



Emmanuel



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

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February 2022



Happening at Emmanuel in February 2022

Sunday February 6th - **10 am** Worship and Sunday School

Tuesday February 8th - **6:30 pm** Trustee Meeting

Sunday February 13th - **10 am** Worship and Sunday School

Tuesday February 15th - **6:30 pm** Administrative Board Meeting

Sunday February 20th - **10 am** Worship and Sunday School

Sunday February 27th - **10 am** Worship and Sunday School

Pastor's Corner

Effective Prayer

Pastor Mark A. Dricker D.Min.

Psalm 17:1 - "Hear a just cause, O Lord, attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer that is not from deceitful lips."

Meditation: PRAYER is the life support line for every child of God. It is our vital link to the ear of our Heavenly Father and therefore critical for our physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Effective prayer is prayer that God hears and blesses (1 John 5:14-15). If we are going to pray effectively, we must: (1) Appeal To Righteousness, (2) Pray With Fervency and (3) Pray With Sincerity.

1. Prayer is always effective when we appeal to righteousness

"Hear a just cause O Lord." The LORD is just and righteous in all His ways, therefore our plea must always be for righteousness sake (Psalm 11:2-7; 143:10-11; 1 Peter 3:12). Never forget that our acceptance and access to God's throne of grace is only because of the perfect righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 John 2:1).

2. Prayer is most effective when we are fervent

"Attend to my cry." We must never suppose that God will hear half-hearted, sleepy prayers. Mumbled, worn-out, repetitious phrases that often proceed from our lips would be unacceptable to men, why should we imagine that God will accept them? Prayer is sometimes described as a pouring out of one's soul to God (Psalm 42:4; 62:8). Our prayers should be marked by urgency, earnestness and passionate entreaty.

3. Prayer is only effective when we are sincere

"Not from deceitful lips." Real praying must be 'lip-synched' with an honest heart for God requires truth from the heart (Psalm 51:6).

Application: Do you really want to pray more effectively? Then pray according to the biblical pattern of the Psalmist. Appeal to God for righteousness sake. Pray with the confidence that God is righteous and will always do what is right. Also, make sure that you seek God's face with Spirit and sincerity. When you sense that you lack spiritual fervency, or maybe even doubt the sincerity of your own heart, confess your need to God and ask Him to *'work in you both to will and to do His good pleasure.'* For it is only the *"effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man"* that accomplishes anything with God (James 5:16).

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

Parking for Church Disrupted

The borough has begun water main repairs in the block in front of the church. There are “no parking” cones lining the block, not sure if they will be in effect over the weekend. If so, you can park in the lot behind Concern, in a municipal lot or access the church lot via the alley off Franklin Street. This should only last for about a week depending on the weather and project progress.

Worship Service Changes for THIS winter

The Administrative Council decided that for the remainder of January and February we will economize on heating fuel by not using the sanctuary. We will meet for worship in the fellowship room downstairs, which has been set up with socially distanced seating.

Since we are still in the midst of the pandemic and the fellowship room is a more confining space, it has been decided that we will resume wearing face masks during the entire time we are in the building, including during worship and singing of hymns (the minister and lay reader may remove their masks while at the pulpit and lectern.) We do have many vulnerable members and we need to be sure everyone feels safe. Disposable masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be available for your use.

February Birthdays

February 5 – Katherine Keiser

February 9 – Betty Leibelsperger

February 10 – Catherine Lenhart

February Anniversaries

January 21 – Sue & Dan Miller

Prayer Concerns for February

**Donna Knarr, Catherine Lenhart, Nancy O’Rourke, Carole Sanders,
Glenn Sanders, Kathy Stetka, Pat Tracy**

Smiles for February 2022

Parenting tip:

When you lose your children in the house, turn off the Wi-fi. They'll come out immediately. Your neighbors may even drop by as well.

Your car's been keyed. The good news is that the damage looks to B minor.





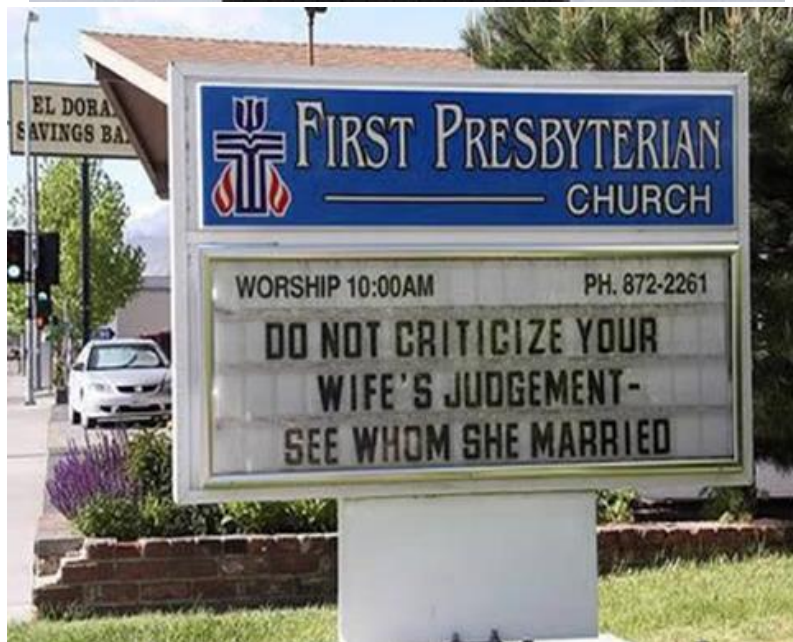
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That's All Folks!

Reminder - Newsletter Deadline— If you have articles **or humor items** for the February Newsletter be sure to email them to your newsletter editor, Dick Tracy, at dtracy@ptd.net or call or text him anytime at 610-207-2016 **not later than Thursday February 24th**.

(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 with anything you feel appropriate to share!