



# Emmanuel



## Emmanuel United Methodist Church

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### March 2023

#### Happening at Emmanuel in March 2023

**Sunday March 5 - 10 am** Worship and Sunday School

**Wednesday March 8 - 11 AM** Weekly Bible Study

**6:30 pm** Trustee meeting

**Sunday March 12 - 10 am** Worship and Sunday School

**Sunday March 12 - Sandwich Sale ORDER\$ DUE**

**Sunday March 19 - 10 am** Worship and Sunday

**St Patrick's Day POTLUCK After Worship**

**Tuesday March 21 - 6:30 pm** Administrative Board Meeting

**Sunday March 26 - 10 am** Worship and Sunday School

**Reminder Worship Service Returns to the Sanctuary on March 5<sup>th</sup>**

## Woman's Bible Study Continues

*A Woman's Bible Study will Continue be held on Wednesdays during the month of March at 11:00 AM.*

*Although we are calling this a woman's study, men are certainly welcome to join us. Any questions see or call Kathy Stetka.*

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## UMCOR Sunday March 19th

**WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?** United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you make a difference visit [www.UMC.org/youripact](http://www.UMC.org/youripact) Gifts offered on this churchwide Special Sunday underwrite UMCOR's administrative costs, freeing up 100% of Advance donations for people in need. **There will be a separate collection basket in the narthex. Donations by check should be made out to Emmanuel UMC with "UMCOR Sunday" on the memo line.** Donations can be made online via debit or credit card at [ResourceUMC.org/SSGive](http://ResourceUMC.org/SSGive) The online form will have a place to denote that you are contributing on behalf of Emmanuel UMC.

**HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT UMCOR?** As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.

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## **Good Friday and Easter coming in early April.**

**Good Friday 7 PM service April 7th**

**Easter Sunday Worship 10 AM April 9<sup>th</sup>**

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## **Pastor's Corner**

### **Repentance**

Many people believe repentance is when you feel sorrow, guilt, or shame for sin; but this is not repentance. The Bible says, "For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death" (2 Corinthians 7:10). If one is only sorry he got caught, then this will not lead to repentance. Godly sorrow helps bring on repentance. Repentance is not sorrow for sin, but one cannot repent without being sorry he has sinned. "Let the wicked forsake his way...let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him...for He

will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7). In repentance, one must first understand he has sinned, feel sorrow for the sin, and then stop and turn away from that sin.

"Truly, the times of this ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). All people are commanded to repent. It is not possible for anyone, except our Lord, to live a sin-free life, but this is no excuse for our sinning. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves; and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). We also read in 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." It is God's goodness that should lead us to repentance. "Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" (Romans 2:4).

Paul says, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!" (Romans 6:1-2). To show our repentance we are to "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance" (Matthew 3:8). Why should we repent of sins? "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:3). Spiritual death is separation from God in eternity. Jesus says, "I tell you no, but unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). Unless one repents he cannot go to Heaven, but will eternally suffer the torments of Hell. We must give up our sin and "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body" (Romans 6:12).

If one is an alien sinner then he must, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). But if one is a child of God who has sinned then he must, "Repent of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you" (Acts 8:22). We must repent before we ask God to forgive us. Our repentance also includes our confessing our sins. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes his sin shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

Repentance is a change of heart, which results in a change of actions for the better. Without repentance we cannot receive forgiveness and be saved. Where we spend eternity, in Heaven or Hell, is determined by our repentance. All of Heaven is anxious for us to repent. Jesus says, "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10).

God Bless

.... *Pastor Mark*

Reminder – *Pastor Mark will be available for conference or discussion in his church office and the sanctuary will be open every Friday from 10 AM to Noon!*

## **Trustee's Sandwich Sale**

*All sandwich orders are due to Glen Sanders by March 15<sup>th</sup>!  
Delivery date is Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>!*

## **EMMANUEL'S KITCHEN**

Recipe – Submitted by Deanne Hamilton

### **Chocolate Chip AP Cake**

3 sticks butter melted, 1-pound brown sugar, 1 egg, 1 tsp vanilla, 5 cups flour,  
1 tsp baking soda, 1 cup milk, 1 cup chocolate chips

Mix butter, sugar, egg, vanilla, add dry ingredients, mix in milk,  
stir in chocolate chips

Divide into three 9-inch aluminum pie pans,

Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Do Not overbake!

ENJOY!

**We still need more of your favorite recipes to share!**

Please send in any favorite recipes that you are willing to share.

They may be handwritten or typed. **Desserts, Main Dishes, Special Vegetables, Salads – ALL are welcome!** Email them to [dtracy@ptd.net](mailto:dtracy@ptd.net) or give them to me on Sunday at church and I will publish them in the newsletter, sharing them with our church friends.

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### **Yard Sale - Coming Sat. June 10th.**

As you do your Spring cleaning, please save items for the yard sale. Things may be stored in the church basement - 2nd room on the left.

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### **March Birthdays**

March 10 – Kathy Stetka  
March 21 – Paul Werley  
March 23 – Ruth Fluharty  
March 27 – Dan Miller

**March Anniversaries**

March 21 – Karen and Bob Packard

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**Prayer Concerns for March**

Darlene Gorski, Judy Hamilton, Nancy O'Rourke, The Packard  
Family, Carole and Glen The Hamilton & Walker Families, Sanders,  
Pat Tracy

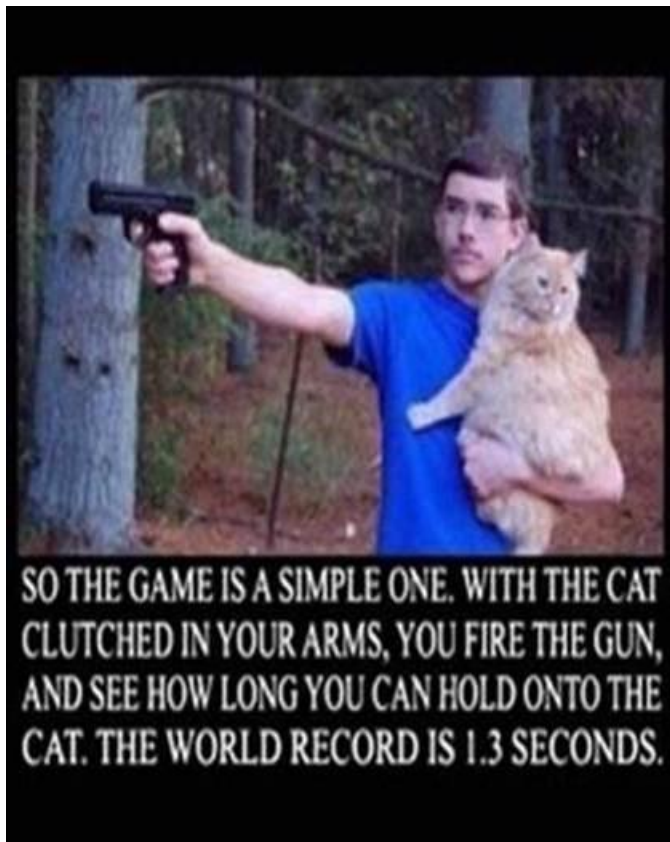
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**Humor etc. for March**

**Just to be clear  
some of the “Old  
White Men” are  
the reason that  
we’re not  
speaking German  
or Japanese in  
America today!**



**I got over my addiction  
to chocolate,  
marshmallows, and  
nuts. I won’t lie, it was  
a rocky road.**





**STUDIES SHOW THAT  
COWS PRODUCE MORE  
MILK WHEN THE FARMER  
TALKS TO THEM**

**IT'S A CASE OF IN ONE  
EAR AND OUT THE UDDER**

I choked on a carrot this afternoon and all I could think was "I bet a donut wouldn't have done this to me."

On the surface:  
Cool as a cucumber

On the inside:  
Squirrel in traffic

I grew up living paycheck to paycheck, but through hard work and perseverance i now live direct deposit to direct deposit.

(Remember, if you don't send in humor items, they you're stuck with my choices!)

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**Reminder - Newsletter Deadline**— If you have articles **or humor items** for the March 2023 Newsletter be sure to email them to your newsletter editor, Dick Tracy, at [dtracy@ptd.net](mailto:dtracy@ptd.net) or call or text him anytime at 610-207-2016 not later than Tuesday February 21st.

**I am always looking for articles/photos stories or jokes/cartoons so **PLEASE** email Dick [dtracy@ptd.net](mailto:dtracy@ptd.net) with anything you feel appropriate to share!**

**That's All Folks!**