



Emmanuel



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

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December 2023

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Be Sure to Join us Christmas Eve at 7pm

Happening at Emmanuel in December 2023

Sunday Dec 3 - 10 AM Worship and Sunday School

Wednesday Dec 6 – 11 AM Weekly Bible Study

Sunday Dec 10 - 10 AM Worship and Sunday School

2 to 5 pm– Christmas Fellowship at Pastor Mark & Annette’s home in Reinholds

Wednesday Dec 13 – 11 AM Weekly Bible Study

Wednesday Dec 13 – 6:30 PM Trustee Meeting

Sunday Dec 17 - 10 AM Worship and Sunday School

Cocoa and Cookie Fellowship after Worship

Tuesday Dec 19 – 6:30 PM Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday Dec 20 – 11 AM Weekly Bible Study

Sunday Dec 24 – 10 AM Worship and Sunday School

7 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday Dec 27 – 11 AM Weekly Bible Study

Christmas Greetings to one and all!

May the love and joys of the season bring to you and yours that special warmth of the true joy of sharing the love of the birth of our savior Jesus Christ and the hope and certainty he gives to all mankind. Rejoice and be glad that His love is endless. May the bounty we all enjoy provide us with the ability too pass His love to all we meet along life’s way.

**If you have not been to church service at Emmanuel recently
PLEASE COME BACK to SUNDAY WORSHIP**

We MISS YOU!

Catch the Spirit thank you from Julie

(Editor's note – this thank you from Julie Knabb was to have been in the October issue and appears here since newsletters were not issued in October and November)

To say I was surprised to receive the Catch the Spirit award in September is an understatement, since I am usually in on the planning and organizing of events at Emmanuel. The necklace is beautiful and I truly appreciate the sentiment of the award. But as I reflected on it, I felt somewhat apologetic. I thought of all the individuals who also volunteer in our Emmanuel family. I pondered and made the following list, it is amazing! Let me know if I missed anything.

If you know who does what on the list, take a moment to tell them you appreciate what they do. If you don't know who does what, ask and then say thanks. And if you are someone who does something on the list, your contribution to our church is immeasurable and we thank you wholeheartedly!

All these things are done by volunteers:

Printing of bulletins; Operating the sound system
Changing the paraments; Teaching Sunday School
Decorating for changing seasons; Hanging of the Advent star
Coordinating social events; Visiting shut-ins
Compiling and sending the newsletter; Editing the website
Posting on Facebook; Counting the collection, making bank deposits every week
Removing and disposal of trash; Decorating tables for social events in fellowship hall
Leading Bible study; Establishing our budget
Keeping records of finances and membership; Completing forms for the conference
Paying our bills; Puppet play and presentations
Planning of worship; Practicing and singing in the choir (when possible)
Being the lay reader; Operating the chair lift
Organizing and helping with the annual yard sale
Pulling weeds, planting flowers in the beds; Organizing sandwich sales
Repairing everything in the building that can be done without professionals
Checking the building and premises after storms; Purchasing and donating most supplies
Donating cakes and food for all occasions;
Serving in all leadership and decision-making positions

BIBLE STUDY

*Our weekly Study Continues to be held on Wednesdays during the month of December at
11:00 AM. You are welcome to join us!*

For any questions see or call Kathy Stetka.

Pastor's Corner

. The Inspiration Of The Bible

All sixty-six books of the Bible were inspired of God. 2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God." God has given us everything we need. 2 Peter 1:3 says, "His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness." God has told us everything we need so we can please Him and go to heaven.

Inspiration means "God breathed". God prompted and controlled the writing of the Bible. When did God do this? Hebrews 1:1-2 says, "God who at various times and in various ways spoke in times past to the Fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son." God in Old Testament times spoke to the people through the prophets as we read in 2 Peter 1:21, "For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." The word of God did not come from the will of man but God spoke to man through the prophets. Man's will did not enter into God's word. 1 Corinthians 2:13 says, "These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teach.

How did God accomplish the inspiration of His word in the New Testament? As Jesus told His apostles in John 14:26 & 16:13, "The Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you...when He the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth." The Holy Spirit would be guiding them so they could teach all the truth of God's word.

Just as God used miracles in the Old Testament to confirm that the word being taught was from Him, He confirmed His word in New Testament times, "God also bearing them witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 2:3). Because the Bible is the pure and inspired word of God it "is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

Reminder – Pastor Mark will be available for conference or discussion in his church office and the sanctuary will be open every Friday from 10 AM to Noon.

Prayer Concerns for December

You are urged to keep the following people in prayer

**Nancy O'Rourke, Carole Sanders, Darlene Gorski,
Pat Tracy, Paul Werley, Mark Dricker
Missionaries serving all around the world**

A Thank You

Pat and I want to thank each and everyone of you who provided and brought evening meals to us to help us out following my recent heart attack and Pat's continuing illness. Your meals were wonderful and very much appreciated by both of us.

As they operated on me during my heart attack, I was blessed by the Lord that the doctor found that while most people have only one substantive artery in their right ventricle, I have two arteries there. I had a complete blockage of one of them and the doctor put one stent in to reopen it. However, he stated that the second artery had been able to provide sufficient blood flow that prevented any substantive damage to my heart. I have now fully recovered and can resume all my normal activities and that includes meal preparation. Again, we thank you all for the great meals and a special thanks to Julie who arranged the Meal Train.

Update: as I was preparing this newsletter on Saturday, Pat experienced some chest pains and she was taken to the Reading Hospital by ambulance (and the newsletter was again put on hold.) After considerable blood testing and scans

she was admitted about midnight Saturday for observation and determination. Finally on Tuesday they did two heart catheterizations, one through the wrist and one through her thigh and the findings were that she did NOT have any blockage. They are not sure what caused her chest pressure but she will be discharged to return home Wednesday morning.

EMMANUEL'S KITCHEN

Carmel Corn

From Judy Hamilton (old Church recipe book)

Make 6 quarts of popped corn Mix in Large pan
2 cups brown Sugar 1 Stick Butter or Margarine
½ cup white Karo Syrup, Bring to a boil for 5 minutes, Stir,
Turn off burner and add: 1 tsp. vanilla 1 tsp. baking soda.

Add popped corn to above mixture & stir quickly. Put popped corn on cookie sheets in pre-heated oven at 250 degrees for ½ hour. Stirring half way thru (in 15 minutes)

Please share your favorite recipes!

Please send in any favorite recipes that you are willing to share. They may be handwritten or typed. **Desserts, Main Dishes, Special Vegetables, Salads – ALL are welcome!** Email them to dtracy@ptd.net or give them to me on any Sunday at church and I will publish them in the newsletter.

December Birthdays

December 8 – Darlene Gorski

December Anniversaries

December 3 – Jamie and Chad Evans

December 15 – George and Christine Whitefield

December 20 – Brad and Deanne Hamilton

Humor for December

I could swear he is doing it wrong,
but since I dont own a boat, Im
going to keep my opinion to myself!



PhotoGrid

I don't always
go the extra
mile, but when
I do it's because
I missed my
exit.

sun-gazing.com
INFINITY

For those who don't
want Alexa listening in
on your conversations,
they're making a male
version.....it doesn't
listen to anything.

www.male.com

“Vaping”
back in
my day.



I miss the 90s
when bread was
still good for you,
and no one knew
what kale was.

I wanna be
14 again and
ruin my life
differently.
I have new
ideas.

I'm on two diets now...

**I wasn't getting nearly
enough food on just one**

The three hardest
things to say are:

1. I was wrong
2. I need help
3. Worcestershire
Sauce

Remember, if you don't send in humor items, then you're stuck with my choices! PLEASE send some in!

Reminder - Newsletter Deadline— If you have articles **or humor items** for the Newsletter be sure to email them to your newsletter editor, Dick Tracy, at dtracy@ptd.net or call or text him anytime at 610-207-2016. For the January 2024 issue please send them to him not later than Wednesday December 27th.

I am always looking for articles/photos stories or jokes/cartoons so
PLEASE email me at dtracy@ptd.net with anything you feel appropriate to share!

That's All Folks!