



# Emmanuel



## Emmanuel United Methodist Church

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### January 2023

#### Happening at Emmanuel in January 2023

**Sunday January 1 - 10 am** Worship and Sunday School

**Sunday January 8 - 10 am** Worship and Sunday School

**Little Christmas Gift Exchange and Pot Luck following worship**

**Wednesday January 11 - 6:30 pm** Trustee meeting

**Sunday January 15 - 10 am** Worship and Sunday School

**Tuesday January 17 - 6:30 pm** Administrative Board Meeting

**Sunday January 22 - 10 am** Worship and Sunday School

**Sunday January 29 - 10 am** Worship and Sunday School

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## Woman's Bible Study Continues

*A Woman's Bible Study will Continue be held on Wednesdays during the month of January at 11:00 AM. The study will be based on The Jan./Feb. Upper Room & the discussions in the back of the book.*

*Although we are calling this a woman's study, men are certainly welcome to join us. Any questions see or call Kathy Stetka.*

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# Camp Innabah – Crafty Connections Retreat

Crafty Connections Retreat will be held **February 10 -12, 2023** at Camp Innabah. Make this the weekend you rejuvenate your spirit while crafting and doing easy art projects while connecting with others. See Ruth Fluharty for more information.

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## Pastor's Corner

### Friendship

John 15:12-17

By Pastor Mark A. Dricker D.Min.

*If you want to know something about me without asking any questions, study my friends. The people with whom I choose to spend my free time, with whom I eat and laugh and cry -- those people are the mirrors of my soul. It's true: you really can tell a lot about a person by the company he keeps.*

*Now, if you choose friends the way I choose friends, there is no pattern or logic to it. I have friends who are wealthy, and friends who are desperately short on cash. I have friends who do not vote for the political candidates I prefer, and friends who can finish my sentences if I pause to take a breath.*

Friendships are made, not born

*Friendship is a funny thing. We are all born into a family, but we grow into friendships. Members of your family may be your best friends. But if they are, I suspect it's more a matter of spirit than of blood.*

*Sometimes we lose touch with friends. We move away. We change jobs. Our lives take unexpected turns. Yet there is one friendship*

*upon which every one of us may depend. It is a friendship which is available to all who will call upon the name of the Ultimate Friend.*

The Ultimate Friend

*That friendship is with Jesus, and the formula for that relationship is described in the warm words of John 15:12-17. It's a friendship based on the greatest love of all. If you haven't experienced it -- and trust me on this, my friend -- you don't know what you're missing.*

*.... Pastor Mark*

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**More Scriptures on friendship**

Proverbs 17:9 -He who covers over an offense promotes love.

Proverbs 18:24 - A friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 27:17 - As iron sharpens iron...

Jeremiah 33:2-3 -Call and He will answer.

Ecclesiastes 4:10 -If one falls down, his friend can help him up.

**Reminder – *Pastor Mark will be available for conference or discussion in his church office and the sanctuary will be open every Friday from 10 AM to Noon!***

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## **Seeking old calendars with photo landscapes**

If anyone has old calendars with photo landscapes or animal pictures you can donate them to Ruth Fluharty. She will use them for her art class at the Fleetwood Library. See the church bulletin for more details.

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## **Be careful what you post**

The FBI and the other intelligence agencies are exploiting a legal loophole to spy on Americans. The Supreme Court has held that citizens have no right to privacy for things they say in public, which includes stuff we post on social media platforms. So federal agents are allowed to capture, collate, dissect, and review anything people publicly post.

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**LAST CALL - Still looking for your recepies!**

I really would like to **add a new “EMMANUEL’S KITCHEN” Recipe section to this newsletter**. Please send in any favorite recipes that you are willing to share. **Desserts, Main Dishes, Special Vegetables, Salads – ALL are welcome!** Email them to [dtracy@ptd.net](mailto:dtracy@ptd.net) and use a subject line of “Recipe to Share” and I will publish them in the newsletter, sharing them with our church friends.

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### **January Birthdays**

January 13 – Karen Werley

January 28 – Bob Fluharty

### **January Anniversaries**

January 21 – Bob & Ruth Fluharty

January 30 – Raymond and Pat Everhart

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### **Prayer Concerns for January**

Cheryl Barr, Barbara Frey, Darlene Gorski, Judy Hamilton, Donna Knarr, Nancy O’Rourke, Karen Packard, Carole and Glen Sanders, Pat Tracy

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### **Humor for January**

The training process was tedious, but now he knows he is not allowed on the couch.







GOOD DENTAL HYGIENE IS IMPORTANT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY ... BUT FLOSSING YOUR CAT WAS PROBABLY A BAD IDEA.





**Good bakers use real  
butter so there is no  
margarine for error**



**I was wondering  
why music  
was coming  
from my printer.  
Apparently the  
paper was  
jamming.**

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**Reminder - Newsletter Deadline**— If you have articles **or humor items** for the February 2023 Newsletter be sure to email them to your newsletter editor, Dick Tracy, at [dtracy@ptd.net](mailto:dtracy@ptd.net) or call or text him anytime at 610-207-2016 **not later than Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup>**. **(Remember, if you don't send humor items, they you're stuck with my choices!)**

**I am always looking for articles/photos stories or jokes/cartoons so **PLEASE** email Dick [dtracy@ptd.net](mailto:dtracy@ptd.net) with anything you feel appropriate to share!**

**That's All Folks!**