



## **Emmanuel United Methodist Church**

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Web Site: [WWW.FleetwoodUMC.org](http://WWW.FleetwoodUMC.org)

### **Happening in November 2018**

**Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> - Worship 10 am Youth BLAST**

**Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> - Worship 10 am**

**Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm Trustee Meeting**

**Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> Blessing of Christmas Gift Boxes- -  
Worship 10 am**

**Outing to Ozgood's Restaurant in Kutztown for lunch and on  
to see Christmas Concert of the Zion Choral**

**Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm Administrative Board**

**Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> - 10 am Worship / **Noisy Can Offering****

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# Future happenings

**Dec 2 – “Hanging of the Greens”- An Emmanuel Tradition to begin the Advent Season of Worship.**

**Following the service will be a Cocoa and Cookies fellowship!**

**Dec 9 – Christmas Fellowship at the Dricker home. – info to follow... Save the date!**

**Dec 16 – Youth B.L.A.S.T. Out/In Fleetwood Christmas Caroling and Christmas Fellowship**

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## **Pastor's Corner**

### **The Philippian Jailer**

In Acts 16:26-31 we read, “Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, ‘Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.’ Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ So they said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.’”

But why stop on verse 31? There is more to it than this. The jailer had asked the question in verse 30, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Let's also look at the next three verses, which say, "Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and

all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household" (Acts 16:32-34).

Notice verse 32 says they "spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house." Why? So they could believe. Before a person can be saved, he must first believe. But does belief alone save him? Are people saved when they only believe? What does the Bible say? In John 12:42-43 we read, "Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed on Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." Were these people saved? They believed, but they wouldn't confess Him. Jesus says in Matthew 10:32-33, "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." A person will be lost if he is ashamed to confess Jesus before men.

Then we also read in James 2:19, "You believe there is one God. You do well, even the devils believe and tremble." Are the devils going to go to Heaven because they believe and even tremble? I think not. If this is all that is required to be saved, then the devils are saved and will be in Heaven also.

Next notice the first part of verse 33 which says, "And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes". This showed that he had repented, because Jesus says, "Unless you repent you shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). One cannot be saved unless he repents.

God Bless!

*Pastor Mark*

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## **A Thank You from Elwood!**

Elwood Rothenberger want to thank everyone who contributed to his 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday by sending him a Birthday Card. He is very appreciative for the effort by everyone and for the kind words of encouragement. It really helped make his birthday very special! Thank You!

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## **Concern Christmas Gift Program**

Emmanuel is once again helping provide foster children at CONCERN with Christmas gifts. Information and gift suggestions for fifteen children will be posted in the lobby of the church in a few weeks. Please select a child and purchase items on the list and more if you are able. The deadline for returning UNWRAPPED items is Sunday December 2, instructions included with child's information in the lobby.

NOTE: [This Concern Program is separate from the following Operation Christmas Child Colletion and we](#)

[need to support both of them!](#)

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## **Operation Christmas Child Collection**

**Operation Christmas Child Collection for 2018 continues  
through Sunday Nov 18.**

We had a youth presentation on Operation Christmas Child during worship on Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> and information handouts were distributed. However, **in case you missed it, here is information on it.** If you have questions you may contact Annette or Bryn Werley. **Please participate!**

Here is what you need to do...

- \* If you did not get one, obtain an Operation Christmas Child donation brochure from table in Narthex.
- \* Find an empty shoe box, wrap it, lid separately (Or a suitable pre-wrapped gift box) wrapping is not required.
- \* Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or girl and their age category ((2-4), (5-9), (10-14)).
- \* Attach the appropriate boy/girl label from your brochure to the top of your box and mark the correct age group.
- \* Fill your shoe box with a variety of gifts: toys, school supplies, hygiene items, books, etc. **NO CANDY OR**

## TOOTHPASTE OR LIQUIDS!!

\*You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. – You may include your name and address, the child who receives your box may write you back.

\*Enclose the \$9 in the envelope from the brochure and place it in your shoe box to help cover shipping and other costs. (Check payable to Samaritan's Purse preferred) Please place the envelope so it is clearly visible on top of the gift items. You may go on Samaritan's Purse web site [www.samaritanpurse.org](http://www.samaritanpurse.org) to pay and follow the instructions to track your package to see where it is delivered!

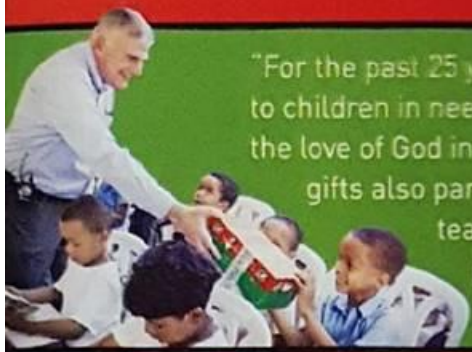
\*Place a rubber band around your shoe box and lid.

\*Bring your finished box(es) to church anytime until November 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be dedicating and praying over the boxes that Sunday morning in worship...

Operation Christmas Child is done in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse International Relief. Below are photos of the brochure that gives details on type of items and how to pack your Shoebox.

Copies of the brochure are available on the table in the Narthex. There is a small donation brochure with a gift envelope for your \$9 donation to cover costs of shipping and other expenses. If you don't already have one of these brochures, they are available on the table in the narthex outside the sanctuary. You should fill it

in and include one in your shoebox.



"For the past 25 years, we have been collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel. Many boys and girls who receive gifts also participate in our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Gift, which teaches them how to faithfully follow Christ and share Him with others. Would you prayerfully consider joining us in this exciting ministry?"

Franklin Graham, President

## How to PACK YOUR Shoebox



1.

**SHOEBOX:** Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted shoeboxes are available on our website.

2.



Every box needs a "WOW" ITEM!

**"WOW" ITEM:** Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.

3.

**OTHER GIFTS:** Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



**Do Not Include** candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit [samaritanspur.org](http://samaritanspur.org)

4.



who will receive your gift. Including a letter and photo adds personal impact.

5.

**INCLUDE \$9 DONATION:** A donation of \$9 is critical to cover shipping and other project costs through Follow Your Heart. Discover the destination of your shoebox.

6.

**DROP OFF:** Take your shoebox to a local drop-off location. National Collect Day is the third week in November. Visit our website to find one near you.

**November Birthdays**

November 8 – Julie Knabb

November 12 – Betty Homan

November 30 – Pastor Mark

**November Anniversaries**

No known November Anniversaries

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**Prayer Concerns for November**

Please remember the following members in prayer

**Betty Homan, Catherine Lenhart, Dan & Sue Miller,  
Nancy O'Rourke, Carole Sanders, Eleanor Wolf**

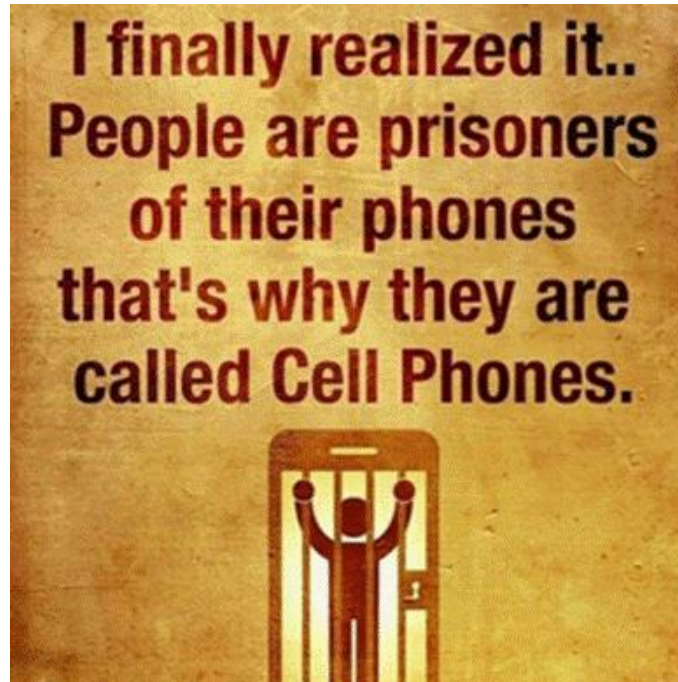
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**Communion Stewards**

More communion stewards & assistants are needed. This is not a difficult task & would only require one to serve once every 3-4 months. The current stewards will gladly give any necessary instruction. Please see one of them, if you can help fill this important position.

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## **SMILES FOR NOVEMBER**



## **SOMETIMES PHOTOS NEED NO WORDS**









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**Reminder:** The last Sunday of every month is Noisy Collection Day. Save your pocket change to make a joyful noise (in our cans.) The money goes into the Trustee's fund to offset minor repairs or purchases needed for the building. Thanks to all who contribute!

**Reminder - Newsletter Deadline**— If you have **articles or humor items** for November's Newsletter be sure to email them to Dick Tracy at [dtracy@ptd.net](mailto:dtracy@ptd.net) or call him at 610-207-2016 not later than Monday November 26<sup>th</sup>. **I am always looking for articles/photos to share so please email me with anything you feel appropriate to share!**