



Emmanuel



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

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March 2022

Happening at Emmanuel in March 2022

Wednesday March 2nd – **3 pm** Ash Wednesday service

Sunday March 6th - **9 am** - **Bible Study**

Sunday March 6th - **10 am** Worship and Sunday School

Tuesday March 8th – **6:30 pm** Trustee Meeting

Sunday March 13th - **9 am** - **Bible Study**

Sunday March 13th - **10 am** Worship and Sunday School

Tuesday March 15th – **6:30 pm** Administrative Board Meeting

Sunday March 20th - **9 am** - **Bible Study**

Sunday March 20th – **10 am** Worship and Sunday School

Sunday March 27th - **9 am** - **Bible Study**

Sunday March 27th – **10 am** Worship and Sunday School

Ash Wednesday Service

This coming Wednesday March 2nd

In the Fellowship Hall at 3 PM

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, brethren, 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

Lent Bible Study

Pastor Mark will conduct our Lenten Bible study on Sunday morning at 9AM prior to worship, starting on March 6. It will be for 4 weeks.

Church Yard Sale on Saturday June 11th

The annual church yard sale will be held on Sat., June 11th. As you do your Spring cleaning, please save any items that may be sold. If you do not have storage room; things may be stored in the church basement - 2nd room on the left. **Start gathering items now!** If you have questions, please see Brad, Deanne, or Kathy

March Birthdays

March 10 – Kathy Stetka

March 21 – Paul Werley

March 23 – Ruth Fluharty

March 27 – Dan Miller

March Anniversaries

March 21 – Karen & Bob Packard

Prayer Concerns for March

**Donna Knarr, Catherine Lenhart, Nancy O'Rourke, Carole Sanders,
Glenn Sanders, Kathy Stetka, Pat Tracy, JoAnne Hartman**

A Message for Today from our Emmanuel Archives

An article entitled "Why prayer could be good medicine" was published an issue of Parade in the Sunday Reading Eagle. The author mentioned several studies being done to investigate the connection between faith/prayer and healing. A professor at Johns Hopkins says "We are not out to prove that a deity exists, but we are trying to see whether prayer has meaning to people that translates into biology and affects a disease process." Another researcher states "Nobody knows what really happens in human beings when they pray or when you pray for them in terms of the physiological mechanisms involved, but it's not uncommon to be clueless about mechanisms." The author states that "some scientists speculate that prayer may foster a state of peace and calm that could lead to beneficial changes in the cardiovascular and immune systems." The final comment in the article says "...we know enough, based on solid

research, to say that prayer, much like exercise and diet, has a connection with better health.”

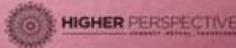
Well, duh! Of course, prayer is good medicine! We don't have to understand what mechanisms occur, we just have to ask Him to heal or help us through an illness, and He will do just that. We may not receive instant healing, but our prayers and the prayers of others will give us what we need at the time to make the best of our situation. Science may not be able to understand all our “physiological mechanisms,” but God certainly does, because He created us. Body, mind and soul must be touched for healing, and prayer can connect all those three dimensions so better health can be achieved. God can heal our physical ailment, calm our worries, and give peace to our spirit as we place ourselves in His care. Jesus approached his ministry holistically- caring for the whole person, not just healing physical ills or forgiving sins-he extended his caring to the body, the mind and the spirit.

So, if you are hurting in any way, say a prayer, even if you've never been much of a “prayer.” If you know someone who is hurting, say a prayer for them, God will hear and help. And if someone in Emmanuel needs help or healing, our prayer chain is always ready to enlist God's help

Thoughts for March 2022



When he wanted to take her picture, he didn't tell her to smile, but told her, "I love you" and her smile was more beautiful.



If you don't like where you are, move. You are not a tree.



**THEY'RE NOT DANGEROUS
IF YOU RAISE THEM RIGHT**



**AND NEITHER
ARE THE DOGS**

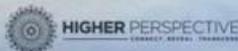


If you take care of things



They last.

Never confuse education with intelligence.



Having a soulmate is not always about love. You can find your soulmate in a friendship too.



That's All Folks!

Reminder - Newsletter Deadline— If you have **articles or humor items** for the April 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 **not later than Thursday March 24th**. **(Remember, if you don't send humor items, they you're stuck with my choices!)** I am **always looking for articles/photos stories or jokes/cartoons so PLEASE** email Dick dtracy@ptd.net with anything you feel appropriate to share!