



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Sunday Worship 10 AM; Sunday School 10 AM

Web Site: WWW.FleetwoodUMC.org

April 2017

This month's Schedule at Emmanuel

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| Saturday, April 1- | Spring Clean Up Day – Help needed 9AM |
| Sunday, April 2 – | Worship 10 AM Youth Bake Sale after Worship
Fellowship Following Worship |
| Thursday, April 6 - | Youth B.L.A.S.T. Out to the movies
“The Case For Christ” Penn Cinema in Lititz 8 PM |
| Sunday, April 9- | Palm Sunday Breakfast - starting at 7:30
sponsored the Adult and Family Ministries Team
Palm Sunday Worship 10 AM |
| Wednesday April 12 - | Trustees Meeting 7 pm |
| Thursday, April 13 - | Maundy Thursday Service of Communion 7 PM |
| Friday, April 14 - | Good Friday Service 7 PM |
| Sunday, April 16 - | EASTER SUNDAY Worship 10 AM |

- Tuesday, April 18 -** Administrative Council Meeting 7 pm
- Sunday, April 23 -** Worship 10 AM
Sunday afternoon.... **We're saying "I DO" again! ...**
see next article for info
- Saturday, April 29 -** Tools for Ministry - Workshops for various ministries.
- Sunday, April 30 -** Worship 10 AM

Are You Ready to Say "I DO" Again

Apr 23 – Sunday afternoon.... ***We're saying "I DO" again! ...*** We are having a special event for those who would like to renew their Wedding Vows... It's a Sunday afternoon with light refreshments following the ceremony.... Please see Annette Dricker or Ruth Fluharty if you would like participate in this lovely event.

Pastor's Corner

Gods Only Way

Ever since the creation, man has sought to have his own way in religion. It started with Cain and continues today with people going in every direction but the right way in trying to be religious. People are being told they are saved when they "accept Jesus as your personal Saviour" and say the "sinner's prayer". Others are being told that God has already predestined the eternity of everyone and there is nothing you can do to change it. Both are scripturally wrong! This is what man says and is found nowhere in the Bible. But the Bible says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death"

(Proverbs 14:12). Man's way leads to a spiritual death which is being eternally separated from God (Isaiah 59:2).

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). Jesus says unless one "does the will of My Father in Heaven", he will not go to Heaven but will be eternally lost along with the vast majority of the world (Matthew 7:13-14).

We must have God's authority in all we do. "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17). To do something "in the name of the Lord Jesus" is to do it by His authority. In following God's only way as found in His word, the Bible, we must do what God says, only what God says, in the way God says, and for the reason God says. No other way will be acceptable to God.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

Youth Activities

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Sunday, April 2 – Youth Bake Sale following Worship

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"The Case For Christ" Penn Cinema in Lititz 8 PM

2017 Summer Camp Opportunities

Summer camp registration has begun. Camping opportunities include 1/2 week and full week sessions, themed and age related activities, special needs camps, family camps, sports camps, music and arts camp and so much more.

There are programs for all ages from young children, youth, adults and even grandparents. For information, you can contact each camp location directly at the following:

Innabah, phone # 61469-6111 or www.innabah.org

Carson Simpson Farm, phone # 215-659-0232 or www.csfarm.org

Gretna Glen, phone #717-273-6525 or www.gretnaglennn.org

Pocono Plateau, phone # 570-676-3665 or www.poconoplateau.org

April Birthdays

April 3rd – Carole Sanders

April 15th – Kristen McKay

April Anniversaries

April 22 – Herman and Peggy deHaan

April 24- Glenn and Carole Sanders

Plan Now for Items for Church Yard Sale - June 3rd

Our Yard sale is - the 1st Saturday in June, June 3rd. As you are doing your spring house cleaning, please remember to save any items that could be sold at the yard sale. If you don't have a storage area, you may put things in the church basement. Any questions: see Deanne Hamilton or Kathy Stetka.

May will be Mission Month

May is Mission month and we'll be raising the covenant money for the Zimmerman family the same way we did last year, so get ready to choose an envelope!

Letter from Dr.Zimmerman

**We have received another letter from Dr.Zimmerman
our covenant missionary and it is now posted on the
bulletin board.**

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Tools for Ministry Training Northwest District 2017

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Saturday, April 29, 2017

Lickdale: Trinity United Methodist Church

98 Fisher Ave., Jonestown PA 17038

Registration is \$8.00

Online registration at <https://epaumc.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/59331>

Or visit the Conference website.

<https://www.epaumc.org/districts/northwest/>

If you have any questions, please contact the Northwest District Office.

Christ Servant Ministry Spring 2017 Classes

May 12 & 13 - A Basic Course is scheduled for Asbury UMC in Allentown, PA. The instructor for this course will be Judy Ehninger. This course needs at least 12 participants and is limited to the first 20 registrations. **Cost \$35** (Download [Registration Form – Asbury Basic](#) as PDF at christservantministries.net). For additional information contact Northeast District Director, Judy Ehninger at ehninger@ptd.net. [610-442-3140](tel:610-442-3140)

Thoughts and Smiles for March

Written by Regina Brett, 90 years old, of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland , Ohio

"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written.

My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short – enjoy it.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don't worry, God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.

- 19.. It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative of dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already have, not what you need
42. The best is yet to come...
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
44. Yield.
45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift."



**Little Boy's Explanation of God -- Out of the Mouths
of the Babes-- I certainly don't think an adult could explain
this more beautifully!**

It was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista ,
CA . He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to 'explain God.' I
wonder if any of us could have done as well ?

(and he had such an assignment in California , and someone
published it, I guess miracles do happen!)

EXPLANATION OF GOD: 'One of God's main jobs is making people. He
makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take
care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because
they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his
valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers
and fathers.'

'God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.'

'God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.'

'Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista . At least there aren't any who come to our church.'

'Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.'

'His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.'

'You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.'

'You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.'

'If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.'

'But. . .you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.'

And...that's why I believe in God.'

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