

Emmanuel's Informer

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Sometimes You Just Have to Take the Leap.....

by Pastor Paulette Obrecht

A few weeks ago – in my sermon – it seemed appropriate to share some of my faith story with everyone. It's one of the topics we were frequently asked about while attending seminary. In case you missed it, here is another version of it.

There are 3 people who most influenced my faith development: my mother, my pastor in the church where I grew up, and the neighbor lady up the street.

My mother, who was raised a Catholic but became Lutheran, is the one who made my brothers and me go to Sunday School regularly. It was important to her. She was my biggest fan as I became a pastor.

The neighbor lady up the street was on my dad's mail route and told him about Vacation Bible School at her church. As a way to support her, he sent my brother and me to VBS that summer – and I loved it so much, I joined her after school Bible Club. I became a true "Sunday School nerd" – just ask my friends.

My pastor in the church where I grew up suggested when I was 14 years old and in catechetical class that I might want to become a deaconess. At that time, women were not able to be pastors. However, deaconesses lived in the deaconess house for a part of the year and were not allowed to get married (that didn't change until 1985). So, at age 14, I thought to myself that I didn't particularly want to be "like, a nun." And, I didn't give vocation much thought until after college when I began worrying that I had turned down God.



When I worked as an educator, a helping profession, I tried daily to make a difference with young people and their families and my fellow educators. Then, one Sunday morning about 20 years ago, when I was sharing my faith story at my church, the pastor reminded me that it's never too late to answer God's call.

I have this saying on a card in my office at home: "Sometimes you just have to take the leap and build your wings on the way down." That's how I took that daring step in my faith journey and went on to seminary to become a pastor. And, I think, that's just how I managed in the middle of September to show up behind the pulpit at Emmanuel's Church. And, with God's help – and yours, I think I'll be able to make another soft landing.

"For nothing will be impossible with God.." – Luke 1:37



Reminder ...

Daylight Saving Time ends on Nov. 7

Turn your clocks **back one hour** when you go To bed on Saturday, November 6 and don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

November Happenings.....



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.

November 21: Annual Congregational Meeting

Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2021. That day only we will worship together (one service) at **9:30am in Fellowship Hall**. There will be no Sunday School. There will be light refreshments after the service followed by our meeting. Join us as we approve last year's minutes, elect new council persons and hear reports of our congregational life.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Community Thanksgiving Worship



November 24: Thanksgiving Eve Community Service 7:00pm

The Bath Area Council of Churches Community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held this year at Covenant United Methodist Church. Come, worship and be thankful.



In case you missed this in the weekly eNews.....

Unexpected Words from a Pastor Candidate

Dear Church Family,

My Church Family... Isn't that a phrase we have all used so often? It is something I have cherished at Emmanuel: that sense of belonging where the people want to be with each other, and want to help each other. We have built a network of caring that touches all of our lives.

The most powerful thing that has come out of the interview process so far, is a statement from a pastor we interviewed from New York. He said he has never met any church that described itself as a family through everyone with whom he spoke. The Call Committee and Church Council members all spoke about themselves briefly at different times, and he heard us use the phrase itself or heard us describe our love for this church family repeatedly. Two candidates were amazed at our willingness to try new things! The way these pastors reflected who we are back to us, has encouraged me as I hope it encourages you.

Consider...

- the Pastors Barry and Elizabeth Mitchell retired in 2019,
- in 2020 we endured COVID-19
- we moved into 2021 with the Delta Variant, keeping the whole world in turmoil.

Yet...we shine as a church family in these times in the eyes of other pastors. I am so moved by that.

Some say we must hurry to find a pastor so we stay together. Some feel we need a minister to draw us back, closer than we may be right now. We will always be responsible for our own bonds between ourselves and with our church. Keep encouraging all the people you see working so hard to keep things moving. The new pastor's job will be to guide us as our spiritual leader. He or she will no doubt be looking for our support which we will gladly give.

The process of hiring our next pastor includes these steps: The Synod office has a member pastor who receives transfer inquiries or seeks candidates. That is who will "find" our candidates. Once the Synod office and the Call Committee agree that there is mutual interest, the Call Committee begins telephone communication which becomes Zoom meetings and finally in-person meetings (when logistics allow) with everyone on the Call Committee. If recommended by the Committee, the candidate is referred to Church Council for review and interviewing. During this time, more is discovered about the financial needs as well as all other expectations from the potential new pastor.

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You may remember we were forewarned there would be few pastors to interview due to a shortage of pastors. We have discussed some candidates, interviewed some candidates and have gained some experiences which will help us recognize when the proper match is available. Our church has been flexible and willing to move forward, but nothing can be done under our roof to expedite matters.

Let's continue to celebrate our blessings as the unique church family we are. We know our need is very present in the minds of those who seek candidates for us, and our love FROM our church family will continue to embrace us in the meantime. Win Miller's enthusiasm for our 300 Year Anniversary Committee moves me every time I talk to him. WE WILL BE HERE!

We are truly blessed to have Paulette Obrecht as our interim Pastor. We thank her for her willingness to serve us and help us to hold our church family together while we await a new Pastor.

As Bobby reminds us at the end of every contemporary service, "Be good to each other!"

Susan Gerken
Call Committee Chairperson

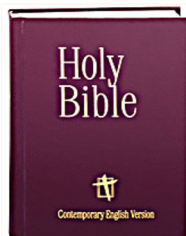


Congratulations to our 3rd Graders who received their Bibles on Sunday, October 10:

Jaxen Coccetti	Emalyn Radcliffe
Katherine Diehl	Cameron Yeakel
Katelynn Moyer	Alyvia Yost

The Bible teaches us how to live our life, comforts us in times of need and helps us to know God.

If you are in 3rd Grade and did not receive your Bible, please contact the church office.



2021 Poinsettia Sponsors

Once again, red poinsettias will be available to purchase as a memorial or as a tribute gift to beautify the window sills for the Christmas holiday services. The price is **\$10.00** each. A reservation form is found below.

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, December 6.** Just complete the form and place it in an envelope marked Poinsettia Order, and include the correct amount of **\$10.00 per plant**. Place your envelope in the offering plate, or mail your order and check (made out to Emmanuel's) to the church.

You may pick up your poinsettia after Christmas Day.

Poinsettia Sponsorship Form

I/We wish to purchase a poinsettia for the church.

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)

Total quantity ordered _____ Total Amount \$ _____

The price for each red poinsettia is **\$10.00**.

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6.



Bath Area Food Bank

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

Cookies and Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Spaghettios, Spaghetti and Meatballs, etc.)

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 bins in Fellowship Hall or the upstairs Gathering Area. We are no longer collecting Food Bank items in the vestibule (red door).

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.



Cemetery News

Please remove plants, summer/fall flowers and artificial flowers from the cemetery by Friday, November 5 in preparation for the Christmas Holidays.



There will be an **Outdoor Clean-up Day** for the cemetery and church grounds on Saturday, Nov 6 (rain date 11/20) beginning at 9AM. We are in need of helping hands (please bring your own tools). Coffee and Donuts will be abundant!

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ANY CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS ON THE CEMETERY UNTIL AFTER THANKSGIVING. Thank you.

EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, September 9, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

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

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Justin Fallenstein.

Devotions: Meeting was opened in prayer by Kathy Milander.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Addendum to add Win Miller to attendance for Aug Minutes. It was moved by Pete Coccetti and seconded by Paul Honett to approve the Aug council minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary Report: Submitted by Bob Bennett.

Treasurer Report: Submitted by Bob Siegfried.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism Workshop

- Combining with Monday night Men's group Bible study.

HR Committee:

- Conversing with Bobby and Beth regarding compensation, starting dates.
- Bob Siegfried reached out and extended an invitation to our candidate to visit the Lehigh Valley.
- It was moved by Pete Coccetti and seconded by Jane Fried to share preliminary compensation with pastoral candidate. Motion carried.

Outreach:

- Flea market and bake sale will be October 2, 2021. \$10 a spot which goes to the church.
- Fall Festival will be October 24.
- Outreach will be looking to make Thanksgiving baskets for the shut-ins.
- God's Work Our Hands: 52 baskets were made and donated for the Valley Youth House.

Property:

- Looking for bids for snow removal. Karl will be meeting with IKE for prices for snow removal and lawn care.
- There was a leak noted in the room next to the parlor and in the old boiler room. Paul caulked it but it is still noted to leak.

Worship Committee:

- Submitted by Michele Geiger.

New Business:

- Paulette Obrecht met with treasurer Bob Siegfried and outlined her salary requirements to be our interim pastor until January. Bob presented her salary requirements to Council. It was moved by Pete Coccetti and seconded by Karl Monroe to accept Paulette Obrecht as our interim pastor. Motion carried.
- Choir Director/organist/hand bell director still needed. Considering splitting up into 3 positions..

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be October 14, 2021 at the church at 7:00 pm.

It was moved by Karl Monroe and seconded by Rachel LeBron to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Samantha Drennan.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Butz
Council Secretary



Christmas Eve Services

- 5:00pm Celebration with Carols
(Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Celebration with Carols
(Fellowship Hall)
11:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service
(Sanctuary)

Based on current average attendance numbers at our two services each Sunday, we felt 3 services was appropriate this Christmas Eve. In addition, the larger area downstairs will provide sufficient seating while still allowing for sufficient social distancing. These Christmas Eve service times will be reevaluated in 2022 based on the current situation at that time.

In addition, there will be one service in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, 12/26/21 at 9:30 am and it will be a service of Lessons and Carols.

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 Meals from the Heart



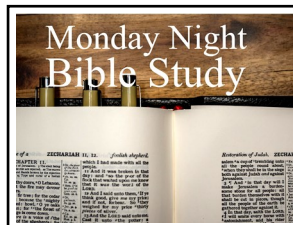
This ministry at Emmanuel's provides meals to anyone from the congregation in times of need. Meals might be needed after the birth of a baby, after surgery or hospitalization, or during a time of crisis. The more help we have, the less frequently our volunteers will need to provide meals. Please contact Michele Geiger by phone ([610-442-7680](tel: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.



We rejoice with our young members who received their First Holy Communion in October:

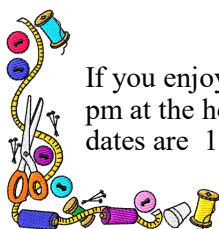
Maya Benson	Zain Radcliffe
Jaxen Coccetti	Cameron Yeakel
Katelynn Moyer	Alyvia Yost

Welcome to God's Table!



Monday Night Bible Study

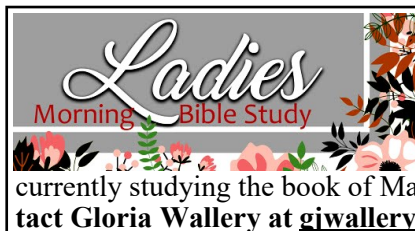
The Men's Group is now the **Monday Night Bible Study** and **EVERYONE** is welcome to attend. The group meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the **Old Fellowship Hall**.



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 11/9 and 11/23 . 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 .**



Deadline for the November Informer articles is: **Friday, November 12, 2021**

NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
31	Reformation Sunday 8:45 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 10:00 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Confirmation Planning Meeting - Sanctuary 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion	1	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study - Old FH	2	Election Day - FH in Use 1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH	3	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Chorus Rehearsal 7:45 PM Cantata Rehearsal - FH	4	10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 8:00 PM Worship Comm Mtg - Zoom	5	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH	6	10:00 AM Cantata Rehearsal - FH 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion
7	8:45 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 9:15 AM - 9:45 AM Prayer Partner available 10:00 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM Prayer Partner available	8	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 7:00 PM Evangelism Team / Bible Study	9	1:00 PM Needlecrafters 1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH	10	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 7:00 PM Chorus Rehearsal 7:45 PM Cantata Rehearsal - FH	11	10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 7:00 PM Church Council - old FH	12	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH	13	10:00 AM Cantata Rehearsal - FH 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion
14	8:45 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 9:15 AM - 9:45 AM Prayer Partner available 10:00 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM Prayer Partner available	15	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 6:30 PM Women's Group 7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study - Old FH	16	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH	17	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Chorus Rehearsal 7:45 PM Cantata Rehearsal - FH	18	10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 6:30 PM Outreach Committee	19	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 6:00 PM Kids Youth Event at Covenant UNM - Thanksgiving Cards	20	10:00 AM Cantata Rehearsal - FH 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion
21	Congregational Meeting There will be no Sunday School today. 9:30 AM Blended Worship - Fellowship Hall 11:00 AM Congregational Meeting	22	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 7:00 PM Evangelism Team / Bible Study	23	1:00 PM Needlecrafters 1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH	24	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service - Covenant Methodist Church	25	Thanksgiving - Office Closed	26	Office Closed 1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH	27	10:00 AM Cantata Rehearsal - FH 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion
28	8:45 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 9:15 AM - 9:45 AM Prayer Partner available 10:00 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Advent Festival 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM Prayer Partner available	29	Secretary Vacation Day 1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study - Old FH	30	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH	1	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Chorus Rehearsal 7:45 PM Cantata Rehearsal - FH	2	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 8:00 PM Worship Comm Mtg - Zoom	3	1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH	4	10:00 AM Cantata Rehearsal - FH 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion

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Prayer Garden News

Our Prayer Garden and pavilion has been a blessing to those who use it for private prayers, prayer with a pray partner and all the other various uses such as Girl Scouts, parties, church picnics, meetings, discussion groups and youth gatherings.

During the months of November thru March the new locations for Prayer Partners will vary. On a Sunday, if you choose to have prayer for a special concern that you want kept confidential, our Prayer Partners will be in the upstairs back classroom from 9:15 - 9:45am during the Traditional Service. We will also be available after the Celebration Service from 11:15 - 11:45am in the downstairs back classroom. Monday - Friday Prayer Partners will be available in the Old Fellowship Hall from 1:30-2:30pm. This is easy access for wheelchairs and walkers. Thank you to the church Council for their approval of continuing our ministry through the winter months. This is just a reminder: if you don't want to stay for the entire time that is fine, you may come for a brief prayer.

The Prayer Partners will also now be making calls to check on our members who are not able to get out much. You are welcome, if you wish, to pray with them over the phone.

Here is a reminder to everyone: please keep praying for our church and that we find a new pastor. We are blessed to have Pastor Paulette as our Interim Pastor and we thank her for her support of our Prayer Partners.

Anyone who would like to join the Prayer Partners, even if you would only be able to fill in now and then, we welcome you with open arms. Please contact Deb Fisher at 610-217-4195. Please leave a message if no one answers. Thank you.

Thank you to all who pray for those on our Prayer List and those who organize it. A lot of miracles have happened here at Emmanuel's Church. Prayer sure does matter.



Thank you to the many hands who made our Flea Market/Yard Sale a success! We thank our many volunteers who donated their time, talent and treasures to raise money for the painting of our church windows. It was a beautiful day of fun and fellowship. We raised \$1,070. More is still needed and any donations toward that effort will be appreciated. It was great to see your smiling faces again!

Financial Secretary Report for September 2021

Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
<i>Giving Accounts</i>		
100 - Regular Offering	20,448.75	187,704.44
Total Regular Offering	\$20,448.75	\$187,704.44
110 - Plate Offering	152.00	1,477.00
Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$20,600.75	\$189,181.44
120 - Special Offering - Regular	10.00	10.00
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	\$10.00	\$3,610.00
130 - Miscellaneous Income	175.00	175.00
131 - Flowers	152.06	752.06
132 - Bulletins	6.00	110.72
133 - Easter Flowers	0.00	192.00
136 - Church house	0.00	6,300.00
Total Misc. Offerings	\$333.06	\$7,529.78
Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$20,943.81	\$200,321.22
200 - Building Offering	3,309.00	33,908.50
220 - Improvement Offering	128.00	1,199.00
Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$3,437.00	\$35,107.50
138 - Use of Church Facilities	0.00	500.00
140 - Snow Removal	0.00	165.00
260 - Streaming Equipment	3,000.00	6,130.44
383 - Memo - Leonard Frey	0.00	725.00
384 - Memo - Edith Grim	0.00	175.00
385 - Memo - Theresa Schafer	0.00	1,540.00
386 - Memo - Edward Lavenburg	0.00	50.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	78.00	659.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	150.00	1,641.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	138.00	943.00
421 - Kasper Family	0.00	400.00
422 - Ladies Group	0.00	1,008.00
423 - Behavioral Health Assoc.	0.00	60.00
450 - Souper Sunday	0.00	276.00
472 - Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering	0.00	310.30
475 - God's Work. Our Hands.	337.50	962.50
500 - Christian Education	0.00	15.00
510 - Sunday School Offering	239.12	266.18
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	500.00	5,000.00
Total Giving Accounts	\$28,823.43	\$256,255.14

Treasurer's Report as of September 2021

Total General Fund Income	\$	203,735.
Total General Fund Expenses	\$	198,676.
Income over Expenses	\$	5,059.

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)
6. Vanco Give+ Mobile App. Download the App and follow the prompts.
NOTE: This app is being discontinued by Vanco. Please download their NEW APP: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement.
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.

Worship Attendance for September 2021

Week of	Celebration 8:45 am	Traditional 10:15 am	Total
Sept 5	In Person 29 Online 50	In-Person 30 Online 61	In-Person 59 Online 111
Sept 12	9:30 am Outdoor Worship (God's Work. Our Hands Sunday) In Person 74 Online 94		In-Person 74 Online 94
Week of	Traditional 8:45 am	Celebration 10:00 am	Total
Sept 19	In-Person 34 Online 112	In-Person 26 Online 119	In-Person 60 Online 231
Sept 26	In-Person 30 Online 99	In-Person 35 Online 119	In-Person 65 Online 218
Average Weekly In-Person Attendance: 65 Average Weekly Online Attendance: 164			



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.



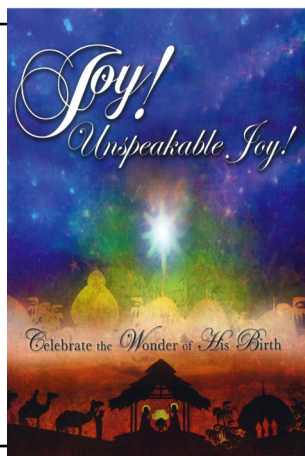
Are You in the Hospital?

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 610-837-1741 and please leave a message if no one answers.

It's Time for Mitten Trees!

Mittens, scarves and hats (male/female, children....all sizes) will be collected during the month of November. Please place all items on or around the **Mitten Trees** which will be located in the Gathering Area and Fellowship Halls (both old and new). These items will be donated to one of the local school systems. The deadline for accepting donations will be Monday, November 29.



Save the Date!
Christmas Cantata

Joy! Unspeakable Joy!

Sunday, December 19 2:00pm



Announcing.....

The Worship Committee is happy to announce that Bobby Siegfried has accepted the position of organist in addition to his duties as Alternative Worship Music Coordinator. Welcome Bobby!

November Flowers

(\$25.00 per vase)

Nov 7

Traditional - In memory of mother Eva Shafer by Doris Hall

Celebration - In celebration of the 13th anniversary of Jim & Julie Diehl by Kiersten & Katherine Diehl.

Nov 14

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

Nov 21

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

Nov 28

Traditional - Open

Celebration - In celebration of the 10th birthday of Kiersten Margaret Diehl by Jim, Julie & Katherine Diehl.

November Bulletins

(\$6.00)

Nov 7

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

Nov 14

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

Nov 21

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

Nov 28

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers (for either the Celebration or the Traditional Service) or bulletins for any open Sunday 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.



Altar Flowers 2022

As of January 1, 2022 whenever there are no “live” flower sponsors at either of the services, silk flower arrangements will be used in their place. Emmanuel’s will be purchasing four seasons of silk flower arrangements (3 of each arrangement, one for downstairs and two for upstairs) from Hayes Flower Shop in Bath. If we have no sponsor at the contemporary service, one of the silk arrangements will be displayed. If there are no sponsors at all upstairs, two silk arrangements will be used at the altar. If we have one sponsor for live flowers upstairs on any given week, Emmanuel’s will purchase the second live arrangement (which will provide matching flowers at the altar). The extra arrangement can be then delivered to a shut-in if appropriate. In recent years, we’ve had fewer flower sponsors, which in turn, means the church has been responsible for the added expense.

Finally, as of January we will move to online sign-ups for both altar flowers and bulletins using Sign-Up Genius. If there is anyone who feels uncomfortable doing it online, or has no computer access, please contact Lynne in the office and she will gladly take your information.

November 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 Nov 7 Celebration	8:45 Sue Getz Barbara Bennett 10:00 Bonnie H	8:45 Terry DeGroot 10:00 Andrea Roberts	8:45 Terry DeGroot Jane Fried 10:00 Andrea Roberts Dianna Schoenen	8:45 Nancy Marsh 10:00 Amy Hower	8:45 Karl Monroe 10:00 -----
Traditional Nov 14 Celebration	8:45 Sue Getz Barbara Bennett 10:00 Bonnie H	8:45 Gary O'Brien 10:00 Mercedes Kasper	8:45 Cindy O'Brien Gary O'Brien 10:00 Mercedes Kasper Bill Kasper	8:45 Lois Voorhees 10:00 Bonnie H.	8:45 Michele Geiger 10:00 -----
Nov 21 (Cong. Meeting) One Service	9:30 Bonnie H. Sue Getz Barbara Bennett	9:30 Wendy Whiteash	9:30 Wendy Whiteash Doreen Davidson	9:30 Deb Fisher	-----
Traditional Nov 28 Celebration	8:45 Sue Getz Barbara Bennett 10:00 Bonnie H	8:45 Jessie Hnatow 10:00 Jane Loupos	8:45 Dean Chenski Susan Chenski 10:00 Nancy Karc Jane Loupos	8:45 Jessie Hnatow 10:00 Amy Hower	8:45 Lynne Ambrose 10:00 -----



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Thank You to our Blood Donors!

Emmanuel's, along with Miller Keystone Blood Center, would like to send out a huge

THANK YOU! to all of our members who faithfully donate blood, platelets and other blood components throughout the year. When you donate you save lives and improve the health of our community.

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.



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 emmanuel.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:
Emmanuel.org



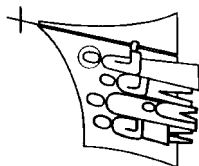
Sundays at 10:00am in Old Fellowship Hall

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

We are excited to announce our **Advent Festival on November 28** after the Celebration Service. We will be learning about Advent and preparing our hearts for Christmas. We will have a Bible Lesson, make an Advent wreath, view an Advent video, make a snack and play games. Hope to see you all there!

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!



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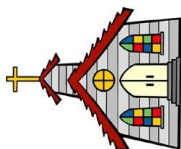
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Worship times for that day:

9:30 am Worship

in Fellowship Hall

Light refreshments after worship
followed by the meeting.

There will be no Sunday School.