

The Bell Tower

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
February 2019

Worship Schedule

February 3:

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

February 10:

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Adult Forum & Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.
Rejoicing Spirits: 4:00 p.m.

February 17:

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

February 24:

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



Our Mission Statement...

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

Pastor John Heidgerd's First Sunday

Please join us on Sunday, February 3rd to welcome Pastor John Heidgerd to Emmanuel as our new Pastor! We will have a soup luncheon, in Room A, following the Worship Service at 10:00 am. A sign-up sheet is on the counter in the Gathering Space. Please come and welcome Pastor John and his wife, Ann Marie to Emmanuel!



Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will take place following the 10:00 service and a potluck luncheon on Sunday February 24. Please plan to attend this important meeting and pot luck luncheon. We will look back over the past year, elect council members as well as two representatives to the Synod Convention in the Spring. We will also look forward with our new Pastor John Heidgerd.



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From the Church Office

Reminder:

The deadline for all articles, schedules, etc. is Friday, February 8th. 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: emmanuelchurch.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.

Bulletin Sponsors Wanted

The new 2019 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 name and dedication on the signup sheet to reserve your day. Any questions, please contact Richelle in the church office: Monday – Thursday: 9am – 2pm, Friday: 8:30am – 1:30pm. 215-723-7514.

From the Director of Music

Winter 2019 Choir Rehearsal Schedule

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



Groundhog Day-February 2nd



Starting on February 2, 1887, **Groundhog Day**, was celebrated for the first time at Gobbler’s Knob in Punxsutawney. According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, it predicts six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring. Groundhog Day has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas, when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal—the hedgehog—as a means of predicting weather. Once they came to America, German settlers in Pennsylvania continued the tradition, although they switched from hedgehogs to groundhogs, which were plentiful.

† Second Year Confirmation Class †

Please note the upcoming dates:

February 3rd:

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

February 9th:

8:30 AM: Community Breakfast –
ALL Confirmands Serve

February 10th:

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

February 17th:

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

February 24th:

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

**Please check the Worship Assistant Schedule each week to see who is the: Crucifer († after the Confirmands name), Plates (P after each Confirmands name), Candles (C after each Confirmands name), which teaching team is scheduled and which family is responsible for pizza for each Sunday.*



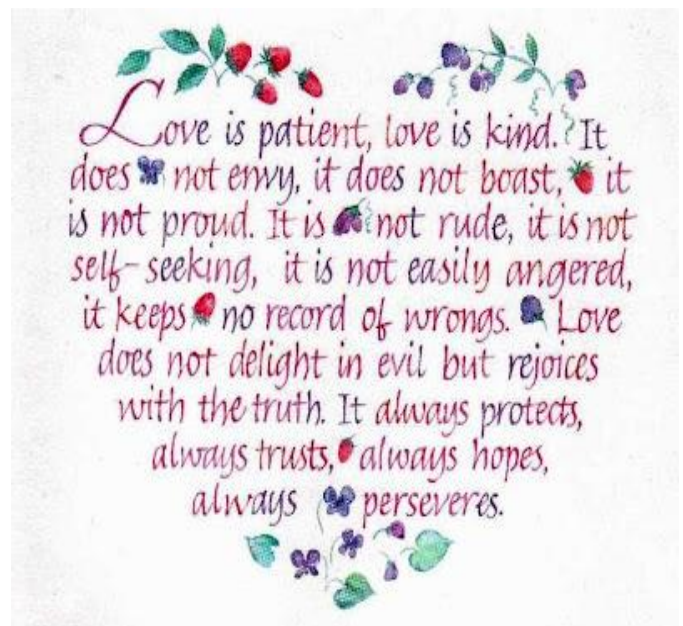
A Pastoral Letter from the Visitation Pastor

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

As we start the New Year with a new pastoral leader at Emmanuel, Pastor John Heidgerd, Pastor John and I will be visiting the elderly and homebound to introduce him as our new Pastor. Once this period of visitation is completed, I will be returning to retirement and part time work in the Episcopal Church. Emmanuel is in good hands with the pastoral leadership of Pastor Heidgerd. However, I will be praying for all our elderly members, the homebound and especially our new Pastor. Please join me in praying daily for Pastor John and his wife, Ann Marie, in the month of February as he begins. Please also remember that John is your pastor not a savior or super hero who magically solves all Emmanuel's problems. We shoulder that weight together. Please also note the death of Dorothy Kober a resident of Rockhill Mennonite Community and longtime Emmanuel member. Dorothy received last rites of the church on Monday, January 14 and died the same day at almost 95 years old. Funeral Arrangements are pending.

God Bless you in this exciting new time of Emmanuel's history,

Pastor Guiser (*retired interim pastor*)



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 **February 9th**. Everyone is welcome!

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will gather at **O'Grady's on Wednesday, February 20th at 12:00 Noon.**



Bring your appetite, a smile on your face and a friend who'd like to join us.

You'll receive a call to confirm the number. Any needed transportation will be arranged. Call Gloria Heckler: 215-779-2264 with any questions. New members are always welcome!

Rejoicing Spirits

Please join us on **February 10 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

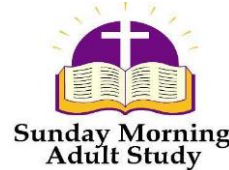
The Ladies Book Club selections are:

February: The Music Shop by Rachel Joyce,
March: Carnegie's Mai's 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 John Heidgerd and class members.

Prayer Shawl

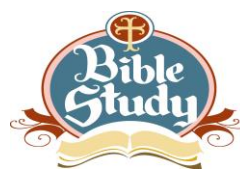
Prayer Shawl meets on the first Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Church Parlor to knit



Prayer Shawls for those who are sick, depressed or just need to be wrapped in prayers and love.

If you don't know how to knit-NO PROBLEM! We are always happy to teach and give help to those who want a few tips! All are welcome! Our next meeting is **February 3rd.**

Mid-Week Bible Study



Wednesday evening bible study is a weekly bible study that meets at 6:30 pm in the Church Parlor. Contact Fred Crouthamel with any

questions: 215-721-1953.

February Birthdays:

- 2 Lorraine DeSalvo
- 3 Gerald Heckler
Mark Henry
- 6 Mary Frank
- 9 Michael Miller
- 10 David Natali
Anise Snyder
- 11 Evelyn Austin
- 12 E. Ann Renner
- 15 Riley Bachman
Howard Harpel
- 16 Heather Gehman
Ronald Reinhard
Douglas Witherspoon
- 17 Kevin Reinhard
Felicity Rounay
- 19 Gloria Scheip
- 22 Cassandra Cole
Elizabeth Grimes
- 24 Rachelle Deitch
Jillian Snyder
- 26 Curran Gehman
- 27 Jessica Baskin
- 28 Stacey Frankenfield



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:

Doris Alderfer, Elaine Cash, Merrill Christman, Bill Darragh, Keira Drissel, Rita Fritz, Craig Freed, Louella Gehringer, John Kemmerer, Craig Kulp, Betty Jane Lederach, Jane Niemczyk, Bob Renner, Kermit Schnable, Anita & Joe Sykes, Faye Wetzel, Dorothy Wohlgemuth, Ruth Yothers, Robert Ziegler

Friends of the Congregation:

Donna Clemens (Friend of Janel and Barry Gibson), Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller), Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller's niece), Suzanne Willauer (Ed Cash's Sister), Donald Heller (Shirley's brother-in-law), Dixie Kephart (Darlene Kephart's Mother), Pam Valenti (Lou Geringer's Sister), Steve & Stewart Schrauger (Julie Freed's brothers), Michael Smith (friend of Cheryl Starke), Ron Nace (Pifer Family Friend), Erik Sykes (Anita & Joe's Son), Katherine Stover (Cindy Crouthamel's Mother), Alexander & Sylvia Wagwicz (Friends of the DeSalvo's), Debbie Schweizerhof (Bob & June Kulp's Friend), Pastor Ken Ensminger (Friend of the Bueshmann's)

Comfort for the Bereaved

The Family and Friends of Dorothy Kober

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, Rita Fritz, Kitty Kramer, Martha Magargal, Gismunt Sutkaitis, Doris Alderfer, Dorothy Wohlgemuth, Rita Fritz, William & Mary Frank

Emmanuel's Ministries

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>And of these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love... But the Greatest of these is LOVE! 1 Corinthians 13:13</i></p>					1 Pastor John's 1st Day!	2 9:00a Bushi Karate
3 <i>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour – Soup Luncheon for Pastor John and Ann Marie 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class 1:00p Prayer Shawl	4 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Group	5 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	6 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study	7 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Worship & Music	8 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	9 8:30a Men in Mission Breakfast- *ALL CONFIRMANDS SERVE
10 <i>Fifth Sunday After Epiphany</i> 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship & Healing 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class 4:00p Rejoicing Spirits	11 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Church Council 7:30p AA Group	12 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	13 12:00p Lunch Bunch @ O'Grady's 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>  5:30p Bushi Karate	15	16 9:00a Bushi Karate
17 <i>Sixth Sunday After Epiphany</i> 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class	18 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Ladies Book Club 7:30p AA Group	19 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	20 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study	21 5:30p Bushi Karate	22	23 9:00a Bushi Karate
24 <i>Seventh Sunday After Epiphany</i> 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCHEON 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class	25 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Property 7:30p AA Group	26 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	27 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study	28 5:30p Bushi Karate		

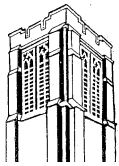
Worship Assistants

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Date and Time	Acolyte/ Crucifer	Deacon (Assisting Minister)	CD Delivery	Cup Bearer (Communion Assistants)	Communion Set Up	Counting Team	Greeters	Lay Reader	Usher Team
2/3/2018 10:00 a.m.	Keira Drissel† Jacob Gilbert P Julia Bealer C Teaching Team:1 (Gilbert) Pizza: Pifer	Brian Pifer	Rich Landis	Carole & Bill Darragh	Mary Anne Morral Carole Ann Vogel Chris Harubin	Team 2 Dave Blaich & Liesl Stroup, Co-Capts.	Carole & Bill Darragh	Teresa Drissel	Team 2 John Wellington Capt.
2/10/2018 10:00 a.m.	Dylan Drissel† Jacob Gilbert P Cole Pifer C Teaching Team:2 (Pierce/Drissel) Pizza:Drissel	Marlene Natali	Brenda Nace	Barry Gibson John Wellington	Joan Hallman Elaine Cash Debbie McElwee Pat Conard	Team 2 Dave Blaich & Liesl Stroup, Co-Capts	Melinda Ferrara Deb McElwee	Jen Casta	Team 3 Bill Morral Capt.
2/17/2018 10:00 a.m.	Macey Coll† Hannah Vasey P Krieg Pierce C Teaching Team:3 (Coll/Bealer) Pizza:Vasey	Dave Blaich	Pat Frankenfield	Melinda Ferrara Brian Cassel	Fran Hunsicker Gerry Blaich Liesl Stroup Kathleen Coll	Team 2 Dave Blaich & Liesl Stroup, Co-Capts	Cory & Michelle Gilbert	Jane Vogel	Team 4 David Natali Capt.
2/24/2018 10:00 a.m.	Abram Vasey† Julia Bealer P Jack Pifer C Teaching Team:4 (Pifer/Vasey) Pizza:Coll	Jen Casta	Gerald Heckler	Cindy Crouthamel Julie Freed	Pat Harpel Toni Quinn Nancy Wellington	Team 2 Dave Blaich & Liesl Stroup, Co-Capts	Lester & Joan Hallman	Melinda Ferrara	Team 5 Cory Gilbert Capt.

March...

3/3//2018 10:00 a.m.	Jacob Gilbert† Keira DrisselP Lilly Pifer C Teaching Team:1 (Gilbert) Pizza:Gilbert	TBD	Rich Landis	TBD	Becky Hartman Melinda Ferrara Blythe Bealer Mary Anne Morral	Team 3 Bill Morral & Cheryl Starke, Co-Capts.	Gerald & Gloria Heckler	Anita Vogel	Team 1 Daniel Vogel 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

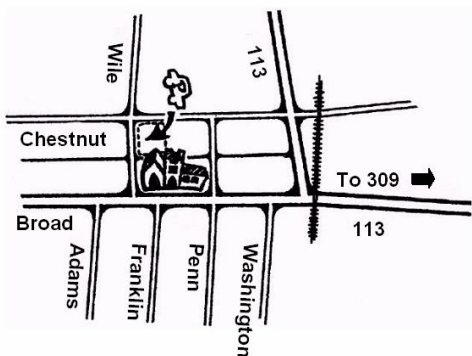
*The Sacrament of Holy Communion
is offered every Sunday.*

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Refreshments served

Wheelchair Accessible

Large Print Bulletins and



Hearing Devices Available

Pastor

Reverend John T. Heidgerd

Facilities Manager

Michael B. Geiger

Parish Administrative Assistant

Richelle L. Jones

Director of Music

Steven C. Eisenhart

Church Office

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Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Friday

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