



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

February Schedule of Events

Wednesday Feb 10 – Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM

Tuesday Feb 17th – Administrative Board Meeting - 7 PM

*Youth are collecting boxes of long spaghetti for the Mission project to the Water Street Rescue Mission.. They are collecting 100 boxes to provide for 1 spaghetti dinner by the charity. Bring to the Sanctuary. Thanks!

Youth Events in February

Sun Feb 7 Superbowl Sub Sale Delivery at Church
3-5 pm Super Bowling Family Style
at Berks Lanes \$10 incl. shoes



Wed Feb 10 7pm Ash Wednesday Service
Sun Feb 21 11-1 pm Youth Fellowship Youth Hang Time...
"Brown Bag-It" Devotion and Game Day!
Friends always welcome!!!

Why Go To Church

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!
If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.
If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper & complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, '& in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time & the preachers & priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me & gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'

Our Great Salvation In Christ Jesus

As faithful Christians we have a great and wonderful salvation that is waiting for us. We cannot even begin to imagine how wonderful it's going to be. "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). We have "an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:4). "And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away" (1 Peter 5:4).

God has planned for our salvation from the beginning of the world. "Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace, that would come to you" (1 Peter 1:9-10). But we know more concerning our salvation than the people in the Old Testament did, because more details have been revealed to us in the New Testament. "By which have been given to us exceeding great and precious promises that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). Today we have "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

We must not become complacent and neglect our salvation. We cannot afford to lose it. We are to, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). Any burden we now bear doesn't even begin to compare to our great salvation that is reserved for us. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at things which are seen, but at things which are not seen" (2 Corinthians 4:17). "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him" (Hebrews 2:3). We cannot afford to fail.

Paul says, "Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory" (2 Timothy 2:10). Only those who are in Christ have access to this salvation. How does one get into Christ to have this great salvation? "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). Those of us who are in Christ must continue to diligently serve the Lord. We should serve the Lord with gladness and joy by obeying His every command for Jesus says, "My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 10:30). In doing this we should "be even more diligent to make your call and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10). "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering" (Hebrews 10:23). Jesus promises, "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of Life" (Revelation 2:10). Let's make going to heaven our number one priority in this life.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

Special Opportunity to serve your church:

We are forming a committee to organize our church's 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2016. Please think about joining in to make this a rewarding experience. Please contact Pastor Mark to let him know of your interest to participate. He may be reached at his cell phone 267-884-1823.

Thoughts

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical & our spiritual nourishment!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL !

B. I. B. L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

Biblical Creation and the Speed of Light

Science Writer Brian Thomas interviewing astrophysicist Dr. Jason Lisle, asked Dr. Lisle this question.

“I hear from the world that some of the strongest arguments against biblical creation’s timeline come from stars. If the stars are far away - and they are - and light travels at this speed - and we assume it does - then they have to be billions of years old in order for that light to have reached here. Is there a quick way to answer that or not?”

“One assumption... is that light travels the same speed in all directions....The bottom line is: the speed of light, when it’s directed toward an observer, can be as fast as infinite. Using this definition, which Einstein agreed was one acceptable definition, it takes no time at all for the light from distant galaxies to reach the earth. So of course it can happen in the biblical timeframe. It’s hard to explain that in a quick soundbite answer. The fact is, physics - as we understand it - does allow for instantaneous light travel.”

As quoted in Acts & Facts, Feb. 2016, pgs. 18, 19.

A different explanation as observed in some Bible Versions of Genesis 1, by some Bible Students is this:

According to Chapter 1:11,12, God created plants and trees bearing fruit with the next generation’s seeds already in them. In other words God created them fully functioning, as if they had already existed. We are limited to making necessary parts for things, assembling them correctly, transporting them where they need to be, then connecting them to a power source, and turning them on, before they begin to function. That is how we tend to think of creation, but God is saying something different. He creates things as if they were, past tense, already in existence. Applying that to the heavenly lights, including stars, would imply that their light was already reaching earth, just as we read in chapter 1:14 - 19. A very different understanding than a superficial reading of Genesis 1 gives to casual readers.

February Humor

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object that represented their religion to share with the class.

The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David."

The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a

Rosary."

The third student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am Methodist, and this is a casserole."

Goat for Dinner

The young couple invited their elderly pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having.

"Goat," the little boy replied.

"Goat?" replied the startled man of the cloth, "Are you sure about that?"

"Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner.' "

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

Lord, keep Your arm around my shoulder and Your hand over my mouth.

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

Reminder - Newsletter Deadline— If you have **articles for March'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 February 24 .** **We are always looking for articles to share so please feel free to email Dick with anything you feel appropriate to share!**