



Emmanuel



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

We26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Web Site: WWW.FleetwoodUMC.org

Happening in August 2019

Sunday August 4th - 10 am Worship

Sunday August 11th - 10 am Worship & *Teen Sunday School*

Church Picnic following Worship (sign up on bulletin board)

Sunday August 18th - 10 am Worship

Sunday August 25th - 10 am Worship & *Teen Sunday School*

Upcoming Events

Sunday September 8th - Grandparents Day Pot Luck at Emmanuel
following worship

Sunday October 13th - Soup, Salad and Something Sweet Fellowship

Thursday October 31st - "Hallow" (To make Holy) - "ween" (to expect, hope) "Hallo-ween" Neighborhood Outreach

We will be giving out treats and tracts (church info) to trick-or-treaters...

Pastor's Corner

Faith for the long haul . . . Once a person accepts Christ, how do we keep the fire alive?

By Pastor Mark A. Dricker D.Min.

Recently I came across a sentence that made me stop and think: "the Christian life is a marathon." So naturally the question arises, if the Christian life is a marathon, then how do we keep our faith alive throughout our lives?

That "hour I first believed" we were so excited about the Christian life, wanting to take in all we possibly could. Then with the passage of time that initial burst of enthusiasm begins to weaken; we are no longer excited about our faith—it becomes "hum-drum." Whether we are willing to admit it or not, it happens to everyone, especially when we experience difficult times in our lives.

What we need is a faith for the long haul. Ways I and others have found to keep the fire alive include but are not limited to the following suggestions:

- Regular attendance at worship, Sunday school and other church activities. Each one of us needs the encouragement and support of other Christians. While we might overlook opportunities for fellowship, they are important. It is at such times that we feel connected with other believers. Just knowing that someone cares about us gives us strength to face the challenges of each day.
- Volunteering to help in the church gives us strength to face the challenges of each day.
- Others keep their faith alive by reading the Bible daily, or being a part of a Bible study. Something wonderful takes place when we, with other Christians, read and discuss a passage of scripture

together. How refreshing it is listening to questions of persons who are just starting their walk with Christ or just wanting to grow in their faith. Such questions keep our faith alive as we think about them.

- Sometimes we need to be stretched in ways we've never been before. Try doing something you've never done before, like teaching a Sunday school class or leading a small group. Many of us have convinced ourselves that we could not possibly do that, yet given the opportunity we find ourselves strengthened by the Holy Spirit and treasure the experience that we might have dreaded. When we stretch or reach out to others, our own faith is rekindled.

It's easy to get stuck in a spiritual rut, simply going through the motions. When that happens we have to try doing things differently. Yes, it's true, the Christian life is indeed a marathon.

God Bless

Pastor Mark

Dr. Zimmerman's family visit to Emmanuel a Great Success!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our UMCOR kit collection. With the help of the Zimmerman family, we assembled 52 school kits and 40 hygiene kits. The kits will soon be sent to Sager Brown Relief Depot in New Orleans where they will await distribution during a disaster. With all the generous donations from the congregation, the only unpaid expense will be the shipping of the 170 lbs. of boxes. Anyone driving to New Orleans with room to spare?

We had a wonderful visit with Mark, Deidre, Zachary and Benjamin Zimmerman, our covenant missionaries since 1990. When he first went to Nepal in 1986, Mark planned to stay for 4 months, but the Lord had other plans. They are not sure where they will be led by the time of their next home visit in 2023, but they are trusting in His guidance. They told us stories of their personal missions in

Nepal and then we all enjoyed make-your-own ice cream sundaes.

No one remembered to take photos that evening, but here is our Mission Chairperson Julie in the T shirt she was given by the Zimmermans with samples of the UMCOR kits.



August Birthdays

July 11 – Sue Werley

July 12 – Lucas Evans

July 18 – Leah McKay

July 19 – Don Kiesling

July 20 – Kristen McCullough

July 23 –Tommy Evans

July 23 – Bryn Werley

July 24 – Barry Knabb

July 25 – Donna Knarr

July 27 – Nichole Lang

July 31 – Jennifer Keiser

August Anniversaries

No known August Anniversaries

Prayer Concerns for August

Please remember the following members in prayer

**Betty Homan, Tammy Krueger, Catherine Lenhart, Elwood
Rothenberger, Eleanor Wolf**

New Opportunities - We are always looking for new ideas to meet the needs of God's people – to bring them into the Kingdom and into a closer relationship to our Lord. See Pastor Mark or submit any ideas to the administrative board.

The Lord's Army: *Please* prayerfully consider the following *areas of opportunity* for you to contribute to our sharing and caring ministries here at Emmanuel!

Sunday Morning Worship Bulletin sponsors –
Sign up on the bulletin board monthly \$35.00

Altar Flowers – weekly \$35.00 – Please confirm your week on the board and see if there are weeks available to sponsor.

Nursery Care for Worship Services - See Kim Madeira if you'd like to be added to the rotation list in the nursery room.

Lay Reader – See Brad Hamilton or signup on the bulletin board.

Thank you to all who contribute faithfully with their time
and talents year after year!

Smiles and Joys for August

Two little boys were at a wedding when one of them leaned
over and asked, "How many wives can a man have?"

His friend answered "Sixteen, four better, four worse, four
richer, four poorer."





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 for minor repairs or purchases needed for the building. Thanks to all who contribute!

Reminder - Newsletter Deadline– If you have **articles or humor items for the August Newsletter** be sure to email them your newsletter editor, Dick Tracy, at dtracy@ptd.net or call or text him at 610-207-2016 **not later than Wednesday August 28th** . **We are always looking for articles/photos stories or jokes to include so PLEASE email me with anything you feel appropriate to share!**