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From the desk of Reverend Seiler...

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. ~Proverbs 3:5

I don't know about you but it seems that so many times I find myself using for a point of reference such expressions as: "The times we are in," "The era of COVID," "The new normal" and "What will normal look like in a year?" I suspect there are things in our lives that if we ruminate too much on a particular thought in our minds, we usually find ourselves going "down the same rabbit hole we always find ourselves in."

Some people may have difficulty, for example, falling asleep in the wee hours of the morning or may find themselves preoccupied in the course of their day with thoughts or questions about things which are beyond their control. I know how that feels when there seems to be a thousand thoughts racing through my mind. When you are at that point in your day or night, go to Proverbs 3:5-6: **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek God's will in all you do, and God will show you which path to take."**

Life lived long enough will prove that life is not always fair. Hard work doesn't always lead to success, honesty isn't always rewarded and position is not always based on merit. Yes, these are the cold, hard facts. But here's another fact: **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek God's will in all you do, and God will show you which path to take."**

If 2020 has created for us the "new normal" we call COVID-19, we have become so aware of the many and new "what-ifs" and again with that phrase we get bogged down. For me this verse of Scripture keeps me from getting bogged down.

As we embark on LENT 2021 and on your Lenten journey, entrust this verse of Scripture to your memory and focus on

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Calendar

Sundays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28

10:30 am—Worship in person and
Livestreamed on YouTube

Sundays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28

9 am—Adult Sunday School by Zoom

Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25

5:30-8 pm—Music Rehearsals



Holy Week

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Palm Sunday, March 28

10:30 am—Worship in person and online

Maundy Thursday, April 1

7 pm—Service in person and online

Easter Sunday, April 4

10:30 am—Worship in person and online
RSVP to the church office

Holy Week and Easter

Attend in person or view online. Visit emmanuelucc.org for livestream links.

Palm Sunday: 10:30 am, March 28
Featuring a virtual presentation of "The Palms."

Maundy Thursday: 7 pm, April 1
Commemorate the Last Supper with a service of Holy Communion.

Easter: 10:30 am, April 4
Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on this holy day! Special music will include recordings of both the Combined Choir and Children's Choir for virtual presentations. Attendance in person will be limited to 60 people. ►RSVP to the church office at 717-632-8281 or office@eucchanover.org.

March: A Good Month for Sharing

Two things may cause us to feel that March is a good month for giving: self-reflection during Lent, and gratitude for the new life of springtime. March is also the time for One Great Hour of Sharing.



This annual UCC collection is a global inter-denominational effort to help provide emergency and refugee relief, and to support health, education, and agriculture, including access to fresh drinking water. This year's theme is "Let Love Flow."

You'll learn more about OGHS through Sunday services and stories in our weekly emails. The collection runs through March with the official collection date of March 14. Giving envelopes are available and offerings will be accepted through March 31. ~Carol Giese

Find faith and fun at summer church camp

Summer camping fun awaits school age children and youth, adults and families.

The Penn Central Conference has partnered with the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Lutheran Church, which will welcome UCC campers to its outdoor ministry programs.

There are two properties for church camping: the 336-acre Nawakwa, near Ardentsville, a 25-mile drive from Hanover; and Kirchenwald, on 340 wooded acres adjacent to the State Game Lands near Colebrook, Lebanon County.

Children and youth camps include adventure, arts and crafts, equestrian, fishing, STEAM, water-themed, kayaking, backpacking, science, nature, stars and space, survivalist, sports, "classic" camp, mini-weeks, day camp and more.

Accommodations include cabins, Adirondack shelters, lodges and treehouses. Facilities at both sites feature worship areas, a swimming pool, ropes



courses, a labyrinth, craft areas, garden and more.

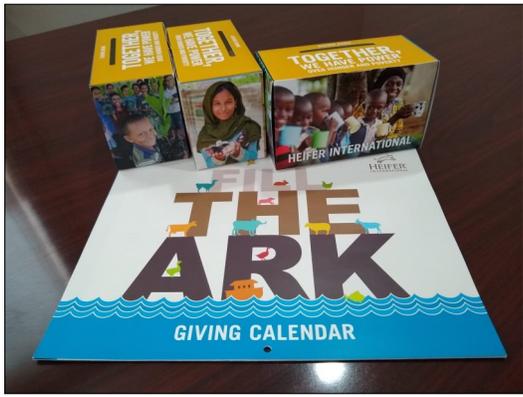
Adult camps include a bring-your-own-craft week, and "elder" camp for ages 55-plus. Family camp weeks feature inter-generational Bible study, worship, swimming, crafts, canoeing and more to strengthen family bonds.

COST: The Lutheran Camping Corporation wants all kids to attend camp and offers a three-tier pricing system, asking families to self-select whichever rate they are able to pay.

OPEN HOUSE: Visit Kirchenwald or Nawakwa for a tour and see what camp is all about. Open houses will be held at both properties from 2-4:30 pm on March 21 and April 11. RSVP required.

WORK DAY: Volunteers are welcome to get the camps ready for the summer 9 am-5 pm April 24.

REGISTRATION: For a discount, register by April 3. Forms and brochures are available in the church office. For complete details or to register online, visit www.lutherancamping.org.



Good things about those Heifer calendars

You probably know by now about Heifer calendars and banks. Why would you want to use them when you can make a single donation in the envelopes available?

For one thing, each daily entry gives you fun facts about things like the friendliness of



goats, how biogas stoves prevent pollution, and how many eggs a duck lays.

More important, you'll learn about how Heifer is improving the soil, water and air, and helping to end global hunger and poverty.

Using the calendars can increase your gratitude and deepen your experience of Lent, whether you are a single adult or a family with children. A final good reason for using calendars is that they can help us reach our goal of \$5,000 to become an Ark Church, sending hope where it is most needed.

~Carol Giesey

The Heifer International Lenten Giving Project runs through April 11.

Greetings from India

We received a letter dated December 2, 2020, from the Tibetan Refugee Self Help Centre in Darjeeling, a partner in the UCC's Child Sponsorship Program. The center was closed due to the pandemic and faced financial difficulties because of the lockdown. The center reopened in October, but schools across India are still closed to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Boarding students, including Phurbu, our 8-year-old sponsor child, were sent home to continue their education with online classes. She has been home since last March. Here is an excerpt from the letter:



This card, hand printed on handmade paper, was included with the letter. The greeting inside reads, *Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a very Happy New Year.*

Dear Members,

Your God-child, Phurbu Dolma, is keeping well with her family at her home and doing her online classes well and soon there will be final term of class at the end of this year. Sorry for not sending her letter and photo this year because she is not with us since she left the school due to lockdown and which will be sent to you as soon as the school is reopened again in Darjeeling.

She asked me to convey to you and your family her Tashi Delek (a Tibetan greeting that means Good Luck) for Christmas and New Year.

With our very best wishes for the Christmas and wishing you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Dawa Tshering
Welfare Officer

Learn more about the Tibetan Refugee Self Help Centre at tibetancenterdarjeeling.com.

Thank You

► Thank you for CWS Blanket offerings

Thank you for sharing the gift of warmth this winter through the Church World Service Blanket offering. Your donations totaled \$1,530, which was matched by the Missions Committee for a total offering of \$3,060.

Music

A Message From the Music Department

Hi, Folks!

I am looking out my office window at a beautiful snowfall! As my day has been canceled due to the snow, it gives me a chance to reflect on how we, as a church, have grown in so many ways since last year at this time. Who would ever have imagined the enormous change in all of our lives? In general, music has been flipped on its head and it seems that those with a technology aptitude have been able to keep music alive in their churches.

We are fortunate here at EUCC to have been able to make all the transitions to come to a point where we have a smooth live-stream operation in process right now (thank you, again, Jamie!). A year ago, who would have imagined that we would have online worship and that consistory would have given me the go ahead to design our system and purchase and install all the equipment I described last month!

This whole process has been a team effort. As well as the enormous aid of our church employees, we would not have been able to bring you our weekly music without the vocalists and instrumentalists who take the time to come into the sanctuary and record hymns and special music for our Sunday services. As we do these recordings, we are trying to maintain our distancing for safety, which adds another complication into how the recording is done. Thank you all so much! One thing the performers miss are the social affirmations after the service. Please take the time to pop an email or text to a performer when you appreciate the music they have presented. I'm sure they will be happy to hear from you!

We are now in the process of making the installations of the equipment and cables permanent, as it has been decided to continue online worship even as we approach a time when in-person worship will hopefully expand as safety permits.

Still snowing . . .

Remember, as always, God gave us music to pray without words!

~Don

Emmanuel's Music Program

Emmanuel has a diversified music program with opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and musical interests. If interested, see Don Horneff or Jamie Brown at church, or contact Don at donaldhorneff@gmail.com or 717-634-5122.



Join the Choir...

**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**

Chancel Choir

Open to high school students through adults
Rehearsals: Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm
Provides a variety of music for worship on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays and special services

Women's Choir

Open to women of all ages
Rehearsals: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 12-1 pm
Sings at worship on the 2nd Sunday

Voce a cappella Choir

Open to high school students through adults
Rehearsals: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 12-1 pm
Sings at worship on the 3rd Sunday

Emmanuel Ringers—Handbell Choir

Open to high school students through adults
Rehearsals: Thursdays, 6-6:50 pm
Rings at worship on 4th Sundays and holidays

Emmanuel Jam—Praise Band

Open to anyone who enjoys playing and/or singing contemporary music
Rehearsals: 1st & 2nd Sundays,
9:15-9:45 am
Provides music for worship on 2nd Sundays

Children's Ring & Sing

Open to all children ages 4 to 12
Rehearsals: During Sunday School with ringing handbells and singing
Rings and Sings on 5th Sundays

CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Consistory Minutes – January 18, 2021

- The December 2020 Treasurer’s Report was approved, subject to audit.
- Worship & Music topics of discussion: Anyone who is part of the Sunday Worship service should arrive 30 minutes early for livestream set-up; a Consistory member does not need to be chair of the Altar Guild; Ash Wednesday, February 17, livestream will include Rev. Seiler and Rev. Kathy Seiler for imposition of ashes; Palm Sunday traditional anthem will be formatted differently; job description for new Technical Support position is in the works.

New Business:

- Chuck Siegel made motion to continue to keep the church office closed.
- Pre-service announcements – update will be done by Cheryl Fritz.
- Request to hold wedding May 29: More details were provided and after a discussion, we will not be having this wedding at Emmanuel.
- Charlotte will chair Worship & Music and not continue on Church Growth.
- Estelle to continue on Pastor-Parish Relations.
- Judy gave Search and Call update: The committee is hopeful and optimistic. The pastor’s salary question was answered by Lisa – we will follow conference guidelines for a salary package. Survey deadline is January 29. Consistory asked to see the Local Church Profile document prior to sending to Pastor Marisa Laviola at the Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Caring Committee — February

- There was no Caring Committee meeting in January. However, the members continue to do their part in sending cards. Vicky Robinson, Judy Morris and Estelle King delivered weekly donation envelopes to members who could not pick them up at the church.

Church Growth — February 9

- Increase YouTube Subscriptions/Info Sharing: Can we customize the EUCC YouTube page with a banner, videos, more info, etc., to grow subscribers.
- Prioritization of Outreach: Planning for post-pandemic, reaching downtown residents; becoming involved in Main Street Hanover events; reaching out to families in coordination with Christian Education.

Missions Committee — February 10

- Hanover Area Council of Churches building is getting a new façade. Emmanuel’s next turn for PAL Lunch is March 30. Volunteers are needed. Contact Estelle.
- A few months ago we discussed the possibility of placing a Little Library for sharing books and grocery

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items outside the church. We offer this suggestion to Consistory, but realize there may be a concern about Covid spread. (Contact Sandy Rebert)

- Our congregation generously offered \$1,530 for the Church World Service Blanket Collection. The committee voted to match this one-for-one, for a total of \$3,060. This means that over 300 people in need will receive blankets.
- “Let Love Flow” is the theme for this year’s One Great Hour of Sharing in March. This UCC collection provides support for health, education, agriculture, refugees and disaster victims.
- Our annual Lenten collection for Heifer International runs through April 11. Our goal, for the fourth year, will be to raise \$5,000 to become An Ark church. Banks and calendars are available. We will promote Heifer in several children’s messages.

Property Committee — February

The Property and Safety Committee has not met, recently but there are some items to report:

- The snow removal group has a better understanding of the property since the first plowable snow. During that event, the area of sidewalk in front of the part of the office where the Pastor’s office is located was not shoveled. The company returned to remove that snow, but before they did so, the Borough enforcement personnel issued a warning. The issue has been resolved. The owner has been responsive to requests to clear snow and ice before Sunday services, but the cancellations have made that unnecessary. We can hope that this pattern of frequent snow and ice ends soon.
- The annual inspection of the heating system showed no deficiencies, but there is a question of why some changes were made.
- A piece of the roofing slate was dislodged by ice or snow. A springtime inspection will take care of replacement of that and any other slates damaged by winter weather.
- A recurring issue with a duct sensor (a sensor designed to detect fires in the ductwork) caused the need for a visit from the security company. The sensor was cleaned and deemed to be okay, but the alarm was triggered again two nights later. The company has returned and replaced the sensor. One more alarm company has taken a look at our system with an eye to moving our account and has decided that the system is too complicated for them to handle. Recently, service from the

current company seems to have improved, so there is no urgent need to move the service.

Worship & Music — February 2

- Charlotte reported the person heading the Altar Guild does not need to be a Consistory member. Chris Moore will take charge of the guild pending the end of the pandemic. Mary Bair and Larry Dubs will continue the guild’s duties in the meantime. Mary will continue as the guild’s committee contact.
- A recommendation to change the opening message each Sunday to include the location of the church was approved by Consistory. Also, it was agreed that Sunday service participants should report a half-hour early for sound and camera adjustments.
- A question was raised about livestreaming the summer services in King Auditorium. Don and Jamie explained the since the controls and sound panel are stationary, it is not possible and the summer services will have to remain in the sanctuary.

Old business

- As discussed at the January meeting, Rev. Seiler will conduct the Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary. His wife will represent the congregation in receiving the Ashes for social distancing. Don and Rev. Seiler will collaborate on the Maundy Thursday service.
- Attendance for the Easter Sunday service will be by reservation to maintain the group limit of 60 persons in the sanctuary.

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it every day, and even every moment of every day. There is only one way to begin the journey into Lent and that is to **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.”** When we do that we have the firmest foundation anyone can possibly have to continue on this journey we call LIFE.

Listen, the truth of this verse gives us this pragmatic reality: We are not always where we are, based on our merit, nor are we always denied our goals because of our lack. God knows us and God knows what is best for us.

In these “uncertain times” let us find our certainty in the path God has for us to travel over these next weeks. Be open to God’s guidance, strength, presence, understanding, forgiveness and blessing. And take this journey with another person.

To Each of You, Blessings and Peace,
Rev. Peter A. Seiler Jr., Interim Pastor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The following members and friends of Emmanuel celebrate birthdays in **March**. We extend to each of you best wishes and many happy returns. May God bless you!

- 1—Jenny Myers
- 2—Chris Garrett, Dale Grimm
- 4—Landy Grimm, Jeff Brady Jr.
- 5—Eva Garrett, Pat Conroy
- 7—Liz Pickering, Ben Connor
- 9—Kristen Shorb
- 10—Dan Frock
- 11—Ross Sipe
- 12—Charlotte McIlvain
- 14—Jean Gralley
- 17—Kenisha Connor
- 18—Erin Groft
- 19—Ed Rohrbaugh
- 20—Anthony Moreno
- 21—Bryce Little, Sandy Rebert, Sierra Rhodes
- 24—Sandy Topper, Allen Bittinger
- 25—Bonnie Stick
- 26—Tyler Bechtle, Easton Nguyen
- 27—Alex Brown
- 29—Mary Rippel
- 30—Daniel Redding

Events & Activities

EUCC Gardeners

April through October

If you want to help with gardening around the church any month of the season, April through October, call Carol Giesey at 717-632-2665 to volunteer.



Christian Sympathy and Heartfelt Prayers

Please extend sympathy and prayers to...

- The family of Tom Daryman, who died February 12, 2021, at age 72. He was the husband of Phil Shrader and was a member of EUCC's Consistory.
- The family of Nan Ensminger Sterner, who died January 30 at age 73. She was the sister-in-law of Bob Winebrenner.
- The family of Robert Frederick, who died January 21 at age 91. He was the father of Brian Frederick.

Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out

Terri Alcott (Care South)
Pat Sheaffer (Creekside #1112)
Janet Starr (Care Central #201)
Ginny Stieglitz (Terrace)

Elinor Williams
 Homewood, 425 Westminster Avenue,
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 Fair Havens Assisted Living
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Ross Sipe
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Bonnie Stick
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~Find links to online worship at www.emmanuelucc.org~

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