

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.

June 2024

A Message from Pastor James

"I am with you always..." Matthew 28:20

I was having one of those days where it seemed if anything could go wrong it inevitably did or was about to. I was forlornly looking at the clock wondering just how much more of this day I had to endure. It was then I was called in to check the teeth of a young boy about age 5. Here we go, I assumed, one more hassle to get through trying to get this young child to let me look at his twenty little teeth. My heart softened a little as I saw him in the chair...a cherubic round face looked at me with a body about as pudgy and wide as it was tall...quite adorable actually. I pushed the button to lay the chair back and he kind of peered at me through wide, circular eyes trying to see behind my big magnifying glasses, light, and mask which are all propped on my head hiding my face. He suddenly smiled and said, "I know you!" and settled back in his chair looking much more assured that I was not some stranger. I asked him if he liked school and he told me with a huge nod of his head that he most certainly did. I asked him to open as wide as he could and without a moment of hesitation he opened as wide as any crocodile I had ever seen anywhere. We checked his little pearly teeth...all twenty... and I began talking to the hygienist and making notes. Much to my surprise and the others in the room as well, he suddenly sat up and looked at his Mom and blurted out, "This has been a really good day!" He laid back down in the chair, crossing his legs, waiting for whatever was to come next. *(He was all finished except for picking his prize and getting a new toothbrush, which I'm sure could have only made the day even better!)* The adults

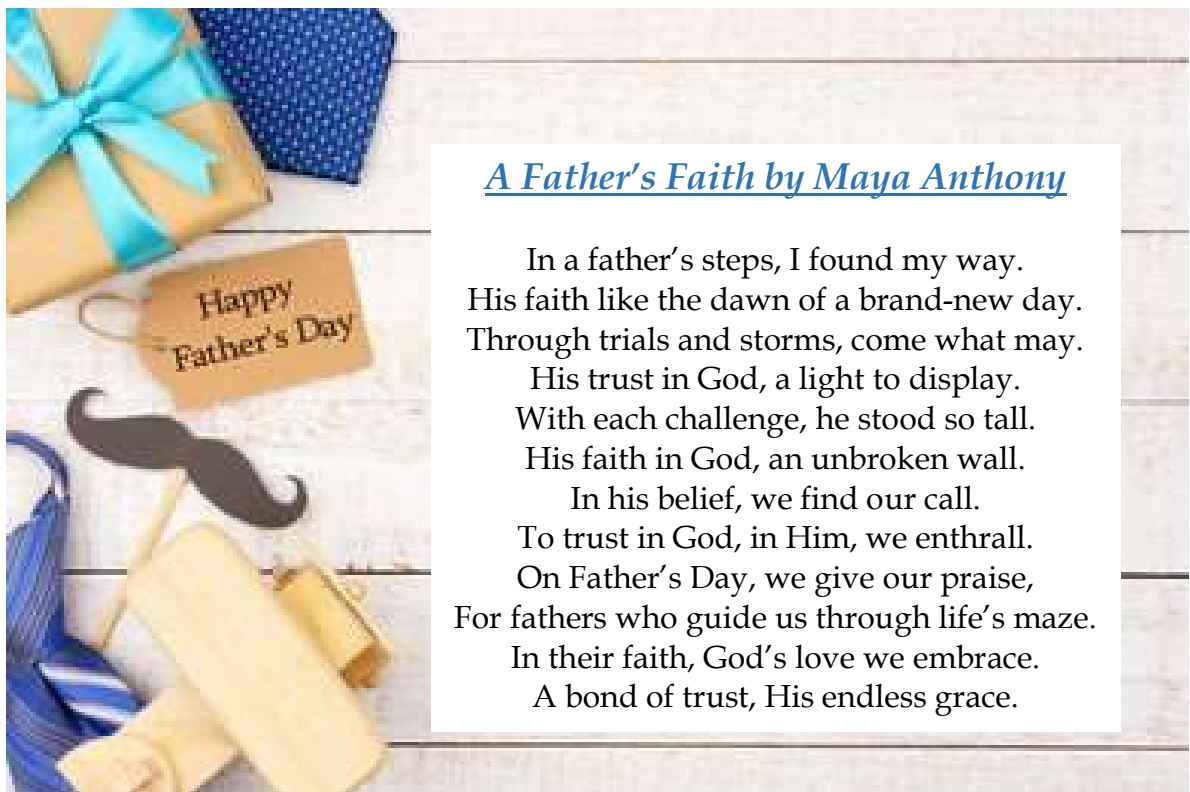


in the room kind of giggled as we looked at each other. I sat his chair up and gave him a high five.

I left that room with my spirits a little lighter and smiling a little bigger under the mask which hides most of my face. In the midst of our busy days and perceived crises, sometimes God seems pretty far off in the distance and I'm really not sure God feels my pain or hears my prayers, but then out of nowhere we are reminded through the simplest of things, like the innocence of a child, that God is indeed present peering back at us saying, "I know you!" The rest of my day really wasn't so bad.

Prayer: "The light of God surrounds me; The love of God enfolds me; The power of God protects me; The presence of God watches over me; Wherever I am, God is!"
(Prayer for Protection by James Freeman 1941)

***Pressing on,
Pastor James***



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.

June 2 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Stretch Out Your Hand
 Pastor Jan preaching and Pastor Jim liturgist
 Organist Audrey Bingaman



June 9 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (Green))
God's Will
 Pastor Jim preaching and Pastor Jan liturgist
 Organist Audrey Bingaman
Social time hosted by Bill Hauck

June 16 4th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Flourishing
Father's Day
 Pastor Jan preaching and Pastor Jim liturgist
 Organist Audrey Bingaman
Pancake Breakfast following worship.



June 23 5th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Pushing the Boat Out
 Pastor Jim preaching and liturgist
 Organist Audrey Bingaman

June 30 6th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Healing Powers
 Pastor Jan preaching and liturgist
 Organist Audrey Bingaman



Our Life Together In Prayer

Those in Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

Heritage Springs: Patricia and Robert Seebold

Family and Friends of those who have died:

Shelvia Wagner, Carolyn Seebold, Carl Brouse, Mary Hummel,
Tamara Abromotes

Church Members with Concerns:

Lucille Cope, Donna Sauers, Velma Solomon, Scott Leitzel, Barb Stamm,
Bill & Toni Hauck, Jodi Cope, Irene Kessler, Ron & Jan Boyer, Connor Neidig,
Bill Hockenberry, Wilma Leitzel, Melinda Leitzel, Tom Leitzel, Mary Beckley

Friends and Family with Concerns:

Jim Ranney, Francis & Nancy Giffin, Don Groner, Ron Trick, Sue Mapes,
Jeremiah Spade, Karen Trautman, Parker Culp, Bill Landis, Scott Benfer,
Jillian Scott, Leroy Troester, Sr., Lorraine Yerger, Gerald Lloyd, Sr., Ken Ulrich,
Baby William Walter, Jonathan Beckley, Shelly Kratzer, Lisa Palmer, Makena Boyer,
John Washburn, Cassie Leitzel, Denise Shelhammer

Around the World and Close to Home:

Pray for Peace in our World

All those serving in the Armed Forces

Names will remain on the Prayer List for 6 weeks.

If you wish they remain longer than 6 weeks, please contact the Church Secretary or the Pastors.



Our June Birthdays & Anniversaries



June 4 – June Hoot
June 5 – Cali Camden
June 12 – Harry Yost
June 13 – Amy Maurer
June 15 – Taylor Delp
June 20 – Debra Benfer

June 21 – Irene Kessler
June 24 – Scott Leitzel
June 25 – Emily Smith
June 26 – Stacy Snyder
June 29 – Harry Kratzer



June 11 – Christopher & Jennifer Beckley
June 13 – Frank & Theresa Reber
June 14 – Tim & Carol Spangler
June 25 – Jeff Detrick & Grace Hockenberry
June 26 – Richard & Barb Helm
June 27 – Harry & Mary Kratzer
June 30 – David & Deborah Bickel

Our Life Together In Service

Pancake Breakfast

Please join us after worship on *Sunday, June 16*, for a Pancake Breakfast. There will be pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Oh did I mention pancakes?!?! Make sure to bring your appetite for our Pancake Breakfast. Hope you can join us for breakfast and fellowship.



Remember our ongoing mission project...the New Berlin Food Pantry. Please help us continue to support this vital mission in our local community.

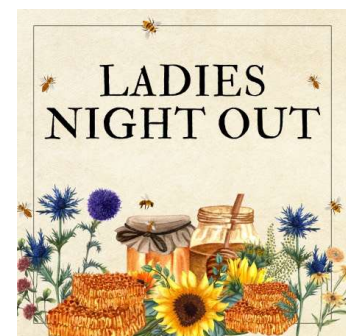
Next distribution: *Thursday, June 20*

Suggested food items from Emmanuel for the month are canned fruits, spaghetti sauce, soup, and peanut butter. Also the Food Pantry greatly appreciates your monetary

contributions as well. This allows them to purchase other items that are needed. 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.

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out will be *Wednesday, June 19*, 6:00 pm, at Amato's in Selinsgrove. Sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship room. Hope to see you there!



Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be *Wednesday, June 19*, 8:30 am, at the East Side Diner in Mifflinburg. Sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship room. Hope you can attend!

Senior Community Luncheon

Senior Community Luncheon at Emmanuel United Church of Christ will be 11:30 to 1:00 pm on
Thursday, June 27

Come socialize with your neighbors and enjoy a hot lunch and fellowship. Friends and neighbors in the New Berlin area and beyond are invited to come and enjoy this time of good food and wonderful fellowships!



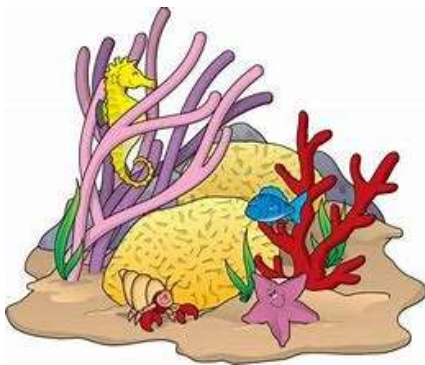
Bible School 2024

"Under the Sea"

June 25, 26, 27, 10AM to 11:30AM

Invite your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors to join us for an amazing voyage "**Under the Sea**". We will be exploring the stories of Jonah and the Whale, Moses Bulrushes, and Jesus Baptism.

On the last day of Bible School the children and their families are invited to join us for our Senior Community Luncheon. The children will share what they learned in Bible School, sing a song, and offer grace. Also, please give some consideration in helping us with Bible School. We can use help each day, as well as preparing a yummy snack for the students or providing craft supplies. Contact Pastor Jan for any questions that you may have. More information will be coming, as well as a sign-up sheet.



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 Monday, September 9 at 7:30 pm.

2024 Emmanuel UCC Church Council

Mary, Beckley, Audrey Bingaman, Donnie Sauers, Jill Benfer,
Marie Eberhart, Bill Hauck, Ron Boyer, Scott Leitzel, Keith McCool

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
NEW BERLIN, PA
Consistory Meeting – May 13, 2024

Attendance: Donny Sauers, Bill Hauck, Scott Leitzel, Marie Eberhart, Jill Benfer, Audrey Bingaman, Mary Beckley, Ron Boyer, Keith, McCool, Pastor James Cope and Pastor Jan Garinger

The meeting was called to order by President Donny Sauers. Devotional reading “Sweet Jesus” by Pastor Jim.

Secretary Reports: Mary made a motion to accept the April 8th and April 21st reports as presented and seconded by Ron. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Motion was made by Audrey to approve the April 30, 2024, report subject to audit and seconded by Marie. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Audrey made a motion to purchase chair sliders at the best possible price and seconded by Mary. Motion carried.
2. Discussed lighting in the sanctuary. Trying some demo bulbs and checking on price on new bulbs.
3. Our church has ambulance service.
4. Bill made a motion to have the two trees on the south side of the church removed with the stumps ground up and seconded by Keith. Motion carried. Obtaining three estimates.
5. Discussed upgrading of the sound system. The committee members are Vicki Benfer and Scott Benfer. Looking into having the companies come to the church and telling us what we need and the cost. Moyer’s Electronics was mentioned.

New Business:

1. Nancy Seltzer has agreed to play the organ the second Sunday of the month starting in July.
2. Painting Committee – Received a copy of the checklist for painting estimates which should include moving the pews. The committee will check on paint and carpet prices and also the cost to refinish the floor in the chancel area and give recommendations to the consistory. Ron will have the ceiling molding checked to make sure it is secure.

Pastor’s Time:

Pastor Jim – We are pressing on.

Pastor Jan – She is starting her Leadership class. Preparations for Bible School are going well.

Motion made by Ron to adjourn meeting at 8:45 pm and seconded by Mary. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Secretary, Marie Eberhart



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