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Calendar

Friday, January 1

Office Closed for New Year's Day

Sundays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

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

Sundays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

9 pm—Adult Sunday School by Zoom

Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21 and 28

6 pm—Hand Bell Rehearsals

Sunday, January 24

11:30 am—Congregational Meeting

Save the Date

The Pastoral Search & Call Committee will host virtual coffee hour on January 3 to get feedback from members on search topics. The event will be by Zoom after worship, approximately 11:30 am. For the link, contact the office at 717-632-8281 or office@eucchanover.org.



Winter Magic

Blanket Drive set for January

Even if you've never learned to do a magic trick, you can do one now. Through Church World Service, it's easy to turn a ten-dollar bill into a blanket, a source of warmth and comfort for someone in need.



That blanket could take a magic-carpet ride to places like Dayton, Ohio, after it was hit by massive tornadoes, to Kansas City, for the homeless struggling through a harsh winter, or to countries like Syria, Greece and Ecuador, where people face disasters, poverty and displacement. Blankets can be used to carry supplies and provide warmth, padding and privacy. There's no limit to the magic you can perform this winter.

Offering dates are Jan. 17 and 24. Envelopes are in the sanctuary. Checks can be written to Emmanuel UCC, with "CWS Blankets" on the memo line.

~Carol Giesey, Missions Committee Co-Chair

Congregational Meeting set for January 24

A Congregational Meeting will be held in the sanctuary immediately after worship on Sunday, January 24, to approve annual reports for all EUCC organizations, minutes of the Congregational Meetings in 2020, and a proposed change to the EUCC Bylaws. A letter containing complete details will be mailed to members in early January. Your attendance is encouraged and appreciated. A quorum of 10 percent of membership is required to hold a Congregational Meeting, so 27 people are needed to meet in person.



► **RSVP** to the church office if you will attend. The meeting will not be livestreamed.

Inclement weather policy

For the safety of everyone and to facilitate the clearing of our sidewalks and parking lot...



If the Borough of Hanover declares a Snow Emergency, worship services and any other activities will be canceled or rescheduled. Find updates at www.emmanuelucc.org.

Office closed through Jan. 15

To prevent the spread of Covid-19, the church office will be closed to visitors but will be staffed 9 am-1 pm Monday through Friday.

Thank You

Thank you for virtual service

Dear all of you,

It really warmed my heart with the volunteers running about making sure that all the jobs were done. The virtual funeral was perfect. Thank you Judy for giving your beautiful voice to the service. Thank you Don and Jamie for everything you did; technically and musical and keeping everyone on their toes. Thank you Pastor Seiler for forming the service though you hadn't met my husband. Thank you for all the cards sent to me with memories of all the good things my husband did. I love you all and someday I'll be able to see you again.

Sincerely,
Elinor Williams

A memorial service for Franklin Williams was held October 24.

Christmas cheer for Homewood

Thank you to all who donated to Christmas Cheer for the residents of care units at Homewood. The outreach was organized by Peg Moulton, Emmanuel's representative to the Homewood Auxiliary. Friends and members contributed Christmas cards and volunteers wrote greetings in 64 cards. There were 30 boxes of holiday themed tissues and 14 tubes of hand lotion.



In addition, 35 winter "cap" ornaments, handcrafted in holiday colors, were donated by Jane Siegel, a member of EUCC's Compassionate Crafters. All the cheer was delivered on December 7.

The photo, by Peg Moulton, shows the "tree of tissues" displaying some of the donated items.

► **Christmas Fund**

Thank you to the congregation for offering \$480 to the Christmas Fund for retired pastors. The Missions Committee will add \$1,000 for a total donation of \$1,480.

► **Thank you from the staff**

The staff of Emmanuel would like to thank Consistory, and the entire congregation, for their generous Christmas gift checks. We are truly grateful! ~Reverend Seiler, Don, Jamie, Maria, Larry, Sandy and Beth

Music

A Message from the Music Department

Hey, Folks! Happy New Year!

Thank you so much for all the support everyone has given for Music at Emmanuel! It is the wonderful members of Emmanuel who have kept the music department driven to perform and raise our voices and instruments whether it be “live” in service or pre-recorded for the services. These vocalists and musicians have spent countless hours during the last year with the pandemic to rehearse, perform and record for the congregation of Emmanuel. I thank them for their time, talent and patience in maneuvering the safety guidelines and last minute changes and surprises they had to endure! I am extremely grateful and appreciative of their willingness to try new initiatives, formats and to spend time in preparation for all the hymns and special music they have put together over the past year.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service featured just about everyone in our choirs in separate small ensembles including:

The Masked Ringers of Emmanuel: Megan Alcott, Cheryl Fritz, Mike Fritz, Henry McLin, Peg Moulton, Directed by Jamie Brown

The Masked Men of Emmanuel: Mary Bair, Mike Fritz, Bob Marchio, Henry McLin, Chuck Siegel, Joe Zollickoffer, Directed by Jamie Brown

Femme Noelle - Cheryl Fritz, Carol Giesey, Peg Moulton, Jane Siegel, Marilyn Van Lenten, Carole Zinn, Directed by Jamie Brown

Voce a cappella: Jamie Brown, Don Horneff, Henry McLin, Peg Mouton

Individual Musicians: Judy Morris, Jenny Myers, Jane Siegel, Chuck Siegel, Jamie Brown, Henry McLin, Cheryl Fritz, Mike Fritz, Megan Alcott and Don Horneff

We hope everyone enjoyed the service!

The future looks bright! (I gotta wear shades!) Sometime during the coming year I see a return of singing in church which will mean a full compliment of Music at Emmanuel. Keeps your eyes and ears open. It still may be a while, but it WILL come!

Thank you so much to my partner in crime, Jamie Brown and for the tremendous support of Maria Shea, Rev. Seiler and the Consistory of Emmanuel. You have been wonderful throughout our change from recorded services to Zoom services to live-stream, to “in-person” live-stream services. Jamie and I couldn’t have done this without the support of everyone at Emmanuel. We thank you!

I look to forward to a great year ahead!

And as always remember: 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 – November 16, 2020

- Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2020: Judy Morris made a motion to approval the minutes as written. Jess Beavers second. All in favor. No discussion.
- November 2020 Treasurer's Report: Income down along with expenses down; giving has increased and due to that increase in budget 2021 figure. Ann Kress made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Judy Morris second. All in favor.
- Brian Frederick recommends to take the 2021 Budget to December 13 Congressional Meeting. Cheryl Fritz second. All in favor. No discussion.
- EUCC books for 2019 need to be audited. Brian Frederick to ask Steve McKonly and John Connor.
- Standing Committee Reports: All reports submitted to Consistory via email.
- Worship and Music: Carol Sing will be livestreamed on Sunday, December 20, at 7pm - registration on the website and by Maria will be taken for 50 people. Masking and social distancing protocols in place. Landy Grimm and Steve McKonly will narrate.
- Advent candle lighting: Family units will be asked to read scripture. No microphone sharing.
- Christmas Eve Service to start at 9 pm with no 30 minute prelude of music. Max of 60 people in sanctuary with masking and social distance protocols in place. Singing will be prerecorded.
- Weekly Service Greeter: No current need
- Wedding and Funeral Fee Schedules: After changes made Alec Sivel made a motion to approve the Funeral Fee Schedule. Brian Frederick second. Draft of new funeral fee included in email discussion to increase technical support to \$100, add tape/ prerecorded message \$50 per recording.
- Budget Process: Currently have 40 pledges returned.
- Laptop for meetings: Ann Kress made a motion for Alec Sivel to purchase a new laptop for meetings from Church Growth budget (approximately \$500). Alec Sivel second. All in favor. No objection. Judy Morris has bluetooth microphone to donate.
- New position – Technical Support Job description to be asked for after January 1, 2021.
- Gettysburg Association Fall Meeting, November 15, by Zoom: Rev. Seiler, Lisa, and Charlotte attended.
- Bylaws change email sent to all Consistory members — wording needs to be checked by Steve McKonley. Brian Frederick to ask. This will be included in the January Congregational meeting.
- Members for 2021: Charlotte Pinette has accepted.
- Committee Chairs for 2021 (W&M, Caring, Staff-Parish Relations Committee) Charlotte Pinette has agreed to chair Worship & Music. Alec will chair Staff-Parish Committee with Chuck as a member. Lisa to

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Tom Daryman, Cheryl Fritz, Laura Kemp,
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Ex officio

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Consistory Representatives:
Andy Crone and Laura Kemp

Stewardship/Finance
Judy Morris 717-968-6998

Worship and Music
Charlotte Pinette 717-227-0262

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touch base with current members to see if anyone wants to remain on the committee. Judy Morris has agreed to be part of the Caring committee. Elaine Weaver will be coming off this committee. Lisa will try to update all committee members by next meeting.

- Selective Insurance – Safe Church Policy changes- tabled.

New Business:

- Congregational meeting dates: December 13, 2020, to vote on proposed 2021 Budget and Consistory members
- January 24, 2021, Congregational meeting to review the Annual Report and bylaws changes.
- Judy Morris suggested that we have a Zoom meeting each Sunday after worship as a “coffee hour” in an effort to stay more connected.
- Lisa made a motion to pay the staff year end bonuses (\$100 each). Chuck seconded it. (Don, Jamie, Maria, Larry, Beth, Sandy & Rev. Seiler).
- The Missions committee suggested that we have a Little Library in front of our church. Details and approval to follow at a later date.
- A suggestion was made to start up a Children’s Sunday school program again. It was decided that we will wait until after the first of the year and see what is happening with the pandemic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Growth — December 8

- Committee changes: Alec let the committee know that Charlotte will be Worship & Music Chair beginning in January and will try to join Church Growth meetings as often as she is able. The committee is so grateful to her for her time and talents and wish her well in her new role.
- Committee was asked to think about new people who might be interested in joining Church Growth and email them to Alec.
- Downtown Christmas Tree War update: Once the Christmas Tree War voting ‘passport’ is issued by Main Street, we will ask Maria to send it electronically to our email list and ask all to vote for EUCC.
- Emmanuel Logo Update: Committee agreed that we should keep the dates within the logo, just update it each year (1765-2021). Committee will take options to Consistory for review: Replace “250 Years of Faith, Family, Fellowship” with: “Serving God and Community” or “All Are Welcome Here.”
- YouTube analytics: Committee would like to receive the monthly YouTube summary that Maria prepares for W&M. Also, we would like to ask Maria to include a plea to our email list to go on YouTube and subscribe, so we reach 100

subscribers and have the ability to customize our YouTube url.

- Committee developed a flyer to be placed on local business community bulletin boards.

Missions Committee — Dec. 1

- The Homewood Auxiliary Membership Drive continues through Dec. 20. Contact Peg Moulton. The following gifts were delivered for Homewood residents: 63 signed greeting cards, 30 winter cap ornaments crafted by Jane Siegel, 30 boxes of tissues and 14 containers of lotion. We continue to collect aluminum cans and pull tabs, which also benefit Homewood residents.
- Estelle delivered 15 Christmas gifts for the children at Hoffman Homes. Thanks to all who participated in this program.
- Emmanuel will donate \$1,000 from Missions Fund to the Feed-A-friend Marathon, which supports New Hope Ministries’ food bank.
- The Harvest Home food collection resulted in about 250 items, about 100 more than last year. They were delivered to Hanover Area Council of Churches and New Hope Ministries food bank before Thanksgiving.
- Volunteers are needed for Emmanuel’s next PAL Lunch at HACC on Dec. 29. Contact Estelle.
- Estelle spoke with Cindy Yearsley, the York officer of the Salvation Army, to clarify that the Hanover office of the Salvation Army, located at Emmanuel, is a Service Unit, which means that donations sent to this unit remain in Hanover. Hanover volunteers for kettle collections are needed – something to consider for next Christmas.
- The UCC Christmas Fund, which benefits retired and working pastors in need, continues to Dec. 24. The committee agreed to add \$1,000 from Missions funds to the collection from the congregation.
- The Church World Service Blanket Drive collection dates are Jan. 17 and 24. Last year CWS distributed over 39,000 blankets and kits globally, including the U.S.
- We agreed to use remaining funds to donate an additional \$300 to the Homewood Auxiliary Membership drive, contribute to the cost of gifts for Emmanuel’s shut-ins, and make a final donation to HACC.

Property & Safety — December

- The committee has been unable to meet, either in person or virtually, for some time. As Covid restrictions increase along with a surge in infections, that situation is unlikely to change.
- The exterior painting of the bell towers will be on

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- hold again, probably until spring. This is a difficult job. Due to the height and need for a lift, not every painter is able or willing to undertake the job. Combine that with the need for good weather for a week, in order to rent and use a lift, and the difficulty with location and we have a challenging job. A contractor who will look at and repair or replace the huge exterior screens is on hold, waiting for the painters to be able to begin.
- An electrician has come to give us an estimate on erecting a spotlight to shine on the New Testament window from the exterior. The lack of one is particularly noticeable when we have nighttime events such as the Carol Sing. A spotlight was removed when the annex was built and never replaced. He will also examine the spotlights on a pole outside the Sacristy. These lights illuminate the Old Testament window and they're showing their age. He also looked at the cemetery so that we can install a third dusk to dawn light there, prior to installing a camera. These small jobs will allow us to assess the ability of this contractor to work with old buildings such as ours.
 - Several weeks ago, two of the outside door mats at the front of the sanctuary were stolen. It happened at night and, although the culprit was caught on camera, there was not enough light to make identification possible. The mats have been replaced with a different type which we hope will be less desirable to thieves.
 - Bids are being sought from other security firms. Since the sale of LAW Security to WFX, we have had a decline in service. These bids are exploratory and may not result in a change of providers, but it is a situation which concerns me. So far, just one company has given us an estimate. Others will be coming in the next few weeks.
 - Still no word from the Salvation Army about their use of the office. They continue to pay rent, but haven't used the office since spring.
 - Our Sextons continue to do a good job in extraordinary circumstances. We cannot use a misting system for sanitation because of the polished brass in the sanctuary, so they are using wipes and cleaning products to keep us all safe. Larry Dubs will be having shoulder surgery in January, which will limit his ability to perform some tasks. Sandy and Beth should be able to make up the difference.
 - In the coming year, there are some larger projects which could be undertaken. Replacing the front steps to the office is necessary, as the stone ones continue to deteriorate. Until that is done, lighting and a larger sign will wait to be sure of the proper

location for them. There is a need to go forward with restoring and protecting the stained glass in the sanctuary. The next logical section would be the lower windows and the windows in the Narthex and Sacristy. At the time when the lower windows are attended to, new arms can be installed to allow us more control over their opening and closing. Currently, they must be opened the whole way, balancing themselves with the weight of the window. They have slammed shut on occasion, endangering both people and the glass. Plaster repairs and the repairs of some stenciling are necessary. Bids will be sought and reports forwarded to the Consistory.

Search & Call Committee — November 25

- Chair Estelle King is contacting people to be references in Emmanuel's local church profile.
- Discussed reviewing church demographics.
- Committee desires more congregational input on critical issues. Suggestions included have Zoom coffee hours focused on specific topics to get feedback; request comments by mail or email.
- Committee aims to complete the church profile by the end of January.

Worship & Music — December 1

- Livestream continues with up to 34 people permitted to come to service each Sunday. Brian is checking to see if this number has started, since we were planning 50 people in addition to people involved for Carol Sing and Christmas Eve. Don continuing to do the behind the scenes and is sharing the cloud with Maria to have her helping. If someone has something extra, let Jamie know in advance for camera setup.
- Special choirs currently consist of men's group, Emmanuel Jam, Voce a cappella and bells. Due to increase in Covid cases Jamie is not getting children together to perform.
- Concert series: Michael Britt on November 15, at 7 pm, silent movie "Steamboat Bill, Jr." went well.
- We will keep Alec Sivel informed for Merchandiser ads.
- Need to get together the job description for the Livestream Tech early in new year. Judy Morris has started a zoom fellowship after worship.
- Worship schedule follows:
 - 12/6: Rev Ed Gobrecht; 2nd Sunday in Advent with communion
 - 12/13: 3rd Sunday in Advent, Congregational meeting
 - 12/20: 4th Sunday in Advent at 10:30 am and Carol Sing at 7 pm with tickets for attendance of members and will be livestreamed.
 - 12/24: Lessons and Carols at 9 pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

- 1—Michael Migatulski
- 2—Jeff Brady, Matt Frederick
- 3—August McAlhany
- 5—Susan Bagot
- 11—Ann Kress, Samantha Rebert
- 12—Page Kress
- 13—John Lingg
- 14—Robert Bixby
- 16—Sharon Sheppard
- 18—James McLin
- 20—Nicole Hummel, Sally Migatulski
- 23—Anne Rost, David Auchey, Tim Kress, Susan Hoke
- 26—Matthew Trone
- 29—Eric Groft
- 30—Carole Baublitz
- 31—Jessie Chiliza

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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Merle & Margaret Forney (Apt 118)
610 Harmony Drive, New Oxford, PA 17350

Audrey Fuhrman
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3101 Grandview Road, Hanover PA 17331

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Bonnie Stick
Brookside, 225 Village Drive, New Oxford PA 17350

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Change of address? Let us know!
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Your offerings support Emmanuel's ministries and mission!

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Through our safe and convenient electronic giving options, you can give online, with your smartphone, or through direct debit from your checking account, savings account or with a credit card. Learn more at www.emmanuelucc.org under the "Giving" tab, or contact Maria in the office for assistance or details.

GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements will be generated in mid-January for anyone who gave during 2020.

NEW THIS YEAR: Statements will be emailed by default and only mailed to those without an email address.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2021 are now available in the sitting area inside the courtyard door. Contact-free pickup is available during office hours.

Contact the office with questions or changes to your address, phone or email at 717-632-8281 or office@eucchanover.org.

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Stay connected by email

EUCC members and friends are staying connected through outreach emails sent three times a week. Messages feature church news and updates, prayer concerns, a daily Bible verse, devotional readings and links to livestreamed worship services. To join the mailing list, contact the office at office@eucchanover.org or 717-632-8281.



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ICYMI:

Make the Christmas season last a little longer by watching the hour-long 110th Annual Carol Sing concert on YouTube. ~Find the link at www.emmanuelucc.org.

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