

EmmanuelLife

Newsletter of Emmanuel United Church of Christ



Rev. Kenneth D. Peterkin, Pastor

February 2023

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Calendar Highlights

Thursdays, February 2 & 16

1:30-4 pm—Afternoon of Games

Sundays, February 5, 12, 19, 26

8:45 am—Adult Learning Hour in Bowers Chapel and by Zoom

10 am—Worship in person and livestreamed on YouTube

Mondays, February 6, 13, 20, 27

1-4 pm—Compassionate Crafters

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28

Adult Bible Study

1:30 in person, 7 pm by Zoom

Sunday, February 12

11:45 am—Lunch Bunch will host Fellowship Hour

Ash Wednesday, February 22

6 pm—Dinner and Service



Blanket Sunday is Feb. 5 – See Page 2

From the desk of Reverend Ken . . .

Friends in Faith,
Beginning a new calendar year I hope to lessen what some people may consider a challenge. I have offered the phrase “the NEW church” in a regular number of times. What do I mean by that? Well, as I wrote the word “new” in the first sentence of this note to you it was something common, something natural, something well-known to all. 2023 is a “new” calendar year. And when I speak of the “new” church, I mean it much the same – common, natural, well-known. It’s not some grand plan that I’ve come to unleash, I reference instead the inevitability of newness in a setting that will for the most part stay much the same.

The new church and the new Emmanuel is going to adapt to the needs of today, the changes placed upon it by you the members, and the changes that society most certainly places upon how we operate. Many of you don’t attend in the frequency an attender would have just 10 years ago. Many watch the services on YouTube when they have the opportunity. And some of us have drifted away from much involvement at all. This is a result of the changing world around us and our attitudes.

This is what I speak of when I say “the new church.” It’s what it has to be in order to thrive in the changing ways of our own behaviors. We want to maintain those things that are comforting and familiar and yet adapt our offerings to fit your new way of life. It’s common, natural, and something well-known. The church is YOU, and so we have to change to accommodate your new expectations.

Also, with the resignation of our organist and choir director, we enter upon a time of adaptation as we did some 12 years ago when they first came aboard. It’s all a part of the natural life of the church – it’s always been changing.

Through any or all changes my goal will always be your welfare. And so, I will continue to reach out to you in phone calls, letters, and visits. Please let me know if I can come and sit with you anytime at all— it would be my privilege and joy. Why don’t you call into the church and tell Maria that you’d

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CWS Blanket Sunday: February 5

Many things have changed in the last few years – including the price of everything from groceries to houses. Two things haven't changed – the \$10 blankets from Church World Service and the global need for these blankets. They continue to provide warmth, privacy, protection and comfort to those in need. Every \$10 you donate will make a difference to someone in need. The collection date is Feb. 5. Make checks to Emmanuel UCC.



Gardening at Emmanuel – 2023

* Will we get that big snow in the next month? Whether we do or don't, March is still the time to begin thinking about gardening – and to consider how we can help with Emmanuel's gardening schedule. * We need gardeners, both new and experienced, to help weed, water and trim the beds and containers around the church. We would like to have two volunteers to share the gardening chores for each month of the growing season, from April through October. * Please bring your own gardening tools. Hoses and watering cans are available. * Pick your favorite gardening month and contact Carol Giesey at 717-632-2665.



GIFT CARD BINGO: FRIDAY, MARCH 24!

5:30 PM: FOOD—FUN—FELLOWSHIP

7 PM: 20 GAMES OF BINGO—SPECIALS—RAFFLES

TICKETS: \$12 AT THE DOOR

The event benefits the Hanover Area Council of Churches and Emmanuel's building fund. For info or to volunteer, contact Mary Bair at 717-870-5597.



Gift Card Bingo Donation

Want to sponsor a game for \$25? Use this form:

Name _____ will sponsor

_____ gift card prizes at \$25 each. Total enclosed \$ _____

Please return to the church office or drop in the offering **by March 8**. Make checks to Emmanuel UCC.

Calling all cooks!

Rice recipes wanted



Mark your calendar for the weekend of November 4, 2023, for the sixth meal-packing event for Hanover Against Hunger, which has a goal of packing 200,000 nutritious rice-based meals for hungry children and their families around the world. Donations and volunteers are needed.

You can also help by providing your favorite rice-based recipes. We want main dish, casserole, dessert, international and local recipes. They will be published in a cookbook this spring to raise awareness and funds for the packing project. Please give us your favorite recipes by Feb. 20. See Sandy Rebert or Carol Giesey.

Events & Activities

Lunch Bunch

After worship, second Sundays
A group of five enjoyed lunch at the McAllister Hotel on January 8: Chuck and Jane Siegel, Marilyn Van Lenten, Katie Dempsey and Sandy Rebert. In lieu of an outing this month, the Lunch Bunch will host Fellowship Hour after worship on February 12.

Afternoon of Games

1:30-4 pm, February 2 & 16
The group meets for games and snacks first and third Thursdays in King Auditorium. For info, call Carol at 717-632-2665.

Compassionate Crafters

1-4 pm Mondays
All crafters are welcome to bring a project, swap techniques and enjoy fellowship. For info, call Sandy Rebert at 717-586-2136.

CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Consistory Minutes — November

No meeting was held in December.

November minutes were approved January 16.

- Alec Sivel moved to approve the 2023 Proposed Budget as presented by the Treasurer. Ann Kress second. Vote taken. All were in favor.
- Alec made a motion to approve the Livestream Audio/Visual Technician Job Description with one revision – adding “Physically capable to handle equipment.” Chuck Bauer second. Vote taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Andy Crone to schedule a Congregational Meeting to approve 2023 budget on December 18, along with a January 29, 2023, Congregational Meeting to approve the 2022 Annual Report. Judy Morris second. Vote taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Megan Alcott for staff Christmas bonuses of \$125 to each EUCC employee. Second by Judy Morris. Vote then. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Charlotte Pinette to approve the \$2,436.15 quote for new sound equipment for King Auditorium. Alec Sivel second. Vote taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education Committee — January

- We are continuing to use the Spark Lectionary program. Recent topics have been: God’s Love is Forever, The Day Jesus Died, God Will Bring Peace, God’s Peaceful World, Angel’s Visit, and The Baptism of Jesus. The Sunday School program and the nursery were closed for the cantata, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day. Thanks to 11 volunteers, Sunday School has been staffed all other weeks and the nursery has had volunteers assigned all other weeks except for 1. At this point the nursery has not been needed.
- We currently have 9 children who participate at least occasionally in our program. Weekly attendance ranges from 2 to 6 children.
- Plans to replace the speaker in the nursery with a TV so the service can be viewed by volunteers or parents have been put on hold until the nursery begins to be utilized.
- Plans are for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held this year. Cheryl will plan a meeting with Children’s Ministry volunteers to start this process.
- Cheryl had some email conversations with Carol Wilson and Diane Betlyon from Trinity regarding a theme for this summer’s joint VBS program.

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Church Growth Committee — January

- Updates: Discussions were held on the bulletin board in the auditorium; the status of our social media exposure; thoughts on next year's Christmas tree; a microphone to be passed around at Fellowship Hour for a get-to-know-you "Coffee Talk"; and the possibility of quarterly community events with members asked to speak on various topics relating to their hobby or work.

Fellowship Committee — January

- Coffee hour has been going well. We did a luncheon for Jamie Brown and Don Horneff on Sunday, December 11, 2022, and a reception after Carol Sing on Sunday, December 18, 2022. Thanks to all who have helped.
- Sign up to host Fellowship Hour on the green clipboard, or call the office. Refreshments can be as simple as cookies and coffee.

Missions Committee — January

- God's Meal Barrel reported that they served 1,243 families, with 171 new visitors. They distributed 200 backpacks, 75 turkeys, 60 hams, 400 PJ's, and adopted a Christmas family, gifting \$400 for toys and a Christmas dinner. Drop-offs the first Saturday of each month will continue.
- Hanover Area Council of Churches and PAL Lunch. Emmanuel's next time to prepare lunch is Jan. 31. Contact Estelle to volunteer.
- Homewood Auxiliary: A total of 45 persons joined or renewed Auxiliary memberships, divided evenly between single persons and couples, for a collection of \$108, combined with a donation from Missions of \$300 to result in \$408. The Christmas collection of gifts for nursing residents totaled 35 boxes of tissues and 15 lotions. 94 Christmas cards signed by members and friends were also delivered, along with 30 star ornaments made by our Crafters.
- New Hope Ministries: Using a Missions donation of \$200, we delivered 292 pounds of shampoo, body wash, laundry detergent, and toilet paper.
- Hanover United for Refugee Resettlement: Challenges continue in getting Furaha and her two boys vaccinations, volunteers for transportation for healthcare, and finding employment for Furaha, whose baby is due in May. To volunteer, contact Estelle King.
- Hanover Against Hunger: This biennial community event will take place at St. Matthew, with a goal to package 200,000 rice and protein meals for children and their families around the world. To generate community interest, we are collecting rice recipes for a cookbook, to be

available this spring. To donate rice recipes, contact Sandy Rebert or Carol Giesey.

- Communion Gifts: Grocery, hygiene and cleaning items (16.8 pounds of food and 5.6 pounds of nonfood items) collected on Communion Sunday in January were delivered to God's Meal Barrel, HACC, and New Hope Ministries. The next collection date is February 5.
- Crafters: Out of 68 hats, gloves and scarves, 12 remain for distribution.
- The Christmas Fund (to benefit retired UCC pastors and lay workers) resulted in \$380 in donations from the congregation, to which \$1,000 was added from Missions funds for a total of \$1,380. Thank you to all who contributed!
- Child Sponsorships: In addition to the two children we sponsor through the UCC, Phurbu in India and Jin Marie in the Philippines, we are considering sponsoring a child in South Africa, at a cost of \$50 per month.
- Yard Sales: We may consider having an additional yard sale in the spring. We continue to look for a new location for the annual Fall Yard Sale.

Personnel Committee — January

- Met with a representative from Absolutely Clean to arrange backup cleaning services if the regular team is not able to make it, or can't do a special event. A quote was provided for \$30 per hour. They also mentioned special services they do such as grout cleaning.
- A contract is being worked on for the current cleaning crew and will be reviewed with them once complete.
- Exit interviews were held with both Jamie and Don. Feedback from those conversations is being discussed and addressed as needed.
- Job descriptions were updated/created for Organist/Accompanist and Choir Director. A meeting was held for anyone interested in the progress/next steps in the search to fill these roles. Local contacts were identified who may know potential applicants and volunteers are reaching out to them. Jobs are also posted online.

Property & Safety Committee — January

- A rate for natural gas has been secured for one year. Although some slightly better rates were available, they required a five-year contract.
- The Salvation Army will be paying slightly more rent, \$250 per month, to help offset utility costs.
- The security work is complete, except for an electrical outlet and the camera at the cemetery. That will be completed soon. The new monitor is installed and Maria has been shown how to see the views from all cameras.

UCC GLOBAL MINISTRIES CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

September 3, 2022

Dear Friends at Emmanuel Church,

Good Day! How are you? I hope you're doing fine and your loved ones. I am happy to tell you that I tried something I've never done before. Last May 2022 I joined a beauty pageant and since it was my first time, I got so nervous to be seen by a lot of people. I got the Miss 4H Taffeta First Runner Up 2022 Award and Best in Recycled Trash Gown Award. I am proud to myself that I am now slowly going out of my comfort zone exploring and trying new things. Last July 2022 I graduated



Junior High School. I only got 89% average so I didn't make it to the list of honors. I'm disappointed to myself but I realized that I should still be proud of me because not everyone can get the average that I have. I am now a Senior High School student taking up ABM (Accountancy and Business Management). I know

that this strand is hard but I'll keep on trying my best to go through the hardships and make myself proud.

Time really flies so fast Christmas is coming and all I wish for this Christmas is that our world to get healed, the virus to vanish and a better surroundings for all of us.

Thank you so much, and advance Merry Christmas to you.

Love, Jin Marie

Jin Marie Dequito, age 17, lives and goes to school in Dumaguete City, Philippines. We received her letter in late December. She is one of two children sponsored by EUCC.

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- Repairs to the flat roof over the gathering space have been completed. Unfortunately, what was believed to be one leak was actually three. The total cost will be just over \$16,000. An insurance adjuster came and we have no coverage for this damage.
- Courtyard work will begin as soon as the weather permits. In the meantime, the curbs installed at each lower-level window will help to keep the water out of the dirt basement beneath the sanctuary.
- A morning coffee will be scheduled for our various contractors to drop by to meet Sean Moore, as we prepare for a change in leadership on this committee.
- The new sound board has been installed and is working. One part is still needed and some very minor touch-up painting will be needed. Many thanks to Andy Crone for ordering the items and doing installation.

Worship & Music Committee — January

- The committee reviewed the new job descriptions for Organist/Accompanist and Choir Director. Chairman Siegel indicated the job descriptions will be advertised in publications of the American Guild of Organists and the American Choir Directors Association. The descriptions will also be distributed among other resources.
- A discussion was held of possibilities for music for services until organist and choir director are found. A number of possibilities are being investigated. Peg Moulton said she will attempt to organize a group to sing during a service.

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like for me to come by to visit? I'd love to meet you, especially if I have not yet. I promise I won't make you promise to give up your Sunday morning if it's a set and solid part of your week. But, I would like the opportunity to hear you out. Maybe you need a sympathetic ear, a quiet mouth (mine) and just time to work something out with another human. I'll be there!

That's the one change that maybe you didn't expect. A minister who puts in a lot of time visiting. I don't want to interfere. I just want you to know you are a valued person.

Grace and Peace from your committed Pastor/Minister,
Rev. Ken

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Join Rev. Ken for Coffee ER

This informal gathering is held every Friday from 9:15-10:30 am at The Reader's Café, 125 Broadway. Grab coffee, tea or breakfast. Coffee ER's name pays homage to Emmanuel's Evangelical and Reformed roots.

Thank You

Thanks from The Salvation Army

Members and friends supported the Salvation Army Hanover Service Unit with their time as well as donations in November and December.

- Eight people rang bells for the Red Kettle Campaign during the holiday season at the Hanover Market. Volunteers included Sandy Rebert, Marilyn Van Lenten, Alec Sivel, Rick Sparacino, Sean Moore, Jackie Brooks and Estelle King. Their efforts raised \$3,603.31 for the Hanover Service Unit to benefit the local community.

- In addition \$150, representing 10 percent of Fall Bingo profits, was given to The Salvation Army, Hanover Service Unit. Thank you to all our players, supporters and the Bingo Committee!

We received two notes of thanks from the Salvation Army caseworker. Read an excerpt below:

All monies received at our Service Unit help aid those in need from our community. The Salvation Army is here for vulnerable people who come to us for help in their time of need. Donations will help us transform lives by bringing comfort and support to people who have no one else to turn to and give hope to people who have reached the brink of despair. Often the Salvation Army is the "safety net" for people in need, giving them the encouragement and support they need to build a better future. But we can only be there for everyone who needs us with help from folks like you, so Thank You.

~Kathi Thomas, Caseworker
The Salvation Army Hanover Service Unit

From YWCA Hanover Safe Home

Thank you for your generous gift of \$400 to YWCA Hanover Safe Home programs. We are thrilled to have your support and thank you for joining the fight to help end domestic violence and human trafficking. The money received from your donation will go a long way helping victims of domestic violence and human trafficking in our local community. Because of you, we can sustain our therapy programs, emergency housing program, emergency financial assistance program, civil legal programs, several housing programs and many more.

Community donations and endowments allow our program to provide services that our federal and state grants are unable to fund; this is what makes these types of donations crucial to the population we serve. YWCA Hanover knows we can count on you to help us carry out the mission of the YWCA Hanover... Eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

~Janise Bankard

Director of Development, YWCA Hanover

The Missions Committee contributed \$400 to Safe Home in December.

Easter Flowers & Pastor's Care Fund



To purchase flowers to decorate the sanctuary at Easter, please complete this form and return to the church office, 124 Broadway, Hanover, or drop in the offering plate.

_____ Potted Lilies at \$15 each \$ _____

_____ Potted Tulips at \$15 each \$ _____

_____ Potted Daffodils at \$15 each \$ _____

Flower total \$ _____

Pastor's Fund Offering \$ _____

Your Name _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

In Appreciation for _____

The flower order deadline is February 27.
Make checks payable to Emmanuel UCC.

Used stamps benefit Cross Keys

Cross Keys Village's Stamp Group volunteers meet to sort envelopes and prepare stamps to be shipped and sold to a wholesaler.

Since it was started in 1981, the Stamp Group has raised over \$100,000 to benefit the residents of Cross Keys. Their latest donation was \$3,600 to replace the old wooden raised garden beds with metal ones at the Brookside memory care center.

Your donations are appreciated! Bring your cancelled stamps to the office or drop them in the container in the Missions area of King Auditorium. For info, call Becci Little at 717-624-3114.

★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

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

- 1—Harold Trone Jr.
- 5—Sandra Rosensteel, Kristine Carbaugh
- 8—Floyd Lohr Jr., Eleanor Bechtle
- 11—Jean Blood
- 14—Myron Bird
- 15—David Meyers
- 20—Amy Groft
- 21—Vicky Robinson, Hannah Kowalsky
- 23—Bob Larsen, Larry Dubs, Sarah Wright, Lauren King
- 24—Abe Peterkin
- 25—Alyssa Meyers
- 29—Joseph Zollickoffer

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Terri Alcott (Care South)
Julia Greth (Terrace E371)
Burnell Little
Pat Sheaffer (Care South)
Janet Starr (Care Central #201)
Ross Sipe (Care South)
Ginny Stieglitz (Terrace)
 Homewood, 425 Westminster Avenue,
 Hanover PA 17331

Don Bair
 214 Charles Street, Hanover PA 17331

Margaret Forney
 2990 Carlisle Pike #PC, New Oxford PA 17350

Audrey Fuhrman
 Fair Havens Assisted Living
 3101 Grandview Road, Hanover PA 17331

Becci Little
 2990 Carlisle Pike, Room 4528, New Oxford PA 17350

Bonnie Stick
 2990 Carlisle Pike #HC, New Oxford PA 17350

Doris Unger (Room 214A)
 Hanover Hall, 267 Frederick St., Hanover PA 17331

February 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 January 8:45 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS 11—Congregational meeting	30	31	1 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	2 1:30-4 pm— Afternoon of Games in King Auditorium	3 9:15-10:30 am —Coffee ER at Reader's Cafe	4
5 8:45 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion Children's SS	6 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	7 Bible Study— 1:30 pm in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm by Zoom 4:15 pm—Worship & Music Committee	8 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	9 7 pm—Property Committee meeting	10 9:15-10:30 am —Coffee ER at Reader's Cafe	11
12 8:45 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS	13 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	14 12-Church Growth Zoom Bible Study— 1:30 pm in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm by Zoom	15 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open 1 pm—Missions Committee	16 1:30-4 pm— Afternoon of Games in King Auditorium	17 9:15-10:30 am —Coffee ER at Reader's Café	18
19 8:45 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS	20 Office Closed 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm—Consistory	21 Bible Study— 1:30 pm in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm by Zoom	22 Ash Wednesday 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open 6 pm—Meal & Service	23	24 9:15-10:30 am —Coffee ER at Reader's Café	25
26 8:45 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS	27 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	28 Bible Study— 1:30 pm in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm by Zoom	1 March 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	2	3 9:15-10:30 am —Coffee ER at Reader's Café	4

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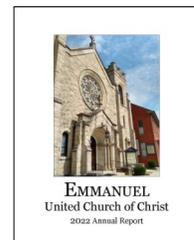
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■ 2022 Annual Report released

The 2022 Annual Report, containing a record of meetings and activities along with year-end financial data, is available to pick up at church or in the office. Request a PDF by emailing office@eucchanover.org.



■ Ash Wednesday

February 22, 6 pm—A light meal will be held in the King Auditorium followed by a service in the sanctuary. Please join us as we begin the Lenten season.



• Our church is an OPEN AND AFFIRMING congregation •