

Our vision for ministry ... **"God calls us to reach out and to grow in Christ's love"**

Today's theme: Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross..

Our pastor today is **The Rev. Jay Wetzel..** Please welcome him as he leads our worship this morning.

9:30 Outdoor Worship Gods Hands. Our Work. Sunday

Altar Flowers – Presented to the Glory of God.

Bulletins – Presented to the Glory of God.

Helping Today:

Altar Care: Bonnie Himmelwright, Jane Fried, Cindy O'Brien

Greeter: Doreen Davidson

Ushers: Doreen Davidson, Wendy Whiteash, Win Miller, Paul Honett

Reader: Bonnie Himmelwright

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	Spencer Wisner
June Myster	Sandy Turtzo	Bill & Sue Witmer	Jean Lotti	Phyllis Palamaro	Bobby Miller	Brenda Smith
Bette Walker	Vernon Mann	Deb Wambold	Cindy O'Brien	Joe Siekonic	Deb Fisher	

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. 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.

Youth Events:

- September 26 at 1:00pm at Emmanuel's – youth meeting
- October 10 at 1:00pm at Christ UCC (Adopt-a-Highway)

Ladies Prayer Journal....Join us for a 6-week session as we learn how to create a Prayer Journal. We will be watching videos on prayer by Rick Warren followed by a discussion and then for 40 days we will make a Prayer Journal of our own. We will meet at **10:30 on Mondays starting September 20 until October 25, 2021**. The small group facilitator is Gloria Wallery but we all will be supporting each other as we learn to pray together. Words from Rick Warren's video, "40 days of Prayer will teach you how to pray with more confidence and greater faith than ever before." Let Gloria Wallery know if you will attend. You can email her at gjwallery@gmail.com or text at 484-282-0178. We are looking forward to regrouping for 6 weeks. Bring a pen, a highlighter, a composition notebook for your journal, a mask and your Bible.

Brownie Troop.....Are you a Girl Scout?? Do you know anyone that wants to be a Girl Scout?? A troop meets right here at Emmanuel's every other Wednesday night from 6-7:30. We are a Brownie troop, grades 2-3. We've gone to the aquarium, the Da Vinci center to learn about dinos, rock climbing, collected toys and food for an animal shelter, and have done badge work at Jacobsburg park. We are a very active troop and would love for you to join us !!! Our future plans include camping, a Halloween day event, collecting for the women's shelter, cookie baking at Christmas time and cookie sale are coming!!! Plus lots of fun badges like a spa night! **We are having a "Be A Sister to every Girl Scout" event here at the pavilion on October 1st from 6:30-7:30**. Come meet us, and if you know any girls that are interested in Girl Scouts come see what it's about! Any questions or want to join please send us an email at Troop8189@gmail.com.

Fall Flea Market and Bake Sale....**Saturday, October 2, 8am – 1pm at the pavilion**. Proceeds will benefit the painting of the church windows. This is a great opportunity to get together for fun and fellowship. It is open to the community. There will be crafts, yard sale items, antiques, baked goods and food. Vendors are welcome! **We need Volunteers! Please sign up if you are able to help!** To reserve a spot call Susan (610-417-0316) or Sally (610-428-0216). A suggested \$10 donation will be payable the day of the sale.

God's Work. Our Hands Sunday TODAY 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.

- **Welcome Baskets**. We will assemble the baskets TODAY after worship – Please come join us and help make this project a success!

CHURCH PICNIC! TODAY! September 12 Join us for our **BARBECUE CHALLENGE** and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship with our church family.

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, October 5 7:00pm Third Grade Introduction to the Bible Class
Sunday, October 10 10:00am Third Graders to receive their Bibles at the Celebration Service
Tuesday, October 12 7:00pm First Communion Class
Sunday, October 17 First Communion will be celebrated at both services

If you are in 3rd Grade or eligible to receive First Communion (2nd Grade or older) you will be received a letter with the details for these classes. Watch for it in your mail. If you do not receive a letter and are eligible for either of these classes, please contact the church office (610-837-1741).

This Week at Emmanuel's

Today: 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 – FH

12 Noon Annual Picnic - pavilion

Monday 9/13/21:

9-10am Prayer Partner- Pavilion

7:00pm Monday Night Bible Study

Tuesday 9/14/21:

10:30am Evangelism Workshop

1:00pm Needlecrafters

5-6pm Prayer Partner-Pavilion

Wednesday 9/15/21:

5-6pm Prayer Partner-Pavilion

6:00pm Girl Scouts

Thursday 9/16/21:

10:30am Ladies Bible Study – Zoom

5-6pm Prayer Partner – Pavilion

Friday 9/17/21:

6-7pm Prayer Partner-Pavilion

6:00pm Younger Kids event at Covenant (Movie)

Saturday 9/18/21:

12-1pm Prayer Partner -Pavilion

Sunday 9/19/21:

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

17 Pentecost

Holy Communion at all services

8:45am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

9:00am Donuts and Discussion - OFH

10:00am Celebration Worship in Fellowship Hall

10:00am Sunday School

11:15am Prayer Partner – pavilion

1:00pm Youth Meeting at Christ UCC (Little Moore)