

Thank you for joining us in worship!



The Emmanuel United Church of Christ of Hanover, Pennsylvania

Emmanuel United Church of Christ
124 Broadway, Hanover, PA 17331

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION
Going Beyond “Welcome” to *Affirming Who You Are*

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August 16, 2026

2026-2027 Community Concert Series

For decades, Emmanuel has opened its doors to the community with the gift of music in our beautiful sanctuary. This season we present five weekend concerts featuring internationally recognized performers and outstanding talent offering world-class musicianship and fresh sounds. After every concert, enjoy a dessert reception where you can meet the artists. All concerts are free thanks to our generous sponsors. Consider supporting the series using the form below.

Concert Lineup

- **Atlantic Guitar Quartet**, 7 pm Saturday, October 10: This ensemble performs classical works by living composers.
- **116th Annual Carol Sing**: Mark your calendars for 7 pm Sunday, December 20.
- **Avalos Solera Duo**, 3 pm Sunday, March 14, 2027: These bandoneonists play Bach to tango to original compositions.
- **Anansi Trio**, 3 pm Sunday, April 4, 2027: Enjoy world music and jazz with percussion, sax and acoustic bass.
- **Duo Fuerza**, 7 pm Saturday, May 1: Two pianists perform intricate and expressive arrangements on a single instrument.

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Please list my contribution as follows:

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Please make checks to EUCC. Place this form in the offering, drop off in the office, or mail to:

Emmanuel UCC Concerts,
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Amy Kwon, Music Director

August 16, 2026

10 am

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Bold invites congregation to participate.

An asterisk (*) indicates “stand as you are able.”

PRELUDE

Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Shirley Brendlinger

Amy Kwon

WELCOME

To my neighbors present, and to those who join us online, I lay down all differences and ask the same of you. With our shared goal of equality for all identities, let us now open our hearts to each other and God, ensuring the safety of grace and peace to all present. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #20 *God of Abraham and Sarah*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We wash our hands understanding the meaning of health and safety.

We also know that it does not happen all the time – sometimes we're on top of it and other times we forget.

Ancient scripture spoke of washing hands. Ancient scripture spoke of being careful of what or who we touched.

It can be difficult keeping track of all and whom we touch. We seek an understanding about both health and acceptance.

You are the people of God, the people of Jesus, they have spoken with clarity that touching another human being with care is never a reason to wash.

Then we reach out with care and we reach out with ease, knowing that the ones we touch are filth.

*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Help us Lord, for we do wonder whether to touch each

day. In a world of both ancient fears and care and a world of modern understanding and care, we remind ourselves to touch with a carefulness for self and others. But let us never not touch; let us never offer the kind hand of care. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Gloria Patri* (sung)
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
You are invited to greet one another with the words "Peace be with you" and gestures in your own style and comfort level

SPECIAL MUSIC *God's Coloring Book* Dolly Parton
Jennifer Myers, soprano • Dwight Dubs, guitar

TIME FOR CHILDREN Rev. Ken
Backpack Blessings for Learners and Educators

THE LORD'S PRAYER
**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

*HYMN #175 *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Alec Sivel
Matthew 15:1-3, 6-20

MESSAGE Rev. Ken Peterkin

TIME FOR FOCUS AND PRAYER
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Morning Has Broken*
Yusuf Islam/Eleanor Farjeon
Jennifer Myers, Soprano • Dwight Dubs, guitar

*DOXOLOGY *A song of thanks for God's abundance*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)
Generous God, receive these gifts as a deposit into the
kindom and an act of trust and gratitude. May these
offerings provide for the needs of our neighbors and
enable this faith community to offer ministry in your
name and your honor. Amen.

*HYMN #419 *Now Thank We All Our God*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Gospel Train*
arr. Shirley Brendlinger
Amy Kwon
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Now that worship has ended, let service begin

Our House – Is Your House!

We hope you feel welcomed and relaxed here. Our church (Emmanuel) and our denomination (The United Church of Christ) practice “radical hospitality.” Your presence here today is an honor to us. Let us and Rev. Ken know how we might get to know you better. Please tell us about yourself by filling out a Welcome Card found on the back of the pew in front of you. Return your card in the offering. Thanks!

Sunday School for Children

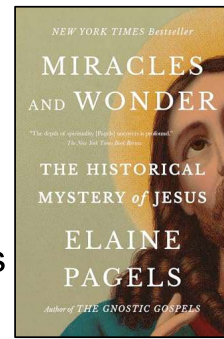
The Children's Sunday School program for children age 4 through 7th grade is held September through May.

Nursery

The nursery is located across from the elevator in the Frock Annex. At any time, you may take children to the nursery, where the service can be heard.

Adult Sunday School

Adult Learning Hour meets for lively book discussions at 8:30 am Sundays September to May in Bowers Chapel and by Zoom. The next session starts September 20 and will feature “Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus,” a look at of the origins of Christianity, by Elaine Pagels. Books are available in the church office. For info, email brianfrederick44@gmail.com.



• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Today: Backpack blessings

As a new school year is set to begin, we want to send students, teachers, staff and volunteers back with love and prayers. All learners and educators are encouraged to bring their backpack, book bag or laptop case to worship on August 16 for a blessing before the new school year.



Outdoor worship at Gitt Library

Our annual Outdoor Worship service will be held at 10 am Sunday, August 30, on the side lawn at the Gitt Memorial Library, 2029 Broadway (Route 194 N), Hanover.

Fellowship Hour will be a potluck picnic with hot dogs provided. Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share. Sign up on the black clipboard or call the church office. Don't forget your lawn chairs!



New Member session

Rev. Ken will hold a New Member orientation session at 7 pm Thursday, September 17, in the Pastor's Parlor and by Zoom. Anyone interested in joining the congregation should reach out to the church office or contact Rev. Ken at 860-584-0869 or pastor@eucchanover.org.

Join the choirs!

Calling all ringers and singers! Wednesday music rehearsals begin September 9, with the Emmanuel Ringers handbell choir from 6 to 7 pm, and the Chancel Choir from 7 to 8:30 pm. New musicians are welcome. For questions, contact Music Director Amy Kwon at 410-262-3031, akskwon@yahoo.com, or see her at church.

Yard Sale Bake Shop

The Missions Committee is requesting home made cookies, muffins, cupcakes, brownies, bars, sweet rolls, cakes, half cakes, pies, etc. – anything a bakery would sell – for a “Bake Shop” during the annual Yard Sale next month. Questions? Contact Marilyn Van Lenten at 443-766-3563. Sign up on the blue clipboard.



Pastoral concerns

If you have an emergency or pastoral concern, please call Rev. Ken at 860-581-0869.

► **New names on the prayer list will be in bold** for the first week and prayer concerns will remain on the list for a month, unless you request additional time.

Please remember those who are in need of prayer and special encouragement at this time and throughout the year.

The family of Andrea M. Erb Hoffacker, who died August 7; she was a friend of the congregation

Arcadia Litzinger

Jean McLin, wife of Henry McLin

Anne Wagner, sister of Judy Morris

UPCOMING WEEK: AUGUST 16-23

Sunday, August 16

10 am Worship in King Auditorium with special music,
Children’s Message; Nursery; Fellowship Hour
sponsors: Dwight & Judy Dubs
11:30 am Church Growth Committee meeting
6-6:45 pm Mindfulness in King Auditorium

Monday, August 17

1-4 pm Compassionate Crafters in the Pastor’s Parlor
7 pm Consistory meeting in King Auditorium

Sunday, August 23

10 am Worship with special music, Children’s Message,
Nursery; Fellowship Hour: Kristy & Matt Litzinger

A LOOK AHEAD

Office Closed: The church office will be closed Fridays, Aug. 21 and 28.

Annual Yard Sale: The Missions Committee annual Yard Sale will be Sept. 24-26. To donate, volunteer or help with publicity, contact Estelle King at 717-486-1906.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS		
THANK YOU!	Today August 16	Next Sunday August 23
Greeters	Estelle King Sandy Topper	<i>Volunteers needed!</i>
Nursery	Megan Alcott Mary Bair	Gene Hagenberger Alison Loosli
Offering Ushers	Sandy Topper	<i>Volunteers needed!</i>
Reader	Alec Sivel	Sandy Topper
Fellowship Hour	Dwight & Judy Dubs	Kristy & Matt Litzinger
Offering Counters	Brian Frederick Gene Jerry	Jan Hagenberger Gene Jerry

Bible Study with Rev. Ken

Rev. Ken will hold a two-week Adult Bible Study to preview upcoming scripture with a focus on Matthew. The sessions will be 7 pm September 1 and 8 by Zoom only. To sign up, call or email Maria in the church office.

Children's Sunday School will resume September 13. Lessons are held for ages 4 to 7th grade during worship after the Time for Children. Students read and discuss the Gospel passage and enjoy other activities. Find a registration form on the Opportunities Table or contact Cheryl Fritz at candmfritz@aol.com for info.

Open & Affirming Welcoming Statement

We, the members of Emmanuel United Church of Christ, Hanover, Pennsylvania, are a community of Christians who believe that all people are created in God's image. As we seek to fulfill our mission to live out Christ's compassion and grace, fairness and equality, we welcome into our community of faith all persons of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, age, race, ethnic origin, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing and family structure; and we invite each of them to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, rites and sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow together in faith and love. Therefore, we celebrate ourselves as an Open and Affirming Christian Community. ~October 14, 2018