



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Sunday Worship 10 AM & Sunday School 9:15 AM

Web Site Address - www.FleetwoodUMC.org

March 2015 at Emmanuel

Sunday Mar 20 – **Palm Sunday & Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by the Adult & Family Ministries Team 8:30 a.m.

Thursday Mar 24 – **Maundy Thursday** Service of Communion 7 p.m.



Friday Mar 25 – **Good Friday** Tenebre Service 7 p.m.

Sunday March 27 – **Easter Sunday** Worship 10 a.m.

April 1st Starts Mission Month at Emmanuel

Sunday April 10 – Confirmation Sunday with cake and punch to follow

Sunday May 8 – Meet and Greet with our Covenant Missionary Dr. Mark Zimmerman and his family. He will show slides and give message during 10 a.m. worship. This is also Mother's Day!

Who Will Be Saved?

By Pastor Mark A. Dricker D.Min

God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). God doesn't want anyone to be lost, but before one can be saved he must come to the knowledge of the truth of God's word. Even though the Lord desires all to be

saved, Jesus says there will only be few who choose the narrow way so they can be saved (Matthew 7:13-14).

But who will be saved? Only the Bible can be trusted with this question. Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). Only those who do the will of God as found in the Bible can be saved and go to Heaven. No one can obey the will of man and go to Heaven.

What does the Lord do with those who are baptized for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38) so they can be saved (Mark 16:16)? "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). The Lord adds only those who are saved to His church (Matthew 16:18). There are no unsaved people in the Lord's church. Jesus only has one church (Ephesians 4:4, 1:22-23). He didn't establish any of the many denominations we see in the world today. Men started all these so the unsaved will have their own church.

But the saved are in the Lord's one church where they must worship God "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). We are not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25) for worship, if we want to continue to be saved. If we do forsake the assembling of ourselves for worship the next verse says, "For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins" (Hebrews 10:26).

But who will be saved? Jesus says, "But he who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 10:22). We must faithfully endure to the end of our life here on the earth if we want to be saved. And Jesus says, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Those who will be saved are those who "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). Our number one priority in this life must be to obey God in all things and endure to the end, so we will be saved and go to Heaven.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

Appointment Announcement

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson announces the appointment of Rev. H. Joe Tyson (RE) to serve as the district superintendent of the Northwest District as a full-time interim beginning July 1, 2016. Rev. Tyson will be leaving his current appointment at Limeville UMC (SW) on June 30, 2016. Rev. Tyson, a member of the Eastern PA Conference since 1973 has served with distinction as a pastor for many years and as a superintendent from 1992 until 2000 and again as interim superintendent from 2013 until 2014. See the attached biographical statement for

more information about Rev. Tyson's background and experience. The decision to appoint an interim superintendent is for the purpose of giving time to discern the possibility of reducing the number of districts in the conference in 2017.

Read Pastor's Tyson's bio at <http://www.epaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/tysonbio.pdf>

Bishop Peggy Johnson

Church directory:

Print versions of the updated church directory are available at the church. This is contact information for active members and friends, not a full membership list. If anyone would like the directory to be emailed to them, please contact Julie Knabb at julieknabb@gmail.com

THOUGHTS for MARCH

- 0 Suffering with truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
- 1. Exercise daily - walk with the Lord.
- 2. Coincidences happen when God chooses to remain anonymous.
- 3. Wisdom has two parts - 1) having a lot to say 2) not saying it.
- 4. Never give the devil a ride - he will always want to drive.
- 5. A clean conscience makes a soft pillow.
- 6. Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
- 7. Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
- 8. He who angers you controls you.
- 9. Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
- 10. Give Satan an inch & he'll be a ruler.

SMILES for MARCH

Father Time

The last time we changed from daylight saving time, a preacher friend posted, “For those who habitually show up 15 minutes late to church, allow me to remind you that tonight is the night you set your clock back 45 minutes.”

Let Us Cuss

Gary was having a yard sale. A minister bought a lawn mower but returned it a few days later, complaining that it wouldn't run.

“It'll run,” said Gary. “But you have to curse at it to get it started.”

The minister was shocked. “I have not uttered a curse in 30 years.”

“Just keep pulling on the starter rope—the words will come back to you.”

Never Talk About Religion at Work

Religion is generally a verboten topic for everyone at work, except for Larry. Recently, after he steered yet another conversation toward the subject, a coworker whispered to me, “That Larry—he always has to put his two saints in.”

Barefoot Gandhi

Gandhi walked barefoot everywhere, ate very little, and often fasted, leaving him thin and with very bad breath. Thus he is often thought of as a super callused, fragile mystic plagued with halitosis.

Flip the Switch

After ringing cell phones ruined a service, our rabbi laid down the law in the latest temple newsletter: "Let's turn off the technology and turn on each other."

Exciting Palindromes

The topic for my ninth-grade class was palindromes, words or sentences that are the same read forward and backward. I asked the question "What is the first thing Adam said to Eve?"

I was expecting the answer "Madam, I'm Adam," but one student had a better reply: "Wow."

Address and Contact Updates

If you have a change in contact information and wish to get the information out to church members you can send it to Dick Tracy (email dtracy@ptd.net) or call and tell him (610) 207-2016, and he will publish it in the church newsletter.

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Reminder - Newsletter Deadline– If you have **articles for April's** Newsletter be sure to email them to Dick Tracy at dtracy@ptd.net or call him at 610-207-2016 **not later than Friday March 25th** . **I am always looking for articles to share so please feel free to email me with anything you feel appropriate to share!**