



Emmanuel



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Sunday Worship 10 AM; Sunday School 10 AM

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October 2017

This month's Schedule at Emmanuel

All Month of October
Wednesday, October 11
Tuesday, October 17
Sunday, October 29

Harvest Home – New this year [be sure to read article on it below](#)
Trustee Meeting 7 PM
Administrative Board meeting 7 PM
Honoring Donna Knarr for being our Organist for 60 years!
Noisy Can Coin Collection to benefit our building fund

Celebrating Donna's 60th Anniversary as our Organist and Choir Director

Join us on October 29th

During worship on October 29 we will honor Donna Knarr, our organist and choir director, for 60 years of service to Emmanuel Church. There will be special music and tributes to Donna during the service, with a cake and punch reception in the fellowship hall to follow. Please plan to attend and join in the celebration of her long musical career with us. This is not a surprise, so if you are unable to attend, you could mail a congratulatory card to her at the church. And if you know someone who does not get the newsletter but has been in choir, Youth orchestra or otherwise worked with Donna in the past, please invite them to the service!

Pastor's Corner

Going To Heaven

Our number one priority in this life must be to go to Heaven. Nothing else is as important. Jesus says in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Our soul is the most precious thing we have. There is nothing that can equal its value. We read in Matthew 16:26, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" One certainly does not profit in the tragic loss of his soul.

It is easy in today's materialistic society to get caught up in the pursuit of materialism if we are not careful. Our Lord says in Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Our bank account needs to be in heaven.

Every day we need to tell ourselves that the main thing in this life is to go to Heaven. We read in Colossians 3:2, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." We should regularly think about going to Heaven.

Heaven is a prepared place (John 14:2-3) for a prepared people. It will be such a wonderful place, which is beyond our wildest dreams. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:9, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." There is no way that Heaven can be described so we as mortal human beings can understand how wonderful it will be.

A person will not accidentally go to Heaven. Going to Heaven is a lifelong race as we read in Hebrews 12:1, "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Going to Heaven requires endurance, patience, and persistence. We must finish the race.

God Bless

Pastor Mark

Harvest Home Changes this Year

Harvest Home that we do to benefit **The Fleetwood Food Bank**, will be held during the month of October. **This year, however, we will not be accepting food items. Instead, we prefer to give the Food Bank a monetary donation**, as we have learned that they can buy more in bulk than we can give in non-perishable items.

We have set a goal of \$250.00 for our collections this year. **Please give generously to those less fortunate in our community.** A basket will be in the narthex. If you have questions, please see

Deanne or Kathy

October Birthdays

October 4 – Nancy Kiesling

October 9 – Christine Whitfield

October 12 - Elwood Rothenberger

October 12 – Cheryl Barr

October 19 – Troy Werley

October Anniversaries

October 5 – Pastor Mark and Annette

October – 10 Nancy and Don Kiesling

Charge Conference

Charge Conference for this year will be on November 4th this year and will be held as a joint charge conference being to be held in West Lawn UMC. Our church leadership has a lot of information to gather and report for the conference.

God Bless America!!

Billy Graham is now 96 years-old with Parkinson's disease. In January 2000 leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina invited their favorite son, Billy Graham, to a luncheon in his honor. Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because he struggles with Parkinson's disease, but the Charlotte leaders said, 'We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you.' So he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honored by Time magazine as the Man of the Century. Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger.

When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it.

"The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.' "Einstein nodded appreciatively.

The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. "The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are; no problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.'

Einstein looked at him and said, "Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going." Having said that Billy Graham continued,

"See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So, I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion. You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried.

But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to know I not only know who I am. I also know where I'm going."

May your troubles be less, your blessings more, and may nothing but happiness, come through your door. Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point."

Amen and peace, my friends. And may each of us have lived our lives so that when our ticket is punched we don't have to worry about where we are going. Even at his age and with Parkinson's Disease, he could still deliver a powerful sermon.

Thoughts and Smiles for August

A=Parent-ly So

You know you are really a mother when :

You take the kids out to do errands and find that 50 percent of the day is spent buckling and unbuckling car seat belts and safety seats.

You and your husband are finally alone together, and you find yourselves talking in raised voices to be heard over noise that isn't there.

You are out shopping and suddenly panic when you realize your arms are empty. After screaming, "Where is the baby?" you find him safely snuggled in dad's arms.

You are enjoying an evening out with your husband but find that you only talk about the kids; Silence is not golden. It means the kids are into something.







Reminder - Newsletter Deadline– If you have **articles or humor items for October's** Newsletter be sure to email them to Dick Tracy at dtracy@ptd.net or call him at 610-207-2016 **not later than Thursday October 29th . I am always looking for articles/photos to share so please email me with anything you feel appropriate to share!**