



Emmanuel



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Web Site: WWW.FleetwoodUMC.org

Happening in July 2019

**Sunday July 7th - 10 am Worship followed by Ice Cream Social
Adult & Family Ministries Team Meeting following Worship**

Sunday July 14th - 10 am Worship & Teen Sunday School

Tuesday July 16th - 6:30 pm Mission Night with Dr. Zimmerman and family!

We will be putting together UMCOR School Kits and Hygiene Kits

Sunday July 21st - 10 am Worship

Sunday July 28th - 10 am Worship & Teen Sunday School

Pastor's Corner

When Christians Sin

When we are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), in order to be saved (Mark 16:16), God takes away every sin we have ever committed (Acts 22:16). He wipes our slate clean (1 Corinthians 6:11). He gives us a new beginning and we are born again (John 3:3,5) and we are raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4).

But after we have been baptized and God has taken away all of our sins, what do we do when we commit other sins? How do we get forgiveness of these sins? For the answer to this let us look at the Epistle of First John. First John was written to Christians who had been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, just as you and I have been.

1 John 1:7 says, ***"But If We Walk In The Light As He Is In The Light, We Have Fellowship One With Another, And The Blood Of Jesus Christ His Son Cleanses Us From All Sin."*** Here this verse says we must be doing two things so that the blood of Jesus Christ will continue to cleanse us of all our sins. 1) We must "walk in the light", that is we must be following God's word in the Bible. 2) Also must "have fellowship one with another", that is we must be regularly worshipping God in His church and working with other Christians. The original Greek word that is translated "cleanses" in this verse means that there is a continual cleansing going on. Herein lies the problem with those who have become unfaithful in their worship. Because they are not having fellowship one with another, they are no longer receiving forgiveness of their sins.

Then we continue to read the next verse 1 John 1:9, ***"If We Confess Our Sins, He Is Faithful And Just To Forgive Us Our Sins And To Cleanse Us From All Unrighteousness."*** We must repent and ask God to forgive us, and He will. When we stand before the Lord on Judgment Day we will have no sins and we will go to Heaven. This is very comforting to know that we are being continually cleansed.

God Bless

Pastor Mark

New Sunday School for Teens

Jamie Evans has started a new Sunday School class for middle and high school discussing current and relevant issues for teens. **The class is being held during church services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.** All are welcome and **bring your friends!**

Zimmerman Family Visit

Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 p.m. (Please mark your calendar to be there!!!)

NOTE: All Members should have received an E-mail update from Julie dated June 26 with an Update on items still needed to complete the kits. Please call Julie at 610-733-9468 to obtain the latest requirements for the kits.

The following is a repeat of info from last month's newsletter regarding the Zimmerman's upcoming Visit.

Believe it or not, it has been four years since the Zimmermans have come to Emmanuel. They are scheduled to visit with us on Tuesday July 16 and have asked us "to plan a 'mission time' for when we are there. We would enjoy sharing the stage with other groups working in mission, perhaps in your area. Please be creative and challenge us to do something new."

Since we are not active in mission fields, we will help others who are. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is always in need of items in disaster response and provides specific guidelines for the items, the assembly and the mailing. **We will collect items between now and July 7 for hygiene and school kits. Kit contents**

were in the May newsletter. Details for kits requirements are posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

Since many of these items can be purchased in bulk at less cost, there will be a sign-up sheet on which you can sign up for a full kit(s) or to purchase one item or more in bulk, (i.e., a pack of a dozen combs, bulk package of 24 bars of soap, 6-pack of blunt scissors, etc.) **PLEASE follow the exact guidelines for details and sizes!** There will be collection boxes in the Fellowship hall and the church treasury will provide monies to purchase items as needed to complete the kits. Start looking now for what you plan to purchase!

You may also donate \$12 per kit and the items will be purchased for you. Checks should be made out to Emmanuel UMC with "UMCOR kit" noted on memo line.

We will then assemble the kits with the Zimmerman family on the evening of July 16, with dessert to follow.

DO NOT ASSEMBLE ANY KITS ON YOUR OWN. They must be done exactly as specified and directions will be given that evening. We hope to have at least 100 kits to assemble!

Julie Knabb, Missions

Graduate Recognition Sunday was held on June 9th to recognize our two high school graduates, Bryn Werley and Jared Mazeika.

Unfortunately Jared had to leave for work prior to the post worship festivities so no photo available for him. Below is Bryn with her parents Karen and Troy Werley and the cake for both graduates. We are proud of both of our 2019 graduates and wish them the very best in their college years and in all their future endeavors.



July Birthdays

July 6 – Dick Tracy

July 10 – Barbra Frey

July 12 – Bill McConnell

July 18 – Annette Dricker

July 20 – Ron Frey

July 25 – Beth Manweller

July Anniversaries

No known July Anniversaries

Prayer Concerns for July

Please remember the following members in prayer

**Betty Homan, Tammy Krueger, Catherine Lenhart, Elwood Rothenberger,
Eleanor Wolf**

**For planning purposes here is the 2019 Zion Choral Concert Schedule.
Our own Bob Fluharty performs in this group**



ZION CHORAL
2019 CONCERT SCHEDULE

October 20	3:00 p.m.
Steel City Mennonite Church 2137 Mixsell Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18015	
October 27	3:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Lansdale 700 North Broad Street, Lansdale, PA 19446	
November 3	3:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church 102 North Hellertown Avenue, Quakertown, PA 18915	
November 10	3:00 p.m.
Souderton Mennonite Church 105 West Chestnut Street, Souderton, PA 18964	
November 17	3:00 p.m.
Huff's Union Church 540 Conrad Road, Alburtis, PA 18011	
November 24	3:00 p.m.
Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church 1151 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18103	

www.zionchoral.com

The Lord's Army: *Please* prayerfully consider the following *areas of opportunity* for you to contribute to our sharing and caring ministries here at Emmanuel!

Sunday Morning Worship Bulletin sponsors –
Sign up on the bulletin board monthly \$35.00

Altar Flowers – **weekly \$35.00** – Please confirm your week on the board and see if there are weeks available to sponsor.

Nursery Care for Worship Services - See Kim Madeira if you'd like to be added to the rotation list in the nursery room.

Lay Reader – See Brad Hamilton or sign up on the bulletin board.

Thank you to all who contribute faithfully with their time and talents year after year!

Smiles and Joys For July



This is good. I'll never look at my hands the same!

Grandpa, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. He didn't move, just sat with his head down staring at his hands. When I sat down beside him he didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat, I wondered if he was OK.

Finally, not really wanting to disturb him but wanting to check on him at the same time, I asked him if he was OK.

He raised his head and looked at me and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine.

Thank you for asking," he said in a clear strong voice.

"I didn't mean to disturb you, Grandpa, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK," I explained to him.

"Have you ever looked at your hands," he asked. "I mean really looked at your hands?"

I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point he was making. Grandpa smiled and related this story:

"Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled, and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back.

As a child my mother taught me to fold them in prayer.

They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots.

They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent.

They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son.

Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special.

They trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle.

They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body.

They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw.

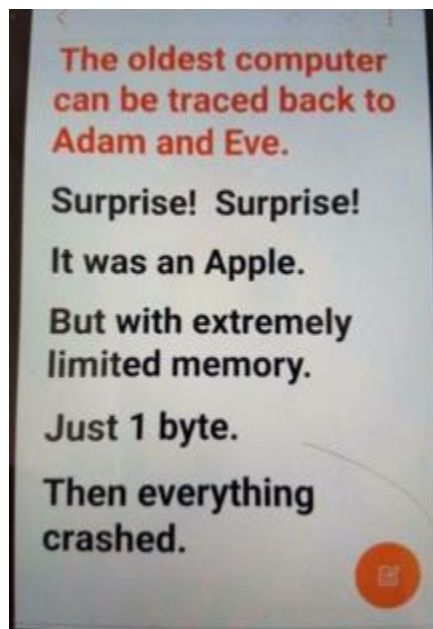
And to this day, when not much of anything else of me works real well, these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer.

These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life.

But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home.

And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ." I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out and took my grandpa's hands and led him home.

When my hands are hurt or sore I think of Grandpa. I know he has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God. I, too, want to touch the face of God and feel His hands upon my face.



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 July's** Newsletter be sure to email them your newsletter editor, Dick Tracy, at dtracy@ptd.net or call him at 610-207-2016 **not later than Saturday July 27th** . **We are always looking for articles/photos stories or jokes to include so PLEASE email me with anything you feel appropriate to share!**