



**Welcome to
Emmanuel !
9th Sunday
After Pentecost
August 2, 2020**

Introduction to the Day

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost.

Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. We are reminded that Jesus does all of this out of compassion, while being interrupted along his own journey.

We feed others because we first were fed. We love others because we first were loved.

"It is wonderful to worship with you today!"

All are welcome here at Emmanuel regardless of your faith affiliation.

All parts of today's worship service are printed in this bulletin, including words for the songs.

We are still observing Covid-19 restrictions and are not yet ready to worship in-person and indoors. This worship service will be broadcast and live streamed through our Facebook page, and on our website while containment measures are in place. Even if you are not able to watch live, the services will be recorded. You can find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelSouderton/>

and on our website at:

<http://emmanuelchurch.net>

You can also check the Facebook page or website for ongoing updates, for daily devotion videos with Pastor John, and for information regarding Emmanuel's E-Meal program, including what to donate, how to volunteer and the number of meals being served during the crisis.

Lastly, please remember that the expenses of the church go on, even during this time of containment. The best way for you to keep your contributions current is to do so through our online giving program, which is found on our website, and can be accessed using the following link:

[Online Giving to Emmanuel](#)

If you need to contact Pastor John, please call or text his mobile phone at 914-275-3106 or email him at jheidgerd@gmail.com.

***Then afterward, I will pour out
my Spirit on all flesh.***

(Joel 2: 28)

THE SERVICE

PRELUDE:

Meditation on "Beach Spring"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Praise and Thanksgiving (689)

**1 Praise and thanksgiving,
God, we would offer
for all things living,
you have made good:
harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.**

**2 God, bless the labor
we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor
we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
we would work with you,
harvesting, milling
for daily bread.**

**3 Father, providing
food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding
teach us to share
one with another,
so that, rejoicing
with us, all others
may know your care.**

**4 Then will your blessing
reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning,
no one will hunger;
your love sustaining
showers the land.**

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

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading: (401)

**1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,
fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing,
help us to follow you.**

Refrain

**Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**2 Come to teach us, come to nourish
those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful, may they flourish,
strengthened by grace unpriced.**

Refrain

**3 Guide our thinking and our speaking
done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking,
freeing from guilt and shame.**

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Read Responsively

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion
is over all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food
in due season.**

You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**You fulfill the desire
of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

**My mouth shall speak
the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name
forever and ever.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying;
my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—

I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my
heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed
and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own
people, my kindred according to the flesh.

They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption,
the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the
worship, and the promises; to them belong the
patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh,
comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed
forever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(please sing twice)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (172)

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

(please sing twice)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (172)

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

please be seated

SERMON

The Rev. John T. Heidgerd



*After the sermon, please stand as you are able for
the Hymn of the Day.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (712)

**1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.**

**3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.**

**4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the end of each petition, the minister will say

"Come, Holy Spirit."

The congregation responds:

"Come Holy Spirit, Come."

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.

please be seated

OFFERING

Offerings will not be collected. Please place your offering in the collection plate as you leave.

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OFFERTORY

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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.

ANIMA CHRISTI (THE SOUL OF CHRIST)

(Please close your eyes in meditation as we invite a spiritual communion with Jesus.)

Jesus, may all that is in you flow into me.
May your body and blood be my food and drink.
May your passion and death be my strength and life.
Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.
May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.
Let me not run from the love which you offer.
But hold me safe from the forces of evil.
On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.
Keep calling to me until that day comes.
When with our saints, I may praise you 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.

COMMUNION SONG

Take My Life, That I May Be (583)

Refrain

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

Refrain

**2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

Refrain

**3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

Refrain

**4 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

Refrain

BLESSING

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit.

Let love of Christ guide your actions.

Listen for the Spirit of Truth.

Spread forth the peace of Christ

and remind everyone you meet that each is a beloved child of God.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (535)



Emmanuel Worships !

Refrain

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

Repeat

**1 Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger.**

Repeat

Refrain

Farewell and Godspeed – Ethel!



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Lift your voice to sing the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (535)
(Verse 2)*

**2 Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.**

Repeat

Refrain

Last week we wished **Deacon Ethel Geist** farewell and Godspeed, thanking her for the gifts she shared with us at Emmanuel. Here are some parting words Ethel would like to share with the community:

One of the big changes in my music world here at Emmanuel in the last year and a half is the condition of the organ. One of three “phases” of improvements has been completed, and it’s a joy to play now, and it’s looking forward to an even better future.

But the most important part of Emmanuel is the people. I haven’t gotten to know as many of you as I had hoped, but I’ve treasured many conversations during the time I’ve been here, and I’ll fondly remember many of our exchanges.

My current plans are to finally be more active in the church where I’ve been a member for 20 years and visited maybe a half dozen times on Sunday mornings. My husband is the organist there.

*I’m taking many fond memories with me.
Here is a BIG THANK YOU to all of you.*

Ethel also wants you to know that she is suffering no ill effects from the fall she took during last Sunday’s worship service. Thanks be to God.

I want to thank **Pastor Emeritus Richard Miller** who will be serving as our Organist for the next two Sundays, and a few more in the near future. It always feels better when Pastor Miller is in worship with us, and especially when he is at the organ!

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Emmanuel Worships !

An Update from Pastor John

It seems as if we are entering a season of goodbyes – and hellos as we pass through the summer.

Deacon Kathie Afflerbach will be leaving her position – well sort of – as of July 30th. She will still be on staff to assist with some financial work as well as work on the bulletin but has taken a job at a local bank where she can get more hours. **Debbie Seeley** will volunteer some hours to help out in the office. Thank you, Debbie, for stepping forward.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty that it has created, we are not planning a search for Director of Music Ministries, or a Parish Administrator until we can see more clearly what our needs will be going forward.

Finally, many of you have known this, but we can announce officially that **Mike Geiger** will be retiring from his position as Director of Facilities at the end of September after a 40+ year career caring for his church and for the people of Emmanuel. We are looking for someone to succeed Mike in some way, but never to take his place. A service of Farewell and Godspeed will be scheduled soon.

Most of what follows is a reminder of what we’ve been doing to stay connected since March, with some small changes or additional information.

1. There will be no Emmanuel “office hours” until further notice. If you need access to the building, or need to speak with Pastor John, please call him directly at **914-275-3106**.
2. We will continue worship Services by live streaming or recorded video on our website or Facebook Page, both of which are listed on the inside front cover of this bulletin. The Sunday Schedule will continue as follows:
 - Sunday’s Kids Online @ 9:30 AM
 - Sunday Worship @ 10AM
 - Online Coffee Hour @ 11:00 AM
3. We are allowing some small groups to meet starting July 1. We’ll be in touch with those groups to see how or when they’d like to resume activities.

4. The E-Meal Ministry has now served over **25,000 meals** to our neighbors in need. More information may be found on page 13. Please remember that distribution hours are now Mon. - Sat. 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM.
5. We are in need of more **E-Meal volunteers** to cover packaging and distribution shifts. Please consider stepping up to serve and sign up on our SignUpGenius page <https://rb.gy/47vkgh>
6. Thank you for keeping up your offerings and for making good use of our E-Giving process. If you haven’t enrolled, I invite you to do so by clicking the link on our website.
7. Join me each day at 8AM (Mon-Sat) on Facebook, for a morning “GodCast”, a 5-10 minute devotional where we gather for prayer, scripture reading and reflection on God’s Word.

+Pastor John +



What is “Pop Up Worship?”

“Pop Up Worship” is a form of outdoor worship which is simple to set up and has a lot of flexible elements. It is designed to offer worship at different locations where we just “pop-up” at a local public space and enjoy a worship gathering.

Our worship will have some singing, praying, and bible study. Instead of a sermon – those gathered will engage in conversation about the bible and learn together.

Join Pastor John as he leads “Pop Up” worship services each Tuesday evening, starting at 7PM at the following locations:

8/4 – Souderton Borough Park

8/11 – Franconia Town Park

8/18 - Souderton Borough Park

8/25 - Franconia Town Park

Bring your own chairs, picnic blanket, and other comforts. Social distancing required, masks are suggested.



Emmanuel Nurtures !



For our Homebound Members

Doris Alderfer	Louella Gehringer
Jacqui Bond	John Kemmerer
William & Helen De Turk	Jane Niemczyk
Norma Detweiler	Kathryn Stover
Betty Frese	Faye Wetzel
Rita Fritz	Dorothy Wohlgemuth

Current addresses for our homebound are posted in the Gathering Space

For Health and Healing Members of Emmanuel

Roy Becker	Bob Renner
Anthony Campolei	Kermit Schnable
Elaine Cash	Harry Thompson
Pat Conard	Jane Vogel
Dominick De Salvo	Floyd Yothers
Craig Freed	Ruth Yothers
Faye Landis	

Friends of Emmanuel

Karen Bauer (friend of Deb & Pat McElwee)
Steve Buschmann (son of Werner Buschmann)
Donna Clemens (friend of Janel and Barry Gibson)
Dennis Beer (friend of the Kulps)
Jim Clark (friend of Caren and Doug Landis)
Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller)
Helen Freed (Craig Freed's Mom)
Sharon and John Garner (Jen Casta's Parents)
Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller's Niece)
Donald Heller (Shirley's Brother-in-law)
Hildegard Lamparter (Wife of former Pastor Robert Lamparter)
Dixie Kephart (Darlene's Mother)
Marvin Krupp (Friend of Roy Becker)
Ed Natali (David's Brother)
Neal Maiers (Friend of Deb & Patrick McElwee)
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)
Chase Ziegler (Christman's Great-Grandson)

While Away at School - Samantha Plinke

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

**Monday - Saturday
@ 8AM**

**Look for a daily
Soul Café GodCast
on our Facebook Page**

***"A great way to stay
connected to
God's Word."***



"A New Kind of Sunday School"

**Sunday's Kids Is Online
Sundays @ 9:30 AM
Don't Miss Sunday's Kids**



Emmanuel Nurtures !

Martin Luther's Notes on Feeding the 5,000

I. In today's Gospel Christ gives us another lesson in faith, that we should not be overanxious about our daily bread and our temporal existence, and stirs us up by means of a miracle; as though to say by his act what he says by his words in Matthew 6: 33: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

For here we see, since the people followed Christ for the sake of God's Word and the signs, and thus sought the Kingdom of God, he did not forsake them but richly fed them. He hereby also shows that, rather than those who seek the Kingdom of God should suffer need, the grass in the desert would become wheat, or a crumb of bread would be turned into a thousand loaves; or a morsel of bread would feed as many people and just as satisfactorily as a thousand loaves; in order that the words in Matthew 4: 4 might stand firm, that "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." And to confirm these words Christ is the first to be concerned about the people, as to what they should eat, and asks Philip, before they complain or ask him; so that we may indeed let him care for us, remembering that he cares more and sooner for us than we do for ourselves.

2. Secondly, he gives an example of great love, and he does this in many ways. First, in that he lets not only the pious, Who followed him because of the signs and the Word, enjoy the food; but also the slaves of appetite, who only eat and drink, and seek in him temporal honor; as follows later when they disputed with him at Capernaum about the food, and he said to them in Jn 6: 26: "You seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves," etc., also because they desired to make him king; thus here also he lets his sun shine on the evil and the good, Mt 5: 45. Secondly, in that he bears with the rudeness and weak faith of his disciples in such a friendly manner. For that he tests Philip, who thus comes with his reason, and Andrew speaks so

childishly on the subject, all is done to bring to light the imperfections of the disciples, and on the contrary to set forth his love and dealings with them a more beautiful and loving light, to encourage us to believe in him, and to give us an example to do likewise; as the members of our body and all God's creatures in their relation to one another teach us. For these are full of love, so that one bears with the other, helps and preserves what God has created.

3. That he now takes the five loaves and gives thanks etc., teaches that nothing is too small and insignificant for him to do for his followers, and he can indeed so bless their pittance that they have an abundance, whereas even the rich have not enough with all their riches; as Ps 34: 11 says: "They that seek Jehovah shall not want any good thing; but the rich must suffer hunger." And Mary in her song of praise says: "The hungry he has filled with good things; and the rich he has sent empty away." Lk 1: 53.

4. Again, that he tells them so faithfully to gather up the fragments, teaches us to be frugal and to preserve and use his gifts, in order that we may not tempt God. For just as it is God's will that we should believe when we have nothing and be assured that he will provide; so he does not desire to be tempted, nor to allow the blessings he has bestowed to be despised, or lie unused and spoil, while we expect other blessings from heaven by means of miracles. Whatever he gives, we should receive and use, and what he does not give, we should believe and expect he will bestow.

(from LectionaryCentral.com)

Also, In our Prayers:

Hildegard Lamparter, the widow of Emmanuel's former pastor, The Rev. Robert Lamparter, is currently residing at the Lutheran Community at Telford in the HealthCare unit

While there are no visitors currently allowed in the HealthCare unit, cards by be sent to her at 12 Lutheran Home Drive, Room 306a, Telford, PA 18969



Emmanuel Serves !

Emmanuel's E-Meal Ministry *25,000* Meals Served



Thanks be to God!

On Thursday, July 30, Emmanuel's E-Meal program crossed a new threshold – the “handing up” of its 25,000th meal. It's hard to believe we've served so much food to so many people in just 4 ½ months of ministry. Our God is an AWESOME God!

Average Daily Meals Served per Month	
March	93
April	163
May	244
June	197
July	179

And there is no indication that the volume will slow down any time soon. Even in the hot days of summer, people are still coming out regularly to feed their families. We are averaging nearly 180

meals per day for the month of July.

Another milestone has been reached in the past week. We have now raised over \$25,000 since March to support the E-Meal ministry. That means we have funded a vital new ministry without use of existing church funds. The community response to the E-Meal ministry has been amazing and overwhelming. The people of Souderton and the Indian Valley have really stood up and helped their neighbors in needs.



The recipient of the 25,000th was one of our neighbors, Jim Reed (red bandanna mask), an 86 years-young former Marine who served his country in Korea. And Jim was married in our church back in the 1950s. What an honor for us that one of our finest and bravest could be helped by our ministry.

Our partnerships with the Garden of Health Food Bank and Leidy's Meats continue to provide pounds and pounds of fresh meat and produce – at no cost to the program. Each week we are receiving 20 boxes of USDA subsidized meat from Leidy's, and each box contains a pork shoulder, ham, pork roll and scrapple. We add these meats into breakfast and dinner packages along with fresh eggs from Alderfer's poultry, and fresh produce from Garden of Health. Garden of Health has also been providing us 20-30 ready to eat meals each week. They go quickly once they are in house.

We couldn't do what we do without the super corps of volunteers we have who support the program so enthusiastically and so generously.

If you would like to serve as a volunteer, invite someone to volunteer or serve more often – please visit our SignupGenius page at:

<https://rb.gy/47vkgh>

Please keep our ministry in your prayers as we move forward through the summer.

+ Pastor John +



Emmanuel
Serves !



Emmanuel brings E-Meal Ministry on the Road

Emmanuel's E-Meal Ministry will be a featured ministry at this year's Hope Festival to be held on September 19, 2020 on the grounds of Franconia Mennonite Church. We are excited to be part of this wonderful event which brings hope to so many people during a difficult time. More information will be shared in the coming weeks. Please plan to attend and support the Hope Festival.



FREE Family Friendly Event

Hope Festival is to bring Community, First Responders, Non-Profit Organizations and Churches together "for the health of our community".

Those who have HOPE in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; They will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. - Isaiah 40:31



HOPE Festival is presented by: The Business Community, First Responders and Sweatshirt of Hope

Event Location:

Not a church event: On the property of Franconia Church, 613 Harleysville Pike, Telford, PA
- Rain or Shine

Some of last year's participating groups: Teen Challenge, Penn Foundation, Eagles Wing Disc Golf, Ancora Spero Addiction Recovery, Zion Mennonite Bean Bag Food Program, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Souderton Character Counts Program/YMCA, Indian Creek Foundation, Joni & Friends, Spruce Lake Camping Ministry, Keystone Opportunity Center, Laurel House, True Light Safe House Ministry, Landis Hunsberger Law Firm, Musselman Financial, Gideon Bibles, Salvation Army Adoption & Foster Care, God's Treasure House, MotoCross for Christ, Soldiers of Faith Ministry, Revelations of Freedom Recovery Ministry, Suicide Awareness, Celebrate Recovery, North Care Pregnancy Resources, Magellan Behavioral Health Services, Sweatshirt of Hope, Souderton Mennonite Church and 4 local police departments, state police, ambulance and fire police.

Our main goal is to bring the Darkness into the Light with education, resources and offering a safe place to share struggles with those who traveled dark in dark places... All this while having a fun time with FREE Food, Ice Cream, Music, Speakers, Touch A Truck, Youth and Kid's Show.

Check out the <http://sweatshirtofhope.org/> website where you can read our visions and passion to support those struggling. 60+ Podcasts about everyday issues.

For additional information, would like to be a sponsor or wish to donate please contact:

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Emmanuel Reaches Out

Seeing God in Community



*Congregation,
organizations partner
to serve elderly
during COVID-19*

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As people around the world adjust to the “new normal” brought on by the [COVID-19](#) pandemic, there is an increased focus on caring for the most vulnerable people in our society. For many, this has brought a renewed emphasis on the importance of community amid hardship. For James Pike, pastor of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Huntington Beach, Calif., the pandemic provides an opportunity for the community to come together in support of the city’s senior citizen population.

Before the pandemic hit California, Huntington Beach had planned an interfaith day of service with Pike as its coordinator. But as COVID-19 spread, the city shut down. City officials recognized they had a plethora of demands, but they didn’t have the resources to respond to all of them. They turned to Pike to coordinate efforts for one of those needs: care for the city’s elderly population.

Waste Not OC, a nonprofit that partners with grocery stores and restaurants to use their excess food to prepare and package meals, was already willing to be involved. The city asked Pike to organize the distribution of these meals to homebound seniors.

Fortunately, Pike had a valuable partner in Care Connections Network (CCN), a nonprofit centered on empowering older adults to age confidently in their own homes. CCN was launched in 2012 by members of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection who saw the need for a ministry for seniors. The nonprofit incorporates education, social programming and creation of intentional community into its work, empowering its clients and preventing social isolation as they age.

With grants from Lutheran Disaster Response and other organizations, CCN and Resurrection began to distribute food and essential products to homebound older adults.

Once a week, program participants receive a box of 10 professionally prepared and packaged meals and paper products such as toilet paper. Volunteers drop off the boxes at the front doors of recipients, then call to let them know their meals have arrived. During the first four weeks of the program, over 2,220 meals were delivered.

The program is also serving homeless seniors who have been referred to them by the Huntington Beach Police Department’s Homeless Task Force. Other partners now include the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, the local Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, and other Lutheran congregations in the area.

“The number-one rule of establishing an effective network like this is you have to keep showing up so people know who you are. Then you can have those relationships when you need them,” said Pike. “A lot of this has happened because there were existing relationships that we could use during this time.”

CCN also prioritizes wellness checks, a valuable element of the program. Volunteers call clients on a weekly basis to check in and provide a moment of socialization for those who may feel isolated. More than 420 wellness calls have been made to 119 older adults. Many times, recipients reach out to CCN to express their gratitude for the care given to them. These phone calls are especially meaningful to Carolyn Ross, executive director of CCN.

“I think for me it was that first phone call I got, that first lady that called,” said Ross. “She was almost in tears, but they were just tears of being grateful. I could tell she was really lonely. We talked for about 15 minutes, and it just meant so much to me that she took the time to call, and to express, with such genuine emotion, how she felt.”

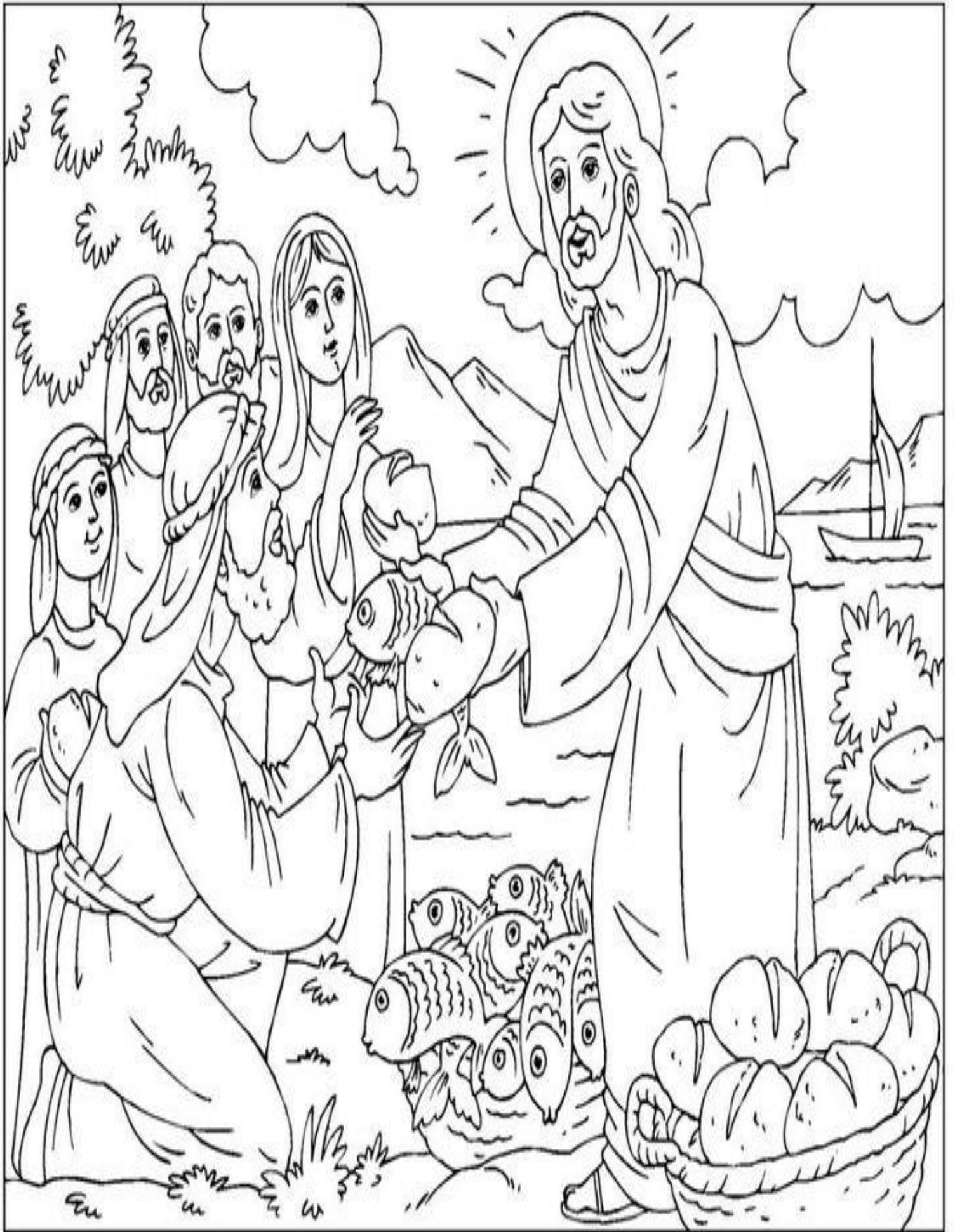
The food distribution project has also provided an opportunity for young adult leadership in the church. Young adults have taken over management of many elements of the program, administering an on-the-ground lesson in civic engagement. They are reading a text together, discussing questions of faith and life and applying their discussions to the current context.

But a project of this size hasn’t come without challenges. As the pandemic intensifies and the demand for services rapidly increases, Pike explained, they’ve struggled to keep up with the program’s quick growth, especially regarding communication between the groups involved.

“The challenges we have encountered, it just shows me how God’s hand is in our work, because we do overcome them, and we overcome them without a lot of strife,” Ross said. “It just seems to happen. This is meant to be.”

Ross sees the strengthening of relationships among the partners as one of the biggest rewards of the program, highlighting their commitment to helping the community.

“As a Christian, I see God in the people we’re serving. This is a way for us to worship our God through loving our neighbor—God among the poor, God isolated, God in an older person in a mobile home, God as a senior in an apartment with a pet bird, God who doesn’t like spicy food, God who wants a roll of toilet paper. The very common work that we’re doing is exactly the kind of thing that Jesus means when he said, ‘If you do this for them, you do it for me.’”





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**What's
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Sunday Schedule

Sunday's KIDS Online – 9:30 AM
Worship Online – 10 AM
Online Coffee Hour – 11 AM

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Sun	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Ninth Sunday of Pentecost Livestream - Sunday's KIDS Livestream – Worship Service Zoom Coffee Hour
Mon	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM 8:00 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate AA Group
Tue	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate “Pop Up” Worship – Souderton Boro Park
Wed	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM	Morning GodCast Bushi Karate
Thu	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate
Fri	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution
Sat	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution
Sun	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Tenth Sunday of Pentecost Livestream - Sunday's KIDS Livestream – Worship Service Zoom Coffee Hour

Bible Quiz

Paul declares that nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Which of the following does Paul specify as unable to block God’s love?

- A. death; life
- B. angels; demons
- C. present; future
- D. height; depth
- E. all of the above

ANGELS
LIFE death
FUTURE present
HEIGHT demons

Answer: E (See Romans 8:38-39, NIV.)