

THE GABRIEL

THE NEWSLETTER OF EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

We press on in the ministry of faith in action in our local community and the world.

July 2022

A Message from Pastor Jan



As many of you know, I retired from my job as a Surgical Technologist at Geisinger Medical Center on June 3.

I went back to school and graduated as a Surgical Technologist at the age of 47 years and worked in this field for over 18 years. In those years I will never know how many lives that I have touched and my patients will never know how much they have touched my life.

When I decided to retire so many things went through my mind. One thing that went through my mind was what I am I going to do with my time, will I be bored and go stir crazy.

I saw a video on Facebook where a man was sitting and looking very sad because he had a major change in his life. Then you would hear him say “I don’t know what I’m going to do tomorrow.” Next you heard his alter ego say, “How exciting!”

I took this video to heart. It truly helped me realize that retirement can be exciting and it has been. It is so exciting for me to be able to be spend more time with my ministry.

The book of Philippians chapter 4 verses 6 and 7 says “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don’t forget to thank him for his answers. ⁷If you do this, you will experience God’s peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.”

This verse has brought me so much strength, comfort and anticipation about new beginnings. God gives all of us the gift of a new beginning each and every day. So, remember to thank God each day for the opportunity begin again.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Jan

BLESSINGS
FOR NEW
BEGINNINGS
and future
ADVENTURES

WORSHIP

Worship conducted at 9:30 AM each Sunday morning

In-person (please see In-person Guidelines)

Connect by phone

The number to call: 1 877 309 2073

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

View on our website www.newberlinucc.org later in the day.

July 3 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Surprising Prophets
Pastor Jan preaching and Pastor Jim liturgist
Organist Audrey Bingaman

July 10 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Caring Neighbors
Pastor Jim preaching and Pastor Jan liturgist
Organist Audrey Bingaman
Social time following worship.

July 17 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Word and Work
Pastor Jan preaching and Pastor Jim liturgist
Organist Audrey Bingaman

July 24 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Pick up the Mantle
Pastor Jan preaching and Pastor Jim liturgist
Organist Audrey Bingaman

July 31 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Soul Investment
Pastor Jim preaching and liturgist
Organist Audrey Bingaman



Our Life Together In Service

Ladies Night Out

There has been interest in starting up the Ladies Night Out that was put on hold the last couple of years. It is a fun evening out for dinner and fellowship. If you are interested in resuming this, please contact Audrey Bingaman or Pastor Jan.



Food Pantry. Please help us continue to support this vital mission in our local community. The next distributions will be *Thursday, July 21*. Suggested food items from Emmanuel for the month are canned fruits, spaghetti sauce, soup, and peanut butter. We do thank all those who make donations and offer their time to make this mission and service possible for those who are in need.

Traditional Holy Communion and Offering Collection

Consistory Members of Emmanuel United Church of Christ voted to get back to some traditional methods of Sunday Services to give us more normalcy.

- The Offering Plate will be passed through the pews for collection.
- Holy Communion will be served in the traditional way.
- Hand sanitizers will still be around the church for your use.
- Sunday Services will continue to be via phone and video will be posted to website later in the day.



Please contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Jan or any of the Church Consistory members if you have any questions or concerns.



Our Deepest Sympathy to the families of Jason Benfer,
Robert Walter, Marvin Maurer and Myron Anderson.

Our Life Together In Prayer

Those in Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

Elmcroft: Patricia and Robert Seebold

Nottingham: George Mull

Family and Friends of those who have died:

Gladys Roush, Leslie Baylor, Anna Beckley Barbara Snook,
Myron Anderson, Marvin Maurer, D.J. (Dennis) Mapes, Martha Wetzel,
Gail Walter

Church Members with Concerns:

Lucille Cope, Joyce Kratzer, Vicki Benfer, Penny Guzinski

Friends and Family with Concerns:

Frances Stover, Kathy Brady, Vic Crevelling, John Snook, Julia Hauck,
Tawnya Lovell, Hannah Newell, Amy Geiser, Darlene Hoffmaster,
Kay Martin, Cliff Ressler, Debbie Solomon, Michael Culp, Deb Brown,
Cody Moyer, Scott Hummel, Dari Thomason, Mary Hummel, Brynley Grove,
Sarah Delp, Cynthia Dressler, Ken Haizlett, People of Ukraine, People of Uvalde

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 July Birthdays & Anniversaries



July 1 - Wendy Eister
July 1 - Nate Dauberman
July 5 - Tammy Kline
July 5 - Velma Solomon
July 7 - Brandon Stamm
July 8 - Allison Kuhar

July 11 - Kaitlyn Beckley
July 16 - Timothy Spangler
July 17 - Maggie Smith
July 23 - Frances Stover
July 28 - James Benfer
July 29 - Barbara Heim



July 17 - Jeffrey & Buffie Maurer

“Church Family, Thanks for all your prayers.
I hope to get back to church soon. “I hope.”
I had my third surgery on June 2. It is going very slow
now again. Just pray that this will be a success.
Thanks, Joyce Kratzer”



Our church leaders continually listen for that still, small voice as they discern the next steps for Emmanuel United Church of Christ.
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 12 at 7:30 p.m.

2022 Emmanuel UCC Church Council
Linda Walter - President
Keith McCool - Vice President
Debra Benfer - Secretary
Vicki Benfer, Audrey Bingaman, Penny Guzenski,
Martha Hockenberry, Donnie Sauers, Jill Benfer

The minutes of the May 2022 meeting are attached.

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
NEW BERLIN, PA
CONSISTORY MINUTES - MAY 9, 2022

Attendance: Linda Walter, Keith McCool, Deb Benfer, Audrey Bingaman, Jill Benfer (via phone), Martha Hockenberry, Pastor James Cope, and Pastor Jan Garinger.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Linda Walter with devotions by Pastor Cope based on Psalm 23.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes of April 11, 2022, was made by Martha, seconded by Audrey. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the treasurer's report for April 2022 subject to audit was made by Audrey, seconded by Jill. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Roof update - Keith is getting two more bids
2. Call in by phone update - Bugs are being worked out by sound techs and pastors
3. Sanctuary piano humidifier update - Audrey said that Mr. Leshner was coming to put it in. Margaret Seebold memorial fund will be used for this.
4. Trustee report - Keith reported from Donnie's list
 - a. Lights in social room have all been replaced with LED'S
 - b. Purchased a leaf blower for \$199.99. Garth Miller memorial fund will be used for this.
 - c. Trees need to be trimmed to keep limbs away from the roof - Keith will check prices.

5. Sanctuary Painting Research Update - Discussion on different quotes being obtained for different amounts of work. Consistory suggested that a bid package be prepared and used so all quotes will be for the same amount of work and clean up. Keith will inform the committee.

New Business:

Resignation Letter from Donna Sauers - Motion was made with regret to accept Donna Sauers resignation from Organist as of June 26, 2022 by Jill, seconded by Martha. Motion carried.

Pastor's Time:

Any graduates? - Worship committee is working on Father's Day gift.

Motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 9:00pm was made by Keith, seconded by Martha. Motion carried.

Secretary, Debra Benfer

Getting to Know You

Our monthly series continues as we feature congregation member and one of our Sound System Team, Scott Benfer.

Name: Scott Benfer



Occupation (If you are retired what did you do for a living?)

Sales Clerk at Sheetz in Mifflinburg

What is the favorite place that you ever traveled?

White Sands National Park

What is your favorite Bible verse?

Genesis Chapter 1

What is your favorite memory at Emmanuel?

Keeping Pastor Alice from being long winded

If you could have an endless supply of one food item, what would it be?

Pizza and Mt Dew

What is your hidden talent?

Good with animals



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