



Emmanuel



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Web Site: WWW.FleetwoodUMC.org

Merry 
Christmas 

Happening in December **2018**

Sunday December 2nd - Worship 10 am "Hanging of the Greens"-

Following the service will be a Cocoa and Cookies fellowship!

Sunday December 9th - Worship 10 am

Sunday Dec 9, 2 – 5 PM – Pastor Mark and Annette's Dricker Family Open House

Please feel free to stop by to share some Christmas Fellowship... whether you can stay for a few moments or stay for a few hours...

Light refreshments and sweets on the menu..

(See directions below)

Wednesday December 11th - 7 pm Trustee Meeting

Sunday December 16th - Worship 10 am & **brief Administrative Board after service**

Youth B.L.A.S.T. Out/In Fleetwood Christmas Caroling and Christmas Fellowship

Sunday December 23 - Worship 10 am

Monday December 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7 pm

Please join us on this special night for our traditional service of beloved hymns and carols ending in the soft glow of candlelight to Silent Night.

Pastor's Corner

Our Public Enemy #1

Our #1 enemy is Satan. His main objective is to cause each of us to lose our soul in the burning fires of Hell. We are warned in 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." We must constantly watch out for Satan. He is very dangerous! Satan is real. He is not a fictitious character in a red suit, horns, and a tail and carrying a pitchfork. Satan can appear in many different forms. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 11:14-15, "For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his messengers also transform themselves into messengers of righteousness." Satan is a master of disguise. He and his messengers can appear to us so innocently.

Satan's main weapon is the lie. Jesus says concerning Satan in John 8:44, "When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." Satan knows all our weaknesses and how to tempt and deceive us. In Genesis 2:16-17 God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or they would die. But in Genesis 3:4 Satan told eve, "You shall not surely die." Satan only added the word "not" to what God said and changed it into a lie.

Satan will get what is due him. Revelation 20:10 says, "The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone....and they shall be tormented day and night forever and ever." But also notice verse 15, "And anyone not found in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." We must always be prepared in fighting Satan. In our preparation Paul says in Ephesians 6:11 to "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil." In our fight with Satan we are told in James 4:7-8, "Resist the Devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." God will help us.

God Bless!

Pastor Mark

Directions to Dricker's Home for Open House

2 – 5 PM Sunday December 9th

Directions from Church:

662 S to Pricetown Rd/ Rt. 12 (Make right onto Rt. 12)

Stay straight to go onto 422 W –

Stay straight to go onto 222 S –

Continue on Rt. 222 S to the Knauers/Adamstown Exit

Exit and at the bottom of the ramp make a right onto 272 S

Follow 272 S to the 2nd light, Swartzville Rd/897 N.

Make a right onto Swartzville Rd/897 N.

Watch on the left for Smokestown Rd (approx. .8 mi.)

Make left onto Smoketown Rd and then the 1st right onto

Royal Horse Way...

We are the 4th house on the right with the full front porch.

We have a **Meal Train going on
for Tammy (<https://mealtrain.com/ey0w1e>)!**

**Please pitch in and help us help
her and her family!**



As you may or may not know, our church member Tammy Krueger, (mommy of Zoe and wife of Wayne) was thrown from a horse several weeks ago and was badly injured. Tammy has "unique" fractures of her right leg and knee, with two surgeries. She is in a brace "contraption" with no weight-bearing for 3 months. She has a walker and wheelchair but with pain and the brace, is not easily mobile. So, with this being the "On Line" decade, our own Julie Knabb opened an on line "**Meal Train**" to request and allow anyone in our church family to sign up and provide a meal(s) for Tammy and her family while they are going through this very rough time during her recovery. **Meal Train** is a convenient on-line resource to easily allow you to see what dates are open and in need of a meal and related information. **For Tammy and family we are trying to cover their evening meals for two days a week, on Monday and Thursday nights.** Please click on the following link to view Meal Train information and choose the date(s) to sign up to provide a Monday or a Thursday night(s) meal to help the Kruegar family <https://mealtrain.com/ey0w1e> . The site is quite self-explanatory but if you should have questions please feel free to call Julie Knabb at 610-733-9468 for assistance.

Tammy welcomes phone calls and visitors, text or call her cell phone which is right next to her. Wayne is usually at home, but they may need help with childcare for Zoe or other errands that Tammy can no longer do. Tammy's Fleetwood address and her cell phone number is on the Meal Train linked site.

Trustee Report

Here is an update from Trustee Chairperson Glen Sanders regarding recent Trustee activity and actions planned around our church.

We have been experiencing some leaking of water into the basement through the outside wall near the stairs to the basement. This has also resulted in some mold developing in the affected areas. After a meeting with DESCCO it was agreed to fix the window wells by removing deteriorated concrete, lowering the cinders and gravel in two window wells, and resealing all the affected windows. This work has been completed at a cost of \$842. An additional project that we hope to accomplish in the spring on the inside of the same basement wall area will replace about 25 feet of drywall and base board with green board and base board and replace any studding or furring strips. The estimated cost for this project is \$1,400.

Appropriate church inspections have been completed and we can now apply for our Fleetwood Borough permit. Your trustees are planning some fund raiser activities in the spring to help with these costs.

December Birthdays

December 8 – Darlene Gorski

December 22 – Zachary Holmes

December Anniversaries

December 3 – Jamie & Chad Evans

December 15 – George & Christine Whitefield

December 22 – Brad & Deanne Hamilton

Prayer Concerns for December

Please remember the following members in prayer

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

SMILES FOR DECEMBER

Something for You

"One day I had lunch with some old friends. Jim, a short, balding golfer type, about 85-years old, came along with them; all in all, it was a pleasant bunch.

When the menus were presented, my friends and I ordered salads, sandwiches, and soups, except for Jim who said, "A large piece of home-made apple pie, heated please."

I wasn't sure my ears heard him right, and the others were aghast, when Jim continued, completely unabashed.... "along with two large scoops of vanilla ice cream."

We tried to act quite nonchalant, as if people did this all the time, but when our orders were brought out, I didn't enjoy eating mine. I couldn't take my eyes off of Jim as I watched him savoring each bite of his pie a-la-mode. The other guys just grinned in disbelief as they silently ate their lunches.

The next time I went out to eat, I called Jim and invited him to join me. I lunched on a white meat tuna sandwich, while he ordered a chocolate parfait. Since I was chuckling,

he wanted to know if he amused me. I answered, "Yes, you certainly do, but you also confuse me. How come you always order such rich desserts, while I feel like I must be sensible in my food choices?"

He laughed and said, "I'm tasting all that is possible for me to taste. I try to eat the food I need and do the things I should in order to stay healthy, but life's too short, my friend. I hate missing out on something good. This year I realized how old I was." He grinned. "I've never been this old before, so, while I'm still here, I've decided it's time to try all those things that, for years, I've been ignoring."

He continued, "I haven't smelled all the flowers yet. There are too many trout streams I haven't fished. There's more fudge sundaes to wolf down and kites to be flown overhead. There are too many golf courses I haven't played. I've not laughed at all the jokes. I've missed a lot of sporting events and potato chips and Cokes.

"I want to wade again in water and feel ocean spray on my face. I want to sit in a country church once more and thank God for His grace. I want peanut butter every day spread on my morning toast. I want un-timed long distance calls to the ones I love the most.

"I haven't cried at all the movies yet or walked in the morning rain. I need to feel wind on my face. So, if I choose to have dessert, instead of having dinner, then should I die before night fall, I'd say I died a winner, because I missed out on nothing. I filled my heart's desire. I had that final piece of pie before my life expired."

With that, I called the waitress over. "I've changed my mind," I said. "I want what he's having, only add some more whipped cream!"

We need an annual Friends Day! Live well, love much, & laugh often - Be happy and enjoy doing whatever your heart desires. You only go around once on this crazy planet.

Be mindful that happiness isn't based on possessions, power, or prestige, but on relationships with people we like, respect, and enjoy spending time with. Remember that while money talks, ICE CREAM SINGS!

May your troubles be less, may your blessings be more, and may nothing but happiness come through your door.



When my arms can't
reach people who are
close to my heart...

I
always
hug them
with my
prayers.



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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 **January's** Newsletter be sure to email them to Dick Tracy at dtracy@ptd.net or call him at 610-207-2016 **not later than Wednesday December 26th**. **I am always looking for articles/photos to share so please email me with anything you feel appropriate to share!**