

Our vision for ministry ... **“God calls us to reach out and to grow in Christ’s love”**

Today’s theme: James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today’s gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don’t deserve the goods meant for God’s children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

Our 5pastor today is **The Rev. Paulette Obrecht.** Please welcome her as she leads our worship this morning.

Celebration Worship

Fellowship Hall 8:45 am

Altar Flowers – Presented to the Glory of God.

Bulletins – Presented to the Glory of God.

Helping Today

Ushers: Amy Hower, Nancy Karc

Greeter: Amy Hower

Prayer Reader: Rachel Butz

Traditional Worship

Sanctuary 10:15 am

Altar Flowers – Presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Stella Abel by grandson, Chris Abel.

Bulletins – Presented to the Glory of God.

Helping Today

Altar Care: Jane Fried, Cindy O’Brien

Ushers: Cindy O’Brien, Gary O’Brien

Greeter: Win Miller

Reader: Deb Fisher

Media: Sue Monroe

Please pray for:	Anthony Hnatow	Janis Campbell	Doris Engle	Joyce Smith	Donald Fisher	Marilyn Angst
	Carol Wilkinson	Sheldon Mann	Joanne Wambold	Rochelle Rinker	Thelma Silivius	Delores Allogio
	June Myster	Sandy Turtzo	Bill & Sue Witmer	Jean Lotti	Phyllis Palamaro	Bobby Miller
	Bette Walker	Vernon Mann	Deb Wambold	Cindy O’Brien	Joe Siekonic	Brenda Smith

Covid Update as of 8/26/21:

Northampton County continues to be in the very high risk range. The Synod office, with the Bishop's full support, has resumed indoor masking regardless of vaccination status. **Effective immediately, Council has mandated that our members resume indoor masking in our building, regardless of vaccination status, in order to keep our church family safe.** We will continue singing. In addition, please stay home if you’re sick and watch our services online. Please get vaccinated if you’re medically able. Social distance. This is a fluid situation, and constantly changing. We will continue to monitor the situation. Thank you.

IMPORTANT WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT:

Service times: Effective Sunday, September 19, 2021, with the support of Church Council, our worship services and times will be as follows:



8:45 am- Traditional service
10:00 am- Contemporary Celebration service
10:00 am- Sunday school

Our trial this summer of the Celebration service first on a Sunday morning did not work out as well as expected. We quickly realized the order of the services did not allow for the Celebration service to continue longer than an hour and this was causing a delay in the start of the Traditional service. Changing the order of the services should eliminate this problem. For a more detailed explanation please see your September Informer when it arrives next week. Thank you for your grace and understanding.

Sunday School News: Weekly Sunday School will begin on September 19 at 10:00am. There will be a Kick-off event after our 9:30 outdoor service on September 12 (Gods Work, Our Hands Sunday). Hope to see you all there!

Donuts and Discussion...As the Fall season begins, a new opportunity for gathering on Sunday before Contemporary Worship will be offered at Emmanuel’s. Beginning on September 19 from 9-9:45am we will offer coffee and individually wrapped pastry treats as we gather in Old Fellowship Hall to discuss contemporary issues in the church and the world. All ages are welcome to give it a try and see what we can learn together. Contact Paulette Obrecht (610-3963-9713) for more information.

Bath Area Food Bank – September. We are collecting: **Canned Tuna or Chicken.** There is always a need for **Ramen noodles.** Monetary donations are always gladly accepted. Please do not bring non-perishable items.

Open House.... TODAY! September 5, 1 – 5pm. The family of **Bill and Sue Witmer** are hosting an Open House for Bill and Sue at their home in Danielsville (3182 Pine Rd.). Bill and Sue are currently living at Heather Glen Senior Living in Allentown but they will be at their house today and are looking forward to seeing their friends and church family. Bill and Sue's sons and their families will also be there. Please stop in to visit if you can – they are really excited about this!

Youth Events:

- September 10, 7:00pm at Covenant UMC – youth meeting/bowling
- September 26 at 1:00pm at Emmanuel's – youth meeting

God's Work. Our Hands Sunday September 12, 2021

Emmanuel's church is working with **Valley Youth House** for our **God's Work Our Hands** project this year. Our project began on July 1 with several ways to get involved: monetary donations, Walkathon (50 miles in 50 days), donate gently used or new coats and/or clothing, bring items for Welcome Baskets.

We will be collecting a special offering today to further our support.

- **Walkathon challenge:** Please bring in your Sponsor and Tally Sheets along with your monetary donations so we can add up the miles and the donations.
- **Welcome Baskets.** 50 Laundry baskets have been donated but we still need your help to fill them! Many items have already been donated but we need **MANY MORE.** An updated list can be found on the weekly eNews and there are printed copies available. Monetary donations are also gladly accepted so that the Outreach Committee can purchase some of the needed items. We will assemble the baskets on Sunday, September 12 after worship – Please come join us and help make this project a success!



CHURCH PICNIC! SIGN UP and SAVE THE DATE!! September 12 will be here sooner than you think! Sign Up sheets are out – please sign up if you will be attending and also remember to sign up for what you will be bringing to share. This year we will be having a **BARBECUE CHALLENGE** and are looking for people to bring a crockpot full of their favorite barbecue (beef, pork, chicken, turkey). **We also need help on that day** – set up, clean up,

leaders for children's games and crafts, a Bingo Caller, volunteers to bake for the Cake Walk, someone to run the Corn Hole Tournament. Please Sign Up to Help! Sheets are available in FH and the Gathering Area.

Mental Health Forum...Bipolar Discussion...Thursday September 9 @ 7 pm in the pavilion (or sanctuary if raining)

This will be an open forum type discussion with the audience asking questions that will help them understand the bipolar disorder. Discussion topics will include but not be limited to: Diagnosis, Education, Medications, High/low emotions. Coping skills. Maintaining relationships, Maintaining employment. Please join us as we learn more about mental health issues and how to help others and ourselves.

This Week at Emmanuel's

Today: Sunday 9/5/21:

15 Pentecost

All services w/Holy Communion

8:45am Celebration Worship in Fellowship Hall

10:15am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

After Worship - Prayer Partner in the Pavilion

Monday 9/6/21:

Labor Day – Office will be closed

9-10am Prayer Partner- Pavilion

7:00pm Evangelism Team / Bible Study

Tuesday 9/7/21:

10:30am Evangelism Workshop

5-6pm Prayer Partner-Pavilion

Wednesday 9/8/21:

5-6pm Prayer Partner-Pavilion

Thursday 9/9/21:

10:30am Ladies Bible Study – Zoom

5-6pm Prayer Partner – Pavilion

7:00pm Mental Health Forum - Pavilion

7:00pm Council Meeting

Friday 9/10/21:

6-7pm Prayer Partner-Pavilion

7:00pm Youth Meeting - Covenant

Saturday 9/11/21:

12-1pm Prayer Partner -Pavilion

Sunday 9/12/21:

16 Pentecost

Gods Work. Our Hands Sunday Holy Communion will be celebrated

9:30am Outdoor Worship at the Pavilion

10:30am God's Work. Our Hands Project – Old FH

12 Noon Annual Picnic - pavilion