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

Today’s theme: Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

Traditional Worship

Sanctuary 8:45 am

Altar Flowers – Presented to the Glory of God.**Bulletins** – Presented to the Glory of God.**Helping Today***Altar Care:* Denise Druckenmiller & Sandy Turtzo*Ushers:* Cindy & Gary O’Brien*Communion Asst:* Win Miller*Reader:* Win Miller*Media:* Lynne Ambrose**Celebration Worship**

Fellowship Hall 10:00 am

Altar Flowers – Presented to the Glory of God.**Bulletins** – Presented to the Glory of God.**Helping Today***Altar Care:* Bonnie Himmelwright*Greeter:* Kristin Butz*Communion Asst:* Dawn Cavanaugh, Kristin Butz, & Heather Bennett-Knerr*Prayer Reader:* Bonnie Himmelwright

Please pray for:	Sandy Long	Louise Miltenberger	Doris Engle	Sally Leabold	Sue Theoret
David Beil	Sheldon Mann	Sue Witmer	Rochelle Rinker	Thelma Silivius	Deb Fisher
June Myster	Delores Allogio	Larry Snyder	Grant & Joanne Wambold	Phyllis Palamaro	Bobby Miller
Bette & Ray Walker	Vernon Mann	Spencer Wisner	Susan Walker	Joe Siekonic	Carol Farole
Dave Farber	Sue Lavenburg	Harriett Meckes	Dale Muffley	Al Miller	Charlie Walker
Robert Butz	Scott Nicholas	Carla Evans	Courtney Crout	Bill Kasper	

Natalie’s Farewell Concert... Please join us **TONIGHT at 5:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall for Natalie’s Farewell Concert. She will be performing some of her favorite music including holiday songs, Lord of the Rings, songs by Mister Rogers, and much more. You won’t want to miss it!

Opportunities for Holiday Giving:

- We are adopting a family (three boys and a girl) from Moore Elementary this Christmas season to help make their season merry and bright. Ornaments can be found on the ‘Mitten’ trees with their specific needs. There are two ornaments per string- one for you to take home with the item and directions on it and one to leave with us in the basket by the tree, so we know what you’ve signed up for. We need these items by Sunday, 12/15. Please contact Michele Geiger if there are any questions or concerns at 610-442-7680.
- We were fortunate to apply for and be granted two Thrivent action grants to help replenish food supplies at Moore Elementary for their ‘Backpack Program.’ This program enrolls needy students/families and sends food home with them on long weekends and breaks. They currently are very low on food items with not much to send home with the enrolled students. We’d like to help replenish their stock. In addition to us grocery shopping for the items on their list, we’d like your help, too. Would you help by bringing **canned tuna/chicken, canned soup, juice boxes, peanut or other nut butters and microwave popcorn**? We need these items by Sunday, 12/15. Please place the items in the bin labeled Moore Elementary. Any questions, reach out to Michele Geiger. Let’s do this!!

Thank you all for your kind donations of hats, gloves, and scarves. We learned that Moore Elementary had a critical need this year for those items which they make available during parent teacher conferences, which were this past week. We opted to share our bounty with them this year. Thank you!

Bath Area Food Bank – December. We are collecting **Canned Fruits, Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes, & Stove top Stuffing.** The food bank has a special request for canned corn, canned string beans, chicken noodle soup, and peanut butter. There is always a need for Ramen noodles. Monetary donations are always gladly accepted.

Family Game Night.... Our next evening full of fun and games is scheduled for **Saturday, December 7 at 6:00pm.** Bring yourself, your favorite game, and a snack to share. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Cookie Baking...Saturday, December 7 at 9:00am. Please join us for fun and friendship as we bake cookies in our new kitchen. Make your dough at home ahead of time and bring it to church for baking. (You can bring more than one kind of dough.) Sign up sheets are available in the Gathering Area and Fellowship Hall. Please bring a copy of your recipe to share with others. Any question or concerns contact Nancy Marsh at (610) 751-2237.

Christmas Caroling...Sunday, December 8, 11:30am (join us for lunch after the 10:00am service). Please sign up if you plan on attending. Contact Nancy Marsh for more information. Join us as we bring Christmas cheer to our homebound members.

Our yearly **Decorating Party** will be held on Wednesday, December 11. We will meet at 10:00am to decorate the trees and our worship spaces for the Christmas Holiday. Donuts and coffee will be provided. Please come and help! The more the merrier!



Due to a staff member relocation, we are in need of a new **CHOIR DIRECTOR!** This is a part-time role requiring about 6 hours per week. The Choir Director leads our church choirs, including handbell/chime choirs, as well as provides piano music for worship services and other church functions. For more information, or to apply, please email the HR committee chair at wendywhiteash@yahoo.com, or call the Church office.

Altar Flowers / Bulletin Sponsors...The on-line sign-ups for sponsoring weekly flowers and bulletins for 2024 are now "live" on 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 Janelle at 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.

This Week at Emmanuel's

Sunday 12/01/24:

1 Advent
Holy Communion is offered at all services
8:45am Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
10:00am Celebration Worship-FH
10:00am Sunday School
12:00pm Memorial for Vince Bauer
5:00pm Natalie's Farewell Concert

Monday 12/02/24:

5:30pm Yoga
7:00pm Bible Study-Parlor
7:00pm Women's Bible Study- Old FH

Tuesday 12/03/24:

6:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday 12/04/24:

5:00pm Girl Scouts
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday 12/05/24:

10:30am Ladies Bible Study-Zoom

Saturday 12/07/24:

9:00am Cookie Baking
10:00am Cantata Rehearsal
6:00pm Game Night

Sunday 12/08/24:

2 Advent
Holy Communion is offered at all services
8:45am Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
10:00am Celebration Worship-FH
10:00am Sunday School
11:30am Caroling