



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

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August 2020

(No Sunday School or Nursery yet)

Pandemic related restrictions in place.

Happening at Emmanuel in August 2020

Sunday, August 2nd - 10 am Worship

Sunday, August 9th - 10 am Worship

Wednesday, August 12th – 7 pm Trustee Meeting

Sunday, August 16th – 10 am Worship

Kids Drive thru Event – 10:45-11:15 (see article below)

Tuesday, August 18th – 6:30 pm Administrative Board

Sunday, August 23rd - 10 am Worship

Sunday, August 30th - 10 am Worship

Pastor's Corner

Why Read the Bible?

For many years it was reported that the Bible was the best seller. That simply means that a lot of people were buying Bibles; it does not necessarily mean that all who bought Bibles were reading them. Many do

read and study God's word and they do so for various reasons. Some read the Bible out of mere curiosity. Others read the Scriptures to satisfy their literary pride while others read in order to be able to disprove those who disagree with them. There are those who read their Bibles out of a sheer sense of duty. All of this to say, that it is possible to read God's word without any desire to know God, without any longing for personal spiritual benefit. In such cases there is little or no spiritual profit which results from the time and effort put forth.

The word of God tells us, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work". In other words, the word of God is profitable in certain specific areas. The word of God teaches, reprovcs, corrects, and trains in righteousness to the end that you might be prepared to do every good work. When you are truly profiting from God's word it ought to be obvious in several areas. First of all, there are many truths which only the word of God can teach us. We need to know the truth about the true and living God, about the origin and future of man, the true nature and consequence of sin and of God's remedy for sin. It is vitally important that we understand why Christ was God incarnate and why He lived and died as a Substitute for others.

If you are profiting from God's word, as you read it, you will be called to account for those things in your life that God disapproves of. When person is convicted of sin, for the first time they begin to sense something of the desperate need of their soul. They are brought to that place where they are able to see that Christ is the only One who is perfectly suited to meet that need. If indeed a person brought to trust Christ as Lord and Savior, it can be said that they have profited from reading God's word. The word of God also corrects and instructs. The proof of whether or not a person has been corrected and instructed by God's word is whether or not they are seeking to live in accordance with God's revealed will.

Sad to say, many who read the Bible fall into the category described by the Apostle James as "hearers only." He makes a great distinction

between "hearers" and "doers." "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves." James 1:22 The only way to know the truth is to read God's word with a sincere desire to obey it.

Pastor Mark

Special Drive-through for Sunday School kids!

On **Sunday, August 16** we will invite all the kids who were attending Sunday School before the shut-down to a drive-through in the church parking lot (with Mom, Dad or Grandparent driving, of course!) After worship, between 10:45 am and 11:15 am, several of the Sunday school staff will be stationed in the back of the church to greet to the kids and give them something special, along with an ice cream sundae cup for each one. The kids should remain in their carseats, the staff will be masked, staying as socially distanced as possible from the car while talking to the kids and giving them their treats. The whole process for each car driving through should take 10-15 minutes.

Since we are not able to have Sunday school with the covid-19 precautions, this is a way for us to let the kids know we're not forgetting them and we'll be here when the virus goes away. The kids will receive invitations with further instructions in the next week or so and if this goes well, we should make it a monthly event. Contact Julie Knabb if you have any questions or would like to help with or fund these drive-throughs!

August Birthdates

August 11 – Sue Werley
August 12 – Lucas Evans
August 18 – Leah McKay
August 19 – Don Kiesling
August 20 – Kirsten McCullough
August 23 – Tommy Evans
August 23 – Bryn Werley
August 24 – Barry Knabb
August 25 – Donna Knarr
August 27 – Nicole Lang
August 31 – Jennifer Keiser

Evelyn Kent Clark appointed to be our new South District superintendent



Bishop Peggy A. Johnson would like to announce the appointment of the Rev. Evelyn Kent Clark as the Superintendent of the South District of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference effective July 1, 2020. She follows the Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm who will be the new Director of Connectional Ministries at the Conference Office effective July 1, 2020.

Rev. Clark grew up in Philadelphia, PA with her three sisters and one brother. She was educated in the parochial school system of Philadelphia and upon graduation from high school she attended Lincoln University in Oxford, PA with a major in French and a minor in Secondary Education. Rev. Clark responded to the call to ordained ministry after 13 years as an educator in the public-school system. She received her Local Pastor's License in 1993 and her Masters of Divinity from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, currently known as Palmer Seminary, in 2000. She was ordained

as an elder in the United Methodist Church in 2003 and is currently serving as the pastor of two churches in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference: New Life UMC in Drexel Hill, PA and Trinity Lansdowne UMC (known as The Garden Church) in historic Lansdowne, PA.

Rev. Clark served the General Church as a member of the General Board of Discipleship. She has also served as a member of the Congregational Transformation Team, co-chairperson of Calling Disciples Resource Team, member of the Commission on Equitable Compensation, president of Black United Methodist Preachers, member of Black Methodist for Church Renewal and as the secretary and chairperson of the Committee on Episcopacy. She is currently chairperson of the Order of Elders, co-chairperson of the South District Committee on Ordained Ministry and a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry and its executive committee.

Rev. Clark was a facilitator for the Forum for Female Scholars at the 2006 Gates Millennium Scholars Leadership Conference in Chantilly, Virginia. In that same year Rev. Clark received the Denman Award for evangelism. In March of 2007 she accepted an invitation to the University of Oxford, in Oxford, England to present and dialogue on the topic "Science and Religion: Is There Common Ground?" She is a member of Biltmore Who's Who, having qualified for inclusion in the 2007-2008 edition of the registry of executives and professionals. In 2017 Rev. Clark had the extreme honor of being a recipient of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award by President Barak Obama.

Prayer Concerns for July

Please remember the following members in prayer

Catherine Lenhart, Nancy O'Rourke, Glenn Sanders, Joan Sehl, Eleanor Wolf,

You may have seen this before, but in this troubled time it doesn't hurt to be reminded that even when we don't understand, God is still in control---and good.

**One may observe God's accuracy in the hatching of eggs...
those of the Canary in 14 days; those of the Barnyard Hen in 21 days;
Eggs of Ducks and Geese in 28 days;
those of the Mallard in 35 days;
Eggs of the Parrot and the Ostrich hatch in 42 days.
(Notice, they are all divisible by seven,
the number of days in a week!)**

**See God's Wisdom in the making of an Elephant...
The four legs of this great beast
all bend forward in the same direction.
No other quadruped is so made.
God planned that this animal would have a huge body...
too large to live on two legs.
For this reason He gave it four fulcrums
so that it can rise from the ground easily.
The Horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.
A Cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.**

How wise the Lord is in all His works of Creation!

Each Watermelon has an even number of stripes on the Rind.

**Each Orange has an even number of segments.
Each ear of Corn has an even number of rows.
Each stalk of Wheat has an even number of grains.**

**Every bunch of Bananas has on its lowest row
an even number of Bananas,
and each row decreases by one,
so that one row has an even number
and the next row an odd number.**

Amazing! And there's more...

**The Waves of the Sea roll in on shore
Twenty-six to the Minute in all kinds of weather.**

All Grains are found in even numbers on the stalks..

**God has caused the Flowers to Blossom
at certain specified times during the day.**

**Linnaeus, the Great Botanist,
once said that if he had a Conservatory
containing the right kind of Soil,
Moisture, and Temperature,
he could tell the Time of Day or Night
by the Flowers that were Open
and those that were Closed.**

**The Lives of each of us
may be ordered by the Lord
in a Beautiful Way for His Glory,
if we will only Entrust Him with our Lives.
If we try to Regulate our own Lives,
we will have only Mess and Failure.**

**Only God, who made our Brains and Hearts,
can Successfully Guide them to a Profitable End.**

**When you carry the Bible,
Satan has a Headache;
when you Open it,
he Collapses.**

**When he sees you Reading it,
he loses his Strength,
and when you Stand on the Word of God,
Satan can't Hurt you!**

Life without God is like an Unsharpened pencil - it has no Point.

Smiles for July 2020







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Reminder - Newsletter Deadline— If you have articles **or humor items** for the August Newsletter be sure to email them to your newsletter editor, Dick Tracy, at dtracy@ptd.net or call or text him at 610-207-2016 **not later than Thursday August 27th.** **We are always looking for articles/photos stories or jokes so PLEASE PLEASE email Dick with anything you feel appropriate to share!**