

EmmanuelLife

Newsletter of Emmanuel United Church of Christ



Rev. Kenneth D. Peterkin, Pastor

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Calendar Highlights

Sundays, August 6, 13, 20, 27

*10 am—Worship in King Auditorium
and livestreamed on YouTube*

Sunday, August 6

6 pm—Mindfulness Seminar

Mondays, August 7, 14, 21, 28

1-4 pm—Compassionate Crafters

Thursdays, August 3 & 17

*1-4 pm—Afternoon of Games at
Genova's to Go*

Thursday, August 17

7 pm—Choir Orientation, see page 2

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Upcoming

PAL Lunch: Volunteers are needed Tuesday, August 29, from 9 am to about 1 pm. To help, contact Estelle King at 717-487-1906.

Rally Day: Join us September 16 for a new season of music and activities.

Music Rehearsals: Regular Thursday practice for choir and hand bells begins September 7.

A Message From the Conference...

“Not the Same As”

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. ~Matthew 13:51 (full scripture, Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52)

The appointed Gospel for July 30 focuses on several Parables of Jesus. Each begins, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like...” They do not begin, “The Kingdom of Heaven is the same as...” The difference may strike you as insignificant, but I believe otherwise.



Rev. Luciotti

Who among us has not been confronted by an advertisement or salespersons proclaiming their product is just like... The simple truth is it may be similar and have some of the same qualities, but certainly it is not the same. The differences may be difficult to perceive or appreciate. But they are not the same.

The parables assist us in capturing the attention of the listener by pointing to common objects we see every day and even marvel at, such as a tiny seed becoming a plant that dwarfs everything around it. But ultimately, the Kingdom of Heaven is unique and beyond our ability to fully comprehend or explain. For anyone to think otherwise is to inadvertently promote our own reasoning as having complete knowledge of God’s word. It becomes an act of arrogance or self-entitlement. Frankly, I believe the parables serve to remind us of our constant need for prayerful meditation upon God’s word and of the humble stance any believer should take before God and neighbor.

I fear that we too often glibly pass over the parables and the spiritual and moral truths they describe. With the many agendas we attempt to promote, we simply invest far too little time and effort into teaching and

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Calling all Ringers & Singers

Choir set to begin

CHOIR ORIENTATION will be held at 7 pm Thursday, August 17, for returning choir members as well as new participants. Everyone is invited to meet Music Director Amy Kwon (if you haven't already) and learn more about the choir and the new WhatsApp choir chat room. There will be a brief vocal warmup and each singer will be asked to sing a hymn of their choice so Amy can learn each voice. New members are welcome! Regular choir rehearsal will begin Sept. 7.

► Sign up on the red clipboard or contact Amy or the church office for a time slot.

EMMANUEL RINGERS: Returning and new players will meet at 6 pm September 7 for a warm up, review of how to use hand bells, and simple music reading together. New ringers welcome!

INFO: For questions, contact Amy at 410-262-3031 or akskwon@yahoo.com.



SNACKTOWN STREET FAIR

Emmanuel participated in the SnackTown Street Fair in downtown Hanover on Saturday, July 15, with a booth on Frederick Street. Thousands of fairgoers enjoyed arts and crafts vendors, live music, Brewers' Alley and lots of food. Emmanuel volunteers greeted visitors, answered questions, and handed out candy, bubbles, snacks and information. Many thanks to all our helpers: Dwight (above) & Judy Dubs, Mary Bair, Chuck Siegel, Sean & Chris Moore, Judy Morris, Henry McLin, Mike & Cheryl Fritz, and Charlotte Pinette.

~Photo by Chuck Siegel

EUCC 2023-2024

Community Concert Series

Our annual concert series will continue to serve as an outreach to Hanover and the surrounding communities and introduce all to the beauty of Emmanuel and to offer them the gift of music presented here.

All concerts are free and open to the public – made possible by generous sponsors. To support the upcoming Concert Series, use the form below. Thank you to those who have already contributed!

Our new music director is busy making plans for this season's musicians and performance dates. Details will be announced in the EmmanuelLife and bulletins, and brochures will be sent to those on the concert series mailing list.

2023-2024 CONCERT SERIES Sponsor

Please list my contribution as follows:

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

**Emmanuel UCC Concerts,
124 Broadway, Hanover PA 17331**

Join EUCC team for Walk A Mile



Emmanuel will support the YWCA Hanover's Walk A Mile In Her Shoes fundraiser on August 11. The event supports free and confidential help for survivors of domestic violence through the YW's Safe Home program.

Walk A Mile asks men to literally walk one mile in women's high-heeled shoes, which is not an easy feat but it gets the community to talk about gender relations and raises awareness of men's sexual violence against women. Women are also welcome to walk in support and are encouraged to wear sneakers or other comfortable shoes.

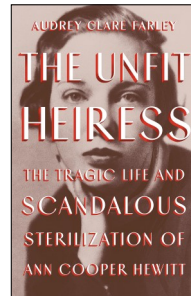
The event will be held at Winebrenner Motor Services, 50 North Forney Ave., Hanover, with check-in at 5pm and the walk at 6pm with a route to Center Square and back. An after-party will be held at 6:45 pm at Winebrenner's.

Registration is \$30 for adults, free for ages 17 and under. Sign up at church or call the office. Learn more at www.ywcahanover.org.

Local author to give book talk at St. Paul's

The St. Paul's Book Club will host a presentation by local author Audrey Clare Farley at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, August 30, in the lounge at the church, 127 York St., Hanover.

Farley will talk about her experiences writing her first book, "The Unfit Heiress," published in 2021, a biography that examines reproductive rights and eugenics. The book tells the tragic life story and sterilization of Ann Cooper Hewitt, who was



heiress to the estate of her father, Peter Cooper Hewitt, inventor of the mercury vapor lamp.

Farley is a graduate of South Western High School and the University of Richmond, earned a master's degree at Virginia Commonwealth University and a doctoral degree from the University of Maryland at College Park. She lives in Hanover.

Her second book, "Girls and Their Monsters: The Genain Quadruplets and the Making of Madness in America," explores the lives of the four women behind NIMH's famous case study of schizophrenia.

The community is invited to the program, which will be followed by refreshments and conversation.

Birthday postcard helpers needed

Volunteers are needed to write short greetings and send about 12 postcards per month to members and friends. Help one month or more. Cards and postage provided. Contact Judy Morris at 717-968-6998 or judymorris1@embarqmail.com.



Events & Activities

Lunch Bunch

Second Sundays

The group will gather for food and fellowship after worship at 11:45 am on August 13 at C&D Bar & Grill, 6465 York Road, New Oxford, just east of Cross Keys. RSVP to Sandy Rebert, 717-586-2136.



Afternoon of Games

1-4 pm, August 3 & 17

The group meets for games and snacks first and third Thursdays. "By popular demand" they will meet again this month at Genova's To Go, 1412 Baltimore St., Hanover, in the Grandview Shopping Plaza. Come at 1 pm for lunch, with games at 1:30 pm. For info, call Carol at 717-632-2665.

Monthly Mindfulness

6 pm, First Sundays

Join Karen Jones August 6 and every first Sunday for a 45-minute Monthly Mindfulness Drop-In session in Bowers Chapel. The stress-reduction practices are open to everyone. Use the courtyard door. For a Zoom link or questions, email Karen at kjones@mindfulnessandmotion.com.

Homewood golf outing

12 pm, September 7

The Homewood Foundation Golf Classic, to benefit benevolent care at the Homewood campus of the player's choice, will be held at Musket Ridge Golf Club, 3555 Brethren Church Road, Myersville, Md. Registration is \$175 for individuals, \$600 for a foursome. For details, visit www.homewood.com/golf.

CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Consistory Minutes

Consistory did not meet July. June minutes will be approved at the August meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Worship & Music Committee — July 13

- Members were introduced to new Music Director Amy Kwon. An outline of the various choirs and previous programs were discussed. The new Chancel Choir season will begin with an orientation at 7 pm Thursday, August 17. Emmanuel Ringers will begin bell rehearsal at 6 pm September 7.
- Scripture readers are still sought. Interested persons may contact Mary Bair. During the summer service participants are asked to report at least 10 minutes before the service for sound checks for the service livestreaming.
- Communion will be held Aug. 6 and Sept. 3.
- Supply pastors will be needed for Sunday services on Sept. 3 and Sept. 10. Rev. Ken will be convalescing following knee surgery.
- There will be no August meeting.

Missions and Church Growth did not meet in June.

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encouraging the study of God's word for the benefit of our individual lives. There are frequent discussions concerning the need for scriptural and spiritual education, but far more time is invested in promoting a variety of agendas. An equitable balance among study, worship and mission is herein advocated. The final verses from this week's gospel are instructive, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." The study and dialogue between what has been understood as fact and new insights is essential in preparation for any and all mission.

We must not conclude that the parables are charming, but old news, and that everyone knows their meaning. Let us not assume this to be true, but always encourage ongoing study, meditation and dialogue of scripture.

~Rick

Rev. Rick Luciotti
Clergy Care Coordinator
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Thank You

From our Interim Organist

Emmanuel UCC Church,

A well deserved "Thank You" to all of your members for the graciousness extended to me while I served you as your organist. It was a fulfilling and unique experience for me.

As you move on with a new music director, I wish you well in building a solid music program that fulfills the worship experience for all of your members.

In humble sincerity,
Harold E. Heller

Harold Heller served as Interim Organist from Jan. 29 through June.

From the Salvation Army

Dear Emmanuel Missions Committee and Congregation,

I want to thank you for the generous donation of \$1,000 to the Salvation Army Hanover Service Unit. All monies received at the Hanover Service Unit help those in need in our community.

The Salvation Army is here for vulnerable people who come to us for help in their time of need. Donations help us transform lives by bringing comfort and support to people who have reached the brink of despair. The Salvation Army gives them the encouragement and support they need to build a better future. We can be there for everyone who needs us with help from folks like you.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Kathi Jones Thomas, Caseworker

The Missions Committee gave \$1,000 to the Salvation Army on Missions Sunday in June.

From God's Meal Barrel

Thank you for your support. We could not provide without your help!

Doris A. Wolff, Founder
Tom Imler, Managing Director

The Missions Committee gave \$1,000 to God's Meal Barrel on Missions Sunday in June.

The food pantry recently moved to 240 Frederick Street, Hanover. Donations are accepted Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 am-12 pm.

Babysitters needed

Any plans for Wednesdays in August?

We hope by now you recognize Furaha's name. A refugee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, she settled in Hanover last year to be near schools and downtown resources and she is learning English and looking for a job.

Since she is single, it has been a real challenge to find childcare when she has appointments, buys groceries, does banking, etc. Help is needed for each Wednesday in August, from 2-4 pm. Her two older boys, ages 2 and 5, are extremely well-mannered, and the baby, at 3 months, is a delight.

You could make a real difference by volunteering to babysit just one time. For a first-time experience, you could be paired with a volunteer who has cared for the children previously. For more info, contact Judy Morris or Estelle King.

~The Missions Committee

Hanover Area Council of Churches

Current Special Needs

PAL LUNCH: Cans of mixed vegetables, single serve fruit cups, scalloped potatoes, butter, tomato sauce, eggs, corn, sugar, milk, snacks.

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER (*Please mark for the shelter*): Men's boxers, razors, women's deodorant, shampoo, body wash, Comet, bathroom cleaner, disinfectant spray, Clorox wipes.

HEAVENLY CLOTHING STORE: Gently used women's, children's and men's clothing; household items; toys; toiletries.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS: Adult coloring books, colored pencils, word search books, compression socks.

RUTH'S HARVEST: Single-serving size entrees, fruit cups and cereal.

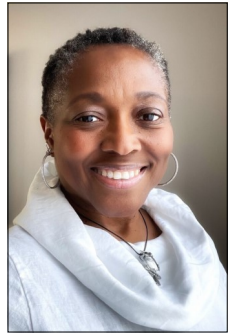
~ HACC accepts donations ~

At 136 Carlisle Street (rear), Hanover
Monday through Saturday, 8:30 am-12:30 pm.
Call 717-633-6353 to schedule a drop-off.

UCC elects new president at annual meeting

By Tiffany Vail

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ made history July 3 when it elected the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson as the first woman, and the first Black woman, to lead the denomination as General Minister and President.



Rev. Thompson is the third woman nominated for the post, after the Revs. Yvonne Delk (in 1989) and Barbara Brown Zikmund (in 1999), but the first to be elected. A Jamaican immigrant, Thompson is the third person of African descent to serve as leader of the denomination.

“Today, United Church of Christ, we created a first together,” she said after the vote. “It won’t be the last first.”

She thanked Delk and Brown Zikmund, stating that they “kicked in the doors,” paving the way for her election.

“As I stand here before you as your newly and duly elected General Minister and President, I stand here as a Jamaican immigrant woman, a mother and a grandmother, a sister and a friend to many,” Thompson said. “... The enormity of this moment will be with me for many years to come.”

Her election took place at the UCC’s 34th General Synod in Indianapolis, with 626 delegates voting for her election, 43 against and seven abstaining. She starts her new role Aug. 1, taking over from the Rev. John Dorhauer, who has served for the past eight years.

Locally rooted, globally focused

As the denomination’s current officer for global concerns and interfaith relations, Thompson speaks frequently about building connections on all levels.

“Being church means we are locally rooted and globally focused, connecting the issues we see in ways that allow us to bring justice to the world,” she has said.

In speaking to the UCC Board before her nomination, she emphasized that dismantling oppressive systems everywhere is necessary for both communities and congregations, internationally and domestically, to thrive.

“Decolonizing the church on all levels has to be a

priority,” she said. “Decolonizing the church includes our commitment to racial justice and more. Being antiracist and inclusive requires that we decolonize our institutions in ways that afford all to be present and participate equally. This is a commitment to equity for all.”

Looking ahead

In her nomination speech to General Synod on June 30, Rev. Thompson spoke about the hope she sees springing forth within the UCC.

“Here is the place where we have seen the Spirit of God poured forth among us in many ways. Here is the place where we continue to identify the many accomplishments of the ancestors. Here is where we honor the resilience of those who came before us, took risk and oftentimes did more with less than we currently have. And here is the place we identify as now, as we ponder the call of God to be salt and light to the world,” she said.

Thompson has been serving as Associate General Minister for Wider Church Ministries and Co-Executive for Global Ministries since 2019. She has served in the National Setting of the United Church of Christ since 2009, previously as minister for racial justice and minister for ecumenical and interfaith relations. Prior to joining National Setting staff, Thompson served on staff of the UCC’s Florida Conference, as a church planter in Florida and in family ministries in New York.

Thompson holds a doctorate in ministry, with a dissertation in religious multiplicity among African Caribbean people, from Seattle University; a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary; and a master of public administration degree from North Carolina Central University.

The UCC Board will name an interim Associate General Minister to serve in Thompson’s vacated position until the following General Synod 35 in 2025.

Tiffany Vail, a General Synod newsroom volunteer, is the director of media and communications for the Southern New England Conference.

LISTEN: Hear from Rev. Thompson in “A Conversation with the New GMP” on the UCC’s Nurture the Soul Webinar at www.youtube.com/@uccvideos

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

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

- 1—Judy Morris
- 2—Michael Bair
- 5—Julia Greth, Kiem LeGrant
- 7—Todd Sheaffer
- 11—Bob Baum
- 12—Mary Bair
- 16—Dot Thormaehlen, Kathleen Sterner
- 18—Jane Frock
- 21—Chuck Bauer
- 22—Autumn McIlvain
- 23—Craig Powell
- 24—Teresa Wilson
- 25—Jessica LeGrant
- 28—Sally Smith
- 31—Kristen Gessner, Patricia Sheaffer

Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out

Terri Alcott (Care South)
Julia Greth (Terrace E371)
Burnell Little

Pat Sheaffer (Care South)
Ross Sipe (Care South)
Homewood, 425 Westminster Avenue,
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Audrey Fuhrman
Fair Havens Assisted Living
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Becci Little
2990 Carlisle Pike, Room 4528, New Oxford PA 17350

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August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	3 1-4 pm— Afternoon of Games @ Genova's To Go	4 12-Church Growth Zoom	5
6 10 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion 6 pm—Mindfulness in Bowers Chapel	7 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	8	9 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	10 7 pm—Property Committee meeting	11	12
13 10 am—Worship 11:45—Lunch Bunch	14 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	15	16 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	17 1-4 pm— Afternoon of Games @ Genova's To Go 7-9 pm Choir Orientation	18	19
20 10 am—Worship	21 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor 7—Consistory	22	23 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	24	25	26
27 10 am—Worship	28 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	29 9 am-1 pm PAL Lunch at the Council of Churches	30 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	31	1 September	2 11 am Memorial Service for Ginny Stieglitz

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