



Emmanuel



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

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2019!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happening in January 2019

Sunday **January 6** - **Worship** 10 am

Wednesday **January 9th** - 7 pm Trustee Meeting

Sunday **January 13** - **Worship** 10 am followed by **Little Christmas Gift Swap**

Monday **January 15** – 7 pm Administrative Board Meeting

Sunday **January 20th** - **Worship** 10 am

Sunday **December 27** - **Worship** 10 am / **Noisy Can Offering**

Pastor's Corner

When The Lord Established His Church

When did Christ establish His church? Its beginning was prophesied 700 years before in Isaiah 2:2, "It shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains." We are now living in the last days or the last dispensation. Hebrews 1:2 says that God, "Has in these last days spoken to us by His Son."

Jesus sent His disciples to tell of His coming kingdom, the church. In Matthew 10:7 Jesus says, "And as you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand." It was at hand and soon to come into being. Jesus says in Mark 9:1, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste of death till they see the kingdom come with power." The Lord's spiritual kingdom, the church, was to come with power. Jesus told His apostles in Luke 24:49 to "tarry in the City of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." Also notice what was to come with this power in Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you." The Lord's kingdom, the church, was to come with power and this power was to come when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. We see concerning the 12 apostles in Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Then Acts 2:47 says, "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." The Lord's church was then a reality.

Only the Lord's church was established on the Day of Pentecost of Acts chapter 2. I would not want to be a member of a church the Lord did not establish. He only established His one church. Psalms 127:1 says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it."

Pastor Mark

Little Christmas Gift Swap

Sunday January 13 after worship

Fun & Fellowship Sponsored by our Youth Group - Plan to attend and enjoy it. Bring a wrapped gift valued at approximately \$5-10.00 for each person who would like to participate in the swap. You do not need to bring a gift to enjoy our post Christmas Pot Luck Fellowship

Camp Innabah Summer Camp Info is Here!

Registration for the summer camping season at Innabah starts January 1, 2019. They offer camping options for *ages 5yrs. - adults*. **They have family camping, grandparents camp, sports, music, drama, dance, fishing, science camps and so much more.** You can go online at <https://www.innabah.org/> or call #610-469-6111 for additional information. A brochure is posted on the church bulletin board or speak to our camp representative Ruth Fluharty.

Also **a woman's retreat is also planned** for the weekend of **March 15-17, 2019**, to be held at Camp Innabah in Spring City, PA in Chester County. Please see the bulletin board for details.

Has Anybody seen the owl?

At the beginning of Advent a funny looking plastic owl started a journey visiting various members of our church. It was to be a silly project to bring smiles and Christmas greetings. Does anyone know where it is now? It needs to come back to church soon. It was due to return on December 23rd. If it visited you then please try to help find it. Thanks.

Some recent church photos



Werley Family Reading for Advent Candle



McCullough Family Reading for Advent Candle



Our wonderful Choir.



Our beautiful sanctuary on Christmas Eve.

January Birthdays

January 18 – Tammy Krueger

January 28 – Bob Fluharty

January Anniversaries

January 21 – Bob & Ruth Fluharty

January 30 – Raymond & Pat Everhart

Prayer Concerns for January

Please remember the following members in prayer

Betty Homan, Jeff Knapp, Tammy Krueger, Catherine Lenhart, Dan & Sue Miller, Nancy O'Rourke, Eleanor Wolf

SMILES FOR JANUARY

Hymn #365

(This is a hoot, but I suspect the minister didn't appreciate it.)

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had All the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

Sermon complete, he sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced
With a smile, nearly laughing, "For our closing song,
Let us sing Hymn #365, "Shall We Gather at the River."

A Christmas vacation to Grandma and Grandpa Place

A couple decided to take their two sons to the Grandparents for Christmas.

As usual they were really enjoying their time together.

The night before Christmas both boys got down on their knees and Prayed,
as they did every night.

One son was praying: "Dear Lord I have been a good boy this year.

I pray that I could get a new Bicycle and some new clothes for Church."

The other brother said why are you praying so loudly because God is not
Deaf.

The brother that had prayed that prayer said "Yes I know God is not Deaf.

But our grandparents are."

THE WORLD IS MINE - Author Unknown

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman
and wished I were as beautiful.

When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle.

She had one leg and used a crutch.
But as she passed, she passed a smile.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy.
The lad who sold it had such charm.
I talked with him, he seemed so glad.

If I were late, it'd do no harm.

And as I left, he said to me,
"I thank you, you've been so kind.
It's nice to talk with folks like you.

You see," he said, "I'm blind."

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street,
I saw a child that I knew.
He stood and watched the others play,
but he did not know what to do.
I stopped a moment and then I said,
"Why don't you join them dear?"
He looked ahead without a word.
I forgot, he couldn't hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go..
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.
With ears to hear what I should know.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.



For online readers here is a link to a rather neat You Tube video...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzYwVqr_q1s

(You can click to skip the ad in a few seconds)

Reminder: The last Sunday of every month is Noisy Collection Day. Save your pocket change to make a joyful noise (in our cans.) The money goes into the Trustee's fund to offset minor repairs or purchases needed for the building. Thanks to all who contribute!

Reminder - Newsletter Deadline— If you have **articles or humor items for February's** Newsletter be sure to email them to Dick Tracy at dtracy@ptd.net or call him at 610-207-2016 **not later than Wednesday January 30th** . **I am always looking for articles/photos stories or jokes to share so please email me with anything you feel appropriate to share!**