash Wednesday. The committee will be meeting via ZOOM on Feb. 16.
- The Worship Committee is meeting Thurs. Jan 21 and will be discussing plans for Lent and Easter, including how we can safely gather in some way for Easter, April 4.
- Bishop deForest held a ZOOM meeting with rostered leaders where he outlined his vision for the Synod moving forward over the course of his term. There are 3 focus areas that overlap and interact: Growing Young, Gaining Strength, Going Beyond.
- There will be some changes to Synod staff as a result of retirements and reorganization, but no increase in spending is anticipated.
- Our Associate to the Bishop, Peggy Wuertele, will be retiring and a new associate for the Northern Lehigh Mission District has not as yet been named. Peggy will be staying during the transition on a contract basis.

EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

Financial Secretary Report: Submitted by Bob Bennett. We continue to operate in the black.

Treasurer Report: Submitted by Bob Siegfried.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism Committee:

- Met on Jan. 13, 2021. Karl attended this introductory meeting, there were 5 other people attending. Others can still join in this committee.

Outreach:

- Sponsoring meals for Bethlehem Emergency Center on Feb. 15. They are asking for donations to provide food. Dianna was working on this. Pastor Dan is going to look into putting another section on the GIVE + app to add this donation.

Property:

- The outdoor nativity had been put up and taken down this week by Paul Honett and Bill Kasper.
- Some windows were repaired by Paul Honett and Bart Palamaro.
- Committee is looking into a filtration system with possible UV lights or LED lights. Quotes from Hanaberry HVAC and Fritch have been submitted. Win Miller moved that council approve spending up to \$7500 to install air purification system in our facilities, seconded by Mercedes Kasper. Motion carried.

Youth Ministry/Bear Creek Camp:

- Campers are registering for camp. It was moved by Karl Monroe and seconded by Paul Honett to increase the stipend for campers to \$200 per applicant, increase from \$100 per applicant. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be February 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Win Miller and seconded by Rachel Lebron. Motion carried.
Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Butz
Council Secretary



Cemetery/Outdoor clean-up is scheduled for **Saturday, March 13 (rain date March 20)**. We will begin at 9:00am. Volunteers are needed. Please supply your own yard tools and gloves. Donuts and coffee will be provided. Those providing power equipment and/or pickup trucks will be eligible for extra donuts!

We ask that all Christmas arrangements be removed from the cemeteries by Friday, March 12 or arrangements and containers will be thrown in the dumpster.

Please do not put Easter arrangements on the cemetery before Palm Sunday.

Financial Secretary Report for January 2021

Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
<i>Giving Accounts</i>		
100 - Regular Offering	18,679.90	18,679.90
Total Regular Offering	\$18,679.90	\$18,679.90
Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$18,679.90	\$18,679.90
121 - Christmas Offering	310.00	310.00
124 - Initial Offering	185.00	185.00
Total Special	\$495.00	\$495.00
132 - Bulletins	25.00	25.00
Total Misc. Offerings	\$25.00	\$25.00
Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$19,199.90	\$19,199.90
200 - Building Offering	5,091.50	5,091.50
220 - Improvement Offering	68.00	68.00
Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$5,159.50	\$5,159.50
140 - Snow Removal	25.00	25.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	73.00	73.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	135.00	135.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	66.00	66.00
450 - Souper Sunday	35.00	35.00
472 - Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering	210.30	210.30
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	500.00	500.00
Total Giving Accounts	\$25,403.70	\$25,403.70

Treasurer's Report as of January, 2021

Total General Fund Income \$ 19,423.
 Total General Fund Expenses \$ 23,466.
 Expenses over Income \$ 4,043.

A detailed Treasurer's Report with expense listings can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Online Worship Attendance for January 2021

Week of	Online Traditional. 8:00 am	Online Celebration 9:30 am	Total
January 3	50	76	126
January 10	75	63	138
January 17	165	171	336
January 24	42	65	107
January 31	55	85	140

Average Weekly Attendance: 170

Giving During this Time of Social Distancing

Canceling any of our services will affect us financially - so we encourage you to continue your giving even while we are apart. Those already enrolled in Simply Giving (now Vanco Electronic Giving) are all set. There are several options for the rest of us:

1. Mail in your weekly/monthly contributions
(3175 Valley View Dr. Bath PA 18014)
2. Drop your offering at church - there is now a lockbox in the downstairs parlor vestibule. The vestibule door is unlocked Mon-Fri 9am - 3pm.
3. Use **Text+Give** (See details below)
4. Vanco **Give+ Mobile App** (see directions below)
5. Give via the "Donate" page on Emmanuel's website.

Options for Electronic Giving

You can now donate directly from Emmanuel's website. Click on the "Donate" page and follow the prompts. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations from a credit card or your bank account. The donations are processed by Vanco via their secure site.

NOTE: If you already have an account set up for Text+Give or Give+Mobile, use that same login on the webpage - all the information will transfer automatically.

UPDATE: You may now donate to special appeals thru the website. Choose "Other" on the Donate page and specify where you want your donation to go.

Give+Text

Have you tried our text giving option? In a matter of seconds, you can make a weekly offering or respond to a special appeal.

To give, text the dollar amount to **610-463-0435** and follow the prompts.

Give+ Mobile App

1. Download the app from the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android). (Search for Vanco Give+)
2. Search within the App for "Emmanuel's Evan Lutheran" or search by our zip code (18014).
3. Select our church which will become your default church.
4. Follow the directions within the app to set up an account. Or you may give as a guest.

Vanco Electronic Giving (Formerly Simply Giving)

We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program (from Vanco). It's convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for the church. Please contact Bob Bennett or call the church office (610-837-1741) for details.

MARCH 2021

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
28 8:00 AM Online Traditional Service 9:30 AM Online Celebration Service		1 7:00 PM Men's Group - Zoom		2 1:00 PM Needlecrafters at S. Walker's 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - Zoom		3 7:00 PM Online Midweek Lenten Devotional		4 10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom		5	6		
7 8:00 AM Online Traditional Service 9:30 AM Online Celebration Service 6:30 PM 1st Year Cat Class - Zoom		8 7:00 PM Men's Group - Zoom		9 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - Zoom		10 7:00 PM Online Midweek Lenten Devotional		11 10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 7:00 PM Church Council - Zoom		12	13 9:00 AM Cemetery Cleanup Day Spring		
14 Daylight Saving Time Begins 8:00 AM Online Traditional Service 9:00 AM Spoken Worship - FH 9:30 AM Online Celebration Service		15 7:00 PM GWOH Women's Group 7:00 PM Men's Group - Old FH		16 1:00 PM Needlecrafters at S. Walker's 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - OFH		17 7:00 PM Online Midweek Lenten Devotional		18 10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 8:00 PM Worship Comm Mtg - Zoom		19	20 9:00 AM Cemetery Cleanup Day (raindate)		
21 8:00 AM Online Traditional Service 9:00 AM Spoken Worship - FH 9:30 AM Online Celebration Service 11:00 AM Easter Fun for Kids 6:30 PM 1st Year Cat Class - Zoom		22 7:00 PM Men's Group - Old FH		23 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - OFH		24 7:00 PM Online Midweek Lenten Devotional		25 10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom		26	27		
28 Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Online / Parking Lot Traditional Service 9:30 AM Online / Parking Lot Celebration Service		29 7:00 PM Men's Group - Old FH		30 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - OFH		31		1 Maundy Thursday 10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom		2 Good Friday 8:00 PM Virtual Prayer Vigil Begins	3 Virtual Prayer Vigil Continues		

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*Your Blood. Their Hope.**

MILLER-KESTONE
BLOOD CENTER

Miller-Keystone Blood Bank

When donating blood at Miller Keystone Blood Bank please ask them to credit **Emmanuel's Bath** and the code is **0656**. This way we will receive credit for your donation.

Help Wanted: Emmanuel's is in need of someone to take over as our Blood Drive Coordinator. It involves working with the Blood Center to set up our blood drives twice a year. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry please contact the church office.



Deadline for the April Informer
articles is: Monday, March 15, 2021

Sunday School In the Mail – Don't Forget!



Dear Sunday School Children,

- ◇ Don't forget to put some of your coins in your family's Lenten offering box – and return it to the church on or about Easter Sunday. The coins collected will be shared with ELCA World Hunger.
- ◇ Don't forget to look at your weekly pamphlet – for the **Bonus Question** and collect reward points to be used for fun prizes at the end of the Sunday School year (plans on how to do this will come in the May newsletter).
The Diehl family just realized they were missing these – and so are sending 2 answers/week to catch up. You can do this, too!!
Email or text your answers along with your full name, to:

Paulette Obrecht – 610-393-9713 or pkobrecht@gmail.com
- ◇ Don't forget to enjoy watching our sensational videos on nonpublic YouTube at this web address:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5_W2xqjS0e0lCsac3thjKj9yMQWZCpvc
- ◇ I hope you were able to tune in for the one on February 21 – the First Sunday in Lent – performed by “*The Mighty Coccetti Art Players.*” Look for them again on March 21!
- ◇ You can still sign up for your packet by calling (610-837-1741) or emailing the church office (emmanuelchurch@gmail.com). Give the names and ages of the children in your family – 4 yrs. old through 5th grade.

We're having fun sending these lessons as a way to remind you that we at Emmanuel's Church appreciate and love you all! ♥♥♥

Blessings and peace,

Heather Bennett-Knerr
Sunday School Superintendent





God's Work Our Hands Women's Group

We are busy working on our Easter Fun for Kids event that will be held on Sunday, March 21 at 11:00am.

Our next meeting will be in Fellowship Hall on Monday, March 15 at 7:00pm. Everyone is Welcome!



Needlecrafters Group

If you enjoy needlecrafts please join us every other **TUESDAY** at 1:00 pm at the home of Susan Walker for stitching and fellowship. March dates are 3/2 and 3/16 . Contact Bette Walker for more info.

All are welcome!



During this time of social distancing when it is unsafe to gather together, we have a small group of dedicated women who are coming together online for weekly Bible study using **Zoom**. Gloria Wallery has organized the group and is the host for this platform. They meet on Thursday mornings at 10:30am and are currently studying the book of Romans. **Everyone is Welcome to join! Contact Gloria Wallery at gjwallery@gmail.com if you would like to join the group.**



The Men's Group

All men are invited to join us for Bible Study on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm **in Old Fellowship Hall**. Bring your Bible and a mask.

NOTE: We are currently meeting via Zoom.

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Save the Dates: June 4 & 5, 2021

Online Synod Assembly

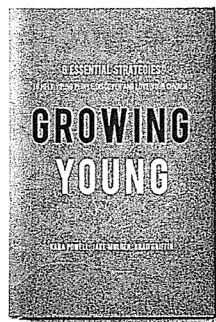
We are moving forward on our Synod Assembly for June 4-5, 2021. The decision has been made to once again conduct our assembly online, for the safety of all participants. The theme will be "Growing Young and Vital" and will feature new ideas for ministry around three *vital signs* – healing the hurting, loving the land, and engaging the stranger. Registration will begin after March 31. We will also know by the end of March, more details about the program and the hours of each day's schedule. For now, save the dates and stay tuned for more information coming soon, over the next few weeks.



Growing Young & Vital
Northeastern PA Synod

Growing Young

Want to reverse the effects of aging? Need more energy in your life? Sick of fine lines and wrinkles? Check out Growing Young! **What is Growing Young?** It is a movement in NEPA and throughout the greater ELCA and beyond that is based on a book of the same name which studied churches of all sizes, denominations and locations throughout the country who are maintaining and attracting youth and young adults in their congregations.



The authors of Growing Young have identified **6 key strategies** that these congregations have and that others congregations can utilize to help youth and young people discover and love the church. They are: **Unlocking keychain leadership, Empathizing with today's young people, Taking Jesus' message seriously, Fuel a warm**



Meet Deacon Travis Woodfield, Director of Congregational Legacy


Hello! I have been fortunate to have a colorful adventure of a life, so, here's a little of my story. I studied Philosophy from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, and Franciscan Studies from St. Bonaventure University. I've been fortunate to have life experience ranging from a fishmonger, admissions counselor, Franciscan friar, hospital chaplain, and Campus Minister. I also have a MDiv. from Wake Forest University. Studying at Wake allowed me the chance to intern and work with the Center For Congregational Health. While I was working there, I found a vocation that combined many of the things I was interested in. When I was a hospital chaplain, I loved getting to walk alongside people when they were making meaning of changes in their life. I am honored that I get to do the same with churches in their meaning-making work, whether that be launching to a new vision, reconsidering what ministry the church is called to, or even considering what end-of-life care and legacy-making might look like.

Rachael, my wife, and I have been married 7 years. We have one cat who runs the house. In my spare time I love to play video games, cooking dinner, and playing guitar. I am also an amateur magician. When I get the pleasure of meeting you ask me if I have a deck of cards and I'll show you something!

community, Prioritize young people everywhere, and Be the best neighbors. These are not just strategies to help you attract young people, but are also 6 great strategies for great ministry, regardless if another young person ever walks through the doors of your church building or logs onto your worship service.

Growing Young cannot help you personally look or feel younger; it will not get rid of your wrinkles. But these strategies can help your congregation feel and be younger by reigniting energy in your members and attracting new younger worshipers that will reverse the effects of aging within our congregations.

For more information about Growing Young, read the book "Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church" by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder and Brad M. Griffin from Fuller Youth Institute.



Join the "Growing Young"
BOOK STUDY hosted by
Sammy Kelly and YoYoFa

The first, third, and fifth
Wednesdays of the month starting
March 3rd at 12 p.m. (March 3, 17,
31, April 7, 21, May 5, 19). All at 12
p.m. and all via Zoom.

For more information or to sign up
contact sammyenepsynod.org
or sign up for the "Youth" emails
for updates and links, which can be
accessed through our Synod
website.



Easter Fun for Kids

sponsored by G.W.O.H Women's Group

The Women's Group members are planning an Easter event on **Sunday, March 21 at 11am** at the church for Sunday School children.

Children will participate in craft making, Easter egg making, coloring and reading a booklet with the Easter story and an Easter Egg Hunt. They

will make some crafts to take home as well as help make some items for Easter baskets for our Homebound Members.

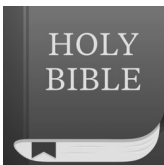
We will be following Covid safety guidelines of wearing masks and gloves as well as trying to social distance as much as possible. Weather permitting, we will be outside, but in the event of bad weather, we will be inside. Adults and youth are invited to come and help.

So please join us for some fun, fellowship and friendship. RSVP by March 7 to Andrea Roberts at 484-908-5609 or email: alr23579@gmail.com

Outreach Project Response for Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering (BES)



Thank you Emmanuel's for the generous response to our project to donate dinner and breakfast/dessert bags for the Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering! We had enough for 2 dinners. The dinner included Italian Sandwiches, Homemade Chicken Noodle soup and a side salad purchased by Emmanuel's from Rosanna's Restaurant in Bethlehem. We had enough breakfast and dessert items donated to make up 60 breakfast/dessert bags. We raised \$265 and had a \$250 Thrivent Action Card so we donated a total of \$515 for the shelter. Bob Rapp, Executive Director expressed his gratitude and said the food was greatly appreciated and well received by the people served by the shelter. Thank you Dianna Schoenen for coordinating the event as well as packing the grab and go bags and Andrea Roberts for delivering the items.



Bible Study

Andrea Roberts is looking for those interested in getting together for a Bible Study beginning on March 14 at 11:00am (no meeting on March 21). Andy Stanley is being considered but Andrea is open to other ideas. Please email her at alr23579@gmail.com or call 484-908-5609

It's Time to Register!



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Explore, celebrate & grow in God's creation!



Register online at:

bearcreekcamp.org

Be sure to use coupon code **BCA2021!** to receive your \$20 ambassador discount. Emmanuel's will be providing **\$200 sponsorships** for each camper from our congregation - Use code **EMM200** when registering. If you have already registered please contact the camp to redeem this sponsorship.

If your child wishes to attend camp and you are having financial difficulties, please contact the church office for some ways we may be able to help.

Funerals

Leonard L. Frey, 67, passed to his eternal rest on Friday, January 29, 2021. A graveside service was held on Saturday, February 6, 2021. Pastor Chris Druckenmiller, Leonard's cousin, officiated at the service. His final resting place is Valley View Cemetery.



Edith L. Grim, 88, passed to her eternal rest on Saturday, February 13, 2021. A funeral service was held on February 23, 2021 at Schisler Funeral Home. Pastor Dan Clayborne officiated at the service. Edith's final resting place is Valley View Cemetery.

Thank You Note Received....



✉ To the Members of Emmanuel's,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, concern and any kindness shown before and after the loss of my husband, Leonard. Such an outpouring of love from so many. It truly touched my heart. My family and I have a wonderful and caring church family at Emmanuel's.

God's Blessings,
Sandy Frey

March Flowers

(\$25.00 per vase)

March 7 - In loving memory of parents Arlene & Thomas Welliver and Stella & John Hnatow by Jessie & John Hnatow.

March 14 - Open

March 21 - Open

March 28 - Open

March Bulletins

(\$6.00)

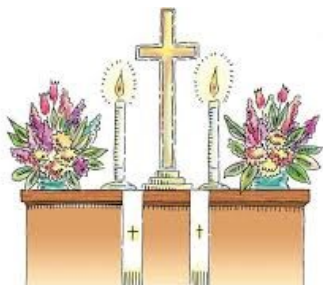
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If you sponsored altar flowers they will be available for you to pick up after the 9am Spoken Service on Sunday mornings. Or you may pick them up from the vestibule to the downstairs parlor anytime after that (the red metal door off the side parking lot). The door will be unlocked during regular office hours (Monday - Friday, 9am to 3pm). If those times do not work for you please call the church office - we will be happy to make other arrangements.



Altar Flowers/Bulletin Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers or bulletins for any Sunday in 2021 please call the church office (610-837-1741) or send an email (emmanuelchurch@gmail.com).

There will be 2 vases available to sponsor for each Sunday. Cost is \$25 per vase for flowers. Bulletins are \$6 per Sunday.

Emmanuel's Meals from the Heart



This ministry at Emmanuel's provides meals to anyone from the congregation in times of need. Meals might be needed after the birth of a baby, after surgery or hospitalization, or during a time of crisis. The more help we have, the less frequently our volunteers will need to provide meals. Please contact Michele Geiger by phone (610-442-7680) or via email (mlgeiger520@gmail.com) if you'd like to become a part of this ministry. Please contact the church office or Michele Geiger if you are in need of meals.



Easter Flower Sponsors

Once again, flowers will be available to purchase as memorial or as tribute gifts to beautify the windowsills and altar areas for Easter. **The price is \$8.00 per plant regardless of variety.** This year you can select daffodils, tulips, lilies or mums.

The deadline to order is Sunday, March 21, 2021

Please complete the form and place it in an envelope and include the correct amount (check made out to Emmanuel's). Place your envelope in the offering plate (if we are meeting in-person), place it in the lockbox in the downstairs parlor vestibule or mail it to the church.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and to the church. You may pick up your plants from the downstairs parlor vestibule during the week after Easter.

Easter Flowers Sponsorship Form

I/We wish to purchase an Easter flower for the church.

Price is \$8.00 per plant

_____ Lilies _____ Assorted Tulips _____ Daffodils _____ Mums

Please (X) the following:

() In Memory of

(name of person in memory of)

() In Honor of

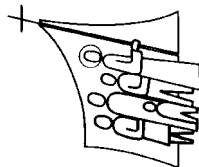
(name of person in honor of)

() To the Glory of God

Ordered by: _____
(your name and telephone number)

Quantity ordered _____ Amount enclosed _____

Deadline to order is Sunday, March 21



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Lynne Ambrose, Secretary	610-837-1741
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Gloria Wallery, Sexton	484-282-0178
Brian Baylor, Security	484-330-9887

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Website www.emmanuel.org
Fax 610-837-8267



**Daylight Savings Time
 Begins March 14, 2021**
 Don't forget to turn your clocks
 ahead one hour before going to bed
 on Saturday, March 13 and change
 the batteries in your smoke detec-
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