

# 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.*

*September 2022*

## A Message from Pastor Jan



I have a question for you, where did the summer go? Doesn't it seem to go faster and faster each year? Fall is just around the corner. I have to admit to you that I do love fall.

We have so much to enjoy at this time of year. Things like the changing colors of the leaves which give us a chance to take a walk and see God's amazing creation, campfires with our friends and the goodies that we can cook over the fire, delicious juicy apples, and one of my favorites football games.

High School "Go Seals" and college football "We are" are my favorites. I have looked forward football season and loved football since I was a young girl even though my family was not as much of a fan.

Every Friday evening my neighbors would pick me up and we would head to the football stadium. Now I was not like my other friends, I was different. My friends and fellow classmates would walk around the stadium the entire game. What did I do you might ask? I sat and watched the whole game. I was different than the others. Did that bother me? Well maybe a little but I was doing what I wanted to and what I loved.



If you think about it, Jesus was different than most of those around him. He thought and acted different than most of them did. Do you think it bothered Him?

I don't think so. He was true to himself and the mission that He was sent to earth to do. He loved all of those around Him and lead them by example through His words and deeds.

Have you ever looked closely at the changing leaves? During the summer that all look the same. A beautiful green. They all work together to bring beauty to the tree and the world around us. But as fall approaches and they start to change color and they no longer look the same. They each have individual colors and characteristics. No two have the same color patterns and they are all beautiful.

Just like the leaves, it is important for us to be like the green leaves and work together. To be one in a mission to help those in need and to do God's work in the world. Like the tree in the summer, blanket the world with love.

We also need to be like the fall leaves and be different. Yes, sometimes it is hard for us to be an individual. To be different from everyone else. We want to fit in and not feel or be seen as different.

I feel that it is important to be true to ourselves and to be the person that God would want us to be. Just as it is important for each of us to be ourselves, it is important to always see the beauty in others. To see each person as a child of God. You see in God's eyes we are all beautiful.

So, take time this fall to look at the fall leaves. Take time to study their individual and magnificent beauty and colors and see and think about them in new and exciting way.

Peace and blessings

*Pastor Jan*



# 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](http://www.newberlinucc.org) later in the day.

September 4           Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)  
*A New Identity*  
Pastor Jim preaching and Pastor Jan liturgist  
Organist Audrey Bingaman

September 11        Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)  
*Growing in God's Love*  
**Harvest Home**  
Pastor Jan preaching and liturgist  
Organist Audrey Bingaman  
**Social time following worship hosted by Linda Walter**

September 18        Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)  
*Prayerful Living*  
Pastor Jim preaching and Pastor Jan liturgist  
Organist Audrey Bingaman

September 25        Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)  
*Surprising Investment*  
Pastor Jan preaching and Pastor Jim liturgist  
Organist Audrey Bingaman



## Our Life Together In Service



### Harvest Home Sunday, September 11

We ask that you bring your non-perishable foods to church for our Harvest Home Service on Sunday, September 11.

Canned goods such as fruits, spaghetti sauce, soup, peanut butter and similar foods are welcome!

The food will be donated to the New Berlin Food Pantry. Let's fill the altar with canned goods so Pastor Jim and Pastor Jan will each have a teeny tiny spot to stand in!

Remember our ongoing mission project...the New Berlin Food Pantry. Please help us continue to support this vital mission in our local community. The next distributions will be *Thursday, September 15*. 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.



The Central Association will be celebrating 60 years of faith and mission together at St. John's UCC in Lewisburg from **2-5PM** on **September 18, 2022** with a *Festival of Fun, Fellowship, and Faith: Celebrating our Association's Life Together.* Any and all church members are invited and encouraged to attend. If there are any folks interested in representing Emmanuel UCC New Berlin, please contact Pastor Jan or Pastor Jim. We are hopeful that some of you will make our presence known at this significant event in the life of our wider church and celebrate it's mission with our local sister churches.

### Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out has been resumed!  
The ladies had a wonderful time in August at Hoss's. For September, the night will be Wednesday, 9/21, and the restaurant is Country Creamery at 6:00 pm. Sign up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship room. Hope to see you there!



## **World Communion Sunday, October 2**

Every year on the first Sunday in October, on October 2 this year, Christians around the globe celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian Church and any denomination that promotes Christian unity are one. On this day, people draw faith and inspiration from seeing that they are part of a community that boasts millions of believers and worshippers. (<https://nationaltoday.com/world-communion-sunday/>)



## **Emmanuel UCC New Berlin's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, October 23, 2022**



Emmanuel UCC New Berlin will hold a *200th Anniversary Celebration* worship service on *Sunday, October 23, at 2:00 pm.*

More details to follow but please mark your calendars and plan to attend this milestone in the life of our congregation. This will be the only service on this Sunday in place of our regular 9:30AM worship service.



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 Guzinski,  
Martha Hockenberry, Donnie Sauers, Jill Benfer

## 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:

Faye Snook, Donald Snook, Becky Wenrich, The Reiff Family,  
Angela Morgan, Elsie Mutchler, Horace Tweed, Jean Leshner

### Church Members with Concerns:

Lucille Cope, Vicki Benfer, Penny Guzenski,

Neil Moyer, Barb Stamm, Jim Forster

### Friends and Family with Concerns:

Frances Stover, John Snook, Cody Moyer, Brynley Grove, Darl Thomason,  
Mary Hummel, Ken Haizett, Lisa Hassenplug, Loretta Gross, Vicki Heimbach,  
Logan Roush, Linda Mensch, Linda Pelovic, Dan Harris, David Martin Family,  
Jon Norman, Donald Krazter, Pat Steese, Lucy Phillips, Jeremy Kuhar, Mark Mapes,  
People of Ukraine, The victims and families of the Nescopeck fire

### Around the World and Close to Home:

Pray for Peace in our World

All those serving in the Armed Forces



## Our September Birthdays & Anniversaries



September 4 - Heather Yost Mulkusky

September 6 - Scott Benfer

September 8 - Randall Kratzer

September 13 - Jeanne Leitzel

September 14 - Ira Keister

September 15 - Jodi Cope

September 16 - James Cope

September 16 - Nancy Seltzer

September 19 - Kathryn Vilgilio

September 20 - Jay Egli

September 20 - Abby Leitzel

September 20 - Josh Leitzel

September 20 - Fallon Snook

September 21 - William Stamm Jr

September 24 - Connor Neidig

September 29 - Morgan Beckley

September 30 - Mary Krazter



September 19 - Chris & Kathryn Virgilio

September 26 - Eric & Sally Mabus

## Getting to Know You

Our monthly series continues as we feature congregation member Donny Sauers

**Name:** Donny Sauers

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

Retired Dairy Farmer

Current School Bus Driver

Drives coach bus for Amish who go all over the USA

**What is the favorite place that you ever traveled?**

West of the Mississippi – North and South

**What is your favorite Bible verse?**

With 23,145 verses in the Old Testament and 7,957 in the New Testament, how do you choose just one? I would choose these:

Matthew 6:9-15, Matthew 7:24-27, Matthew 13:3-9

**What is your favorite memory at Emmanuel?**

The new adventures and the way the church used to be filled.

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

Ice Cream – Peanut Butter Chocolate

**What is your hidden talent?**

I don't know if I have one.



## 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.



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