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From the desk of Reverend Seiler...

³ *Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."*

⁴ *"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"*

⁵ *Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'* ~John 3:3-7

Calendar

Maundy Thursday, April 1

7 pm—Service in person and online

Good Friday, April 2

12 pm—HACC Virtual Ecumenical Service
Find link at emmanuelucc.org



Easter Sunday, April 4

10:30 am—Worship in person or online
RSVP to the church office

Thursdays, April 8, 15, 22 and 29

5:30-8 pm—Music Rehearsals

Sundays, April 11, 18 and 25

9 am—Adult Sunday School by Zoom

Sundays, April 11, 18 and 25

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

April finds us in the throes of spring! Trees are pushing forth blossoms. Flowers are coming up through the soil and bulbs are bursting forth. Birds are returning to familiar territories and on and on I could go. It is my favorite time of the year because it is the season of hope. In spring, the literal and metaphoric seeds that lay dormant for several months timidly poke their heads through the warming earth then burst into full bloom. On the threshold of spring, we begin to notice a quiet awakening within ourselves. The intentions that we set during the long days of winter may have lain dormant these past months and we realize that the dawn of something new is upon us. And of course I would be remiss if I didn't remind you of that which we've endured for the past year. Yes, the Pandemic and the havoc, death, and devastation we have endured.

Spring is the season of renewal. Encouraged by the increase of light and warmth, we can't help but to feel more energized. It gives us the strength and energy to allow new beginnings to fully awaken in our hearts and in our lives.

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Holy Week and Easter

*Attend in person or view online
Visit emmanuelucc.org for links*

Palm Sunday: 10:30 am, March 28
Featuring a virtual presentation of
“The Palms.”



Maundy Thursday: 7 pm, April 1
Commemorate the Last Supper
with a service of Holy Communion.

Community Good Friday Worship: online only
The Hanover Area Council of Churches’
ecumenical Good Friday service will be presented
virtually this year. Based on the last seven words
of Christ, area pastors will give the readings and
offer reflections. Anthems are provided by
member church musicians. EUCC Music Director
Don Horneff has provided the anthem *The
Centurion's Song (Surely This Jesus)* following
the Third Word and Emmanuel member Judy
Morris accompanied by Don will present *Pie Jesu*
as the recessional.

Easter: 10:30 am, April 4
Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on this holy
day! Special music will include recordings of both
the Combined Choir and Children's Choir for
virtual presentations. Attendance is limited to 60
people and we are nearly at capacity. ► RSVP to
717-632-8281 or office@eucchanover.org.



A Heifer display is shown in the sanctuary.

Help us Fill the Ark!

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time. When God flooded the Earth, Noah found favor in the Lord’s eyes. So God commanded Noah to build an ark to shelter his family and two of all living creatures. Safe in the Ark, Noah, his family and the animals weathered 40 days and nights of rain. After the flood, a rainbow symbolizing God’s promise to never flood the Earth again stretched across the sky.

This is why Heifer’s “FILL THE ARK” project exists. Today, we again face many challenges which threaten God’s creation, including pollution, poverty and hunger... all problems which can be helped with faith, love and action.

Much like God kept Noah and his family safe from the depths of the floods, Heifer’s Ark will help keep communities safe from the depths of poverty. In partnership with thousands of congregations, Heifer’s Ark provides HOPE and the joy of “Passing on the Gift” to families around the world. Every family who receives livestock agrees to pass on one or more of its animal’s offspring to another neighbor in need. The family also passes on new skills in growing crops and caring for the environment.

Emmanuel’s donation to Heifer symbolizes a “RAINBOW OF HOPE” around the world. By partnering with Heifer, we help families lift themselves out of poverty, while answering God’s call to help others. ~Peg Moulton

► *Help us reach our Ark goal of \$5,000. Our Heifer International Lenten Giving Project runs through April 30. Please make checks to EUCC.*

Calling All Graduates!

This spring, we will recognize our members who will be graduating from high school or college, as well as those who earned degrees in the fall or winter. Please send to the church office at 124 Broadway, Hanover, or email office@eucchanover.org by May 20:

Name _____

HS or College _____

Date of Graduation _____

Future Plans _____

Events & Activities

EUCC Gardeners

Our gardening volunteers are already at work! If you want to help with gardening around the church any month of the season, now through October, call Carol Giesey at 717-632-2665 to volunteer.

Gettysburg Association meeting

Sunday, April 18, 2 pm

The Gettysburg Association will hold its spring meeting by Zoom for pastors and lay leaders. For info, call 717-359-4019 or email gapccucc@gmail.com by April 11.

Summer camp opportunities

UCC campers of all ages are invited to learn about Lutheran Camping Corporation's outdoor ministry programs in Adams and Lebanon counties. For details or to register, visit lutherancamping.org.

Hoffman Homes Golf Outing

Monday, June 7, 12:30 pm

The 24th annual fundraiser will be held at the Hanover Country Club in Abbottstown with a shotgun start. Participants and sponsors should contact Alicia Stanley at 717-359-7148, ext. 4502.

Hanover Area Council of Churches

Current Special Needs

PAL LUNCH: *Single serve fruits; individual size chips, pretzels, etc.; instant white rice; scalloped potatoes; laundry detergent; dish towels, potholders.*

CLOTHING BANK: *Family-sized toiletries; sheets of all sizes; bath towels; men's L and XL t-shirts; baby diapers size 4 and 5; wire bread ties.*

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER: *Men's and women's deodorant; disposable cleaning gloves; razors; body wash; Lysol spray; Ajax; Clorox wipes; paper towels; gallon-size Ziploc bags; bottled water; sleeping bags; bed pillows.*

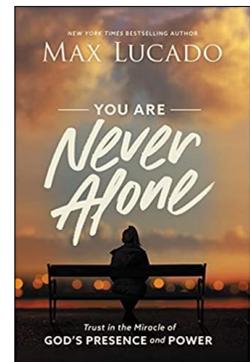
RUTH'S HARVEST: *Single-serving size entrees, cereal, vegetables, snacks, vegies and juice boxes.*

~ HACC accepts donations ~
at 136 Carlisle Street (rear), Hanover,
Mon to Fri 8 am-12:30 pm, Saturdays 8-11 am

Adult Sunday School

Study of 'You Are Never Alone' to begin April 11

The Adult Sunday School group will begin its next book, "You Are Never Alone: Trust in the Miracle of God's Presence and Power," a recent release from inspirational author Max Lucado.



Meetings will be by Zoom Sundays at 9 am beginning April 11. The study includes six sessions, each with a 15-minute video followed by a 45 minute discussion. New participants are always welcome!

The book affirms that God is your ever-present source of help. You're stronger than you think because God is nearer than you know! He'll meet you wherever, whenever – in lonely waiting rooms, rehab centers and convalescent homes. Into all of life's messes and thorny thickets, he'll come to you, without hesitation, to lift you up. Lucado demonstrates by walking you through the Gospel of John and Christ's miracles.

Books will be provided. For info or to join, contact Brian Frederick at brianfrederick44@gmail.com.

A Look Ahead

Following "You Are Never Alone," the class will break for summer and may plan a group picnic in June. Remember, worship moves to 9:30 am from June through Labor Day.

Study resumes September 12 with "Tales of Two Americas: Stories of Inequality in a Divided Nation." Published in 2017 and edited by John Freeman, 36 major contemporary writers – including Anthony Doerr, Ann Patchett, Roxane Gay, Joyce Carol Oates and Richard Russo – examine life in a deeply divided America. Meetings will be 9 am Sundays possibly in person and via Zoom.

Music

A Message From the Music Department

Hi, Folks!

What a great time of year! This Easter season is THE reason we all have come together as a congregation called Emmanuel! What a wonderful, welcoming place to worship!

I hope you enjoyed our annual singing of “The Palms” with the Combined Choirs of Emmanuel, including EUCC Ring & Sing (Children’s Choir) on Palm Sunday! And we hope you all joined in while watching from home.

Easter will also showcase virtual presentations of the wonderful hymns of Easter and an anthem, all by the combined choir. In addition, EUCC Ring & Sing has two pieces to include in the service. You will not want to miss seeing our young people raise their voices and bells on Easter Day!

COVID-19 has also affected the HACC Good Friday service again. This year is a virtual service, put together by Pastor Kirk at St. Mark. Emmanuel has contributed two music presentations for this pre-recorded service. I am singing and playing “The Centurion’s Song” for the 3rd Word and Judy Morris is singing “Pie Jesu” for the recessional. Please check our website and emails from Maria on how to watch this service.

Lastly, I want to thank all the members of the choirs for all their time, effort and patience through all the rehearsals, “takes”, distancing, mics, positioning and video cameras to make our virtual choir presentations possible. Jamie and I are grateful to have such a great group of people to work with!

And 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 – February 15, 2021

- Minutes were approved with revision as noted, and Treasurer's Report was approved.
- Summer service schedule: We can't move the live streaming to the King Auditorium. Consistory voted to stay in sanctuary this summer.
- Rev. Seiler's contract will be extended 6 months with clause that says either side can break with notice.
- New position for tech support. Need to see two proposals, one with in-house and one with contractor.
- Maundy Thursday 7 pm service with communion; no Good Friday service. Rev. and Don will determine service specifics.
- Easter service reservations – Maria will be taking reservations, so we don't go over our limit of 60.
- Missions Little Libraries box – too soon to put it out now. Missions committee will provide Consistory with their plan, who will manage, where they want to place it, etc.
- Cheryl is not planning an Easter Hunt, but we will start planning VBS... possibly at Gitt?
- Pastor is requesting vacation April 15-18. Consistory approved and will find supply.
- Consistory would like to see the Local Church Profile again before submission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Missions Committee — March 10

- Jody Adelsperger is our contact for God's Meal Barrel, which served over 800 local families last year. She reported that they have raised \$5,000 of the \$10,000 needed for a new walk-in refrigerator. We agreed by consensus to donate \$500 from Missions funds toward the refrigerator.
- HACC: We need additional volunteers to help prepare the PAL Lunch on March 30. Contact Estelle King at 717 487-1609.
- Homewood: Peg Moulton continues to deliver pull tabs, a project run by residents to benefit children in need of dialysis. Aluminum cans are not currently being accepted. The Auxiliary is putting out a Save the Date for a golf tourney in September.
- New Hope Ministries: Jody Adelsperger, our contact, reports that they currently serve over 2,000 area families, having added 413 families in the past year. To donate grocery items or volunteer, contact New Hope online.
- Heifer Project: This year's promotion is headed by Peg Moulton. The deadline for submitting a name for our Heifer mascot is March 28. The collection continues through April.
- One Great Hour of Sharing: We thank Maria for including a video in the March 7 bulletin, and Rev.

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Seiler for focusing on OGHS in the March 7 service. The collection continues through March.

- Emmanuel's Missions Sunday has been a traditional event in June, when we present donations to local faith-based agencies and give them an opportunity to share with the congregation the ways in which they help our community. Last year we made donations to these agencies but because of Covid, did not invite them to join us at a service. This year we hope to invite them to speak with us in person. Updates on this will be forthcoming.
- We expect to continue our tradition of paying tribute to vets and a collection for Fisher House, which benefits hospitalized vets and their families, on May 30.
- We discussed Emmanuel setting up a Little Library, an outdoor case for sharing books and grocery items with those in need. Sandy Rebert noted that many Hanover churches are already using them. It was suggested that we contact these other churches about their procedures, and that Missions and Growth could work together on this effort
- We agreed by consensus to donate \$200 from Missions funds to the grocery effort at St. Paul's Lutheran on York St, which distributes bags of groceries every Saturday to about 81 downtown families.

Worship & Music Committee — March 2

- In reviewing the previous month's services, it was noted the Ash Wednesday service had 67 viewers via You Tube and 12 viewers during the livestream. It was noted that the Sunday services have received 55 to 60 viewers regularly. Committee members will receive a monthly report from Don.
- Don and Jamie reported service participants have been reporting earlier each week for camera and sound checks.

Upcoming services:

- March 28 – Palm Sunday
- April 1 – Maundy Thursday (Communion)
- April 2 – Good Friday (information to come from the Hanover Area Council of Churches)
- April 4 – Easter Sunday (Communion – Attendance by reservation)
- April 11 – 2nd Sunday of Easter
- April 18 – 3rd Sunday of Easter
- April 25 – 4th Sunday of Easter
- To comply with Covid 19 restrictions of 60 people attending the Easter Sunday Service,

reservations are required. As of the meeting about 40 people registered to attend. All services are livestreamed and are viewable on YouTube.

- Jamie and Don issued a reminder to service participants needing camera changes should request such prior to the service. Anyone needing changes to a service's PowerPpoint must submit the change by the previous Friday.
- The issue of social distancing following each Sunday's service was questioned and will be reviewed.
- A discussion of tributes to the women and men of the congregation during Mother's and Father's Days was tabled until the next meeting.
- The committee agreed the changes in the opening announcements read well. And service participants are arriving in a timely fashion.

Search & Call Committee — March

- The search committee did not meet in March, after concluding this stage of its work. The Local Church Profile was submitted to Conference on February 24 and immediately reviewed by Pastor Marisa Laviola, who had no suggested revisions. After a brief wait for letters from three references, the profile was posted on the UCC ministry job board on March 23.

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Now is the time to ask yourself: "What is longing to be born deep in the slumbering buds of my inmost being? What changes and rebirths should I be nourishing? What seeds of new beginnings were resting in the underground caverns of my mind and are now waiting to burst forth?"

As the warmer breezes start blowing across the meadows, let that remind you of the work and warmth of the Holy Spirit moving and dancing all around you. And as you see the blooming trees and flowers that we love so much, let that remind you of how, with the help of God, something beautiful can surely grow. As you watch nature explode with its awakening hues, let that be a reminder for you to allow the Spirit to arouse you to burst forth in your quest to be all that God has called you to be: *"Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."*

Blessings,
Rev. Seiler

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

- 1—Glenn Meyers
- 4—Michelle Brady
- 5—Arlene Marks, Kerry Rebert
- 7—Linda McKonly, Sandra Sheaffer
- 8—Sarah Bond
- 9—Virginia Stieglitz
- 11—Jamie Brown
- 12—Tammy Kemp Austen, Andy Kemp
- 14—Jeff Pratt
- 16—Rev. Kathy Seiler
- 17—Peg Hull, Judy Dubs
- 19—Doris Unger, Brooke Hall
- 21—Madge Armstrong, Peter Robinson
- 27—Steven Bair, Zoe Brown
- 28—Baird McIlvain, Katherine Migatulski
- 30—Elinor Williams, Jamie Pratt

Christian Sympathy and Heartfelt Prayers

Please extend sympathy and prayers to...

- The family of Joyce Strong, who died February 29, 2021, at age 81. She was the wife of Charles Strong.

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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Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out

Terri Alcott (Care South)
Pat Sheaffer (Creekside #112)
Janet Starr (Care Central #201)
Ross Sipe (Care South)
Ginny Stieglitz (Terrace)
Elinor Williams

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