



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

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January 2024

Happy New Year!

Happening at Emmanuel in January 2024

- Sunday Jan 7 - 10 AM Worship and Sunday School
Little Christmas Gift Swap & Pot Luck after worship
- Wednesday Jan 10 – 11 AM Weekly Bible Study
- Wednesday Jan 10 – 6:30 PM Trustee Meeting
- Sunday Jan 14 - 10 AM Worship and Sunday School
- Tuesday Jan 16 – 6:30 PM Administrative Board Meeting
- Wednesday Jan 17 – 11 AM Weekly Bible Study
- Sunday Jan 21 - 10 AM Worship and Sunday School
- Wednesday Jan 24 – 11 AM Weekly Bible Study
- Sunday Jan 28 – 10 AM Worship and Sunday School
- Wednesday Jan 31 – 11 AM Weekly Bible Study

“Little Christmas Gift Swap & Pot Luck” Sunday January 7th after Worship

A Covered Dish Fellowship following worship in the Fellowship Hall. All invited for fun and fellowship – please bring a wrapped gift valued approximately \$5- 10.00 for each person participating in the swap!

BIBLE STUDY

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

For any questions see or call Kathy Stetka.

Pastor's Corner

Trusting In God

There probably has never been a period in the world's history as filled with as many unhappy people as the one in which we now live. In this country we have been blessed above any nation that has ever existed. These blessings have come because in the past this nation trusted in God and was known as a Christian nation. But things have changed and are continuing to change. More and more individuals are putting their trust in pills, psychologists, drugs, alcohol, material wealth, pleasure, and in themselves instead of the living God. Tranquilizers replace the faith in far too many lives. It is estimated that 30 million sleeping pills were taken last night in the USA.

But "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of the drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit" (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

To be sure in each life some rain must fall; some days will be dark and dreary. By trusting in God these moments properly used make for brighter and better tomorrows. If there were no difficulties, there could be not triumphs. In dealing with life's problems Paul writes from his prison cell, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice! Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:4, 6). Just imagine a prisoner writing such words to men who were at liberty to go and do as they pleased. Another time when Paul was in jail, we read in Acts 16:25, "But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them." Paul certainly serves as an example of how we should trust in God.

We have "the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7). Because of our trust in God, "But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; let them even shout for

joy, because You defend them" (Psalms 5:11). We should have great joy and gladness to know that we are God's children "for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

Our trusting in God will help us to "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which has great recompense of reward" (Hebrews 10:35). Let's "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart" (Proverbs 3:5) so we can go to heaven. "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 cannot even begin to imagine how wonderful heaven will be. So, let's trust in the living God so we can go to heaven.

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 January

You are urged to keep the following people in prayer

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

EMMANUEL'S KITCHEN

Lemon Cake Cookies

Submitted by David DeTurk

One package of Lemon cake Mix
1/3 Cup Oil
2 Eggs
Powdered Sugar
Mix Cake Mix, Oil and Eggs
Form balls of cookie dough and coat in powdered sugar
Baake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes
Enjoy!

Please share your favorite recepies!

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.

January Birthdays

January 13 – Karen Werley
January 15 – Dean Walker
January 20 – David DeTurk
January 28 – Bob Fluharty

January Anniversaries

January 21 – Bob & Ruth Fluharty
January 30 – Raymond and Pat Everhart

Humor for January

FUN SIGNS YOU CAN'T MAKE UP



Other Humor

Life's short. Make sure you spend as much time as possible on the Internet arguing with strangers about politics.

Every time we try to eat healthy, along comes Christmas, Easter, summer, Friday or Tuesday and ruins it for us.

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The best murder weapon would be a tupperware lid because no one would ever find it.



COFFEE AND JELLY BEANS

Nobody told me that when you get a husband the ears are sold separately.

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/ recipes / photos stories or jokes/cartoons so **PLEASE** email me at dtracy@ptd.net with anything you feel appropriate to share! That's All Folks!