



Welcome to Emmanuel !

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 14, 2022

“It is wonderful to worship with you today!”

Today is a “Praise Emmanuel” Sunday

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. If you would like to sing with music, books are provided in the racks on the back of the seat in front of you. The song or page number is provided for easy look up

UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN PLACE

Masking remains optional, but highly recommended for unvaccinated individuals and for those at an elevated risk of infection.

Masking is REQUIRED to sit in the balcony.

Please observe distancing, from anyone with whom you do not share a residence, when choosing seating or when standing in line for communion.

Anyone involved in distributing Holy Communion must wear a mask during distribution.

Windows will be opened unless the outside temperature would make it uncomfortable to do so.

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

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.

Coffee Hour will follow the worship service and will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

Restrooms are located in the hall off the Gathering Space immediately to the left. Please see a member of our host families for assistance.

Parents with children are welcome to use the children’s activity bags, located by the entrance to the Worship Space. 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. We love using technology to share the Word of God!

Emmanuel Worship is Online

This worship service will be broadcast and live streamed through our Facebook page, and on our website. 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://www.elcsouderton.org>

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Please check the Facebook Page or Website for ongoing updates of all the great things happening at Emmanuel, including Pastor John’s daily GodCasts.

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

Introduction to the Day

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

(Psalm 100)

THE SERVICE

PRELUDES

Led by "Praise Emmanuel"

Spirit Of The Living God (WP129)

Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me
Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me

Melt me mold me
Fill me use me
Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me

Repeat

Sanctuary – R. Scruggs and JW Thompson

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Repeat

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Here I Am To Worship – T. Hughes

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over
from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water,
let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God,

**for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.**

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

**In Jesus Christ,
you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.**

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.

**Claim us again
as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our
hearts; wipe away every tear.**

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

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 (819)

**1 Come, all you people,
come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.**

**2 Come, all you people,
come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Savior;
come now and worship the Lord.**

**3 Come, all you people,
come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate
oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for
truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all
victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your
servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and
perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from Jeremiah.

Am I a God nearby, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82 (read responsively)

God stands to charge
the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

**"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?"**

Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them
from the power of the wicked.**

They do not know, neither do they understand;
they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince."

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

A reading from Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (172)

(Please sing twice)

Halle, Halle Halle-lujah

Halle, Halle Halle-lujah

Halle, Halle Halle-lujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (172)

(Please sing twice)

Halle, Halle Halle-lujah

Halle, Halle Halle-lujah

Halle, Halle Halle-lujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Please be seated.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law
against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. John T. Heidgerd

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

SONG OF THE DAY

I Give You My Heart – R. Morgan

**This is my desire
To honor You
Lord with all my heart
I worship You
All I have within me
I give You praise
All that I adore is in You**

Chorus

**Lord I give You my heart
I give You my soul
I live for You alone
Ev'ry breath that I take
Ev'ry moment I'm awake
Lord have Your way in me**

Repeat

Repeat Chorus

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the end of each petition, the minister will say

"Come, Holy Spirit."

The congregation responds:

"Come, Bring Fire to our Hearts."

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please place your offering in the plate on the table at the entrance to the gathering space. Offerings may be submitted electronically using the link on Emmanuel's website, by US Mail, or by delivery to the office during E-Meal distribution hours

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING 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***

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray

Living God,

**you gather the wolf and the lamb
to feed together in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 (ACS 1089)

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of might and mercy,
your glory fills all heaven and earth.
You are holy, God.

Blessed be the Savior,
the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest.
You are holy, God.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

Again, after supper, 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.”*

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as
Jesus taught us.

**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

All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

Thanks be to God.

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 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.*

*Today, the Lord's Supper will be offered
with both bread and wine. Lutherans hold to the
understanding that Christ's Real Presence in body
and blood is there with the bread and wine and the
gathered community of saints.*

*Please approach the chancel area, starting with the
first row and using the middle aisle.*

*All wine or grape juice is in individual cups. On
your way to the chancel area, please pick up a cup of
wine or grape juice. Then proceed to the Pastor or
Assisting Minister where you will receive a
communion wafer.*

*The Pastor or Assisting Minister will place the wafer
in your cupped hand, after which you may consume
the wafer, and the wine or juice
in your individual cup.*

*As you return to your seat via the side aisles,
please deposit the used communion cup
in the designated container.*

*If you wish to receive gluten-free bread, please
signal to the Pastor or Asst. Minister.*

*If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you
may receive a brief blessing. As you approach,
please place your hands across your chest in the
form of the St. Andrew's cross. (X)*

(when all have been communed, please rise as you are able)

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God – T. Paris

**Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God**

**Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God**

Chorus

**Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God**

**I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God**

Chorus (2x)

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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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table
as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives,
all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, + one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.



- Host Families – Benner/Laird/McElwee Families
- Leading and Preaching – Pastor John
- Music Leader – Doug Landis
- Asst. Minister – Corey Gilbert
- Tech and Sound – Ryan Bevan
Owen Laird (Dom Higgins Training)
- Singers – Caren Landis, Julie Freed
- Sunday's KIDS – Summer Break

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SENDING SONG

Hallelujah – B. Brown/B. Doerksen

Your love is amazing
Steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain
Firm beneath my feet
Your love is a myst'ry
How You gently lift me
When I am surrounded
Your love carries me

Chorus

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising
I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing
Deep inside of me
Ev'ry time I see You
All Your goodness shines through
I can feel this God song
Rising up in me

Chorus

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG (*Reprise*)

Light the Fire – B. Maxwell

Your love is amazing
Steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain
Firm beneath my feet
Your love is a myst'ry
How You gently lift me
When I am surrounded
Your love carries me

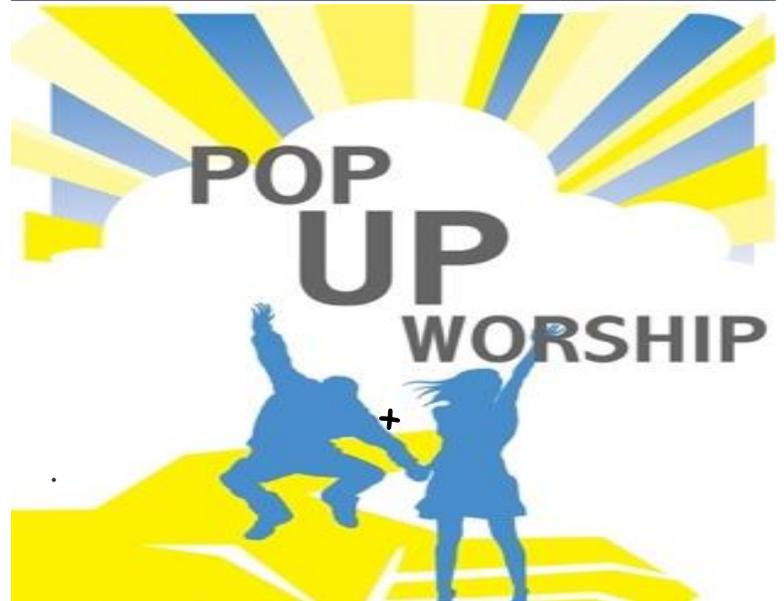
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Emmanuel Worships

Continues This Tuesday – 8/16/22



Tuesday Nights – 7PM

8/2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Souderton
Community Park

At the pavilion

****New This Year****

Joint Worship with
Emmanuel, Souderton
and St. Paul's, Telford

- * Enjoy the warm summer evenings in the beauty of God's creation.
- * Bring your own chairs or blankets
- * Show our faith to the community
- * Celebrate Holy Communion
- * Sing, Pray, Share and Learn Together



Emmanuel Worships



**Thou Shalt Not
"Proof Text"**

Today's Gospel is one of those where pastors wish they were on vacation and someone else was preaching. When Jesus talks about division and fire and swords – that's not the Jesus that most of us care for and it's not the Jesus we like to talk about. But, while it is not the whole story of Jesus, it is a part of who Jesus is – a man who created controversy – who challenged the status quo - in addition to all that he healed and united.

People of faith need to be careful when looking at single stories in the bible – and in some cases single verses. Everything that is written in scripture is a small part of a large story – a greater whole – that follows the arc of God's relationship with us – from the creation of the world – through various stories of redemption – to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus – and the dawn of the early church. There is no passage, verse, or word in scripture that can stand on its own – and our understanding of the bible must always consider the entire story – what Martin Luther referred to as "scripture interpreting scripture."

Perhaps the most dangerous form of scriptural misinterpretation is what is known as "proof texting". Proof texting is where we find something in the bible that supports an individual's or group's point of view – and we quote a verse or section of scripture in its defense.

For example – if someone believed that Jesus came to us to be an avenging warrior – to foment revolution and violent change – you might pull this passage out of scripture and claim that is what Jesus is all about – to set fire to the structures of injustice in the world and to divide people against each other.

However, taken in the context of the whole gospel and the whole of scripture, this passage can't be taken so narrowly and literally – especially when we know that the bulk of the gospel describes Jesus as bringing love – radical love – into the world as a way to serve – to heal – and unite the people of God.

When presented with passages such as today's gospel reading, we are called upon to do the harder work – to think about what Jesus means in the context of his greater message. In that case, Jesus cannot be prescribing or predicting a violent revolution – but instead is describing what happens when love – loving God, loving each other, loving even our enemies becomes a force for change in the world. Love is a force for good in the world, but not everyone will see it that way – at least not at first.

When Jesus talks about fire and division, Jesus is describing the energy – and the reaction – that the radical love of God will bring to change the world. Sadly, that kind of love will divide us for a time. There are those who will no longer benefit if love – and not selfishness – is the guiding principle of our lives.

My friends – take care in your bible reading – don't get caught in the trap of "proof texting" or trying to interpret sections of the bible too narrowly. Remember that the bible is a love story of God with God's people and that – at the very least – you should see everything in scripture through that broader lens. Of course, if you have any questions about a particular passage, don't hesitate to ask me about it.

+ Pastor John +



**On Facebook
Mon-Sat 8AM**
*"Stay
Connected
to God's
Word"*



Emmanuel Nurtures !

Children and Youth
Ministries at Emmanuel



Please Note Date Change

Next Event,
Friday, September 9
6PM – 8PM

A fun outing is in our plans!

For middle and
high school youth.

Fun – Faith – Friends

Every First Friday of the month!

Contact Amanda Higgins for
details.

Mark your calendars for
upcoming “First Friday” events:

- September 9th
- October 7th
- November 4th
- December 2nd



is on Summer break
and will return in September.
Meanwhile – Mark your calendar
for these upcoming events!



September 24 – 25

Including:

Day of the Children Carnival
Special BBQ
Sept 24 – 2PM to 4PM

Rally Day
Sept 25 – 10 AM to Noon

*Celebration Worship

*Sunday's KIDS reopening

*Historic Designation
of the Old Oak Tree



Souderton's Premier
Halloween Event

Saturday,
October 29

Time - TBD



Emmanuel Nurtures !



Special Prayer Concerns

For the family of former member William Stout, who died in Christ this week.

- + For our Bishop, Rev. Patricia Davenport and her staff. For Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the ELCA Churchwide staff.
- + For Pastor John and Ann Marie as they travel on vacation
- + For hurricane victims in Honduras and other Central American countries.
- + For stability to return to our economy and an end to sharply rising prices that are causing hardship for so many.
- + For an end to the war in Ukraine and for a spirit of comfort and peace to surround the victims of violence and uprooting.
- + For the victims of mass shootings throughout our nation and for our nation to come to grips with the problems of gun violence in our communities.
- + For those experiencing homelessness, that they may find safe and adequate shelter. For the success of "Sanctuary Village" a program to provide individual housing for those in need.
- + In thanksgiving to God for our partnership with Worthwhile Wear and the redevelopment of Meleny's House, a place of refuge for those who have survived trafficking.
- + For relief from devastating flooding in Missouri, Kentucky and other parts of the Midwest.
- + In thanksgiving for God's guiding spirit and providence as we continue the work being done through the E-Meal and Bread Drop Ministries – and for the volunteers, donors and partners that give so much so that people don't go hungry.

For Members Serving in the Military

Philip Coll – if you want to send a message, letter or a care package to Phil, please contact Kathleen Coll

For our Homebound Members

Dominick De Salvo Helen De Turk Norma Detweiler	Betty Frese Louella Gehringer Faye Landis	Richard Landis Dorothy Rodemer Faye Wetzel
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For Health and Healing Members of Emmanuel

Roy Becker Anthony Campolei Elaine Cash	Bette Christman Marilyn Detwiler Richard Fritz	Lester Hallman Carole Thompson Ruth Yothers
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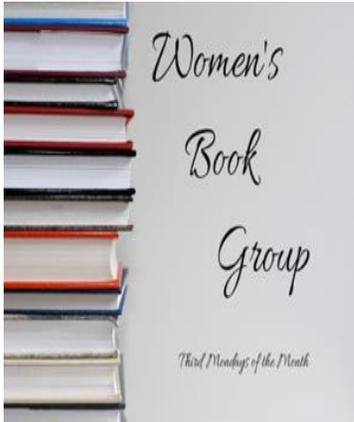
For Friends of Emmanuel

John Becker Sr. (Roy Becker's Father)
 Dennis Beer (friend of the Kulps)
 Lee Bruder (friend of the Koinonia Group)
 Josh Butler (friend of the Mc Elwees)
 Jim Clark (friend of Caren and Doug Landis)
 Ann Coleman (Rev. Bill Coleman's Mother)
 Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller)
 Alicia and Mike Daniels (friends of Julie Freed)
 Lou Farrell (Director of Bread Drop Ministries)
 Helen Freed (Evan Freed's Grandmother)
 Sharon and John Garner (Jen Casta's Parents)
 Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller's Niece)
 Kathy Heckler (Heckler's Daughter in Law)
 Eric Heckler (Grandson of Gloria & Gerry Heckler)
 Karen Heidgerd (Pastor John's Sister)
 Mary Rose Himes (friend of Pastor John)
 Ed Ianarelli (friend of the Harubins)
 Emily Kelly (Karen Kelly's Daughter in Law)
 Michael Kelly (Friend of the Slemmers)
 Tom Krupp (Friend of the Beckers)
 Hildegard Lamparter (Mother of Priscilla Lamparter)
 Christopher Marley (Son of Juanita Marley)
 Richard Moore (friend of Ruth Miller's Daughter)
 Todd McDaniels (Friend of the McElwees)
 Ed Natali (David's Brother)
 Neal Maiers (Friend of Deb & Patrick McElwee)
 Niki and Gray (granddaughter and friend of Werner Buschmann)
 Katie Parsons (Friend of the McElwees)
 Alayna Pagano (Friend of Jane Vogel)
 Connie Petrie (Friend of the Harubins)
 Patrick Family (Friends of Julie Freed)
 Richard Plinke (friend of Gerry and Dave Blaich)
 Alicia Ranberg (Friend of the Crouthamels)
 Ari Richter (Friend of Caren and Doug Landis)
 Stewart Schrauger (Julie Freed's Brother)
 Michael Smith (friend of Cheryl Starke)
 Chase Ziegler (Christman's Great-Grandson)

Please help us manage the prayer list by letting us know when God has granted healing and wholeness so we can rejoice and remove a name that no longer needs to be especially recognized.



Emmanuel Nurtures !



Next Meeting
Monday
August 15, - 7PM
West with Giraffes
By Linda Rutledge
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

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Knitters and Crocheters



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

Next Meeting:
Sunday, September 4 – 1PM
And every first Sunday of the month
In Emmanuel’s Parlor
Instruction available for all who are interested.

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Emmanuel Serves !

Meleny’s House Gift Registry is now open!
[CLICK HERE](#)
to shop online!

Emmanuel has raised over \$3,000 for Meleny’s House Furnishings!



From the generous cash donations of Emmanuel members and friends, we were able to use the Gift Registry to purchase the microwave and range that have been installed in Unit A.

This is the apartment that faces West Broad St. and is the first unit to be occupied. Here’s a photo of the appliances in their new home. There are still many opportunities to help outfit Meleny’s House, using the Gift Registry



The Challenge has ended as of July 30.
Final Results - \$12,500 raised
Well Done Emmanuel!



Emmanuel Serves !

An Expression of Gratitude for the work of our E-Meal Ministry!



Emmanuel E-Meal Update

257,000 Meals “Handed Up”

Thanks be to GOD!

Instead of writing an article this week, and avoiding saying some of the same things you’ve already read about, I thought I’d give one of our clients the opportunity to tell us what E-Meal has meant to them. It’s so nice to receive these notes from time to time, for the assurance they provide that we are doing God’s work and making a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.

E-Meal Volunteers Are Needed!

Please take time today and sign up to volunteer. Dates are available through **December 31, 2022**. Signing up is easy.

Click the following link to sign up.

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

E-Meal Donations Are Needed!

And, if you can support the E-Meal ministry financially, please click here for a link to do so easily and securely:

[Online Giving to Emmanuel](https://bit.ly/3iRyXn2)
(bit.ly/3iRyXn2)

Dear Pastor and Congregation
Thank you for your food program. It has helped our family survive! The assortment is always just what we need - God does provide. The fresh veggies are the best! We had zucchini bread the other week and we prayed that you enjoyed some too. We just wanted to thank you as you help so many people with this program - We have to be like the one leper who came back to Jesus and thanked Him - As you & the helpers are what Jesus looks like to us in need. Everyone has been kind and happy to see us - It really gives us a boost - Just to have someone LOOK at you and ASK - How are you in a caring way - Thank you as we really are one family only right now we need A bit of help. The world is different - but God is constant - Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow - Thank you.

From a member of God's Family -
A brother, Father, Sister, Mother,
Grandpa, Granny, baby and tots
of cousins and aunts & uncles - Also
your neighbor and friend -

July 2022
Your scripture cards
are very nice too!





Emmanuel Serves !

Join with the churches of the Indian Valley as we strengthen our communities through service

COMMUNITY AFTERNOON OF SERVICE

FORMALLY MLK DAY OF SERVICE EVENT

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

2-4PM

GENERATIONS OF INDIAN VALLEY

@ 259 2ND STREET SOUDERTON



Over 20 local nonprofit organizations to help and explore...

- Generations of Indian Valley
- Lutheran Community of Telford
- Bean Bag Project
- Grace Lutheran Hatfield
- Joni and Friends
- Keystone Opportunity Center
- Christ Lutheran Church
- Mennonite Resource Center
- Little Zion Lutheran Church
- Along the Way
- Advent Lutheran
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church-E-meal program
- The Peyton Heart Project
- Peaceful Living
- IV Boys and Girls Club
- Pillars of Light and Love
- Hailey's Sunshine
- Survivor's Alliance
- Telford Night Market
- AND MORE!!!!

HELP TO HELP



Update on Emmanuel's Ongoing Ministry to Honduras

It's been over a month since the latest shipping container finally cleared customs obstacles in Honduras and made its way to the Santa Barbara Rotary Club for distribution to schools, hospitals and individuals in need. We are so grateful for the work of Jessmy Trochez here in Souderton and Bayron Sagastume in Santa Barbara to make sure all the relief supplies get used where they are most in need.

The difficulties we've encountered with each of the two shipping containers has been frustrating, but we have to reflect well on the impact of raising about \$20,000 to effect about \$400,000 worth of items to people in desperate need.

Earlier this year, we had raised what appeared to be enough funds to ship another container. We have over \$5,000 in that fund now. However, the problems with customs in Honduras have indicated that we should pivot our thinking and offer to help in a different way.



We have been in conversation with the Santa Barbara Rotary Club and they have offered some suggestions as to local projects that can be funded with direct financial support. In partnership with the Souderton-Telford Rotary, we are evaluating opportunities. One of the

biggest needs will be the provision of desks for school children in and around Santa Barbara – desks that were destroyed during the 2020 hurricanes. Many children have to sit on the floors in order to learn. They are in need of 1,000 desks and have asked for \$14,000 in funds to provide them.

We haven't completely established the fundraising program yet, so more information will flow in the weeks ahead. But, we have a good start should we choose to support Honduras in that way.



Emmanuel Reaches Out !

Next Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, August 30



Emmanuel Lutheran Church **AUGUST Blood Drive**

Tuesday, August 30, 2022
2PM – 7PM

Emmanuel’s Gathering Hall
69 West Broad St.
Souderton PA, 18964

*“Enter through rear entrance
on Lumber St.,
one block north of Broad St.”*

Thank you for considering the Gift of Life

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Hello all,

Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive.

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Drive Details:

Site: Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Address: 69 West Broad Street, Souderton, PA, 18964

Room Name: Gathering Hall

Date: Tue Aug 30, 2022

Time: 02:00 PM - 07:00 PM

[Click here to make an appointment](#)

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being a blood donor this year. Your gift really does save lives and it is so needed and appreciated.

This year, Emmanuel and the Red Cross have gathered 225 units of blood through our monthly campaigns.

Thanks Be to God!

Our next drive is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30 and will run from 2-7 PM. We have over 40 slots currently open including several POWER RED slots through which you can make twice the impact.

Summer is a low time for blood availability. I hope you can make an appointment to give the gift of life on August 30.

Thanks again.

+ Pastor John +



Emmanuel Reaches Out !

Why the North American Church Is Unlikely to Experience Revival

Chuck Lawless – 8/1/2022 – Churchleader.com

First, a caveat: I strongly believe that revival is the gift of God, and He grants it sovereignly according to His plan. My point with this post about church revival, though, is not that we somehow control God’s event calendar; instead, it’s that our church culture doesn’t exhibit some of the characteristics that have preceded God’s great movements.

Here’s why I wonder if the North American church will experience revival:

• **We’re not really desperate for God.**
We may use that kind of “desperation” terminology, but the words don’t always reflect our heart. It’s been some time since I’ve seen a congregation that pleads for God’s presence.

• **We tend to speak about the sin of others rather than deal with our own sin.**

We preach strongly against sins that we sometimes tolerate under our own roof. Few people are so broken over personal sin that they can only cry out to God for church revival.

• **We find happiness in our stuff.**

Sure, we know it’s all fleeting, but we treat it as if it weren’t. The more stuff we have, the “happier” we feel and the less we need God—and we often have much more stuff than people around the world do.

• **We know little of the Word of God and often less about church history.**

We don’t know enough about the stories of God’s miraculous intervention and powerful displays to long to see the same kind of church revival. Our general lack of knowledge equates to a corresponding lack of burden.

• **We have too few persevering, patient, persistent prayer warriors.**

Our praying is usually reactionary; that is, we pray only when we must. Not many of us lie on our faces pleading with God to fall on us with His power and bring church revival in America.

• **We can grow churches without the power of God.**

That growth may not be the result of non-believers gloriously transformed by the grace of God, but it still results in increased numbers. And, churches that show any record of growth seldom begin praying for church revival.

• **We’re probably not ready to pay the cost of revival.**

When God falls on us in His power, the result must be a brokenness that leads to repentance from sin and weeping over lostness. It means calling the church to holiness and dealing appropriately with members who choose to live in rebellion. Revival often wounds first before it heals—and I’m simply not convinced that we are ready for that.

Emmanuel Launches Fundraiser to Support Souderton Park Renovations

CAMPAIGN CONTINUES THROUGH SEPT. 30!

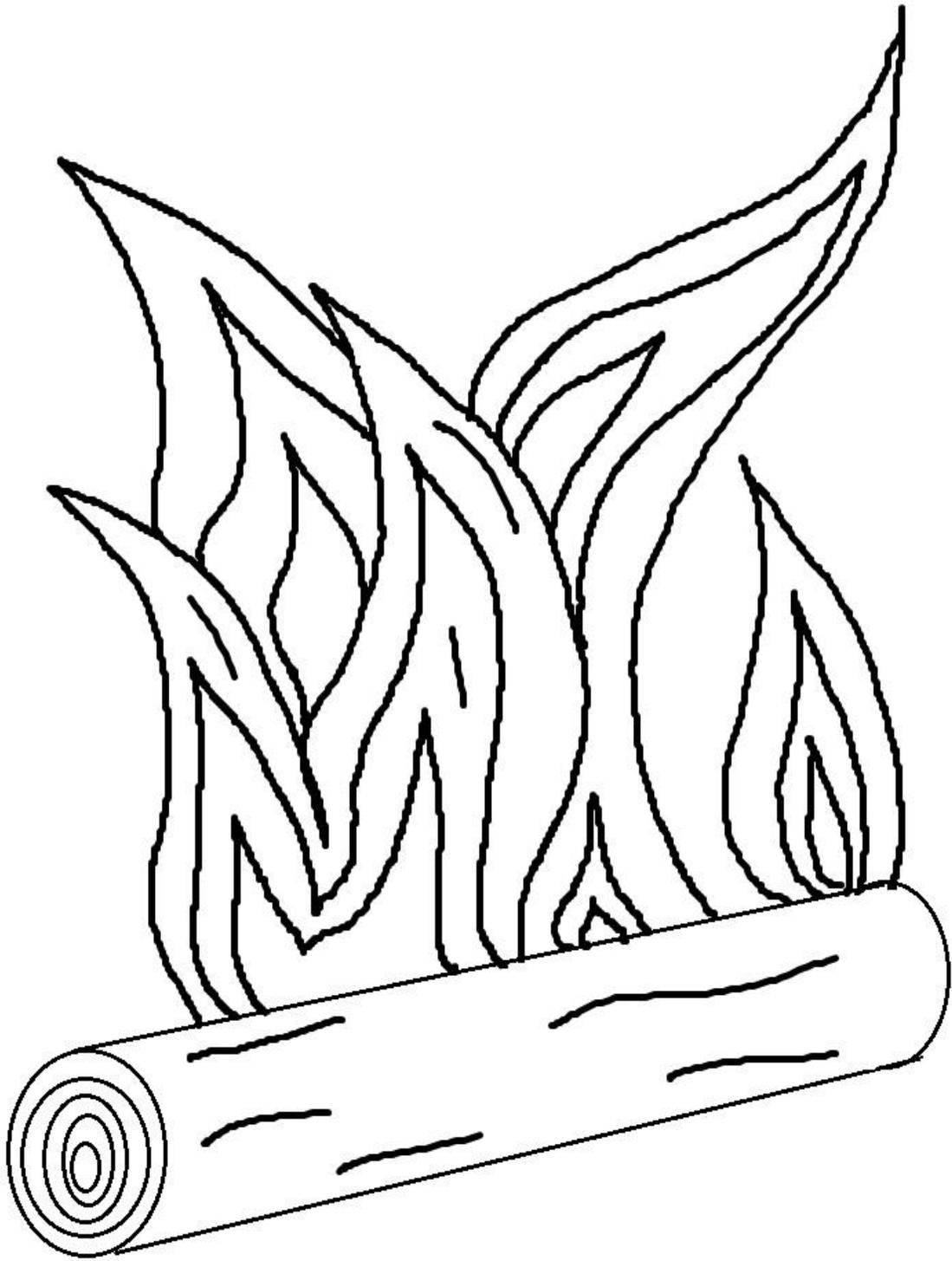
If you’ve recently walked or driven by the Souderton Borough Park, you can’t help but notice the major work that is being done to modernize and enhance the park for generations to come. The Souderton Telford Rotary has taken a leadership role in raising funds to support the renovations.

It is the first major improvement effort for the park in over 35 years, and is scheduled to be completed in 2025.

Emmanuel’s Council has set a goal of \$5,000 to raise for renovations at the park. And – we have a major donor already committed who will match every dollar raised up to \$2,500. The campaign will go on throughout the summer. Let’s show our thanks to God for the Souderton Park and generously support this effort.

[**CLICK HERE**](#)

To make your gift online
or go to our website
and click the
Donate Now button



Be on Fire For God!



Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Current Sunday Schedule

Online and In-Person Worship – 10:00 AM
Sunday's KIDS– On Summer Break

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**Pastor John and Ann Marie
will be on Vacation**

**Beginning Sunday afternoon, Aug 14
Through Tuesday, August 23**

**For emergency Pastoral Care
coverage, please contact:**

Rev. Bill Coleman

**Pastor, St. Paul's – Telford
814-823-9742**

pastor@stpaulstelford.org

*Bulletin Sponsorships are available
for the rest of 2022.*



**E-Meal
Volunteers
Please sign
up online**

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

What's Happening @ Emmanuel 8/14/22 –8/21/22

Sun 8/14	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	10th Sunday After Pentecost Women's Sobriety Group Worship Service Coffee Hour <i>(Sunday's Kids is on summer break)</i>
Mon 8/15	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushy Karate Salvation Army HALO Training Women's Book Group AA Group
Tue 8/16	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Morning GodCast Upper Bucks Pastors Meeting E-Meal Distribution Bushy Karate Pop-Up Worship (Souderton Park)
Wed 8/17	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushy Karate
Thu 8/18	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushy Karate
Fri 8/19	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution
Sat 8/20	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution
Sun 8/21	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	11th Sunday After Pentecost Women's Sobriety Group Worship Service Coffee Hour <i>(Sunday's Kids is on summer break)</i>

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Serve With Us



Worship With Us



Grow With Us



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