



Emmanuel's Informer

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Today I Sat in Pastor Elizabeth's Chair

by Pastor Paulette Obrecht

Whenever I have supplied as the pastor leading worship at Emmanuel's Church over the years, I have followed the normal routine of robing and prayerfully preparing for worship in Pastor Elizabeth's office. But, over the years, as I supplied here – I just could *not* sit behind the desk – and occupy "Pastor Elizabeth's" chair. I know it sounds silly – but, I just felt I couldn't do it. I would sit on the sofa in her office and meditate and offer a prayer, but I had to do it from the sofa. I would sit on the sofa and thank God for allowing me to have such faithful and inspired mentors like the Mitchells – the ones who encouraged me to go to seminary and who celebrated my many forms of ministry. I continue to be grateful to the two of them – as I remember how they helped this church community grow and become a strong congregation within the Northeast PA Synod. I'm sure many of you continue to celebrate what they helped make this church today.

So – when I was approved by Council and the Bishop's office to fill in as supply pastor on September 5 – and I led worship that Sunday – it made me realize that I needed to take a moment to discern what all that meant and how else God might be calling me to be of further service to both the Synod and this church community. And – as I prayed before worship that Sunday morning ... I sat in Pastor Elizabeth's chair. And, it was a good feeling. A calming and comforting feeling.

That morning, especially because all of you were so warm and welcoming to me as I served as your pastor – it made me think really hard.

I discerned ... I prayed some more ... and I could feel the Holy Spirit within me as I *knew* that I needed to step up and fill the void in pastoral leadership here at Emmanuel's Church – my church family. So – long story short – I agreed to the Council's and Synod's suggestion to serve as short-term interim pastor and help us all prepare for welcoming a regularly-called pastor – whenever God sends that person to us. I officially began serving on September 15 and was officially announced as Interim Pastor at worship on September 19. And – it truly feels like the right thing to do. It's a calling from God to serve here. Thank you for your welcoming response to my appointment. And when you have a chance – please don't hesitate to stop in to see me. I'll be the one sitting in Pastor Elizabeth's chair.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. – Philippians 4:13



Emmanuel's Church Council is happy to announce that effective September 15, 2021, The Rev. Paulette Obrecht has been appointed to be our short-term Interim Pastor. Pastor Paulette has been a member here at Emmanuel's since 2014 and is familiar to many of our members. Please welcome her in her new role with us. We are extremely thankful and blessed to have her with us.

Covid Update

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.



8:45am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:00am Celebration Worship in Fellowship Hall

10:00am Sunday School

Holy Communion is celebrated at all services.

Each service will also be live-streamed and will be available on Emmanuel's Facebook page - see **[emmanuelsofnc.org](https://www.emmanuelsofnc.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 services can be found on our website:

[Emmanuelsofnc.org](https://www.emmanuelsofnc.org)



Bath Area Food Bank

During the month of **October** Emmanuel's will help the Bath Area Food Bank by collecting:

Boxed Mac and Cheese Toilet Paper, Paper Towels

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 vestibule to the downstairs parlor or in the bins in Fellowship Hall or the upstairs Gathering Area.

Grocery gift cards (preferably Ahart's) are needed for emergencies. Please drop all gift cards in an envelope marked "Food Bank" into the lockbox located on the wall in the vestibule or bring them to the church office

The Bath Area Food Bank is always in need of monetary donations which stretch farther than any amount of food that we can give.

Where to Donate:

Now that we are back to in-person worship most donations can again be placed in labeled bins that can be found in Fellowship Hall or the Gathering Area. We will, however, still utilize the downstairs parlor vestibule for donations that you may wish to drop off during the week (including offerings). 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.



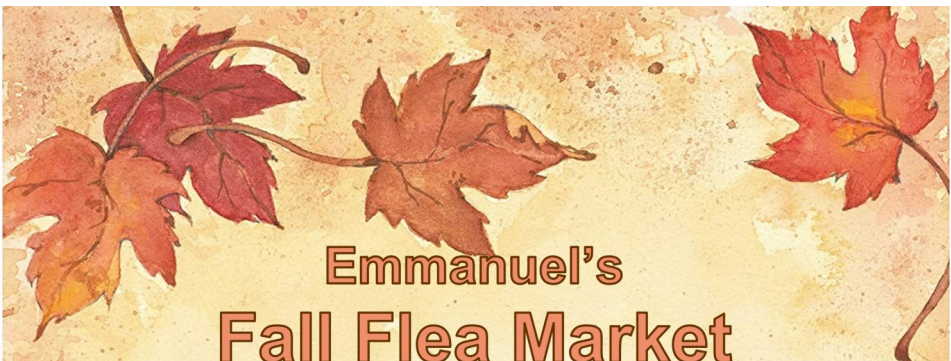
Please feel free to drop off items at your convenience. The inside door into the building itself will remain locked. If you need assistance please call the church office (610 -837-1741).

Communion and Giving Record Reminder

In order to remain an active member on the church's rolls, a person must commune and give a contribution of record at least once in a calendar year.

Now that we are back at church please fill out a communion card for 2021. You only need to fill out one per year..

Also when contributing to the church, please use your offering envelopes or write a check or place money in an envelope with your name and/or church envelope number on it. Thank you for making it easier to keep our church records accurate.



Emmanuel's Fall Flea Market and Bake Sale

Saturday, October 2, 2021
8:00am to 1:00pm

Proceeds to 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.





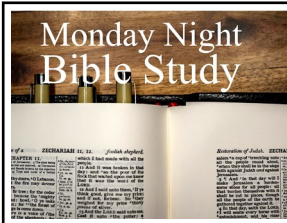
Sundays at 10:00am in Old Fellowship Hall

We are excited to have started Sunday School for children ages 3 to 8th grade on Sept 19! It is a time for our children to learn about God's love and many other lessons from his work, our Bible.

But we need help! Please sign up for a time to be with our children in grades 1-5. Please sign up online at:

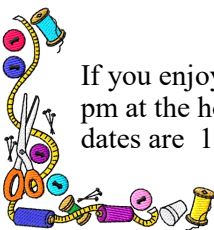
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aa8a723aafd0-sunday4>

Any questions? Please contact Heather Bennett-Knerr at 610-392-9750. Thank you for your help!



Monday Night Bible Study

The Men's Group is now the **Monday Night Bible Study** and **EVERYONE** is welcome to attend. The group meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Old Fellowship Hall.



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. October dates are 10/12 and 10/26 . Contact Susan Walker for more info.

All are welcome!



The Ladies Morning Bible Study is continuing to meet online via 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 Mark. **Everyone is Welcome to join!** Contact Gloria Wallery at **gjwallery@gmail.com** if you would like to join .



SYNOD NEWS

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CONGREGATIONAL LEGACY & PURPOSE

BY DEACON TRAVIS WOODFIELD

I have to admit, I'm a sucker for history, especially church history. I love learning about times in the past that I'll never get to experience, in places I can only aspire to visit. I've been fortunate to go to some of those places: I've stood in churches that were 1,000 years old across Europe and marveled at the engineering, been in the cradle of the Roman Empire, lived in New York City and Philadelphia, laid down, in the rain, in the grass of monasteries from 800 years ago that is now in ruins. In all of these places, I try to imagine what it was like to be part of a community from long ago. Sometimes it's easier than others, I know something unique about a place or I know how a building was built, but the end is the same- I am in a place, remembering what I can about it, being part of its history and life.

There is a cycle to these things. Empires come and go. Leaders and rulers come and go. Institutions come and go. All of these life cycles, being born, going through a growth period, living adulthood, moving into the twilight of life, and finally, death, are all part of our lives, whether on a personal or institutional level. Part of the incredible message of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is that death does not have the final word. However, no matter how much we try to avoid it, duck it, or deny it, death will have a word. Jesus himself understood that the only way to resurrection was through death - after all, if there's no death before resurrection, what we are really talking about is immortality, which is certainly not the Christian message.

These "deaths" can come in many forms in the church. Maybe it's moving a worship time, moving from 2 services to 1 so that the community might be one and ministry might be effective. It may be struggling with how to do "virtual" church in the time of a pandemic. Maybe it's letting a go special ministry that the church can no longer support with financial or labor. Maybe it's giving up a building to move to a building that fits the congregation. Maybe it's merging or closing.

The truth is that none of these realities, these deaths, are easy to imagine or even embrace. There is real grief, fear, anxiety, anger, and sadness that comes with even thinking about them. It's also true that we are not alone in these decisions. We do not know what resurrection may look like, but we know that it is Christ's promise. History always seems short when we are the ones participating in it. Christ sees the long view and, I think, wondering how we can participate in trying to see that long view is part of our call as a Christian. We cannot see the end but we can think and pray about what next, faithful steps may be. As a church, we have to start thinking about what those faithful steps might be, both as individuals, as a church, and as a synod.

Four years ago, I had the chance to go to the Isle of Iona in Scotland and visit the Benedictine abbey there, which is now a retreat center. Could a group of Benedictine nuns, living in the 1200's on a remote island of Scotland, possibly imagine that a guy from a land that had not been discovered yet to come visit their monastery? That, I would lay down, in the rain, in the ruins of their chapel, and imagine what it was like to worship there? 800 years ago, it would have been simply impossible to dream. What they did do was make faithful decisions that allowed that moment to happen and, even in the literal ruins of their communal life, there was a moment of that community's resurrection in my mind and heart, remembering them. As we move forward as a church, locally and as a synod, I pray that we can make faithful, prayerful decisions that are resurrection decisions and not immortality ones.



Synod Staff:

STACEY BURKE

Stacey Burke is the Lutheran Center's receptionist and the friendly voice you will most likely hear when calling the Synod office. Her main responsibilities will be scheduling supply pastors and maintaining the database of congregations.

Stacey graduated with a graphic design and TV/Film degree and plans to use her positive attitude and creative mindset to fulfill God's work throughout the Synod office and beyond. Being an active member at Hope Lutheran Church in Cherryville for over 30 years, Stacey has volunteered her time in various committees including youth group, Vacation Bible School, choir, orchestra, and worship arts.

Stacey is inspired daily by her husband Kevin and their new baby boy. They love spending time together as a family, which also includes a cat named Duncan and a dog named Red. Stacey resides in Bethlehem and enjoys attending art festivals and concerts. In her free time, Stacey likes to capture photography, play the guitar, perform in theater arts and spend time outdoors. She is very excited to have the opportunity to join the Synod staff, and she looks forward to growing within the Lutheran Center and watching God inspire and work all around her.



First Communion Class Invitation

Tuesday, October 12
7:00pm in Old Fellowship Hall

This class, taught by Pastor Paulette Obrecht, is open to students from second grade on up whose parents have decided that they are ready to receive the sacrament.

In the past, we have followed a suggestion made by the Lutheran Church in America more than 30 years ago to have students wait until they are in the fifth grade or about 10 years old. The ELCA is now leaving this decision up to individual congregations and their pastors. We have decided at this time to let parents work with the pastor to decide when is the best time for their children to begin receiving communion. If your child is younger than 2nd grade, please contact the church office.

Students will receive their first communion on **Sunday, October 17, 2021** and are welcome to worship with their families at whatever service the family chooses. We will recognize all of the students by sharing their names at all of our services.

Communion is a gift given to us by Christ. We hope that gift will be cherished and understood as a gift from God.



Deadline for the November Informer articles is: **Friday, October 15, 2021**



Christ UCC (Little Moore), Covenant United Methodist and Emmanuel's youth have been meeting together.

Youth are invited to participate in the following activities:

- October 10, 1:00pm at Christ UCC
- October 24, 1:00pm at Covenant UMC

If you are interested in youth events or just want more information please contact Andrea Roberts.



Did you know?.....Covenant UMC has a youth group for “younger kids”. Kids ages 3-12 (pre-k thru 6th grade) meet once a month on a Friday evening, 6-8pm for dinner and an event. All “younger kids” from Emmanuel’s are invited to attend

October 22	Decorate a Pumpkin
November 19	Make Thanksgiving Cards
December 17	Happy Birthday Jesus Party

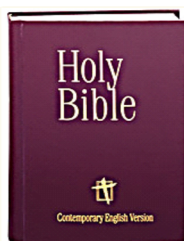


A choral group has gathered under the leadership of Bob Splittgerber. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. They will be singing at the 8:45 traditional service in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to join! Please contact Bob if you have any questions.

Third Grade Bible Class

Following a long-standing tradition, the people of Emmanuel's Church are ready to present 3rd graders with a Bible of their own.

We would like to invite all 3rd graders and their parents to a very important and special evening of learning. **Tuesday, October 5, 2021** beginning at 7:00pm in the old Fellowship Hall, we are offering "An Introduction to the Bible for Third Graders". This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the most important book you will ever own and read. Pastor Paulette Obrecht will be teaching the class.



All 3rd graders should have received a letter. Please let the office know if you have not received yours. Bibles will be handed out at the beginning of the 10:00am Celebration Service in the Fellowship Hall on October 10.

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Sunday			Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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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.



EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, August 26, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Justin Fallenstein, President	Mercedes Kasper	Andrea Roberts*
Pete Cocchetti, V. President	Rachel Lebron	Pr. Samantha Drennan
Kristin Butz, Secretary	Kathy Milander	
Jane Fried	Win Miller	
Paul Honett	Karl Monroe	Bob Siegfried, Treasurer
		Bob Bennett, Financial Secretary
Bobby Siegfried, guest		*denotes not in attendance

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Karl Monroe as requested by President Justin Fallenstein.

Devotions: Meeting was opened in prayer by Kristin Butz.

Review/Approval of Minutes: It was corrected for July minutes to add Kathy Milander to the review of the Church Constitution. It was moved by Win Miller and seconded by Kathy Milander to approve July 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary Report: Submitted by Bob Bennett.

Treasurer Report: Submitted by Bob Siegfried.

Committee Reports:

Call Committee:

- Sue Gerken gave a report from the Call Committee and the candidate for pastor. He appeared to be one of the only candidates to have read our church biography. Interview with Council was set up for Sept. 9, 2021 via ZOOM at 7 pm.

Evangelism Workshop

- Continues to grow, possibly change to meeting every other week with the Men's group.

Outreach:

- It was moved by Win Miller and seconded by Rachel LeBron to allow a flea market/concession stand hosted by Outreach committee and donate proceeds to the painting of the outside of the church windows. Motion carried.

Property:

- Paul received quote from Kocher for a water purification system. The committee will be researching other quotes for this system, with Bob Bennett suggesting getting a quote from Bellview Pump.

Worship Committee:

- Submitted by Michele Geiger. Supply pastors have been difficult to locate.

Action Items:

- Worship service times. It was moved by Win Miller and seconded by Paul Honett to accept recommendations to keep Traditional services at 8:45am and Contemporary Service at 10:00 am with Sunday School. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Paul Honett and seconded by Karl Monroe to make masks mandatory for worship services in the building and allow singing, with no masks required for outside worship. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Correspondence received regarding covering pastoral emergencies from Pastor Terence Walsh. Bob Siegfried will coordinate with him regarding compensating for his time and services rendered.
- Christmas Cantata: Bobby Siegfried will be coordinating rehearsal times and dates for the Christmas Cantata.
- Karl Monroe will send an email to the HR Committee regarding posting for a music director.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be September 9, 2021 at the church at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting 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

Financial Secretary Report for August 2021

Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
<i>Giving Accounts</i>		
100 - Regular Offering	20,787.00	167,255.69
Total Regular Offering	\$20,787.00	\$167,255.69
110 - Plate Offering	314.00	1,325.00
Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$21,101.00	\$168,580.69
121 - Christmas Offering	0.00	310.00
122 - Easter Offering	0.00	1,695.00
123 - Holy Thursday Offering	0.00	42.00
124 - Initial Offering	0.00	310.00
125 - Lent Offering	0.00	473.00
126 - Palm Sunday Offering	0.00	770.00
Total Special	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
131 - Flowers	125.00	600.00
132 - Bulletins	31.00	104.72
133 - Easter Flowers	0.00	192.00
136 - Church house	1,575.00	6,300.00
Total Misc. Offerings	\$1,731.00	\$7,196.72
Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$22,832.00	\$179,377.41
200 - Building Offering	3,732.00	30,599.50
220 - Improvement Offering	148.00	1,071.00
Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$3,880.00	\$31,670.50
138 - Use of Church Facilities	400.00	500.00
140 - Snow Removal	0.00	165.00
260 - Streaming Equipment	3,005.44	3,130.44
383 - Memo - Leonard Frey	0.00	725.00
384 - Memo - Edith Grim	0.00	175.00
385 - Memo - Theresa Schafer	50.00	1,540.00
386 - Memo - Edward Lavenburg	50.00	50.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	128.00	581.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	205.00	1,491.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	157.00	805.00
421 - Kasper Family	0.00	400.00
422 - Ladies Group	0.00	1,008.00
423 - Behavioral Health Assoc.	60.00	60.00
450 - Souper Sunday	0.00	276.00
472 - Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering	0.00	310.30
475 - God's Work. Our Hands.	525.00	625.00
500 - Christian Education	0.00	15.00
510 - Sunday School Offering	0.00	27.06
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	1,000.00	4,500.00
Total Giving Accounts	\$32,292.44	\$227,431.71

Treasurer's Report as of August 2021

Total General Fund Income	\$	182,552.
Total General Fund Expenses	\$	184,896.
Expenses over Income	\$	2,344.

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

Options for Giving

Thank you for your faithful giving during the pandemic. Our members have continued to support our church and other ministries, both monetarily and with other donations. Now that we are back in person there are many ways to continue giving:

1. **Bring** your offering to church with you on Sunday mornings
2. **Sign up for electronic giving** through Vanco (formerly Simply Giving) - see Bob Bennett for information and/or forms.
3. **Mail** in your weekly/monthly contributions:
(3175 Valley View Dr. Bath PA 18014)
4. **Drop your contribution into the lockbox** located in the vestibule to the downstairs parlor. It is on the wall to your right as you enter from the outside. The vestibule is unlocked during normal business hours.
5. Use **Text+Give** (text the \$ amount to 610-463-0435)
Vanco **Give+ Mobile App**. Download the App and follow the prompts.
7. **Donate directly from our website** (www.emmanuel.org). Click on the DONATE page and follow the prompts.

***A note about GIVE+ Mobile App and online donations through our website: Donating through the website will allow you to choose "Other" and then to specify which special appeal you would like your donation to benefit. Unfortunately this feature is NOT available on the Mobile App. We are working towards a solution to this issue - stay tuned for further updates. If you have any issues or problems with any of these giving choices please contact the church office.

Thank you for helping!



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.



UPDATE: Your Redner's Rewards Card **MUST** be used to participate in this program.

Please remember to turn in your Redner's receipts. All receipts are totaled and submitted to Redner's. A check will come to the church and be deposited into the Youth Group account. If you have any questions, please contact:

Cheryl Reeser at 610-759-6492.

Worship Attendance for August 2021

Week of	Celebration 8:45 am		Traditional 10:15 am		Total
August 1	In Person	30	In-Person	39	In-Person 69
	Online	25	Online	34	Online 59
August 8	In-Person	49	In-Person	41	In-Person 90
	Online	58	Online	36	Online 94
August 15	In-Person	22	In-Person	32	In-Person 54
	Online	114	Online	97	Online 211
August 22	One 9:30 am Service / Blessing of the Backpacks				
	In Person 64				In-Person 64
	Online 83				Online 83
August 29	In-Person	32	In-Person	25	In-Person 57
	Online	56	Online	41	Online 97
Average Weekly In-Person Attendance: 67					
Average Weekly Online Attendance: 109					

Funerals

Edward N. Lavenburg, 71, passed to his eternal rest on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. A funeral service was held on August 30, 2021 at Schisler Funeral Home. His final resting place is Mountain View Cemetery.



Donald R. Sobers, 85, passed to his eternal rest on Sunday, September 12, 2021. A funeral service was held on September 18, 2021 at Emmanuel's Lutheran Church. Pastor Paulette Obrecht officiated. His final resting place is Valley View Cemetery.



Are You in the Hospital?

When you are admitted to the hospital it is important for you or a family member to call the church office and let us know - so the pastor can make sure to visit you before you are discharged. You can also tell them at the hospital that your "church code" is 222 or that you are a member of Emmanuel's Lutheran Church in Bath.

Call the church office at 10-837-1741 and please leave a message if no one answers.



FROM THE EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

Debbie Fisher (paraphrased): "This has really opened up the Scriptures to me."

Karl Monroe (an exact quote): "This has been very challenging." He first made this remark after the second week of daily Scripture readings, below.

"I will NEVER surrender!" That's how most of us probably feel when faced with anything we believe threatens our liberty. Although Scripture tells us about a new liberty which we have in Christ, such as freedom from Sin and freedom to serve God and our neighbor, that uncomfortable word, "Surrender," can still arouse in us that "I will never" response.

Here are some of the daily readings which aroused Karl's and Debbie's responses:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Mark 8:34-38; Matthew 10: 37; Galatians 2:19b - 20; Revelation 2:10; Colossians 3:1-4; Romans 6:3-5. More on Baptism next time.

The next Evangelism Workshop will begin in mid-October. It will be at a time most convenient for those who sign up, probably in the early evening (7 PM). Please sign up if you are interested in attending. Contact Bob Splittgerber (484 -262-0604) for more information.



Prayer Garden at the Pavilion

Prayer Partner Schedule:

Sunday: after worship

Monday: 9-10am

Tues/Wed/Thur: 5-6pm

Fri: 6-7pm

Sat: 12-1pm

If you would like to join the Prayer Partners or want more information, please contact Deb Fisher (610-217-4195)

Coming in November.....



November 7: Celebrating All Saints Sunday

This is the day to give thanks to God for all of the saints who have gone before us. We will remember those who have died in Christ during this past year and also those who have been baptized into Christ.

October Flowers

(\$25.00 per vase)

Oct 3

Traditional - In celebration of the anniversary of Karl & Sue Monroe. In memory of George Voorhees by Lois Voorhees and family.

Celebration - In celebration of the birthday of Cheryl Haas by Walter Haas.

Oct 10

Traditional - In memory of husband, Marlyn Hall, by Doris Hall In memory of parents, Joe & Peggy Steiner by Linda Steiner.

Celebration - In celebration of the 61st anniversary of Pete & Sandy Long.

Oct 17

Traditional - in celebration of the 37th anniversary of Kurt & Michele Geiger. To the glory of God by Lynne & Dave Ambrose

Celebration - Open

Oct 24

Traditional - In honor of all essential workers by Kurt & Michele Geiger. In honor of all October birthdays by Lynne & Dave Ambrose.

Celebration - In celebration of the birthday of JT Moyer and in memory of father, Warren Beil, by Carol & Barry Moyer.

Oct 31

Traditional - In memory of loved ones by Kurt & Michele Geiger. In honor of Martin Luther by Lynne & Dave Ambrose.

Celebration - In memory of the birthday of Shirley Reph by Cheryl & Walter Haas.

October Bulletins

(\$6.00)

Oct 3

Traditional - Open

Celebration - In honor of the Haas Grandchildren by Nana & Pop-Pop (Cheryl & Walter Haas).

Oct 10

Traditional - In memory of Fred Borger by his family.

Celebration - Open

Oct 17

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

Oct 24

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

Oct 31

Traditional - Open

Celebration - In memory of the birthday of great-grandmother Shirley Reph by the Haas grandchildren.



If you would like to sponsor altar flowers (for either the Celebration or the Traditional Service) or bulletins for any Sunday in 2021 please call the church office (610-837-1741) or send an email emmanuelchurch@gmail.com. Cost is \$25 per vase for flowers. Bulletins are \$6 per Sunday.



October 31.... Reformation Sunday

October Worship Volunteers

Volunteers, please check to see if your name is listed below. **If you are unable to be present, please find a substitute and contact the secretary at 610-837-1741 with the changes by Wednesday.** As always, thank you for all your help in serving our Lord.

	Altar Care	Greeter	Ushers	Reader	Media
Traditional Oct 3 Celebration	8:45 Linda Steiner Barbara Bennett 10:00 Bonnie H	8:45 Gary O'Brien 10:00 Andrea Roberts	8:45 Gary O'Brien Cindy O'Brien 10:00 Andrea Roberts Nancy Karc	8:45 Nancy Marsh 10:00 Bonnie H.	8:45 Win Miller 10:00 -----
Traditional Oct 10 Celebration	8:45 Linda Steiner Barbara Bennett 10:00 Bonnie H	8:45 Lynne Ambrose 10:00 Mercedes Kasper	8:45 Sue Monroe Terry DeGroot 10:00 Mercedes Kasper Bill Kasper	8:45 Terry DeGroot 10:00 Amy Hower	8:45 Karl Monroe 10:00 -----
Traditional Oct 17 Celebration	8:45 Linda Steiner Barbara Bennett 10:00 Bonnie H	8:45 Win Miller 10:00 Jane Loupos	8:45 Paul Honett Jane Fried 10:00 Jane Loupos Doreen Davidson	8:45 Win Miller 10:00 Deb Fisher	8:45 Jessie Hnatow 10:00 -----
Traditional Oct 24 Celebration	8:45 Linda Steiner Barbara Bennett 10:00 Bonnie H	8:45 Barbara Bennett 10:00 Andrea Roberts	8:45 Barbara Bennett Bob Bennett 10:00 Andrea Roberts Dianne Schoenen	8:45 Bob Splittgerber 10:00 Bonnie H	8:45 Sue Monroe 10:00 -----
Traditional Oct 31 Celebration	8:45 Linda Steiner Barbara Bennett 10:00 Bonnie H	8:45 Jessie Hnatow 10:00 Wendy Whiteash	8:45 Susan Chenski Dean Chenski 10:00 Doreen Davidson Wendy Whiteash	8:45 Dave Ambrose 10:00 Wendy Whiteash	8:45 Lynne Ambrose 10:00 -----



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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.



God's Work. Our Hands. Update

God's work.
Our hands.



Save the date
September 12

At Emmanuel's, we celebrated God's Work. Our Hands Sunday by collecting articles and donations for assembling "Welcome Baskets" that are given to teens who arrive at Valley Youth House shelters. Many teens who come to their emergency shelter have very little with them on arrival, so these baskets provide sheets, towels and toiletry items.



And, since VYH is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, as we kicked off our project in July we set a goal of producing 50 baskets. People were invited to raise money via the 50-day Walkathon and were also invited to donate clothing for a Clothing Drive. Then, after worship on September 12, GWOH Sunday, we set up an assembly line to pull everything together. By the end of the

morning, we celebrated that we had assembled 52 baskets – and had supplies left over, too. Next, we enjoyed the fellowship of a congregational picnic where people offered additional monetary donations. What a great day!

Our God is truly a God of abundance.

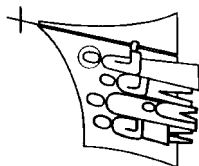
LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Members of Emmanuel's,

Thank you SO much for the amazing Welcome Baskets for our youth! They will be a big help and are much needed for when new youth arrive at our sites. It's such a relief to be able to give them what they will need during their stay, while providing a friendly introduction and welcome to the youth. It really helps set the tone for their stay and provides comfort in their hardship. Please pass along our appreciation to all who donated!



Thank you!
Emily A. Conners, M.S.
Valley Youth House
Associate Director, Development & Marketing



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