



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Sunday Worship 10 AM; Sunday School 10 AM

Web Site: WWW.FleetwoodUMC.org

May 2017

This month's Schedule at Emmanuel

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| Fri May 5 or Sun May 7 | Hoagie Sale \$6 deli made- Pick up order you made on sign-up sheet on bulletin board. |
| Sunday, May 7 | Pastor Mark on Vacation, no communion |
| Wednesday, May 10 | Trustee Meeting 7 PM |
| Sunday, May 14 | "Muffins for Mom" Mother's Day fellowship prior to worship starting at 8:30 AM Everyone Welcome! Communion this Sunday during worship |
| Tuesday, May 16 | Administrative Board meeting 7 PM |
| Sunday, May 21 | Youth B.L.A.S.T. after worship |
| Saturday, May 27 | Youth Mission event "Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. We are cooking dinner for families of children who are patients at Hershey Children's Hospital. |

8 Emmanuel Couples Renew Vows

Sunday afternoon, April 23rd was a very special time at Emmanuel when eight couples renewed their marriage vows in front of family and friends. The service was officiated by the Reverend Paul R. Miller of St. Paul UMC, Elizabethtown, PA. Reverend Miller is the son-in-law of our Pastor Mark and Annette. Guest Pianist was Ms. Lisa Thaler. A special music solo of "Anything is Possible When You Love Someone" was performed by Mr. Herman deHaan. Preceding the processional was a flower girl

– Miss Emma Fluharty who represented the children and grandchildren of all our loving couples. A reception was held in the fellowship hall following the service.

The couples participating, in order of the date of their marriage were:

Roger and Cheryl Barr	May 9, 1964 – 52 years of marriage
Dick and Pat Tracy	June 18, 1966 – 50 years of marriage
Robert and Ruth Fluharty	January 21, 1967 – 50 years of marriage
Ronald and Barbara Frey	May 27, 1967 – 49 years of marriage
Donald and Nancy Kiesling	October 10, 1970 – 46 years of marriage
Rev Mark and Annette Dricker	October 5, 1979 – 37 years of marriage
John and Angela Laudermilch	June 20, 1987 – 29 years of marriage
Herman and Peggy deHaan	April 22, 1989 – 28 years of marriage



Church Yard Sale – on Sat. June 3rd

Our Yard sale is coming SOON! - the 1st Saturday in June. Hope you have saved all those “Treasurers” you found as you did your spring house cleaning. Please remember to bring in those items that could be sold at the yard sale. Items should be brought in no later than Thursday June 1st. If you don't have a storage area, you may put things in the church basement during May. Any questions: see or call Deanne Hamilton or Kathy Stetka. Help will be needed to set up and staff the sale. **Please let Deanne or Kathy know that you will help!**

Pastor's Corner

Our Eternal Destiny

We are eternal beings. Since our physical lives here on this earth will soon end, we should consider where our eternal destiny will be. "What is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14). "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the Judgment." (Hebrews 9:27). These two appointments cannot be canceled. The Judgment will be final and there will be no appeals. Jesus says to "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction and many go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). Life has only two roads with only two different final eternal destinations.

We are to "choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... ***But As For Me And My House We Will Serve The Lord***" (Joshua 24:15). Either a person chooses eternal life in Heaven with God and Christ in "many mansions" (John 14:2), "And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; there will be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain" (Revelation 21:4). But the vast majority of people have chosen to be with Satan where they will be cast into "the furnace of fire. There shall be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 13:42), "and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10, 15). Each person will either choose eternal life in Heaven or everlasting torment in Hell. We need to ask ourselves, on which road are we traveling to our eternal destination? We cannot afford to be on the wrong road.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

Youth Activities

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Sunday, May 21st –

Youth B.L.A.S.T. following Worship

Saturday, May 27th -

Youth Mission Event “Ronald McDonald House in Hershey” we are cooking dinner for the families of children who are patients at Hershey Children’s Hospital.

May Birthdays

May 6 – Roger (Butch) Barr

May 12th – Pat Everhart

May 14th – Glen Sanders

May 15th – Lisa Mazieka

May 17th – Jamie Evans

May 20th –Roger Barr

May 26th – Deanne Hamilton

May Anniversaries

May 1st – Paul and Sue Werley

May 9th – Roger an Cheryl Barr

May 27 – Ron and Barbara Frey

May is Mission Month

For many years, Emmanuel UMC has had a covenant relationship with Dr. Mark Zimmerman in Nepal. We help provide support for him and his family as they live and minister to the Nepalese people. He is currently the Director of the Nick Simmons Institute, which trains Nepalese as health care workers. Go to <http://www.umcmision.org/Explore-Our-Work/Missionaries-in-Service/Missionary-Profiles/Zimmerman-Mark> for more detailed information.

For the month of May the poster board from last year will be in the back of the sanctuary again, with envelopes numbered from 1 through 40. You may choose one or more envelopes and put the number amount in the envelope as you are able to give (i.e., #5=\$5.) We are committed to \$5 per member, but have traditionally given \$770 each year, a "steady" amount even as our membership number fluctuates. Last year we raised more than \$770 and were able to contribute \$311 to Deidre Zimmerman's dietary endeavors in Nepal, since she is also an Advance missionary for the UMC (if we give more to Mark, it goes into the general missionary support fund.)

Hopefully by the end of the month we will fill all the envelopes and our covenant for the Zimmerman family. **Contributions may be cash or checks payable to Emmanuel UMC with "Dr. Zimmerman" noted in the memo line.** And you certainly may take more than one envelope or donate more than the actual number on your envelope!

If you have any questions, see Julie Knabb

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 May

As I Grow Old!!

Helen Smith

Each day I'm growing older for life is made that way. But help me God, to always watch What I do and what I say. Oh may the years but mellow—

Keep my heart from getting cold: this is my prayer, May I keep sweet as I grow old.

The world has many sorrows. They lie on every hand: So fill my heart with pity, and help me understand. Thru me dear Jesus, let thy love Be always lived and told: If I reflect Thy holy love, I will keep sweet as I grow Old.

Today the world is dying for a little bit of love.

And with Thy help I can reflect thy radiance from above. And In kindness help me gather The lost into Thy Fold, and day by day oh God I pray. May I keep sweet as I grow old.

BETTER THAN BISCUITS

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk." The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour, but after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits. "Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen

Reminder - Newsletter Deadline— If you have **articles or humor items for June'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 May 25th . I am always looking for articles to share so please feel free to email me with anything you feel appropriate to share!**