



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Sunday Worship 10 AM; Sunday School 10 AM

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August 2017

This month's Schedule at Emmanuel

- Wednesday, August 9** **Trustee Meeting 7 PM**
- Tuesday, August 15** **Administrative Board meeting 7 PM**
- Sunday, August 27** **Noisy Can Coin Collection to benefit our building**

Save the Date

Sunday, September 10: Rally Day Picnic in the Fellowship Hall

Pastor's Corner

Nothing But The Truth

In a court of law one takes an oath on the witness stand to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Truth is important in all phases of life. Whether or not one goes to heaven depends on knowing and abiding in the truth of God's word. Jesus says, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). What is truth? Jesus in praying to God says, "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is Truth" (John 17:17). Only the truth that is contained in the Bible can make us free from sin so we can go to heaven.

If one does not learn and believe God's word in the Bible, he will be eternally lost. If one believes the truth of god's word he will obey everything it says. If one claims to believe God, but does not obey Him, he is not telling the truth. 1 John 2:4 says, "He who says, I know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

We cannot pick and choose which of the commandments of God's word we are going to obey. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:18).

Truth is not determined by a majority vote. All the religious error of the world will not change God's truth. Jesus says, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him, the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). On Judgment Day, all people will be judged by the truth of God's word. It will be the standard of judgment. Any part of truth must not be set aside or rejected. Truth is still truth whether it is accepted or not. We must teach the whole truth. If we shun to teach the whole truth of God's word, we will be guilty "of the blood of all men" (Acts 20:26). In order to go to heaven, we must obey the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth of God's word. And in obeying it Jesus says, "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

Creation 2017 Activities

Here are some photos taken at Creation Festival 2017 where our Youth Group Participated starting June 27 through July 2nd. A great time is being had by all who are there enjoying the music and praising the Lord! May thanks to Annette Dricker who leads our youth group. This was Annette's 15th year participating in Creation Festival! Here are the photos promised.







August Birthdays

- August 11 – Sue Werley
- August 12 – Lucas Evans
- August 18 – Leah McKay
- August 19 – Don Kiesling
- August 23 - Tommy Evans
- August 23 – Bryn Werley
- August 24 – Barry Knabb
- August 25 – Donna Knarr
- August 27 – Nicole Lang

August Anniversaries

- August 10 – Richard and Judy Hamilton

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.

LAUS DEO

Do you know what it means? LAUS DEO

One detail that is never mentioned is that in Washington, D.C. there can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument. With all the uproar about removing the ten commandments, etc., this is worth a moment or two of your time. I was not aware of this amazing historical information.

On the aluminum cap, **atop the Washington Monument** in Washington, D.C., are displayed two words:

Laus Deo. No one can see these words. These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words. Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world. So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say **'Praise be to God!'**

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty-five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, **Laus Deo 'Praise be to God!'**

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. >From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles L'Enfant a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; **separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution.** So, read on. How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice. When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848 deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy 'One Nation, Under God.'

I am awed by **George Washington's prayer for America** Have you ever read it? Well, now is your unique opportunity, so read on!

' Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'
Laus Deo!

A little Christmas in August

God's Christmas Wish List

By R. Abel

In December, beautiful carols fill the air proclaiming the true reason for the season. But how well do our actions fulfill the messages from our beloved carols? Are we truly joyful? Do we take the Christmas message into our lives and out into the streets?

From the words of favorite Christmas Carols, we hear God's desire for how to live according to His plan. From some of my favorite Christmas Carols, here's what I believe is 'God's Christmas Wish List'—that we:

- 1. Express Joy to all we meet. (*Joy to the world*)**
- 2. Take time in silence each day to pray—to give thanks to the one who gives us eternal hope. (*Silent Night*)**

3. Focus primarily not on parties, ball games, or shopping malls but on His love that began in a simple manger; that we give sufficient time to truly provide cribs in the form of food, clothing, and other needs to the lost, hurting and hungry. *(Away in a Manger)*
4. Hear the sounds of God's glory in all things each day. *(I heard the Bells on Christmas Day)*
5. Release all our hopes and fears; that they be met in Thee every night. *(O Little Town of Bethlehem)*
6. Invite Him to be with us not just in difficult times but at all times. *(O Come O Come Emmanuel)*
7. Take time to rest and worship. *(God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)*
8. Proclaim His love triumphantly with our words and actions. *(Hark the Herald Angels Sing)*

May your life be a living Christmas Carol today and throughout the coming year.

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

" For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord...."

Jeremiah 29:11

Thoughts and Smiles for August

Teacher: How old is your father?

Kid: He is 6 years.

Teacher: What? How is this possible?

Kid: He became father only when I was born.

(Logic!! Children are quick and always speak their minds.)

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Pupil: "Would you punish me for something I did not Do?"

Teacher:" Of course not :

Pupil: "Good, because I haven't done my homework.

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The Wednesday-night church service coincided with the last day of hunting season. Our pastor asked who had bagged a deer. No one raised a hand.

Puzzled, the pastor said, "I don't get it. Last Sunday many of you said you were missing because of hunting season. I had the whole congregation pray for your deer."

One hunter groaned, "Well, it worked. They're all safe."

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According to children:

The people who followed the Lord were called the twelve decibels.

The epistles were the wives of the apostles.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him!

Reminder - Newsletter Deadline– If you have **articles or humor items for September'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 August 24th . I am always looking for articles to share so please feel free to email me with anything you feel appropriate to share!**