



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Sunday Worship 10 AM; Sunday School 10 AM

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September 2017

This month's Schedule at Emmanuel

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| Sunday, September 10 | Rally Day Picnic in the Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday, September 13 | Trustee Meeting 7 PM |
| Tuesday, September 19 | Administrative Board meeting 7 PM |
| Sunday, September 24 | Noisy Can Coin Collection to benefit our building fund |

Pastor's Corner

Temptation

As God's children, we all face temptation to sin. We have all been tempted and have been guilty of sin. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), and "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). We will die spiritually if we continually give in to temptation and sin. We will be eternally lost in Hell if we continue in our sin. "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are the one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or obedience leading to righteousness?"

Satan is referred to as the tempter, the one who does the tempting (Matthew 4:3, 1 Thessalonians 3:5). But God does not tempt anyone. "Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death" (James 1:13-15). Spiritual death occurs when one is eternally separated from God in Hell.

God will not allow us to be tempted with more than we can bear. "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

But how do we protect ourselves from temptation? Jesus tells us to "Watch and pray, lest you enter temptation" (Matthew 26:41). We are to "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him steadfast in the truth" (1 Peter 5:8-9). Studying God's word and making it a part of our lives will help to protect us when we are tempted. David said, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You" (Psalms 119:11).

When others "in time of temptation fall away" (Luke 8:13), we must try to help gently restore them. If any man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted" (Galatians 6:1).

We must be watchful and overcome temptation and live a godly life so we can go to Heaven when this life is over.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

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UMCOR Responds to Hurricane Harvey

Dear Friend of UMCOR,

By now, we have all seen the horrific images of Hurricane Harvey's destructive path through Houston, Southeast Texas, and Southwest Louisiana, producing record-shattering rains and flooding in some communities.

Before Harvey made landfall, UMCOR was working with United Methodist Church conferences to ready resources and volunteers for the relief and recovery efforts. UMC volunteers from these conferences are UMCOR's feet on the ground, and they are actively responding to this ongoing and developing disaster.

The people of Houston and other affected communities need your help today!



I'll give to the
relief effort!

A catastrophe of this size and magnitude will require UMCOR to be there for the long-term as UMC conferences address the urgent needs of those affected. UMCOR will be with them every step of the way.

Please pray for the millions of people affected by this disaster.

And **make a gift** so we can provide the help they need to rebuild their lives.

Blessings,

Catherine G. Earl, MSW
Director of Disaster Response
and U.S. Partnerships

P.S. Your gift today will be immediately put to work through UMCOR to help those who are currently facing crises in their lives. Thank you for your prayers and support.



September Birthdays

September 14 – Lauren McKay

September 24 - Brad 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.

Thoughts and Smiles for September

Taxi Driver

A true story from the pages of the Manchester Evening Times:

Last Wednesday, a passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window.

For a few moments, everything was silent in the cab. Then the shaking driver said "Are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me."

The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly."

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab.

I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked."

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10.'

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' Genesis 3:10 reads, 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.'

Reminder - Newsletter Deadline– If you have **articles or humor items for October'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 September 29th** . **I am always looking for articles to share so please feel free to email me with anything you feel appropriate to share!**

My apologies for a somewhat short September newsletter but Pat and I are in Montana and have been rather busy showing our grandson the National Parks in Utah and other neighboring states.