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# Emmanuel Life

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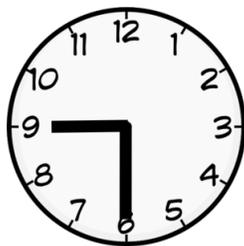
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From the desk of Reverend Seiler...

*“But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.”*

~Job 12:7-10

### Calendar



#### **Sunday, June 6**

9:30 am—*Summer Worship Schedule*  
Services will be in the Sanctuary  
for in-person and livestreaming.

#### **Sundays, June 6, 13, 20, 27**

9:30 am—*Worship in person and  
Livestreamed on YouTube*

#### **Sunday, June 13**

9:30 am — *Missions Sunday  
with Guest Speakers*

#### **Sundays, June 13, 20, 27**

*During Worship—New Member Class*

#### **Thursdays, June 10 and 24**

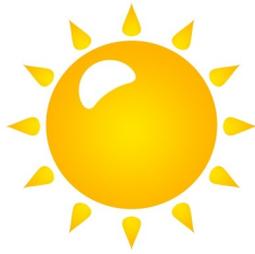
1:30-4 pm—*Afternoon of Games*

The month of June is the start, both officially and unofficially, of summer. On the 20th, we residents of the Northern Hemisphere will experience the summer solstice — the longest day of the year and the official start of the summer season.

It is the warm days and green hues of summer that make us head outdoors. We run our bare feet across the freshly mowed yards inhaling their grassy fragrances. We take our bats, balls and nets out to the park, woods or beach to feel the sun and wind on our faces and the sand under our feet. We linger on our front and back porches sipping cool drinks, watching and listening to the sounds of the summer bird visitors serenade us. It is this time of year, the time of the year that we spend out of the four walls that keep nature's elements at bay, that we become most aware of God's creative world.

Job's words remind us that God holds us in His hands. God's most wondrous creative gift — this earth — has been filled with all things good. But the tricky thing we need to realize is we have been given the responsibility to care for this amazing gift. Genesis 2:15 says, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it." God's design is for us to be stewards of our planet.

**See Rev. Seiler, Page 7**



## EUCC Summer Schedule

### WORSHIP

☼ Services will be 9:30 am in the sanctuary from June 6 through September 5.

☼ The annual outdoor service will be held August 22 at the Gitt Memorial Library, off Route 194 North.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

☼ Adult Sunday School will take a break from June 6 to September 5.

☼ VBS: Vacation Bible School will be in coordination with Trinity UCC August 2-5. Stay tuned for details.

☼ Children's Sunday School is tentatively set to resume in the fall.

## MISSIONS SUNDAY

June 13, 9:30 AM

Join us on Missions Sunday, when the Missions Committee we will present donations of \$2,000 each to Hanover Area Council of Churches, Hoffman Homes, and New Hope Ministries, plus a donation of \$1,000 to God's Meal Barrel.

Each agency will be invited to share information on work they do and the services they provide to our community. Representatives will include:

- **Molly Helmstetter**, New Hope Ministries, Director of Development
- **Tom Imler**, God's Meal Barrel, Managing Director
- **Heather Rohrbaugh**, Hoffman Homes for Youth, Administrative Assistant to the Development Department
- **Myrna Wildasin**, Hanover Area Council of Churches, Acting Executive Director

## In the Spotlight... Graduates



**Congratulations!**

### Nathan Kemp

- Son of Andy and Laura Kemp.
- Graduated from Shippensburg University in December 2020.
- Plans: Moving to Mechanicsburg to pursue a career in social work.

## New member class

Emmanuel will have a three-session class for anyone who would like to explore church membership.

**The class will meet Sunday mornings  
June 13, 20 and 27  
during the 9:30 am worship hour.**

Those choosing to join Emmanuel will be received on **July 11**.

Participants will go to the classroom during the first hymn and return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Rev. Kathy Seiler, a UCC pastor, will lead the discussions.

If you are interested in participating, contact the church office at 717-632-8281 or [office@eucchanover.org](mailto:office@eucchanover.org).

# Thank You

## Thank you for your kindness

Dear Friends & Members:

I wish to sincerely thank you for the many kindnesses you expressed to me during my current illness. I received member visitations, cards, calls, the Prayer Shawl, flowers from the altar, and many other friendly gestures.

Things are going pretty well at the moment thanks to the many people and professionals who closely watch over me. I am blessed with the many people who are my care-givers.

Thanks again, and God Bless—  
*Bob Winebrenner*

From Homewood at Plum Creek:

Thank you for all the aluminum pull tabs from your church.

*Megan Shuman*, Homewood  
*Bud*, Independent Living Resident Leader

*EUCC's pull tab collection helps offset the cost of kidney dialysis.*

### ► **Thank you for the flowers!**

Thank You to the Consistory and congregation for sending me a beautiful bouquet of flowers on Administrative Professionals Day. Thanks for thinking of me -- your kindness is greatly appreciated!

*Maria Shea*, Office Administrator

### ► **Thank you for supporting Heifer**

Thank you for contributing to EUCC's Heifer International Lenten Giving project with donations of \$2,433. The Missions Committee matched it with \$2,527 for a total offering of \$5,000 to fund an Ark. The funds benefit our neighbors both in the U.S. and around the world to support improved health, education and agriculture, as well as emergency help to refugees and disaster victims.

► Thanks also for supporting the Mission Committee's Name the Heifer contest, which had nine entries that garnered 42 votes. The winning entry was "Moolan," submitted by Ella Pratt, 8-year-old daughter of Jeff and Suzanne Pratt.

## New flag for sanctuary

Thank you to Bob Winebrenner for the gift of a new American flag for display in the sanctuary.

It was dedicated at worship on May 30. Bob noticed the prior flag was looking faded and offered to sponsor a replacement. The new flag was made by Annin Flag-makers, a 6th generation, family-owned manufacturer based in Roseland, N.J. The flag was made in the U.S. with domestic materials and American labor and is certified by the Flag Manufacturers Association of America.



## HAHS free Summer Concert Series

Hanover Area Historical Society's free Summer Lawn Concert Series will be held at 6 pm first on Wednesdays at the Warehime/Myers Mansion, 305 Baltimore St., Hanover. Bring your lawn chair or blanket.

### SCHEDULE

June 2: The Lyric Band  
"It's Finally Summer Time, Hurray!"

July 7: HSO Brass Band  
"Star Spangled Summer"

August 4: The Jazz Berries  
"Back to the Swing of Things"

September 1: The Gettysburg Big Band  
"Music from the Roaring '20s"

Refreshments are served 6-6:30 pm with music immediately following. The concerts are sponsored by Utz Brands, Hanover Auto Team and Turkey Hill.

# Music

## A Message From the Music Department

*Hey, Folks!*

Remember my letter last month in the EmmanueLife about now being the time to plan ahead? We are looking forward with optimism that we will soon be able to sing in church (although possibly still with masks). Therefore, tentatively, we are planning to reignite our annual “Ring & Sing” program on Saturday, August 28, 2021! Please consider joining us for this fun and bonding experience.

At the Ring & Sing, we will have two sessions to read through new music for the coming church year – one for bell ringing and one for singing. It is also a great time to review music that you may want to sponsor in remembrance or in honor of someone throughout the next year.

The Ring & Sing is open to all who wish to come back to either the choir or Emmanuel Ringers AND to anyone who would like to try out ringing bells or singing in the choir – no commitment needed, just come and see what it’s like. We are always looking for more faces!

After 15 months of the pandemic, I’m sure everyone could use a great musical and social experience, so please come on out!

I can’t finish without thanking all those who have volunteered their time and talents to the music at Emmanuel. It takes a great deal of commitment and effort for these volunteers to rehearse and record the special music and hymns for you to see and hear. Thank you all so much! That being said, we will still need special music over the summer so please let Don or Jamie know if you are interested.

As always, remember that God gave us music to pray without words!

~Don

### • **Save the date for Ring & Sing** •

**AUGUST 28:** Join us to sing through choir music for the upcoming year and/or try your hand at playing handbells. New participants are welcome and lunch is provided. Stay tuned for details!



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**Request for Special Music:** You’re invited to offer your gifts of Special Music for summer. Contact Jamie or Don at 410-848-3016 or after worship.

### **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 – April 19, 2021**

- Don Horneff gave a presentation on the Technical Support Position options, including have Jamie continue, hire an AV/tech on staff or outsource. After discussion, Consistory moved to extend to Jamie Brown an offer of the Technical Support position in addition to her current position of Choir Director.
- Charlotte Pinette gave a summary of the April 18 Gettysburg Association Meeting. Rev. Dr. Carrie Call spoke about Penn Central Conference and suggested churches should “strive to survive” and “do what is doable.”
- June 12 – Annual PCC Conference Meeting by Zoom: Charlotte Pinette and Rev. Seiler will represent Emmanuel. In addition, Charlotte will attend the Synod General Assembly Zoom seminar July 11-18. Consistory thanked her for attending.
- Chuck Siegel made motion to open church without having a limit placed on numbers as long as congregation continues to mask, social distance, hand wash and follow the CDC guidelines. Alec Sivel second. Judy Morris opposed. All other Consistory members in favor.
- Gettysburg Association is planning a fellowship on September 18, 2021, at Camp Nawakwa in Arendtsville. More details to follow.
- The Local Church Profile was sent to Conference and the committee is receiving a good response.
- Mission Little Library: Placement under consideration.
- Closure procedure updated: Consistory received via email prior to meeting.
- Church camps: Scholarships are available through Gettysburg Association and EUCC will be applying for \$500 in scholarship funds.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Christian Education Committee — May**

- Volunteers continue to provide a Children’s Message each week, including Cheryl Fritz, Alec Sivel, Rev. Peter Seiler, Rev. Kathy Seiler, Laura Kemp, Peg Moulton and Megan Alcott.
- We continue to send out periodic mailings to each family who had children in our Sunday School program when the pandemic started.
- Cheryl Fritz attended the first meeting with some members of Trinity UCC and their pastor to begin planning for this year’s joint VBS program, set for August 2-5 from 9-11:30 am at Trinity. There are tentative plans for an outdoor joint worship service on Sunday, Aug. 8, to celebrate VBS.
- Cheryl is looking forward to restarting our Children’s Sunday School in the fall, but is in need of four volunteers a week to staff Sunday School and the nursery.

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**Secretary** Ann Kress 717-637-5141  
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Megan Alcott, Jess Beavers, Andy Crone,  
Cheryl Fritz, Laura Kemp, Judy Morris,  
Charlotte Pinette, Chuck Siegel

## **Ex officio**

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Andy Crone and Laura Kemp

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Judy Morris 717-968-6998

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Charlotte Pinette 717-227-0262

## Consistory Highlights, continued from Page 5

### **Church Growth — April/May**

- The committee is looking at neighborhood and community outreach, including coordinating with downtown businesses, participating in the Snack Town Street Festival and Hanover's Diversity Festival, Second Saturday programs, hosting community events and post-pandemic event ideas.
- Committee would like to explore ways for members (especially new ones) to get to know each other better.
- Committee would like to assist Consistory in development of an annual congregational survey to ensure that EUCC is fulfilling members' needs.

### **Missions Committee — May 4**

- God's Meal Barrel has new hours for grocery pickup: 10 am-12 pm Monday and Wednesday.
- Hanover Area Council of Churches: A change in leadership has recently taken place. As of April 21, Carol Hinkle has resigned, and Mirna Wildasin was appointed Interim Executive Director until a permanent director is selected.
- Emmanuel's next PAL Lunch is June 29. Contact Estelle King to volunteer.
- Heifer: A record-breaking offering totaling \$2,433 was combined with Mission funds for a \$5,000 donation, which again qualifies Emmanuel as an Ark Church.
- Strengthen the Church, the UCC offering for strengthening and renewing UCC congregations, was celebrated May 23, Pentecost Sunday. We displayed a collection of miniature churches as a reminder of the uniqueness we can find in church buildings and congregations.
- A wooden cross presented to Emmanuel in 2019 by a roofer who worked on Emmanuel's roof for many years will also be on display and dedicated on May 23.
- Emmanuel's Yard Sale is scheduled for Sept. 30, Oct 1 and 2. Contact Estelle King if you would like to make an early donation. No clothing or computers, please.

### **Property Committee — May**

- The Property and Safety Committee has worked with the Sextons to remove the ropes and replace the cushions in the sanctuary. Recent CDC guidelines have included information about the transmission of Covid and concluded that it is airborne, not easily transmitted by touching things that others have touched. Hand sanitizer is still available. The Committee recommends that

masks continue to be worn and that attendees continue to socially distance. There is no plan to return the hymnals to the pews now. Access and egress will remain the same, using just two entrances to allow for ease in cleaning.

- Outside painting of the towers of the sanctuary has still not begun. The painter has been contacted and other options are being considered.
- The Little Lending Library box has been sited and will be installed soon. It will be located near the gates to the courtyard. Although not very visible from the street, it is the only place where it can be easily accessed and be on our security cameras. We will try some signage to be sure that it is more easily located.
- The Salvation Army office has had permission to open for some time, but the representative has not been using it. They continue to pay rent.
- Drainage issues in the courtyard continue. Before long, a more permanent solution to the courtyard surface will have to be addressed, including drainage. The downspouts from the roof of the sanctuary drain there and the current drains are inadequate, partly due to grading. The bricks laid on a sand base are eroding and the surface is very uneven.
- The slate roofing specialists will be conducting an annual inspection of our roofing soon. Several slates have been found on the ground, a natural result of snow load on the roof. The vents above the sanctuary were opened May 20.

### **Worship & Music Committee — May 4**

- Elaine Weaver has resigned from all committees she has served. We would like to thank Elaine for all her work at Emmanuel. Mary will send a note thanking her from the full committee for all her years of service.
- As of May 1, the streaming Sound Tech position will be Jamie Brown, in addition to her duties. Children's choir will be right after church when children resume in the fall.
- Discussed W&M document and suggestions for changes.

Upcoming services:

- June 6: Service begins at 9:30 am in Sanctuary.
- June 13: Mission Sunday presentation, no sermon.
- June 20: Father's Day – altar flowers will honor the men of the church.
- June 27: O&A Sunday.
- July 4: Independence Day
- July 11: Reception of new members and two baptisms.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

- 1—Elaine Weaver, Ken Cooper
- 2—Lorraine Becker
- 4—Deborah Trone
- 5—Teresa Alcott
- 8—Chuck Siegel
- 9—Phyllis Egger
- 10—Amanda Pratt, Page Zettlemoyer
- 11—Jill Rebert, Kyle Rebert, Kim Shorb, James Bunn III
- 12—Charlotte Pinette
- 13—Karen Wright
- 15—Donna Bair, Terry Berkeley
- 19—Andy Crone, Michael Rhodes
- 22—Ross Hall
- 24—Charles Strong
- 26—Deb Dubs, Bonnie Frock
- 27—Kathryn Wolfe

## Christian Sympathy and Heartfelt Prayers

Please extend sympathy and prayers to...

- The family of Don Weaver, who died May 8, 2021, at age 80. He was the husband of Elaine Weaver.
- The family of Tom Kress, who died May 20, 2021, at age 54. He was the brother of Tim Kress.
- The family of Bruce Rebert, who died May 23, 2021, at age 69. He was the brother of Sandy Rebert and Jeff Rebert. A public memorial service will be 11 am Thursday, June 10, on the lawn at Gitt Memorial Library, 1927 Broadway, Hanover.

## IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Jessica and Kiem LeGrant on the birth of a daughter, Lenyx Audrey, on April 8, 2021.



## Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out

**Terri Alcott (Care South)**  
**Julia Greth (Terrace E371)**  
**Pat Sheaffer (Creekside #1112)**  
**Janet Starr (Care Central #201)**  
**Ross Sipe (Care South)**  
**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**  
 Fair Havens Assisted Living  
 3101 Grandview Road, Hanover PA 17331

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

As the summer quickly falls upon us, be sure you are doing your part to protect and sustain our planet. Buy “green”-friendly products. Take reusable grocery bags with you when you go shopping. Increase the temperature of your summer air conditioner. Carpool with a friend to reduce carbon emissions.

God intended for us to enjoy the critters found only in nature, the spectacular mountain scenes, the vivid sunsets, and the touch the wind makes on our skin as it blows gently across us on a hot day. The out-of-doors has been gifted to you by our Creative God. Let this be the season for you to appreciate it and plan to come and be a part of the blessed community that we call Emmanuel Church.

Sure hope to see you this Sunday.....  
 Your Pastor

► **Have some news? New email? Change of address?** Let us know at [office@eucchanover.org](mailto:office@eucchanover.org) or 124 Broadway, Hanover PA 17331.



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### Summer worship schedule **Sundays, 9:30 am**



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#### Missions Sunday

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