



# Emmanuel



## **Emmanuel United Methodist Church**

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Sunday Worship 10 AM; Sunday School 9:15 AM

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

## **July 2016 at Emmanuel**

### **Schedule of Events around Emmanuel**

Continuing from June – Youth at Creation Festival at Mount Union, PA thru July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sunday July 10 – Sundaes Sunday – Ice Cream social following worship!

July 11 - Pastor Mark meeting with new District Superintendent Rev. H. Joe Tyson

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*Happy Independence Day*

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## **Creation Festival in Progress for Our Church Youth**

**Here are a few photos them having fun this week as they attend Creation Festival in Mount Union, PA!**



*Celebrating Amanda's Birthday*



*Listening to Music by RED!*



*Fun with Friends*

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**CHURCH YARD SALE was on Saturday JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>**

**We raised \$878 from our yard sale! Thanks to all  
who helped!**

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**Pastor's Corner**

## **We Are As We Think**

All of our actions first originate in our mind. Proverbs 23:7 says, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." We are what we think.

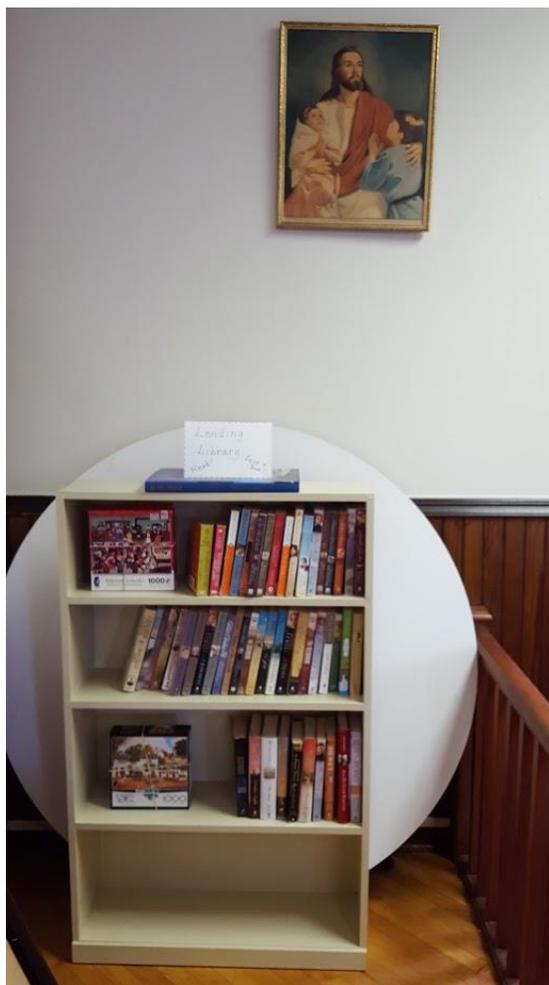
But how can our thinking be used for us to live a godly life so we can go to heaven? "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (Psalms 119:11). By studying God's word and making it part of our life we will "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts" (1 Peter 3:15). By doing this we will "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). For us to go to heaven we must, "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2).

We must purify our hearts for, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). How do we purify our hearts so we can go to heaven? "Finally, brethern, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8). As we think on pure and holy things our lives will be righteous. We will "not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2) as we study God's word. Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). If we do this, we will obey all that God commands and one day be with Him in heaven.

God Bless,

*Pastor Mark*

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## **Lending Library started at Emmanuel!**

**In the big Sunday School Room, in the back corner next to the staircase leading to the basement is our new "Lending Library".**

**The library is for all to use. It is filled with books for you to lend and enjoy.**

**The bookcase needs some more books to fill it up. So if you can help fill it please bring your books to church and place them in the bookcase.**

**Read a book, bring it back and take another! Nothing to sign, just enjoy!**

**For you puzzle lovers there are also a few good puzzles for you to do at your leisure.**

**Please use your lending library.**

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## July Birthdays

July 6 Dick Tracy

July 10 Barbara Frey

July 18 Annette Dricker

July 20 Ron Frey

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## Formula for Success

Here is the biblical formula for success for the Christian. Meditate on God’s Word every day. Have you ever gone for a day when you have been too busy or have forgotten to read the Bible? Have you ever gone a day when you have been too busy or have forgotten to feed your stomach? Which comes first—your Bible or your belly? Be like Job, who “esteemed the words of His mouth more than [his] necessary food.”

You have the promise in the first Psalm that if you meditate on the Law of God both day and night, then you will be fruitful, and “whatever you do will prosper.” That’s not just your marriage or your job; it’s also making the most of your life for your Redeemer.

Say to yourself: No Bible, no breakfast. No read, no feed.

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# God Bless America

The time was 1940. America was still in a terrible economic depression. Hitler was The time was 1940. America was still in a terrible economic depression. Hitler was The time was 1940. America was still in a terrible economic depression. Hitler was taking over Europe and Americans were afraid we'd have to go to war. It was a time of taking over Europe and Americans were afraid we'd have to go to war. It was a time of taking over Europe and Americans were afraid we'd have to go to war. It was a time of hardship and worry for most Americans. hardship and worry for most Americans. hardship and worry for most Americans.

This was the era just before TV, when radio shows were HUGE, and American families sat around their radios in the evenings, listening to their favorite entertainers, and no entertainer of that era was bigger than Kate Smith. Kate Smith might not have made it big in the age of TV, but with her voice coming over the radio, she was the biggest star of her time.

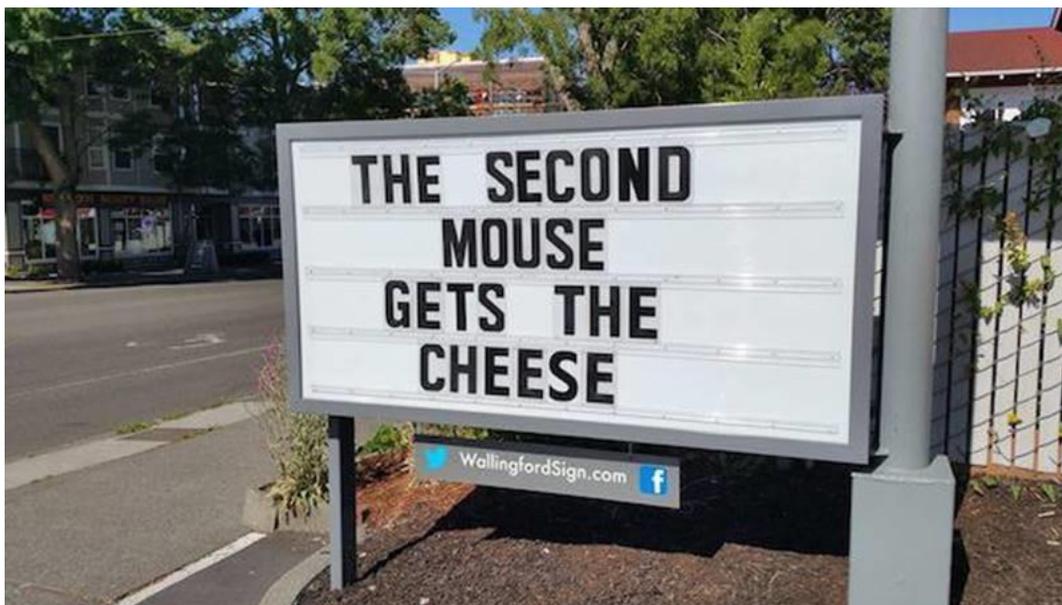
Kate was also patriotic. It hurt her to see Americans so depressed and afraid of what the next day would bring. She had hope for America, and faith in her fellow Americans. She wanted to do something to cheer them up, so she went to the famous American song-writer, Irving Berlin (who also wrote "White Christmas") and asked him to write a song that would make Americans feel good again about their country. When she described what she was looking for, he said he had just the song for her. He went to his files and found a song that he had written, but never published, 22 years before - way back in 1917. He gave it to her and she worked on it with her studio orchestra. She and Irving Berlin were not sure how the song would be received by the public, but both agreed they would not take any profits from God Bless America. Any profits would go to the Boy Scouts of America. Over the years, the Boy Scouts have received millions of dollars in royalties from this song.

To this day, God Bless America stirs our patriotic feelings and pride in our country and reminds us where our blessings come from. Back in 1940, when Kate Smith went looking for a song to raise the spirits of her fellow Americans, I doubt whether she realized just how successful the results would be for her fellow Americans during those years of hardship and worry..... And for many generations of America to follow.

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*S.M.P.E.S. for June*











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