

Jesus told his disciples  
a parable to show them  
that they should  
*always pray and  
not give up.*

Luke 18:1, NIV

## Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 20,  
2019

## Introduction to the Day

Pray always.

Do not lose heart.

This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today.

Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word.

Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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*Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
(Psalm 100:4)*

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## Welcome to Emmanuel !

*It is wonderful to worship with you today!*

All are welcome regardless of your faith affiliation.

If you are a visitor worshipping today, we are blessed by your presence. Please sign the guest book in the Gathering Space, so we can keep in touch.

All parts of today's worship service are printed in this bulletin. Words to all songs are provided.

If you would like to use the hymnals to sing with music, most songs are noted with the hymnal color and song number for easy look up. Music is provided for songs not in one of the hymn books.

This is a service of Holy Communion. All God's people are invited to the table by our Lord Jesus Christ. You will find instructions for Holy Communion later in the bulletin.

Assistive hearing devices are available in the Gathering Space.

Restrooms are located in the hall off the Gathering Space immediately to the left.

Parents with children are welcome to use the children's activity bags, located by the entrance to the Sanctuary. If needed, our nursery room is at the end of the hall off the Gathering Space.

Please silence your phones, but feel free to post pictures, videos, tweets or texts to social media.

Join us to share the Word of God!

## THE SERVICE

### PRELUDE

"He Comes to Us As One Unknown" (*Callahan*)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are  
clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word  
you created the world, calling forth life in which you  
took delight. Through the waters of the flood you  
delivered Noah and his family.

**Through the sea you led your people Israel  
from slavery into freedom. At the river  
your Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.**

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters  
and sons, making us heirs of your promise and  
servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that  
sustains life, and above all we praise you  
for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives  
with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus  
Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now  
and forever.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

*O Word of God Incarnate (Green 231)*

**1 O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.**

**2 The church from you, dear Master,  
received the gift divine;  
and still that light is lifted  
o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
that, all life's voyage through,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands  
still guides, O Christ, to you.**

**3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of burnished gold  
to bear before the nations  
your true light, as of old;  
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see you face to face.**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you  
all.

**And also with you.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *Come, All You People (Blue 717)*



*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



**FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31**

A reading from Genesis.

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Then he said,  
"Let me go, for the day is breaking."

But Jacob said,  
"I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

So he said to him,  
"What is your name?"

And he said,  
"Jacob."

Then the man said,  
"You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked him,  
"Please tell me your name."

But he said,  
"Why is it that you ask my name?"

And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying,  
"For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 121**

*(Read responsively)*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall  
asleep.

**Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

**the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

**The LORD will watch over your going out and  
your coming in, from this time forth  
forevermore.**

## SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

A Reading from 2 Timothy.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:

proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

*Please sing once before, and once following the reading of the Gospel.*



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

He said,

“In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying,

‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’

For a while he refused; but later he said to himself,

‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’”

And the Lord said,

“Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you; he will quickly grant justice to them.

And yet, when the son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

*(words on previous page)*

## SERMON

**The Rev. John T. Heidgerd**

*At conclusion of the sermon, please stand as you are able for the Hymn of the Day*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Green 439)*

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.**

## THE APOSTLES CREED

Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*At the end of each petition, the minister will say*

*"Lord, in your mercy."*

*The congregation responds:*

*"Hear our prayer."*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us now share a sign of God's peace with each other.

## OFFERING

*Please be seated as we gather our offerings and  
present them to God.*

## OFFERTORY

*"Repton" (Ferguson)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING SONG

*As the Grains of Wheat (Blue 705)*

*Refrain*

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.**

**1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our  
midst, may we share the presence of your love.**

*Refrain*

**2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you.**

*Refrain*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us  
with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our  
possessions.**

**Use us, and what we have gathered, in  
feeding the world with your love, through the  
one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*(Spoken by pastor)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*(please sing)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent to us to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight.

He took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet. The feast is now ready.

**Thanks be to God.**

## LAMB OF GOD *(Please sing)*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All God's people are invited by our Lord Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion. We receive these gifts of bread and wine, of Christ's body and blood in faith, trusting that in this meal our Lord comes to us, forgives our sins, renews us in faith and leads us into new life.*

*Emmanuel's tradition is that communion is distributed continuously. After the sacraments are consecrated, the ushers will direct those in the congregation by row to proceed down the center aisle toward the pastor or assisting minister who will distribute the bread.*

*If you prefer gluten-free bread, please signal to the pastor or assisting minister as you approach. As you walk down the aisle on the left or right side, there are tables on which there are trays holding individual cups. If you wish to receive wine, please take an empty cup with you prior to receiving the bread. If you prefer grape juice, please take a pre-filled cup as you pass.*

*After receiving the bread turn to the left or right where an assistant will pour wine into the empty cup. After you have consumed the bread and wine (or juice), please return to your seat via the side aisle, placing the empty cup in the receptacle provided on your way to your seat.*

*If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please come forward with your arms folded across your chest in the form of the St. Andrew's cross. (X)*

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer (Blue 772)*

*Repeat Song Several Times*

**O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
come and listen to me.**

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*Day By Day (Blue 746)*

**1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.**

**2 Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.**

**3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

**O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give  
you thanks for sustaining us with the body and  
blood of your Son.**

**By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body  
in the world, that more and more we will give  
you praise and serve your earth and its many  
peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord.**

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you  
peace.

**Amen.**



## SENDING HYMN

*Lord of All Hopefulness (Green 469)*

**1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like,  
no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
at the break of the day.**

**2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled  
at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
at the noon of the day.**

**3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome,  
your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord,  
at the eve of the day.**

**4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment,  
whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
at the end of the day.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace and thanksgiving to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“English Hymn Tune” (*Hobby*)



### Today – Oct. 20

Ministers: All God’s people gathered

Acolytes: Abram Vasey, Jacob Gilbert

Assisting Minister: Marlene Natali

Altar Guild: Kathy Becker, Sharon Cassel, Susan Cassel

CD Delivery: Pat Frankenfield

Communion Assts: John Wellington, Barry Gibson

Counters: Team 4: Carole Darragh, Michelle Gilbert, Co-captains.

Greeters: Merrill & Bette Christman

Lector: Dave Blaich

Ushers: Team 4, David Natali, Capt.



### Next Week – Oct. 27

**“Wear Red for Reformation”**

Ministers: All God’s people gathered

Acolytes: Keira Drissel, Lily Pifer

Assisting Minister: Brian Pifer

Altar Guild: Chris Harubin, Carole Ann Vogel, Steph Moyer, Mary Anne Morral

CD Delivery: Brenda Nace

Communion Assts: Melinda Ferrara, Brian Cassel

Counters: Team 4: Carole Darragh, Michelle Gilbert, Co-captains.

Greeters: Bruce & Carole Ann Vogel

Lector: Anita Vogel

Ushers: Team 5, Cory Gilbert, Capt.

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# Emmanuel Worships !

**NEW at Emmanuel**  
**First Friday of Each Month**  
**Next Meeting – November 1**



New Path is a faith community where people in recovery and the people who love them can worship God, explore spiritual practices for recovery, and find company on the journey.

*Come as you are and experience God's grace and unconditional love.*

**First Friday evening of the month**

**7 pm – Refreshments and Fellowship**

**7:30 pm – Worship and Conversation**

*Sponsored by Kairos Communities*  
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**Musical Notes from**  
**Deacon Ethel Geist,**  
**Dir. of Music**

Q: Where Do Organists Come From?

A: The fascination of an organ appeals in many different ways, but once a person experiences it, the challenge of coordinating hands and feet gives way to the excitement of the music, the sound, and power of the music one can create. For many organists, once that fascination strikes, it is irresistible.

I am the daughter of a Lutheran pastor and started piano lessons when I was 6. Several years later, our congregation decided to erect a new building. My family took part of a vacation to visit various organ builders and I saw a whole different side of the instrument – the inside parts. These magnificent organs were all so different from the little “theatre organ” we had in the old church.

As the new building took shape, the congregation contracted with the Tellers Organ Company in Erie PA. I was a curious 7th grader at the time. As they started to assemble the instrument, I could see each day what was done, and I wanted to know more. Pipes were installed when school was out for the summer and they needed another person to help tune the organ; someone to hold keys so the pipe tuner could adjust their pitches. This new organ, although relatively small, had nearly a thousand pipes, and I was fascinated by the sounds that those pipes made. I was hooked. I watched everything our organist did and tried to imitate it. Before long I was taking lessons, and I haven't stopped learning since.

Not all organists have that experience, but there is something fascinating about the organ; its size, the magnificent sounds it produces, the complexity of it, the sense of adventure, the sheer variety of organs.

For church organists, we can add the call to serve a congregation and lead people as they praise God in their worship services. Organists are more than skilled musicians. They love the excitement of exploring possibilities – of finding new ways of creating music, and guiding others in that process.



# Emmanuel Worships!



# Emmanuel Nurtures !



## Weekly Schedule

*\*Sundays after  
Worship*

*\*Wednesdays at  
7:30PM*

*Singers may come to either or both rehearsals. A second rehearsal gives singers the option of coming for extra work, or to make up for a missed session.*



## Weekly Schedule

*Wednesdays at 6:30PM*

*You don't need to know  
much about music, just how  
to count!*

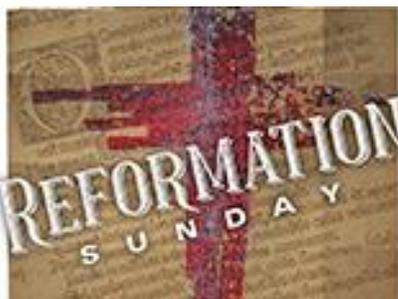


## Join Us For Worship!

**Sunday – Nov. 10 at 4 PM**

**And Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 4 PM**

*“Creating Inclusive Worship  
and Fellowship”*



## Coming Next Week

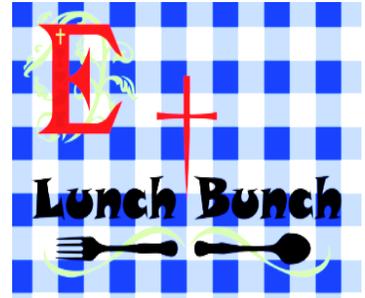
**Wear RED for  
Reformation  
Sunday**

## Coming Up Soon:

**Wed. Nov. 20th**

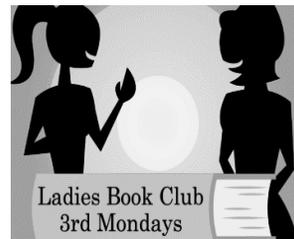
**@ Noon**

**Location:  
Franconia Heritage**



For information, and transportation needs, contact: Gloria Heckler  
215-799-2264

**Join us for lunch, conversation and  
fellowship every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**



## Next Meeting

**TOMORROW  
October 21  
@ 7:00 PM**

**October's Book:**  
“Before We Were Yours”  
by Lisa Wingate

*Join the ladies of Emmanuel for fun conversation  
and fellowship – and always a good read!*

For information, e-mail Mary Anne Morral  
[morral@verizon.net](mailto:morral@verizon.net)

## Knitters and Crocheters !

*“Come and gather  
to make shawls for those  
in need of comfort.”*

**Next Meeting:**

**November 3 @ 1PM**

**And every first Sunday of the month.**

*Instruction available for all who are interested.*





# Emmanuel Nurtures !



## Last Week at Sunday's Kids...

We heard the story of Abraham and Sarah who left their home because God promised they would be the parents of a Great Nation.

God blessed Abraham and Sarah so they could be a blessing to others. We can be a blessing to others too!

We are always learning new songs that are fun to sing.

**Don't miss Sunday's Kids !!!**

### "Apartment Needed"

A local woman has approached Pastor John looking for an apartment. She currently lives and works in Souderton and is looking for a quiet place to make her home.

If you have an apartment to rent, or know someone who does, please let Pastor John know.

Have fun! Form faith!

Make friends!

**Sunday at 10AM**

"A New Kind of Sunday School"

This week: Joseph gets in trouble with his brothers.

Next week: Joseph models for us a life of forgiveness.

All new energetic and interactive curriculum !

Guaranteed to be "Faith - Tastic!"

Sing the songs of faith.

Hear the stories of faith.

Do the acts of faith.

**Drop-Off begins at 9:45 AM**



# Emmanuel Nurtures !



## + Gloria Buschmann +

*God has called God's servant Gloria Buschmann into eternal life.*

### Memorial Service at Emmanuel

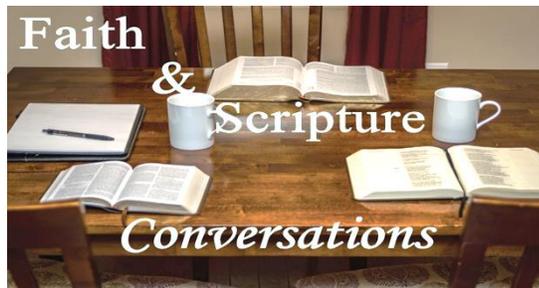
**Saturday, November 2nd**  
**10 AM – Visitation**  
**11 AM – Service**

*Please pray for Werner, Betsy, Curt and their family during this time of loss.*

## For our Homebound Members

Doris Alderfer	John Kemmerer
William & Helen De Turk	Kitty Kramer
Norma Detweiler	Jane Niemczyk
Mary & Bill Frank	Kathryn Stover
Rita Fritz	Joseph Sykes
Louella Gehringer	Faye Wetzel
	Dorothy Wohlgemuth

*Current addresses for our homebound are posted in the Gathering Space*



## Two Great Discussion Groups

### Each Week !

<p><b>Sundays</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b></p> <p><i>“The Gospel for Today”</i></p> <p>Led by our own          Deacon Marlene Natali</p> <p><i>A great way to start Sunday morning and get more out of the day's theme.</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesdays</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b></p> <p><i>“Making Sense of The Christian Faith”</i></p> <p>Led by          Fred Crouthamel</p> <p><i>A multi-media led discussion using materials from the ELCA's Book of Faith Initiative</i></p>
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## For Health and Healing Members of Emmanuel

Roy Becker	Keira Drissel
Werner Buschmann	Craig Kulp
Anthony Campolei	Kermit Schnable
Elaine Cash	Anita Sykes
Pat Conard	Shirley Treichler
Dominick DeSalvo	Robert Ziegler

## Friends of Emmanuel

Donna Clemens (friend of Janel and Barry Gibson)
Dennis Beer (friend of the Kulpes)
Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller)
Helen Freed (Craig Freed's Mom)
Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller's Niece)
Donald Heller (Shirley's Brother-in-law)
Dixie Kephart (Darlene's Mother)
Ed Natali (David's Brother)
Samir Nowar (friend of Pastor John)
Alicia Ranberg (Friend of the Crouthamels)
Stewart Schrauger (Julie Freed's Brother)
Michael Smith (friend of Cheryl Starke)
Eric Sykes (Anita & Joe's Son)
Pam Valenti (Lou Gehringer's Sister)
Alexander & Sylvia Wagwicz (Friends of DeSalvos)
Suzanne Willauer (Ed Cash's Sister)
Al Winters and Family (Friend of Werner Buschmann)
Chase Ziegler (Christman's Great-Grandson)

## While Away at School

David Henry	Abby Steinly
Samantha Plinke	

*In order to keep our Prayer List up to date, names will remain for four weeks unless otherwise notified*

*Feel the power  
of God's Word revealed  
through Scripture  
and conversation.*



# Emmanuel Nurtures !



## *Thoughts on God's Word for Today* *Oct. 20, 2019*

Let's start by reading the Gospel lesson on page 6.

Judge Judy	Divorce Court
The People's Court	Law and Order
Caught in Providence	All Rise
Perry Mason	Night Court

Which one of these is your favorite? Maybe you have another courtroom drama or dramedy that you love. The fact is courtroom TV has always attracted our attention. I think we like the tension of the courtroom – never sure which way the judge will rule. Will he lay down the law – or will she show mercy and compassion? Will the judge side with the plaintiff or with the defendant? Will he fall for the sob story – or will she see right through the lies? Maybe it's the absurdity of some of the cases that we see. Can people really be that dumb? Can people really be that mean to each other?

Whatever it is, I think a courtroom story always attracts interest. I'm sure that's why Jesus uses the image of courtroom drama to get across his message to his disciples and to us – Pray persistently and never – never – never give up.

In the story traditionally known as The Parable of the Persistent Widow, I've always imagined A little old lady in a black dress – at the same time vulnerable and assertive – coming to the court each day to plead to a judge who won't give her the time of day.

This widow is an easy target. She has nobody to advocate for her. The world looks to take advantage of her, because they don't think she has any power to fight back. But this woman is no doormat. She won't be walked over. She won't be denied. She was ignored – but still she persisted!

Persistence may be the only weapon she can wield. She can – and she does – keep up her fight for justice every day. She believes that someday things will turn in her favor. Day after day she is denied by the judge. Day after day the widow persists, never giving in and never giving up.

Can you imagine the judge facing this woman each and every day – hearing the same arguments – rolling his eyes in disbelief – swatting the woman away as if she were a fly – a nuisance – a pest.

In the end the woman's persistence is greater than the judge's patience. The judge admits that he doesn't care about the woman – or her issue. He is indifferent to her as a woman without any real influence – any real power in the world – except for one thing – her persistence has worn him out!

The widow finally gets that judge to grant her justice in response to her persistent pleas – her prayers were finally answered, even by a disinterested judge.

The parable teaches us to be persistent in prayer too, but perhaps not in the way you might think. Jesus does not give us the widow's story as a way to show us how to pray to God, as if we can manipulate God to our way of thinking, just by asking over and over and over again.

Instead, Jesus wants to contrast God with the judge. To show that if persistence in prayer works with someone who doesn't even care, how much more does persistence in prayer work with a God who always has our best interest at heart – a God who knows our inmost thoughts and desires – a God who loves us and wants us to live in relationship with him and the world God has created?

In that case, prayer – even persistent prayer - does not become something we do to get our way, but it becomes even more powerful. Persistence in prayer defines our relationship with God – the way in which we know God's presence in our lives – the way in which we become more aware of our own selves – the way in which we channel God's love and God's justice throughout the word. Persistence in prayer is how we learn to see the world through God's heart and God's eyes. Persistence in prayer is the way in which that poor widow can get justice without having to plead for it over and over again.

And that is why Jesus wants us to pray always and persistently – and never lose heart.



Emmanuel  
Serves !



Sponsored by:

Emmanuel's  
Men in Mission

Saturday, November 9

8:30 – 10:00 AM

Did we say it's

**FREE!**

Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage

Community and Conversation

Join us every 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Saturday!



Help feed needy families  
this Thanksgiving

Let's Fill Many  
Grocery Bags!

Items needed

- 13-16 oz. box of instant mashed potatoes
  - Two 24 oz. plastic jars of applesauce
  - Two cans of fruit (in juice)
  - One box brownie or cookie mix
  - Two boxes of stove top stuffing
  - Two cans of green beans
  - Two cans of corn
  - One 1 lb. can of coffee
  - One small box of Bisquick
  - Drink mix (powdered)
  - Ice Tea or Lemonade
- Gluten free bags would be appreciated as well*

You may also donate \$25 gift cards to a local grocery store.

Please bring all food to the collection box in the gathering space by

**November 2, 2019**

Gift cards should be given to:

Pat Frankenfield  
Christine Harubin  
Cheryl Starke



# Emmanuel Reaches Out !

## Lutheran Disaster Response to Help Recovery from Dorian

Hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas with devastating force, lingering over the islands for 24+ hours before moving along the southeastern coast of the US.

One month later, more than 50 people have been reported killed there, with hundreds still missing and thousands left homeless. Crippled infrastructure, closed businesses, and a tainted water supply still affect the communities.

Lutheran Disaster Response, in partnership with the Florida-Bahamas Synod and congregations, continue to provide immediate relief such as water, food, and non-food items through Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Freeport. So far, 40,000 bottles of water and 8,000 pounds of food have been delivered.

*To make a donation for Hurricane relief efforts,  
insert it into an envelope and mark it:  
"LDR – Dorian 2019"*



**Please bring your  
Keystone Food Pantry Donations to  
Church each week and place them on or  
under the collection table  
in the gathering space.**

**Members of Emmanuel's "Men in  
Mission" will transport them to Keystone  
every 1 – 2 weeks.**

**Thank You!**

**Pastor John  
Joins Local  
Student  
Safety Group**



Pastor John has joined the Indian Valley Character Counts Coalition. The IVCCC is dedicated to keeping the youth in our community "Healthy, Safe and Drug-Free." The IVCCC uses the "Communities that Cares" operating system that takes communities through a well-defined and structured process to prevent adolescent problem behaviors and promote positive youth development. The coalition is made up of community leaders, educators, clergy, health professionals and others. Look for more information about the IVCCC in the future as Emmanuel becomes more involved with the problems facing youth in our communities.

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TODAY, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**After worship in the Parlor**

**Help us finalize our plans  
for Trunk or Treat!  
Everyone Welcome!**

## **IMMEDIATE NEEDS** (The week of October 14)

**Housing**  
**Curtains 63 in. H**  
**Chest of Drawers**

**Education**  
**Floor Lamps**

**Food Pantry**  
**Tuna, Chunky Soups**  
**Spaghetti and Sauce**  
**Cleaning products**

*Keystone Opportunity Center*



Emmanuel  
Reaches Out !



# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S



TRUNK or TREAT

Saturday, October 26

2PM - 5PM

FREE pumpkin decorating!

FREE fun activities!



Decorate your cars and  
hand out treats!!

\*feel free to come in costume!

We need volunteers to set-up, clean-up also!

Sign-up TODAY in the Gathering Space!



**Emmanuel  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Church**

**New Sunday Schedule**

**Starting September 22**

Bible Study/Discussion – 9AM

Worship and Sunday's Kids – 10 AM

Fellowship Time – 11 AM

**Contact Us:**

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Mon – Thu: 9 AM – 2 PM

Fri: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Other Times by Appointment

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Facebook.com/EmmanuelSouderton

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Michael B. Geiger, Facilities Manager

Rev. Richard G. Miller, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

Marlene H. Natali, Parish Deacon

**THE BULLETINS TODAY  
ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN CELEBRATION OF  
RHYS BECKHAM BERNARDO WHO WAS  
BORN TO REBECCA & KEVIN BERNARDO  
ON SEPTEMBER 19**

**~BY MIKE & ROBIN GEIGER  
(RHYS'S PROUD GRANDPARENTS)**



**Here is What's  
Happening  
@ Emmanuel**

**10/20 – 10/27**

Sun	9:00 AM	Bible Study/Discussion
	10:00 AM	Worship
	10:00 AM	Sunday's Kids
	11:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	11:30 AM	Outreach Committee Meeting
Mon	5:30 PM	Bushi Karate
	7:00 PM	Ladies Book Club
	8:00 PM	AA Group
Tue	5:30 PM	Bushi Karate
	7:30 PM	AA Step Group
Wed	5:30 PM	Bushi Karate
	6:30 PM	Bible Study/Discussion
	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thu	5:30 PM	Bushi Karate
Sat	9:00 AM	Bushi Karate
	2:00 PM	Trunk or Treat
Sun	<b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b>	
	9:00 AM	Bible Study/Discussion
	10:00 AM	Worship
	10:00 AM	Sunday's Kids
	11:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal