

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE GABRIEL

June, 2020



WORSHIP

Worship at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

JUNE, 2020 Dates To Remember

(Everything pending)

June 7	Trinity Sunday	9:30 AM
June 10	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	6:30 PM*
June 14	Second Sunday after Pentecost Fellowship Sunday	9:30 AM
June 17	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	6:30 PM*
June 18	Food Pantry	
June 21	Third Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day	9:30 AM
June 24	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	6:30 PM*
June 28	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	

New Number for Sunday Service

We will start using a new phone number for Sunday service on **MAY 31**
Let's hope it works as well as the current one.

The number to call: **1 877 309 2073**

The access code: **591 680 557** followed by the pound sign #

*Prayer Service with Messiah Lutheran on website and Facebook during this COVID season a continuation of our Lenten gathering.

Regular Sunday Worship will continue on the website and by phone.

Men's Breakfast

Men will meet for breakfast at 8:30 AM at the Turnpike Restaurant in Mifflinburg on the last Friday of the month. Those wishing to carpool meet at the church at 8:15.

Ladies' Night Out

The next Ladies' Night Out will be Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 6:00 PM, Turnpike Restaurant, Mifflinburg. There is a Sign-up sheet on the table in the social room. Please join us!

OUR BIRTHDAYS

June 2 - Richard Keister

June 15 - Taylor Delp

June 4 - June Hoot

June 20 - Debra Benfer

June 5 - Cali Camden

June 21 - Irene Kessler

June 6 - Randy Keister

June 24 - Scott Leitzel

June 12 - Marvin Maurer

June 25 - Emily Smith

June 12 - Harry Yost

June 26 - Stacy Snyder

June 13 - Amy Maurer

June 29 - Harry Kratzer

OUR ANNIVERSAIRES

June 11 - Chris and Jennifer Beckley

June 25 - Richard and Barb Helm

June 13 - Frank and Theresa Reber

June 27 - Harry and Mary Kratzer

June 14 - Tim and Carole Spangler

June 30 - David and Deborah Bickel

June 25 - Jeff Detrick and Grace Hockenberry

Please remember in Prayer:

Those in Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

RiverWoods: Georgia Linke,

Elmcroft: Patricia and Robert Seebold

Family and Friends of those who have died:

Rev. Gary Hackenberg, Judy Boyden, Mary Yost, Rose Snook

Church Members with Concerns:

Barb Stamm, Shirley Renninger, Lucille Cope, Linda Walter

Friends and family with concerns:

Frances Stover, Jamie Leitzel, Robert and Doloras Maurer, Eric Powell

Helen and Jerry Green, Fred Boyden, John and Elline Aldenbuttel,

Francis & Nancy Giffin

Around the World and Close to Home:

Pray for Peace in our World

All those serving in the armed forces

Lester Wayne Timosan, Kalauman Development Center in Philippines



**Our 2020 Emmanuel UCC
Church Consistory**

Next Meeting:

Mary Beckley President
Linda Walter - VP
Marie Eberhart - Secretary

Members:
**Jill Benfer, David Farmer, Joan Maurer,
Barbara Stamm, Penny Guzanski,
Keith McCool,**

PASTOR JIM'S TIME

Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of life,
Let me more of their beauty see,
Wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty
Teach me faith and duty.

Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life;
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life.

This past week as I was preparing for our mid-week prayer service with the Lutheran congregation next door, it was my turn to read the scripture. Jodi suggested I do it outside and that sounded like a great idea. We found a neat little spot on our back porch surrounded by flowers. I got my candle and lit the flame and we began to video tape my reading... Over and over I would begin reading get to a certain point and the dogs would bark...the boys would clank something in the kitchen...the phone would ring...the dog would walk through the picture. Each time we would start over. Finally, after several attempts, we gave up. The final time...whatever happened...happened. And yes...the birds were chirping...the dog walked through the picture...the boys were cooking something in the kitchen...and I don't even know what else happened...but the reading of the word was on video amidst all of life in our corner of the world.

I watched it later and wondered what people might think. Couldn't he have found a quieter spot? That certainly isn't very professional or sacred! Doesn't he have a nicer shirt? Why isn't he wearing shoes? For goodness sakes...put the dog outside!

And then...it didn't matter so much to me what other people thought. I was reading the Word of Life...and Life was surrounding me! Life isn't always a perfect

setting...sometimes there is a lot going on! We are meant to read the word...reflect on the word...and figure out how we can apply it in our busy, hectic lives. The Word of Life isn't something to treat like historical facts with no meaning...it is meant to be a part of present-day living!

The writer of Philippians says, "*Cling to the word of life so that on the day of judgment when the Anointed One returns I may have reason to rejoice, because it will be plain that I didn't turn from His mission nor did I work in vain.*"

May we all cling to the word of life so that it becomes the forefront of our thinking and influences how we live our lives...which sometimes have a lot going on in the background!

Sweetly echo the Gospel call,
Wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all,
Wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior,
Sanctify us forever.

Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life;
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life.

Pressing on!
Pastor Jim

KINDNESS GOALS

- June 1 - This is National "Say something Nice Day" Let's do that!
- June 7 - Let a friend know you are thinking of them with a creative handmade card!
- June 14 - Give someone working outside a cold bottle of water
- June 21 - Give a Father or a Father figure a word of thanks!
- June 28 - Give a child a sticker or activity book



Reminder:

The Lector sign-up sheets are available on the information table. Hopefully we will need readers soon.

Altar Flowers We have a new supplier for our weekly altar flowers, We are now getting them through Country Flowers in Middleburg at a cost of \$35.00. We will continue using the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board located in the breezeway beside the kitchen door to indicate which week we wish to sponsor the altar flowers..

Stamp-A-Stack 2020 w/Penny Guzenski @ Emmanuel UCC

Workshops will begin at 2 PM, however, you can come any time after 2 if you have a conflict. Allow about 3-4 hours to complete your cards. We should wrap up around 6:30 PM.

July 30 RSVP by June 26

October 29: RSVP by September 17

Please join us in the opportunity to make your own handmade greeting cards. Bring a friend, meet new friends, and socialize with us. The more people, the more fun! You will make stacks of 5 designs/2 of each design for a total of 10 cards. The cost is \$15.00.

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day in the United States is on the third Sunday of June. It celebrates the contribution that fathers and father figures make for their children's lives. Its origins may lie in a memorial service held for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in 1907.

Events and observations associated with the holidays we list may be canceled or otherwise affected due to measures taken to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Please check with event organizers for details.

What Do People Do?

Father's Day is an occasion to mark and celebrate the contribution that your own father has made to your life. Many people send or give cards or gifts to their fathers. Common Father's Day gifts include sports items or clothing, electronic gadgets, outdoor cooking supplies and tools for household maintenance.

Father's Day is a relatively modern holiday so different families have a range of traditions. These can range from a simple phone call or greetings card to large parties honoring all of the 'father' figures in a particular extended family. Father figures can include fathers, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers and great-grandfathers and even other male relatives. In the days and weeks before Father's Day, many schools and Sunday schools help their pupils to prepare a handmade card or small gift for their fathers.

Background and symbols

There are a range of events, which may have inspired the idea of Father's Day. One of these was the start of the Mother's Day tradition in the first decade of the 20th century. Another was a memorial service held in 1908 for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in December 1907.

A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was an influential figure in the establishment of Father's Day. Her father raised six children by himself after the death of their mother. This was uncommon at that time, as many widowers placed their children in the care of others or quickly married again.

Sonora was inspired by the work of Anna Jarvis, who had pushed for Mother's Day celebrations. Sonora felt that her father deserved recognition for what he had done. The first time Father's Day was held in June was in 1910. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Nixon.

Happy Father's Day to All Men !

The Meaning of the Flag-Draped Coffin.

What a wonderful lesson this was for me. I do not recall ever being taught this in school. "The Meaning of the Flag-Draped Coffin"

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and I think it's high time Americans get re-educated about this Nation's history.

Please pass it along and be proud of the country we live in, and even more proud of those who serve to protect our 'GOD-GIVEN' rights and freedoms. I hope you take the time to read this ... To understand what the flag draped coffin really means ...

Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers: Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day! The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life. The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America , and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic..

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Please share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to as the symbol of ' Liberty and Freedom. MAY GOD PROTECT US ALWAYS. ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.



God is still speaking



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