

Emmanuel's Informer

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FROM THE
Pastor



Dear Emmanuel's Church,

We are quickly turning the corner to Holy Week and the Great Three Days (or Triduum, if you like Latin) of remembering Christ's death and resurrection. I thought I would take just a few moments to re-remember why we hold these days in such special ways.

On Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus' Commandment that we love one another, and pray that we may lead lives of humble service. We will hear the story of the Last Supper (complete with some **amazing** art from our young people), before the much-beloved custom of Stripping the Altar. (This is a way we recognize and re-enact Jesus' being stripped of his robe before his sham trial and execution.)

On Good Friday, we will hear the story of the crucifixion from John's gospel, and then pray for the world Christ came to save. We will have the very familiar slow darkening of the worship space, ripping of the temple curtain, and removal of the Christ candle. You can also look forward to a new-to-us way of praying for the world for which Christ died. (Don't worry - it's nothing too crazy.)

I invite you to look in the newsletter for all the details of our Easter celebrations - everything from an Easter Dawn service to an egg hunt to the long-awaited return of the Easter breakfast. We have so many ways to celebrate the Resurrection on April 9th!

May Christ accompany you with hope and unexpected mercies as we prepare to proclaim once again that our God lives!

Pastor Rachel



Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday

- 8:45am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary
 10:00am Celebration Worship in the Fellowship Hall
 10:00am Sunday School

Maundy Thursday

- 7:00pm Worship in the sanctuary with Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

- 7:00pm Service of Light and Darkness in the Fellowship Hall
 8:00pm Prayer Vigil begins

Saturday

Prayer Vigil Continues



- 6:30am Easter Dawn Worship
 7:15am - 9:30am Easter Breakfast
 8:45am Traditional Worship (in the sanctuary)
 9:45am Easter Egg Hunt (no Sunday School)
 10:00am Celebration Worship (in Fellowship Hall)



8:45am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:00am Celebration Worship in Fellowship Hall

Holy Communion is celebrated at all services.

Each service will also be live-streamed and will be available on Emmanuel's Facebook page - see [emmanuelsof.org](https://www.emmanuelsof.org) or the weekly eNews for the link.

Dial-In Call 610-477-0100 to listen to our services.. (Please call during worship times to access the most recent service)

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



**Sundays at 10:00am
 Old Fellowship Hall**

We are excited to offer 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 hope you will join us!



Easter Breakfast is Back!

It's been quite a while since we've all been able to gather for Easter Breakfast so this year seems like a good time to "resurrect" this tradition here at Emmanuel's. Come and join us for a scrumptious breakfast of eggs, pancakes, waffles, sausage, bacon and toast served with orange juice, apple juice, coffee and tea. We will **start serving at 7:15am and run continuously until 9:30m** to allow for everyone (no matter which service you attend) to join us. Everyone is invited to attend, even if you make a last-minute decision to come and enjoy the feast.. But if you know ahead of time, please sign up. Sheets will be available at both services. By signing up you'll help us gauge how many people we should prepare for. A Thrivent Action Grant will help defray food costs. A free-will offering will be taken with any proceeds directed to earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria. Any questions? Please contact the church office.



Will you not pray with me for one hour?

(Mark 14:37)

Our annual Prayer Vigil will start at 8:00pm on Good Friday (April 7) and will continue until 6:00 on Easter morning (April 9). The Vigil will be in-person this year and our goal is to have someone praying in the church during each hour. We'd like to have a minimum of one person praying during the daylight hours

and two people during the evening hours so that no one is here alone during the night. **It's not too late! Please sign up for a one-hour time slot.** Look for the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area or Fellowship Hall.



For: All Sunday School Children

When: April 9 (Easter Sunday)

Time: 9:45am

(We will gather at 9:30 on the grassy area next to the church.

We will start PROMPTLY at 9:45)

Where: Church grounds

HOPPY HUNTING!





Women's Bible Study Mondays at 7:00 pm

We're continuing our study of women in the Old Testament, this month focusing on women of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. Maybe you remember names like Michel, Bathsheba, and *Jezebel*. We meet on Monday – at 7 pm – in the Old Fellowship Hall. It's an open group – come when you're able.



NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed the following new members into our Emmanuel's family on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

Gloria Farenkopf
(renewing her membership)
43 Blue Mountain Vw.
Kunkletown PA 18058

The Rev. Rachel Ziese Hacker
2047 Whitehall Ave.
Allentown PA 18104

Natalia Wallery
(husband Kevin is already a member)
2779 Hill Dr.
Bath PA 18014

John and Bonnie Zmyewski
4177 Heritage Lane
Walnutport PA 18088

Welcome to our Emmanuel's Family!

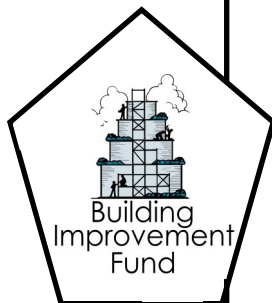


Property Committee News

Church Parlor renovations are continuing – and thanks to our volunteers who have been working diligently on this project. On Saturday, April 1, we'll be looking for a few volunteers from the congregation to

help with a 2nd coat of painting. After that, the new ceiling and floor will be added. Our goal remains to have everything done by May. And, you're still invited to take a "peek" when you have a chance. Special thanks to Justin Fallenstein for donating slate for the window sills and to Maynard Campbell for helping with all the spackling.

This is our last reminder that you can still offer a special contribution toward replenishing the Building Improvement Fund as all building projects are getting done. Regular contributions to this fund can be given at any time. We've reached about 75% of our goal thanks to the generosity of members and friends of Emmanuel's.



Emmanuel's Meals from the Heart We need your help!

We are looking for volunteers to make and deliver meals to Emmanuel's members in times of need. The more help we have, the less frequently our volunteers will need to provide meals.

Please contact Michele Geiger (610-442-7680 or mlgeiger520@gmail.com) if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

Please contact the church office or Michele Geiger if you are in need of meals.

NOTE: if you have previously volunteered for this ministry please contact Michele if you are still willing to help.



Memories of Emmanuel's Church

Each month as we move closer to our 300th anniversary celebration, look for an article from a member or friend of the congregation who recalls moments from the church's past. Our installment for April is from Patricia Mann.

I Remember When ...

Walking into church always made you feel like you belonged, no matter if you were a member or a visitor. Everyone was friendly. But, my memories are mostly about music.

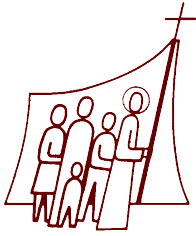
Several times I subbed as a pianist for the Adult Sunday School program. But, I considered the choir as my service to the church. Choir rehearsed every Wednesday, just like today. Geraldine Beil was the organist and choir director. Gladys Borger and I would sing duets and we also had a quartet of Bobby Lerch, Richard Beil, Gladys and me. Being on the choir also allowed us to go over to Gracedale for talent shows we put on for the residents there. We sang our duets and quartets, along with Geraldine "tickling the keys". We also loved just singing in the church. And I remember another highlight of being in the choir was when we had a choir party at the Bennett's as a way to get better acquainted.

Another fond memory is when I was a helper for Luther League - the Youth Group of ages past. We had lots of good times. The one time I especially remember was when we were allowed to bring any vinyl record (you remember those) we wanted so we could play them at our party. Of course I had one I figured would provide a fun time. It was a polka record. They all asked, "What's a polka?" So, I showed them! By the end of the evening most of them managed to learn it and had their feet going the right way. It was really a lot of fun getting them to learn it. I also remember how Pastor Meck assigned all those confirmands to take notes during his sermons. I guess that was so they wouldn't talk while he was preaching. And, at Christmas time, the Luther League and choir, along with church members, would go out caroling together.

I have many good memories of being involved with music and with the youth of the church.

Pat Mann





300th Anniversary Committee News

Make sure to “save the date” of **Sunday, June 25!** That’s the day we’ll celebrate our 300th Anniversary with a **special worship service in the Fellowship Hall - at 9:30 am** - and our Synod Bishop, Christopher deForest, and other special guests will be present. There will also be a banquet and additional festivities at 12 Noon at the Northampton Community and Banquet Center on Laubach Avenue in Northampton.

Here are the details about tickets for the banquet:

Cost of tickets :	Adults (13 yrs. and above)	-	\$35
	Children (4-12 yrs.)	-	\$20
	Young ‘uns (under 4 yrs.)	-	free

(The cost of tickets is equal to the church’s cost for the banquet expenses.)

Tickets will be on sale after both worship services beginning Sunday, April 2, or they can be purchased in the church office (call 610-837-1741) or on-line.

We’ll also have a special program booklet (cost - \$7) and an interesting update to the church’s history researched and written by member Keith Bird (cost \$12) . These booklets, which will go on sale in May, can be purchased at the “ticket table” or in the church office. Special commemorative items will also become available soon.

And, please add **Saturday, October 7**, to your calendar – for there will be a special outdoor Fall Festival with good food (after all, we’re Lutherans) and fun activities and an open house event. We’re looking for people to help with planning. Expect more information in next month’s *Informer*.

We hope you all noticed the bulletin board displays with interesting historical information and old newspaper articles – provided by church historian Ray Walker. We’re all getting excited about commemorating 300 years of being church in the Emmanuel’s (and Petersville) community. God has richly blessed us during those many years! So, we’ll continue to keep you informed about all that’s happening throughout our anniversary year – **2023**.



RESCHEDULED!



SPECIAL FAREWELL PERFORMANCE



The 2nd in a Series of 2023 Special Concert Events
as part of our 300th Anniversary Celebration

New & Improved
SWIM Concert!
Sunday, April 23, 2023
at 2:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Emmanuel's Lutheran Church
3175 Valley View Drive, Bath 18014

(Free will offering will benefit Ukrainian Refugee Fund of the Ukrainian Orthodox)

Please note NEW dates!

EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
300th Anniversary Celebration
2023 SPECIAL CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, January 22 – 2:00 pm – Church Sanctuary

Organ Concert: *Performances by* – Mark Suter – affiliated w/Rosemont ELC
Sharon Schrantz – Director, Bath Area Comm. Choir
Bobby Siegfried – Music Director, Emmanuel's ELC

***Sunday, April 23 (please note date change)**

– 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

SWIM Concert: *Performance by* – The original SWIM ensemble and friends

Sunday, June 4 – 4:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

Bath Area Community Choir Flag Day Concert

Friday, September 15 – 7:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

“Open Mike” Event *with performances by local contemporary musicians*

***Sunday, October 29 (new date!) – 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall**

Handbell Festival: *Performances by* – handbell choirs from local churches and
Emmanuel's Church

Sunday, December 17, 2023 – 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

Cantata w/Brass Ensemble and Carol Sing

Performances by – Members and friends of Emmanuel's Church

Admission to all concerts is free. A free will offering will be taken and proceeds will go toward helping the refugees and people of the Ukraine – in partnership Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC)



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.

Everyone is Welcome!

Contact Gloria Wallery at gjwallery@gmail.com if you would like to join.

Yoga Classes... Yoga classes are continuing in the Fellowship Hall on Monday evenings at 5:30pm. Cost is \$5 per class (pay as you go). Please bring a yoga mat or towel and wear comfortable clothes. All are 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. April dates are 4/11 and 4/25. Contact Susan Walker for more info. **All are welcome!**



Bath Area Food Bank

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

Canned Soups and Paper Products

There is an ongoing need for **Ramen Noodles** and they have a special request for **Canned Fruit** and **boxed Mac & Cheese**. 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.

Grocery gift cards (preferably Ahart's) are needed for emergencies. Please bring all gift cards in an envelope marked "Food Bank" 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.



Summer Camp 2023 Registration is Open!

Emmanuel's provides a \$200 sponsorship for each child attending Bear Creek Camp. Use code **EMLB23** to claim this benefit. Also remember to use code **BCA2023!** To receive your \$20 Bear Creek Ambassador registration discount.

Please contact the church office if you will be attending camp this summer.

For more information or to register online go to:
BEARCREEKCAMP.ORG

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.

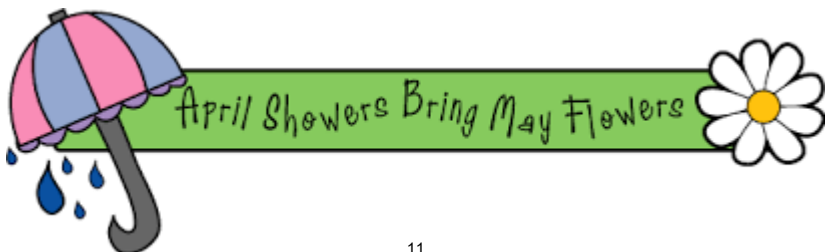
But....Bear Creek Camp is not just for kids.....

Bear Creek Camp is a valuable and special place for children and adults to live out the Gospel in a Christian Community in God's beautiful creation. Bear Creek offers more than sleepaway camp for children and youth. There are many ways to get involved and volunteer. Please sign up and/or call text Andrea Roberts 484-908-5609 if you are interested in:



- Helping to set up for BCC Gala late morning to early afternoon April 29
- Donating to buy items for basket to be auctioned off at Gala April 29
- Donating items like artwork etc... to be auctioned off at Gala April 29
- Going to Bear Creek Work and Play Day May 6 (RSVP by April 29)
- Going to Women's Retreat (9/29 - 10/1). Register on camp website.

Some of Emmanuel's members are going to Family Camp July 2-7. You can register on the BCC website. Bearcreekcamp.org. Ask Heather Bennet-Knerr or Andrea Roberts for more information. I hope you choose to get involved in one or more of these worthwhile events.



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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2 Palm Sunday 8:45am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 10:00am Celebration Worship - FH 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Bell Choir 7:00pm BACC Rehearsal - FH		3 5:30pm Yoga Class		4 6:30pm Worship Comm Mtg - Zoom 7:00pm Prayer Partners		5 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal		6 Maundy Thursday 10:30am Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 7:00pm Evening Worship in the sanctuary with stripping of the altar	7 Good Friday 7:00pm Service of Light and Darkness - FH 8:00pm Prayer Vigil Begins		8 Prayer Vigil continues.....		
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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.



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 at 610-837-1741 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.

Emmanuel's Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Thursday, 09 February 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees		
Bob Bennett, Financial Secretary*	Bonnie Himmelwright*	Karl Monroe, V. President
Terry DeGroot	Paul Honett	Andrea Roberts
Justin Fallenstein, President	Mercedes Kasper*	Bob Siegfried, Treasurer
Jane Fried	Rachel Lebron	Al Wolf
Alyssa Geiger, Secretary	Kathy Milander	Pr. Rachel Ziese Hacker
<i>Win Miller</i>		
<i>*Not in attendance</i>		

Topic	Responsible Party
Meeting Opened	Justin Fallenstein
Devotions & Opening Prayer	Alyssa Geiger
Review of January 2023 Minutes Motion to accept is made by Karl Monroe, seconded by Kathy Milander, motion passes.	Justin Fallenstein
Financial Secretary Report Report reviewed. Regular/plate offering for Jan '23 was \$22,539.72. Building improvement fund at \$1,403.25 for Jan. Total overall giving for Jan was \$31,392.06.	Jan Fried
Treasurer's Report January showed income over expenses by \$1,720. Building Fund contributions continue to reduce our mortgage balance which now stands at \$168,907. Current Improvement Fund balance at \$40,942, compared to \$13,452 last year.	Bob Siegfried
Pastor's Report Pastor Rachel completed cyberbullying and social media training. Upcoming wedding 06May2023. Bishop is recovering well enough to take a few meetings. Lenten planning is underway. Synod assembly coming up at Kalahari 01-03Jun2023; will need representatives.	Pr. Rachel Ziese Hacker
Worship and Music Offering basket collections resuming first Sunday in March. After intinction resumes in April, pouring will resume on the first Sunday of the month at the traditional service. No soup before Lenten services this year. Prayer Vigil will be held after Good Friday service until Easter dawn service. Easter breakfast will be held this year.	Jane Fried

Property Proposal from property committee to reseat whole parking lot and draw lines with a bid of \$13,250. Motion made to move forward by Al Wolf, seconded by Terry DeGroot, motion passes. Request for a budget for repair and refurbishing of church parlor. Determined that it was not necessary to outline a specific budget, as the Property Committee will be using Building Improvement Funds. During the interim between the January and February meetings, in order to proceed with work swiftly, the council approved K&K Electrical to inspect and correct as needed the existing wiring in the downstairs parlor at \$1,250 (25 hours at \$50/hr estimate).	Justin Fallenstein
Outreach Group Souper Bowl of Caring held 12Feb2023. Next meeting is the first Sunday in March.	Andrea Roberts
HR Committee Gloria Wallery has given her notice as sexton. Planning for a position of sexton at 15 hours per week and salary of \$12,000.	Justin Fallenstein
300th Anniversary Committee Request from Win Miller on behalf of the 300th Anniversary Committee to bestow Pastor Emeritus and Emerita on Pastors Mitchell. This will be done at the 300th Anniversary Dinner in June. Motion made by Terry DeGroot, seconded by Rachel Marsh, motion passes.	Karl Monroe Win Miller
New Business During the interim between the January and February meetings, due to the urgency, the council approved the purchase of a new printer/copier for the church office at \$4100. Unit installed today, 09Feb2023. Thank you note to be sent to the estate of Chris Abel. Planning for future congregational meetings with voting via zoom. Alyssa to write up plan to discuss at next council meeting. Quote for a new sign is \$27k. Used sign would be \$20k. Discussion tabled.	Bob Siegfried Paul Honett Alyssa Geiger Justin Fallenstein
Close Meeting Motion made by Rachel Lebron, seconded by Al Wolf, motion passes.	Justin Fallenstein
Closing Prayer	All

Next Meeting 09Mar2023



Vanco (Simply Giving)

It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services.

Many of you already support the congregation with your time, talents and financial contributions ... but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program (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.

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Financial Secretary Report for January 2023

Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
Giving Accounts		
100 - Regular Offering	18,518.03	41,070.30
Total Regular Offering	\$18,518.03	\$41,070.30
110 - Plate Offering	368.00	790.00
Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$18,886.03	\$41,860.30
121 - Christmas Offering	0.00	70.00
124 - Initial Offering	60.00	400.00
125 - Lent Offering	414.00	444.00
Total Special	\$474.00	\$914.00
131 - Flowers	100.25	150.25
132 - Bulletins	102.00	102.00
133 - Easter Flowers	245.00	245.00
136 - Church house	975.00	1,950.00
Total Misc. Offerings	\$1,422.25	\$2,447.25
Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$20,782.28	\$45,221.55
200 - Building Offering	2,981.78	6,297.78
220 - Improvement Offering	715.00	2,118.25
Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$3,696.78	\$8,416.03
138 - Use of Church Facilities	0.00	150.00
140 - Snow Removal	25.00	50.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	105.00	315.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	50.00	120.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	150.00	465.00
446 - Ukrainian Refugee Project	0.00	216.00
450 - Souper Sunday	990.23	990.23
460 - ELCA Good Gifts	0.00	1,225.00
470 - LWR - Lutheran World Relief	0.00	25.00
500 - Christian Education	0.00	15.00
510 - Sunday School Offering	33.00	105.00
540 - Youth Conference	0.00	445.09
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	500.00	500.00
Total Giving Accounts	\$26,332.29	\$58,258.90

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Treasurer's Report as of February 2023

Total General Fund Income \$ 46,461

Total General Fund Expenses \$ 46491

Expenses over Income \$ 30

Options for Giving

Thank you for your faithful giving. Our members continue to support our church and other ministries, both monetarily and with other donations. There are many options for 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.
4. Use **Text+Give** (text the \$ amount to 610-463-0435)
5. **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App.** Download the App and follow the prompts.
6. **Donate directly from our website** (www.emmanuel.org). Click on the DONATE page and follow the prompts.

If you have any issues or problems with any of these giving choices please contact the church office.

Thank you for your generosity!



Emmanuel's Prayer Partners have been indoors during the winter months. Prayer Partners can go on Facebook to Prayer Partners where there are prayers, prayer requests, inspirational thoughts and sharing with others.



On Tuesday evenings we are meeting at the home of Deb Fisher at 7-8:30pm. We start with prayers, a reading of scripture and a hymn or two. We discuss the scripture reading and share light refreshments. There is room for 10 people to fit comfortably in the apartment. Just give Deb a call in advance if you plan to attend (610-217-4195). Since I (Deb) have been homebound this is a great way to be connected to my church family. Feel free to call for a prayer request or for someone to pray with you. The Prayer Pavilion will be back in action soon. Stay tuned!

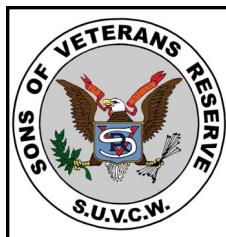
Future Planning.....

Pentecost (and the Rite of Confirmation) falls on Memorial Day Weekend in 2023. Sunday of that weekend at Emmanuel's is also historically the Service of Remembrance given by the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War. In order to allow us to celebrate both occasions some schedule changes are necessary. Please make note of the following and mark your calendars!

Sunday, May 28, 2023

9:00am ONE service in Fellowship Hall where we will celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism with our confirmands.

10:20am Service of Remembrance in the cemetery with the Sons of Veterans Reserves of the Civil War and Tri-Community Marching Band.



APRIL



Sexton Position Available...Emmanuel's sexton (janitorial) position will be available on April 17, 2023. This is a paid position, approximately 10-15 hours per week. Responsibilities include cleaning the church before and after services and activities, including educational, youth and fellowship events and funerals. Interested persons can pick up an application and updated job description in the church office.

Congratulations to Gloria, who is retiring, and a huge THANK YOU to her for keeping our buildings clean and organized.

Thank You Notes Received....



✉ Dear Pastor Rachel and Emmanuel's Family,

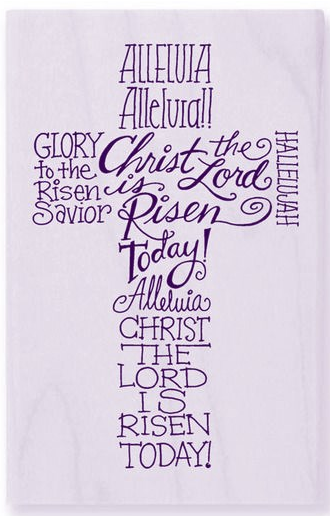
Thank you all for your prayers and support during this difficult time. We appreciated your cards, messages and sympathies upon the death of our mom (and Nani) Louise Diaz. Pastor Rachel, thank you for all your support and the beautiful memorial service. Bobby, thank you for being there for us. For all those who readied/cleaned the FH, helped in the kitchen or provided desserts for the luncheon, we thank you. Lynne, I so much appreciated you guiding me through the details as we planned the service. To our Eucharistic ministers who took Mom communion at Gracedale, please know she appreciated every visit (as did her roomie!). It's not easy to lose a mom/Nani but your love and support was a great comfort to us all.

In His Love,
*Michele, Kurt, Alyssa,
Adam & Carolyn Geiger*



Pavilion Planting Party

On Sunday, May 14 at 10:00am our Sunday School students will be planting flowers outside by the pavilion. Please dress appropriately (now is not the time for your "Sunday best") and bring gardening gloves if you have them.



Your Blood. Their Hope.
MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

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.

Welcome to our new Blood Drive Coordinator! Michele Geiger has graciously volunteered to work with Miller-Keystone to restart our twice-a-year blood drives. **We have tentatively scheduled a blood drive for October** so watch for more information to come. We will need at least 25 donors signed up to finalize the event.

Worship Attendance for February 2023

Sunday School	Week of	Traditional 8:45 am		Celebration 10:00 am		Total
27	Feb 5	In-Person	55	In-Person	75	In-Person 130
		Online	32	Online	38	Online 70
20	Feb 12	In-Person	61	In-Person	75	In-Person 136
		Online	25	Online	27	Online 52
15	Feb 19	In-Person	46	In-Person	63	In-Person 109
		Online	24	Online	26	Online 50
	Ash Wed Feb 22	10:00am Spoken		6:30pm (Sanctuary)		7:30pm (FH)
		21		In-Person 58		In-Person 21
20	Feb 26	Online		26		Online 23
		In-Person	50	In-Person	62	In-Person 112
		Online	24	Online	32	Online 56
Average Weekly In-Person Attendance: 122						
Average Weekly Online Attendance: 57						



David J. Stover, 79, passed to his eternal rest on Monday, January 23, 2023. A funeral service was held at Northampton Event & Banquet Center on Friday, January 27, 2023. Pastor Rachel Ziese Hacker officiated at the service. His final resting place is Bethlehem Memorial Park.

David F. Schramel, 64, passed to his eternal rest on Thursday, February 16, 2023. A memorial service was held at Emmanuel's on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Pastors Rachel Ziese Hacker and Chris Druckenmiller officiated at the service. His final resting place is Valley View Cemetery,

Louise M. Diaz, 88, passed to her eternal rest on Monday, March 6, 2023. A funeral service was held at Emmanuel's on Monday, March 13, 2023. Pastor Rachel Ziese Hacker officiated at the service.

Kathleen M. Wagner, 73, passed to her eternal rest on Monday, March 13, 2023. Her final resting place is Mountain View Cemetery.

April Flowers

(\$25.00 per vase)

April 2

Traditional - In memory of Ralph Eckhart by Janet Eckhart.

Celebration - In honor of the birthday of Heather Bennett-Knerr by Bob and Barbara Bennett

April 9 Easter

Traditional - Easter Plants

Celebration - Easter Plants

April 16

Traditional - Open.

Celebration - In celebration of the Installation of Pastor Rachel by the people of Emmanuel's

April 23

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

April 30

Traditional - In honor of the birthday of Alyce Daubenspeck by Pat and Ron Daubenspeck

Celebration - Open

April Bulletins

(\$6.00)

April 2

Traditional - In memory of Ralph Eckhart by Janet Eckhart

Celebration - In celebration of Palm Sunday by Alyssa Geiger

April 9 Easter

Traditional - Open

Celebration - In celebration of Easter by Alyssa Geiger

April 16

Traditional - Open

Celebration - In honor of my brother, Adam by Alyssa Geiger

April 23

Traditional - Open

Celebration - In honor of my sister-in-law, Carolyn by Alyssa Geiger

April 30

Traditional - Open

Celebration - In honor of my cats, Raspberry and Watermelon, by Alyssa Geiger

Sponsoring Altar Flowers / Bulletins

Emmanuel's has moved to online sign-ups for sponsoring Altar Flowers and bulletins for our weekly services utilizing Sign Up Genius. There are two separate sign-ups - one for the 8:45am Traditional Service and one for the 10:00am Celebration Service. The online addresses are long and cumbersome so the best way to access Sign Up Genius is by using the links that are listed in the weekly eNews or on our website (www.emmanuel.org). If you don't have computer access or are uncomfortable using Sign Up Genius, please do not hesitate to call Lynne in the church office (610-837-1741) with your requests. She will be more than happy to take your information and enter it into the online system.



Deadline for the May Informer articles is:
Friday, April 14, 2023.

April 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.

	Palm Sunday April 2	Easter April 9	One Service at 9:30am April 16	April 23	April 30
Altar Care	8:45 Sue Getz Sandy Turtzo Barbara Bennett 10:00 Bonnie H Sue Gerken	8:45 Sue Getz Sandy Turtzo Barbara Bennett 10:00 Bonnie H Kathy Siegfried	9:30 Sue Getz Sandy Turtzo Barbara Bennett	8:45 Sue Getz Sandy Turtzo Barbara Bennett 10:00 Bonnie H Cheryl Haas	8:45 Sue Getz Sandy Turtzo Barbara Bennett 10:00 Bonnie H Melissa Dempsey
Reader	8:45 Jessie Hnatow 10:00 Bonnie H.	8:45 Sandy Turtzo 10:00 Amy Hower	9:30 Nancy Marsh	8:45 Lois Voorhees 10:00 Wendy Whiteash	8:45 Win Miller 10:00 Kristin Butz
Ushers	8:45 Terry DeGroot Jessie Hnatow	8:45 Lynne Ambrose Cindy O'Brien Gary O'Brien David Getz	9:30 Linda Steiner Barbara Bennett	8:45 Dean Chenski Sandy Turtzo	8:45 Chris Baylor Brian Baylor
Greeter	10:00 Al Wolf	10:00 Carey Ebersole		10:00 Nancy Karc	10:00 Dan Ebersole
Comm. Asst	8:45 Bob Bennett 10:00 Jan Bourdelle Kristin Butz Sue Gerken	8:45 Sue Getz Sandy Turtzo Win Miller 10:00 Dianna Schoenen Cheryl Haas Kathy Siegfried	9:30 Nancy Marsh	8:45 Terry DeGroot 10:00 Bob Siegfried Rachel Lebron Cheryl Haas	8:45 Barbara Bennett 10:00 Scott Dempsey Melissa Dempsey Kristin Butz
Media	8:45 Karl Monroe	8:45 Sue Monroe	9:30 Lynne Ambrose	8:45 Brian Baylor	8:45 Jessie Hnatow





All Are Invited

Service of Installation

for

The Rev. Rachel Ziese Hacker

Sunday, April 16, 2023

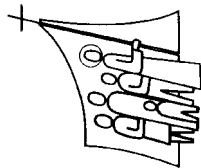
3:00pm

Fellowship Hall

The Rev. Samantha Drennan, presiding

Reception with light refreshments to follow the service





Emmanuel....
God With Us
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The People of Emmanuel's Church

The Rev. Rachel Ziese Hacker, Pastor

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Easter Sunday
6:30am Easter Dawn Worship
7:15 - 9:30am Easter Breakfast
8:45am Traditional Worship
(in the sanctuary)
9:45am Easter Egg Hunt
10:00am Celebration Worship
(in Fellowship hall)