

The Bell Tower

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 2018

Worship Schedule

January 7:

Epiphany & Three Kings Sunday
Adult forum & Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.

January 14:

Second Sunday after Epiphany
New Member Orientation & Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.
Rejoicing Spirits: 4:00 p.m.

January 21:

Third Sunday after Epiphany
New Member Orientation & Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Eucharist and Healing Rite at 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.

January 28:

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Adult Forum & Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.



To All Committee Chairpersons

Annual Report

Please have all articles for the *Annual Report* submitted to the church office by **Friday, January 12th**. Please e-mail your article to Richelle in the church office at:

emmanuel@emmanuelchurch.net

Special Sundays In January

Jan. 7: Epiphany & 3 Kings Sunday – with a visit from the 3 Kings with their gifts for Baby Jesus.

Jan. 14: Peaceful Living and Martin Luther King Day Remembrance.

Jan. 21: Guest Preacher: Pastor John Bhajjan.

Jan. 28: Confirmation Class Speaks.

Looking Ahead...

Feb. 4th: Super Bowl Sunday ~ *with an Eagles Victory Celebration!!*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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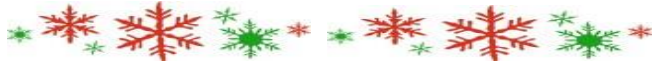
From the Church Office

Thank you everyone for the thoughtful and generous Christmas gift. I am very grateful to have such kind people in my life!

~Richelle

Thank you for the Christmas gift. It is very much appreciated!

~Mike



Reminder:

All ministry leaders and/or committee representatives are encouraged to submit monthly articles about their ministry and upcoming events for publication in the Bell Tower. Anyone who is responsible for coordinating Worship Assistant Schedules are also strongly encouraged to have their schedules completed at least 3 months ahead and given to the church office. **The deadline for all articles, schedules, etc. is Friday, January 12th.** Nothing will be accepted after this date. Thank you for your help keeping the congregation informed!

Weather-related Cancellations

Emmanuel has adopted the following policies for the modification and/or cancellation of Sunday morning services and evening events due to inclement weather:



SUNDAY MORNINGS

Please consult one of the following:

- Website: emmanuellutheranchurch.net
- Radio: 88.9 FM – The Word FM
- Radio: 1440 AM – WNPV
- Church Office: 215-723-7514

EVENINGS

If the Souderton Area Schools have dismissed early or are closed for the entire day, all evening events will be cancelled unless you are otherwise notified by the event leader.

Sponsors Wanted!

Flower Sponsors Wanted

The new Flower Chart for June-July 2018 is now hanging on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space to sponsor flowers for the altar to honor/remember loved ones. The cost is approximately \$50.00 (for both flower arrangements) Please sign your name on the chart to reserve your day and fill out all of your information on the reservation form and give it to the church office. Our florist will bill you directly – no money will be collected by the church. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Richelle in the church office: 215-723-7514 or speak to Pastor Guiser.

Bulletin Sponsors Wanted

The new 2018 signup sheet to sponsor our weekly bulletins is now hanging on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. The cost of sponsorship is \$15.00. Please fill out your dedication on the signup sheet to reserve your day. Any questions, please contact Richelle in the church office: Monday – Friday, 9am – 2pm. 215-723-7514.



New Member Orientation

New member welcome orientation and Q&A will be held on **January 14th & 21st from 9:00AM - 9:45AM**



in the church parlor for those persons desiring to join our community and serve. Please contact Pastor Guiser at:

pastorg340@gmail.com or call the church office at: 215-723-7514 for any questions. Please register by January 7th.

A Pastoral letter for Epiphany Season and the New Year

Dear Christian Friends at Emmanuel,

As the Epiphany Gospel tells us, the Three Kings brought their gifts to the infant Jesus. These gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh were meaningful and symbolic of the future and of their own faith. As I look at the Epiphany story 2018 years later, I believe we have the same opportunity as the Three Kings to offer Jesus meaningful and symbolic gifts that are testimonies of our faith and devotion.

I say this because we have received a "Letter of Intent" from Peaceful Living Ministries expressing their desire to partner with us in serving persons with intellectual disabilities in our Souderton/Telford community. This opportunity may be a meaningful and symbolic gift that we can offer to Jesus, as a testimony of our faith and devotion to those least in our world. It would be a gift of a place where persons with intellectual disabilities can belong, a physical and spiritual home.

In the New Year, we will begin renovating the vacant parsonage, with a view that it might be leased as a home for three or four persons with intellectual disabilities. We also will be working on a possible lease of some Sunday School building space as administrative offices and program space for Peaceful Living ministries.

In 2018, it is my belief that Emmanuel's congregation can offer meaningful and symbolic gifts to our Lord, as we advocate and support those persons with intellectual disabilities. It is my prayer that Emmanuel will become a place where the least of our brothers and sisters can find the gift of belonging, friendship, and spiritual community. This future would be as rich a gift to Jesus as the gifts offered by the three Kings.

Wishing you a holy Epiphany season,

Pastor Guiser



Our Mission Statement...

...is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, nurture, service and outreach

From the Director of Music

The days beginning with the First Sunday of Advent all the way through to Christmas Eve are such a busy time of the year. Thanks to all who offered their talents to make the time extra special including:

- ♪ The Youth Choir
- ♪ The Chancel Choir
- ♪ The Handbell Choir
- ♪ Special musicians

Each of you helped to make our worship services extra special. Everyone did a fantastic job!

Thank you!
Steve Eisenhart

Winter 2018 Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Junior Choir

Pre School / Kindergarten thru 5th grade
Rehearsal: Sunday mornings 8:45 to 9:00

Youth Choir

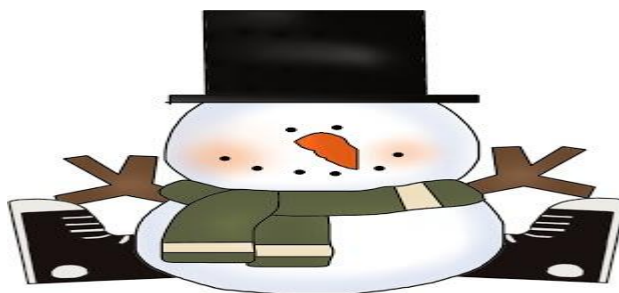
6th thru 12th grade
Rehearsal: Sunday mornings 11:15 to 11:30

Chancel Choir

Post high school age and older
Rehearsal: Sunday mornings 11:30 to 12:30

Handbell Choir

High school age and older
Rehearsal: Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30
Rehearsals begin January 24



† First Year Confirmation Class †

Please note the upcoming dates:

January 7th:

11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM: Class #15

January 13th:

8:30 AM: Community Breakfast –
ALL Confirmands Serve

January 14th:

11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM: Class #16

January 21st:

11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00 -1:00 PM: Class #17

January 28th:

11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM: Class #18

**Please check the Worship Assistant Schedule each week to see who is the Crucifer for each Sunday († after the Confirmands name) and which family is responsible for pizza from Broad Street Pizza for that day's Confirmation Class lunch.*



Men in Mission-Community Breakfast



Join us for our "Free Community Breakfast" every second Saturday of each month from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM. This month's Free Breakfast will be held on January 13th. Everyone is welcome!

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday evening bible study will resume the weekly bible study on Wednesday, January 10th in the Church Parlor. Contact Fred Crouthamel with any questions: 215-721-1953.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will go to The Family Heritage Restaurant in Franconia on Wednesday,



January 17th at 12:00 Noon.

Join us for an hour of Christian Fellowship and good food. You will be called to get the count and arrange any needed transportation. Call Gloria Heckler: 215-779-2264 with any questions. New members are always welcome!

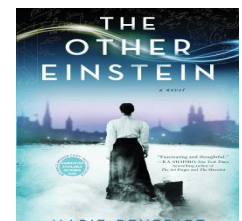
Rejoicing Spirits

Please join us on January 14 at 4:00 P.M. at our joyful, inclusive worship as we lift the name of Jesus together. Rejoicing Spirits serves those with intellectual disabilities. We start at 3:30 p.m. with Sunday School and craft time. Worship starts at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and refreshments are served immediately after the service. If you need transportation, please contact the church office at 215-723-7514. Come Rejoice With Us!



Ladies Book Club

The Ladies Book Club selections for January: *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. The Ladies Book Club meets the 3rd Monday of each month in the Parlor at 7:00 PM. All are welcome! Contact Mary Anne Morral at morral@verizon.net with any questions!



Sunday Morning Adult Class

Please join us each Sunday Morning in the Church Parlor at 9:00 AM for an Adult Bible Reflection. This class is led by Pastor Guiser and class members. Our current course is "Recipe for a Healthy Spiritual Life", sharing personal recipes.

January Birthdays:

- 1 Stephanie Mac Bain
- 2 Benjamin Natali
- 3 Christie Alexander
Caleb Miller
- 5 Teresa Drissel
Jason Kistler
- 6 Susan Alderfer
- 7 Claire Bucher
Jeremy Bucher
- 8Carolynn Yothers
- 9 June Kulp
Chase Mizic
Jason Stoup
- 10 Kaitlin Mac Bain
- 12 Donald Hartman
Richelle Jones
- 13 Bette Christman
Jenny Koscho
Harry Seeley
- 16 Jennifer Pierce
Dennis Steinly
- 17 Willard Snyder
- 18 Mackenzie Powis
- 19 Augustus Fox
- 20 Carole Darragh
Michael Shoemaker
- 21 Chelsea Alderfer
Will Stover
- 22 Deborah McElwee
- 23 Deborah Seeley
Jackie Vogel
- 25 Jacob Bealer
Toni Lindsay
- 26 Michael Childs
- 27 Mildred Lukens
- 28 Carter Frankenfield
- 29 Betty Jane Lederach
- 30 Ryan Nase
- 31 Kimberly Austin
Brian Pifer

*Happy
Birthday*

Emmanuel's Family

† Prayer List †

**In order to keep our Prayer List up to date, please inform the office of any changes*

Health and Healing

Members:

Elaine Cash, Merrill Christman, Keira Drissel, William and Mary Frank, Louella Gehringer, Peter Harubin, Craig Kulp, Richard Landis, Rita Landis, Pastor Richard Miller, Jane Niemczyk, Carole Thompson, Faye Wetzell, Dorothy Wohlgemuth, Ruth Yothers

Friends of the Congregation:

Heather Belott (friend of Marlene Natali), Donna Clemens (Friend of Janel and Barry Gibson), Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller), Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller's niece), Donald Heller (Shirley's brother-in-law), Chris Hunsicker (son of Barry & Fran Hunsicker), Dixie Kephart (Darlene Kephart's Mother), Hayley Reath (neighbor of the Renners'), Stewart Schrauger (brother of Julie Freed), Michael Smith (friend of Cheryl Starke), Erik Heckler (Gloria & Gerry Heckler's Grandson), Levi Nicholson (Bill and Mary Anne Morrall's Grandson)

Comfort for the Bereaved

The Family of Alma Nice
The Family of Richard Hendricks

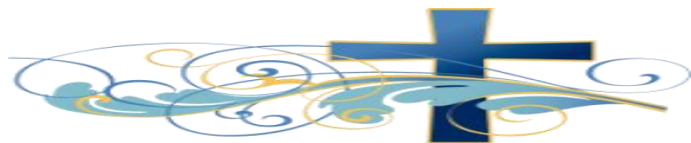
Serving in the Armed Forces

Senior Airman Justin Lesko (Neal and Toni Quinn's grandson)

Homebound Members

Current addresses for our homebound are posted in the Gathering Space

Evelyn Billger, William and Helen DeTurk, Norma Detweiler, Dorothy Edelman, Rita Fritz, Dorothy Kober, Kitty Kramer, Martha Magargal, Lorraine Moyer, Gismunt Sutkaitis



Emmanuel's Ministries

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2018 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	3 11:00a Staff Meeting 5:30p Bushi Karate	4 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Worship & Music	5	6 Epiphany 9:00a Bushi Karate
7 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class #15 1:00p Prayer Shaw Epiphany & 3 Kings Sunday	8 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Group	9 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	10 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study	11 5:30p Bushi Karate	12 Newsletter & Annual Report Articles Deadline	13 8:30a Men in Mission Breakfast- *ALL CONFIRMANDS SERVE 9:00a Bushi Karate
14 9:00a New Member Orientation 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class #16 4:00p Rejoicing Spirits Second Sunday After Epiphany	15 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Church Council 7:30p AA Group	16 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	17 12:00p Lunch Bunch @ The Family Heritage in Franconia 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study	18 5:30p Bushi Karate	19	20 9:00a Bushi Karate
21 9:00a New Member Orientation 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class #17 Third Sunday After Epiphany	22 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Ladies Book Club 7:30p AA Group	23 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	24 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study 6:30p Handbells	25 5:30p Bushi Karate	26	27 9:00a Bushi Karate
28 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class #18 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany	29 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Property 7:30p AA Group	30 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	31 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study 6:30p Handbells			

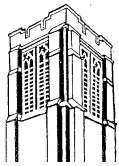
Worship Assistants

January 2018

Date and Time	Acolyte/ Crucifer	Eucharistic Minister	CD Delivery	Cup Bearer (Communion Assistants)	Communion Set Up	Counting Team	Greeters	Lay Reader	Usher Team
1/7/2018 10:00 a.m.	Hannah Vasey† Jack Pifer Julia Bealer	Jen Casta	Gerald Heckler	Brian Cassel Craig Freed	Kathy Becker Sharon Cassel Susan Cassel	Team 1 Jane Vogel & Chris Harubin, Co-Capts.	Chris Harubin Steph Steinly	David Blaich	Team 1 Daniel Vogel Capt.
1/14/2018 10:00 a.m.	Krieg Pierce† Jacob Gilbert Lily Pifer	Dave Blaich	Rich Landis	Toni Quinn Chris Harubin	Joan Hallman Elaine Cash Darlene Kephart	Team 1 Jane Vogel & Chris Harubin, Co-Capts.	Roy & Kathy Becker	Brian Cassel	Team 2 John Wellington Capt.
1/21/2018 10:00 a.m.	Macey Coll† Cole Pifer Abram Vasey	Julie Freed	Brenda Nace	Harry Seeley Cindy Crouthamel	Becky Hartman Melinda Ferrara Mary Anne Morral Teresa Drissel	Team 1 Jane Vogel & Chris Harubin, Co-Capts.	Werner Buschmann Shirley Triechler	Pat Frankenfield	Team 3 Bill Morral Capt.
1/28/2018 10:00 a.m.	Dylan Drissel† Sadie Hanish Jacob Gilbert	Marlene Natali	Pat Frankenfield	Bill & Carole Darragh	Chris Harubin Carole Ann Vogel Mary Anne Morral	Team 1 Jane Vogel & Chris Harubin, Co-Capts.	Sharon Cassel Susan Cassel	Roy Becker	Team 4 David Natali Capt.

February...

2/4/2018 10:00 a.m.	Hannah Vasey† Jack Pifer Julia Bealer	Jen Casta	Gerald Heckler	Werner Buschmann Deb McElwee	Pat Harpel Toni Quinn Nancy Wellington	Team 2 Dave Blaich & Liesl Stroup, Co-Capts.	Bill & Carole Darragh	Anita Vogel	Team 5 Barry Hunsicker Capt.
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ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED



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Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation for all ages

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

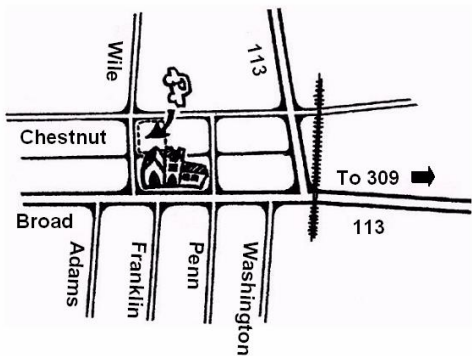
*The Sacrament of Holy Communion
is offered every Sunday.*

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Refreshments served

Wheelchair Accessible

Large Print Bulletins and
Hearing Devices Available



Pastor

Reverend Kim D. Guiser

Facilities Manager

Michael B. Geiger

Parish Administrative Assistant

Richelle L. Jones

Director of Music

Steven C. Eisenhart

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