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# Emmanuel Life

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Rev. Kenneth D. Peterkin, Pastor

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### From the desk of Reverend Ken . . .

It's been so lonnnnnnnnnnggggg! Some of us met back in August, you remember that... Hot, green trees, long, bright days?! Where did they all go???????

I'll soon be a member of your Church and I hope to be your trusted servant and leader. Jesus reminds us that to be first, you must be slave of all. How will I be a "slave" of all? Well, I am going to be very interested in you and to seek out knowing you. It will be my hopeful goal to visit each of your homes in the first year, but let me know if that is uncomfortable for you. So, if I don't see you immediately, take heart I will be there. And if you just can't wait, call in to the church and tell Maria you are really wanting to meet right away.

I'm going to be myself, always, at home, at work, in social settings, and in formal settings. I will never be exactly like you, nor will we have all the same beliefs or politics. And yet, we will be bonded in the love of God. And one thing I will always rest upon – my love of humanity – each of you. And, while I have a hide thick as a buffalo, I can be hurt, just like anyone else. I count on giving and asking for forgiveness.

On our web page we have a page called "History of our Church." I would like to make more prominent and always changing a new page called, "The Future of our Church." I want it to be filled with positive, compassionate, caring goals. I'd love to hear of your dreams. I know "more people" is a common goal, however, HOW to do that is what I would like to dream with you!

**See Rev. Ken, Page 9**

### Calendar Highlights

#### **Sunday, December 5**

11:30 am—Reception to Welcome the Rev. Kenneth D. Peterkin

#### **Sundays, December 5, 12, 19, 26**

9 am—Adult Learning Hour  
10:30 am—Worship in person and livestreamed on YouTube

#### **Mondays, December 6, 13, 20, 27**

1-4 pm—Compassionate Crafters

#### **December 2, 8, 16, 23**

Music rehearsals: 6 pm—Bells,  
7 pm—Chancel Choir

#### **Thursdays, December 2 and 16**

1:30-4 pm—Afternoon of Games

#### **Sunday, December 12**

10:30 am—Cantata during Worship  
11:30 am—Congregational Meeting

#### **Sunday, December 19**

10:30 am—Family Christmas Service  
7 pm—111th Annual Carol Sing

#### **Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

9 pm—Candlelight Service  
Office Closed for Holiday

### WELCOME RECEPTION: Sunday, December 5

Join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship as we welcome the Rev. Ken as settled pastor.

## Join us for Advent and Christmas

*If you haven't been here in a while,  
Advent – the start of a new liturgical year –  
is a great time to reconnect with the church.*

### Advent

*November 28 • December 5 • December 12 • December 19*

Worship at 10:30 am each Sunday will feature the lighting of the Advent Candle and seasonal music. Worship in person, watch the livestream on YouTube or view the recording at [emmanuelucc.org](http://emmanuelucc.org).

#### Special services:

- A Cantata, “Peace—A Christmas Celebration” by Joel Raney, will be presented by the Chancel Choir during worship on December 12.
- The Family Christmas Service with a program and music by the Children will be 10:30 am December 19.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

*• Friday, December 24 •*

Special Music at 9 pm will be followed by a Christmas Eve service at 9:30 pm. Music will include vocalists, instrumentalists and the Emmanuel Ringers.

## 111th Annual Community Carol Sing

*7 pm — Sunday, December 19*  
In Person and Livestreamed

Sing along to your favorite Christmas carols and hear their stories retold by Steve McKonly and Landy Grimm. The live community orchestra is back this year and will be directed by Jamie Brown.



Seating in the sanctuary will be limited and face masks are required. Seating will be first-come, first-served. The free concert will be livestreamed on YouTube for you to enjoy at home. Find the link at [emmanuelucc.org](http://emmanuelucc.org).

## Congregational Meeting set for December 12

A Congregational Meeting will be held in the sanctuary immediately after worship on Sunday, December 12, to approve the budget for 2022, to approve proposed changes to the Bylaws and to approve the nominees to serve on Consistory next year.



Details were mailed to members in mid-November.

Andy Crone and Ann Kress have agreed to serve an additional term. Chuck Bauer is nominated for an initial term. The Nominating Committee is seeking an additional candidate for the remaining vacancy.

A quorum of 10 percent of membership, or 27 people, is required to hold a Congregational Meeting. Your attendance is encouraged and appreciated. The meeting will not be livestreamed.

### Leader needed

An additional member is still needed to serve on Consistory. If you have thought joining the leadership team or considered serving the church in this way, please contact Consistory President Lisa Moore at [lisamoore1956@gmail.com](mailto:lisamoore1956@gmail.com) or 717-515-1033.

**Inclement Weather Policy:** For your safety and to facilitate the clearing of our sidewalks and parking lot... If the Borough of Hanover declares a Snow Emergency, church services, meetings and any other activities will be cancelled or rescheduled. Check for updates at [emmanuelucc.org](http://emmanuelucc.org).



## Christmas Fund offering supports retired pastors

The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks to lower-income retirees.

Over the past 18 months, the emergency financial needs of many who serve the church increased dramatically. Many clergy continue to bear the consequences of lost or decreased income. These difficult times make the need for the Christmas Fund more urgent than ever.

The theme of the 2021 Christmas Fund Offering is “**Good news... Great joy... All the people!**” based on Luke 2:10. One of the four Special Mission Offerings of the UCC, the Christmas Fund provides an opportunity to reach out to those who faithfully shepherded the Church and who now face unforeseen financial needs.

In 2020, Emmanuel gave \$1,480 to the fund. Christmas Fund offerings will be taken through Dec. 24. Make checks payable to Emmanuel UCC and indicate “Christmas Fund” in the memo.



## Share Holiday Cheer

### **Hoffman Homes Holiday Gift Program**

Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts at Hoffman Homes the week of December 6. Contact Alicia Stanley at 717-359-7148, ext. 4500, to sign up.

### **Feed a Friend Marathon**

WHVR 1280 AM and Happy 95.3 FM will host the 36th annual radio giving marathon to benefit New Hope Ministries food programs. The 16-hour on-air event will run 12-8 pm Thursday, December 9; and 8 am-4 pm Friday, December 10. Pledge by calling 717-637-0052 or visit [nhm-pa.org](http://nhm-pa.org).

### **Christmas Blessings Express**

New Hope will host its Christmas Blessings Express “shoppers room” where clients can get for gifts for their entire family. For a complete list of requested toys, games, clothing and household items, visit the church office or [nhm-pa.org](http://nhm-pa.org). Unwrapped items will be accepted through Dec. 1. Drop off items at 135 Baltimore Street, Hanover, 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

### **Homewood at Plum Creek**

Auxiliary seeks donations of unscented hand lotion and cube-style tissue boxes with holiday themes to be distributed to residents in December. The deadline is Dec. 7. (Shown at right are your donations last year!)

Info: For details, contact Peg Moulton at 717-633-6580 or [peggym2@comcast.net](mailto:peggym2@comcast.net).



Garden of Life: The 26th Annual Garden of Life will take the format of a drive-through nativity pageant this year. Visit 5:30-7:30 pm on Friday, December 3, using the Town Hall entrance, and view the light display and seasonal spirit on the campus. To sponsor a light in memory of a loved one, contact Homewood. The event benefits the Benevolent Care Fund at Homewood.

► *EUCC's Voce a cappella and members of the Chancel Choir will be singing at the event.*

EUCC 2021-2022  
**Community  
 Concert  
 Series**

**O**ur annual concert series serves as an outreach to Hanover and the surrounding communities to introduce each and all to the beauty of Emmanuel and to offer them the gifts of music presented here. All concerts are free and open to the public—made possible by generous sponsors. The 2021-2022 Concert Campaign is now underway. If you would like to support the Concert Series, please use the form below.

• SCHEDULE •

**111th Annual Carol Sing**  
**Sunday, December 19, 7 pm**

*A Hanover Tradition* of Christmas carols and their stories, featuring a 30-piece community orchestra.  
 (See details, Page 3)



**Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra**  
**Sunday, March 20, 2022**

*Featuring Bea Gilbert, resident soprano*, this classical mandolin ensemble is one of more than 30 active mandolin orchestras in the U.S. today.

*\*Sponsored by Jane & Ken Cooper*

**Thank you, concert sponsors!**

We are truly grateful for the members and friends of who are generously supporting our 2021-2022 Concert Series:

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Two Pianos & A Clarinet—Judy K. Morris  
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Please accept my 2021-2022 **CONCERT SERIES** donation  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ **Grand Patron** (\$100)                      \_\_\_\_\_ **Named Concert** (\$500)

Place this form in the offering or send it to:  
**Emmanuel UCC Concerts, 124 Broadway, Hanover**

# Music

## SUNDAY CHOIR REHEARSAL & SERVICE SCHEDULE

~ **Choir Rehearsals: December 2, 8, 16 & 23** ~  
6 pm — Emmanuel Ringers • 7 pm—Chancel Choir  
7:45 pm—Cantata Rehearsal (December 2 & 8)

### 1st Sunday, December 5—2nd Sunday of Advent

9:45 am Chancel rehearsal  
10:30 am Worship: Chancel  
11:30 am Children's Rehearsal  
12 pm Cantata Rehearsal

### Saturday, December 11

9-11 am Cantata Dress Rehearsal in Sanctuary

### 2nd Sunday, December 12—3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Cantata rehearsal in Sanctuary  
10:30 am Worship: Cantata

### 3rd Sunday, December 19—4th Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Chancel/Children Rehearsal  
10:30 am Worship: Chancel/Children  
12 pm Voce a cappella Rehearsal  
6 pm Carol Sing orchestra rehearsal  
7 pm Carol Sing (Choir members may sit in the loft)

### Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve

7:45 pm Bell Rehearsal  
8 pm Voce a cappella Rehearsal  
8:15 pm Chancel Rehearsal  
9 pm Special Music  
9:30 pm Worship: Bells, Voce, Chancel

### 4th Sunday, December 26, first Sunday of Advent

9:45 am Special Music Rehearsal  
10:30 am Worship: Special Music

### Thursday, December 30

No Rehearsals

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

► **Have some news?** New email?  
Change of address? Let us know!  
office@eucchanover.org  
124 Broadway, Hanover PA 17331



## Emmanuel's Music Program

Emmanuel has a diversified music program with opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and musical interests. Vocalists and instrumentalists also provide Special Music during the summer, holidays and fifth Sundays.

FOR MORE INFO about music at Emmanuel, see Don Horneff at church, leave a message in the office or contact him at 410-848-3016 or donaldhorneff@gmail.com.

### 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 & Sundays TBD

### 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 & 3rd Sundays,  
12 pm

Provides music for worship on 2nd Sundays

### EUCC 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 — September**

- Approval of minutes from last meeting: Alec made the motion, Meghan second.
- Approval of minutes from Sept. 4 Emergency Meeting: Judy motion, Cheryl second.
- Linda McKonly attended to provide updates on Property Committee projects including: concrete work including curbing and office entrance; courtyard/ basement water issues; roofing; lighting; stained glass; painting on the tower louvers; signage; and more.
- Christian Ed: Cheryl talked with Don and Jamie on Children's Christmas service and Jamie will take over and plan with the date for service to be decided on a year-by-year basis. With the current list of volunteers, there might not be children's Sunday school and nursery each week because of a lack of help.
- Church Growth: A draft of the press release on new Pastor given and Alec asked for feedback by mid-October. Discussed and gave sample congregational survey but after discussion of timing, it was decided to hold off until Pastor Ken is here and settled in (maybe up to a year or so) before moving ahead.
- Note: Change in next Congregational Meeting to January 30, 2022.
- Cleaning out of Sacristy closet: Don and Jamie are storing technical equipment there for now as needed. Once the library is cleaned out, they can store some of it there. For now, there is no need to go any further on this project.
- Cleaning of Library: Alec and Charlotte Sivel to clean out and will notify committee chairs to get/mark anything to be kept.
- The previous approved electrical work, approved for \$5,610, ended up at \$6,800 for final charges; all OK'd extra charge.
- Little Giving Library sign is up on side. Appears to be used and donations are coming in for it.
- The social media help position has been filled by Logan Kemp. He, Alec and Maria will work together to form content and get posted. Work to begin in next few weeks.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Christian Education Committee — November**

- October Children's Messages were given by Cheryl Fritz, Megan Alcott, Laura Kemp, and Alec Sivel. On October 31, the children sang and played 2 songs during the Children's Time.
- We have had 2 - 6 children in Sunday School each week. The schedule for Sunday School and nursery volunteers for December, January, and February is being created. Sunday School will continue to be

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## **2021 CONSISTORY OFFICERS**

**President** Lisa Moore 717-515-1033  
lisamoore1956@gmail.com

**Vice President** Alec Sivel 717-451-3450  
alecsivel@hotmail.com

**Secretary** Ann Kress 717-637-5141  
annkress31@aol.com

## **CONSISTORY MEMBERS**

Megan Alcott, Jess Beavers, Andy Crone,  
Cheryl Fritz, Laura Kemp, Judy Morris,  
Charlotte Pinette, Chuck Siegel

## **Ex officio**

**Treasurer** Brian Frederick 717-451-3977  
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## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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**Caring** Judy Morris 717-968-6998

**Christian Education**  
Cheryl Fritz 717-698-1153

**Church Growth**  
Alec Sivel 717-451-3450

**Fellowship** Mary Bair 717-870-5597  
Elaine Weaver 717-637-9015

**Investment** Brian Frederick 717-451-3977

**Missions** Carol Giesey 717-632-2665  
Estelle King 717-487-1906  
Consistory Rep: Laura Kemp

**Pastor-Parish Relations**  
Estelle King 717-487-1906  
Consistory Rep: Chuck Siegel

**Personnel** Lisa Moore 717-515-1033

**Property and Safety**  
Linda McKonly 717-632-6379  
Consistory Representatives:  
Andy Crone and Laura Kemp

**Stewardship/Finance**  
Judy Morris 717-968-6998

**Worship and Music**  
Charlotte Pinette 717-227-0262

## **Consistory Highlights, continued from Page 6**

staffed every week but the nursery may be closed some weeks due to staffing shortage. Parents should still feel free to take their little ones to the nursery if needed. They will be able to hear the service.

- I have been working on making sure that volunteer clearances are up to date.

### **Worship & Music Committee — November**

Upcoming services of note were reviewed as follows:

- Nov. 7: Communion. Return to Standard Time.
- Nov. 14: Stewardship Sunday.
- Nov. 28: First Sunday in Advent. Communion; Bell choir to perform. Charlotte will ask pastor to schedule participants to light the Advent Wreath.
- Dec. 5: Rev. Kenneth Peterkin will perform his first service as EUCC's pastor.
- Dec. 12: Cantata. (Dress rehearsal Dec. 11)
- Dec. 19: Children's Family Christmas Service at 10:30 a.m. Annual Community Carol Sing will be held in the evening. Limited attendance and masks required.
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service. Special music at 9 pm. followed by Communion and worship at 9:30 pm.
- Jan. 2: Three Kings Sunday with special music.
- Sanctuary will be decorated for Advent on the Monday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 22) Mary Bair and Elaine Weaver in charge.

### **Personnel Committee — November**

- Annual evaluations are completed with the employees who completed their self-evaluations.
- Beginning January 1, 2022, Megan Alcott will take over as Personnel Chair. (Thanks, Megan)

### **Property & Safety Committee — October**

- Things have been relatively quiet for this committee. We are waiting for word from various contractors as to when they can carry out contracted work. The electrician has been contacted and he is waiting for the ordered light fixture for above the office door to arrive. After it comes, the hanging chain will be replaced with a rod for installation. That way, the fixture will not swing with strong winds and bump into the woodwork surrounding the door.
- The contracts for masonry and for painting the towers have not been signed. Negotiations continue as to when the work can be done, due to the word that PennDOT will repave Broadway next year. That repaving will significantly worsen the drainage problems that we already have at



**The screens and frames were removed for repair and workers painted the trim and louvers on the towers during the week of November 15.**

the front of the office and the sanctuary. The painting in the towers requires a lift for removal of the screens covering the openings, for painting and for reinstalling the screens. The lift can damage the concrete. New concrete will be required to mitigate the drainage problems. All of this work will need to be done in order, before PennDOT starts paving.

- The heating system will be inspected for the season on November 30. There are several small leaks in the radiators at the rear of the sanctuary. Patching has been done and we'll wait to see if it will hold for the season. Everything seems to be functioning currently.

### **Missions Committee — November**

- Budget: Funds remaining are \$7,653.90. We will most likely disburse this amount by the end of the year. Laura will discuss with Consistory whether unused funds can be used for Missions in 2022.
- God's Meal Barrel: Jody reports that they are providing several outreach efforts: 75 turkey

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# Thank You

## Thank You for condolences

Dear Emmanuel UCC,

Thank you for all the sympathy cards you sent me. It meant a lot to me. It's nice to know I'm not alone. Thanks for all your thoughts and prayers.

Love you all,  
Wendy Livelsberger

*Wendy's mom, Elinor Williams, died Sept. 25.*

### ► **2021 Stewardship**

Thank you to all our members and friends for supporting the church's ministries and missions through your giving. So far, 23 givers have pledged a total of \$88,700 for the upcoming year.

—*Pledges are still being accepted! Please drop in the offering or return to the office by mail or drop off.*



### ► **Many thanks...**

- To donors of food for the **Harvest Home** collection to benefit the PAL Lunch program, New Hope Ministries' food pantry, and God's Meal Barrel, and to Missions co-chairs Estelle King and Carol Giesey for decorating the altar and delivering the food.

- To those who claimed a Christmas Gift Tag for the children of **Hoffman Homes**. Please bring in unwrapped gifts by December 1.

- To Fellowship Committee co-chairs Mary Bair and Elaine Weaver for **decorating the sanctuary** for Christmas.

## **Events & Activities**

### **Afternoon of Games**

*1:30-4 pm, December 2 and 16*

The games group will enjoy snacks and Scrabble in King Auditorium the first and third Thursdays. For info, call Carol Giesey at 717-632-2665.

### **Compassionate Crafters**

*1-4 pm Mondays in the Pastor's Parlor*

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

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dinners for Thanksgiving, sleepwear for children, "Reverse Advent Calendars" in which a family can put together a basket of suggested food items for a family in need. Contact GMB at 717-637 5568.

- Hanover Area of Council of Churches: Estelle reports that the new coordinator for PAL lunch is making the process of preparing meals much more efficient. Volunteers are needed for Emmanuel's next PAL lunch on Nov. 30.
- Hoffman Homes: The Nov. 5 fundraiser gala was quite successful, with 287 people attending. All 15 gift tags, this year for girls ages 12-18, are claimed. Unwrapped gifts are due by Dec. 3.
- Homewood Auxiliary: Peg reports that 11 members have joined and donated \$54 in the first week of the drive. Emmanuel's Games group has volunteered to donate signed greeting cards. Sandy Rebert and the Crafters group will help with two ongoing projects: making bed pads and laundry bags for residents.
- We continue to collection aluminum cans and pull tabs to benefit dialysis patients and, canceled stamps to benefit residents at the Brethren Home. Collection bins are in the auditorium.
- Homewood Foundation: The annual Golf Tournament at the Bridges netted \$39,000.
- Afghan refugee resettlement: Estelle, Carol, and Leslie and JJ Dugan attended a meeting at All Saints Episcopal in Hanover. A refugee family is expected to arrive in the next few months. We agreed to make Emmanuel a coordinator for food collection. JJ, as an experienced ESL teacher, volunteered to coordinate language assistance.
- Merle Forney spoke about his experience in community-wide efforts to encourage beneficial gifts for children (those engendering positive qualities such and creativity and cooperation) as opposed to those that may engender aggression or violence.
- Use of remaining Missions funds: We expect to make a matching donation to the Christmas Pastors Fund, which benefits needy retired UCC pastors and staff. We will also consider the needs of local agencies as well as other efforts.

### About Rev. Ken

Rev. Ken Peterkin was ordained in 1998, having served prior to that as a “Licensed Minister” for 2 years at a small church in Indianapolis. He met his wife, Rev. Suzanne Personette at seminary – The Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA. They married in 1995 the night before her graduation. Their first year of marriage Rev. Suzanne was called to serve a church in Indianapolis and Rev. Ken finished his final year at PSR. Revs. Ken and Suzanne have a son Abraham (Abe) who is a Junior at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI, studying Digital Marketing.

Rev. Ken has served 3 prior churches and comes to us from The First Congregational Church, UCC in Essex, CT where he served from July 2004 to November 2021 (over 17 years). He navigated that church through replacing a slate roof, installing solar, refurbishing their Sanctuary and parlor, moving with them through Open and Affirming and beyond, and is most proud of his accomplishment of turning the hearts and minds of the members from always looking inward at themselves, to caring for the self and becoming the premier church at feeding area people in need throughout the year, not only at holiday times.

He is the chief cook and bottle washer at home (currently a small apartment until the housing market settles, or the right place opens) and does not apologize for being an Alumni and fan of Ohio State! He does have an open mind however and will enjoy cheering for your team (only not when they play OSU!). Rev. Ken would like to golf more but has recently been hobbled with some arthritis in his knees and a disc in his back which has caused some nerve issues in his legs. So, if you see him walking a little off you know why.

“Life is not easy, and my hope is to acknowledge the struggle in everyone to maintain a healthy self-image and healthy habits. To do that I believe God loves everyone the same and wants me and those who I guide to support, affirm, and include all people within God’s realm. This is one of the “not easy” parts of life – not dismissing or demeaning others. I pray that we at Emmanuel, including myself, will employ a renewed sense of patience and intentional effort to peer into the eyes of every person and remember that we all were once defenseless infants in need of others. Perhaps with such a thought, we can once again see with delight the beauty and tenderness needed by one and all.”

### Rev. Ken, continued from Page 1

What I really want you to know about me is that I grew up in the church and I adore how the church is – just as it is now. I could go on for years doing that. However, as a responsible leader I know that doing that is not going to bring in a new generation of the faithful. So, all that I do is keeping in mind the love of the current church and the new behaviors and presentations that young people of today are attracted to. This is the challenge that is before us. Let’s approach our challenge with a good humor, an open heart, and compassion for one another.

A New Beginning is before us. I cannot wait to meet you and to celebrate Advent together as our introduction to one another. My messages will be hopeful, and I pray meaningful to you all. Please, please make a new commitment to your beloved community at Emmanuel. Come fill yourselves with the light and hope that Advent and the Christmas seasons offer! I want you to feel a comfort and assurance when you are at church and to know that you are appreciated and loved.

To you all I send my greatest hopes and my knowing that God IS, and that Jesus and the Holy Spirit will be among us and help us as we depend upon them. We will be gifted but we will also be challenged to be Christ’s Body on earth. It will be a blessing for us all.

~Rev. Ken



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

- 1—Barb Horneff, John Frock II
- 2—Donald Bair
- 3—Ronald Giesey
- 4—John Connor Jr.
- 5—Carol Giesey
- 10—Mary Little
- 12—Greg Bair I
- 15—Madden Nguyen
- 17—Gail Mattingly
- 22—Joyce O’Donnell
- 23—Andrea Saggau
- 24—Audrey Fuhrman
- 26—Chris Moore
- 28—David Jones, Haley Frederick, Isaac Rinehart, Patrick Caviness
- 29—Cheryl Fritz



## Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out

**Terri Alcott (Care South)**  
**Julia Greth (Terrace E371)**  
**Burnell Little**  
**Pat Sheaffer (Creekside #1112)**  
**Janet Starr (Care Central #201)**  
**Ross Sipe (Care South)**  
**Ginny Stieglitz (Terrace)**  
 Homewood, 425 Westminster Avenue,  
 Hanover, PA 17331

**Merle & Margaret Forney**  
 2990 Carlisle Pike #PC, 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

## Christian Sympathy and Heartfelt Prayers

Please extend sympathy and prayers to...

- The family of Beryl Frederick, who died November 3, 2021, at age 88. She was the mother of Brian Frederick.

## Gift Cards for the holidays

**The order deadline for Christmas delivery of Gift Cards is Friday, December 10.**

A form is included on Page 10 and can also be obtained online or in the church office. Orders are typically delivered in a week. For info, contact the office at [office@eucchanover.org](mailto:office@eucchanover.org), 717-632-8281, or contact Mary Bair [mary.bair12@gmail.com](mailto:mary.bair12@gmail.com).

**Christmas Poinsettias:** There are still plants available for dedication.  
 To purchase flowers, contact the church office at 717-632-8281.



## December 2021 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>28 November</b> 9 am—Adult SS 10:30 am—Worship, Children's SS	<b>29</b> 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 1:30-4 pm Afternoon of Games in King Auditorium Music Rehearsals: 6 pm—Handbells 7 pm—Chancel	<b>3</b> 5:30-7:30 pm EUCC Choirs at Homewood Garden of Life	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9 am—Adult SS 10:30 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion, Children's SS 11:30 am—Reception to Welcome Rev. Ken	<b>6</b> 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	<b>7</b> 4:15 pm—Worship & Music Committee	<b>8</b> Rehearsals: 6 pm—Handbells 7 pm—Chancel	<b>9</b> 7 pm—Missions Committee meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9-11 am Cantata rehearsal in Sanctuary
<b>12</b> 9 am—Adult SS 10:30 am—Worship with Cantata 11:30: Congregational meeting	<b>13</b> 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	<b>14</b> 12 pm—Church Growth Committee	<b>15</b> * January newsletter deadline * 7 pm—Pastor-Parish Committee Zoom	<b>16</b> 1:30-4 pm Afternoon of Games in King Auditorium Rehearsals: 6 pm—Handbells 7 pm—Chancel	<b>17</b> Reports due for Consistory Meeting	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9 am—Adult SS 10:30 am—Family Christmas Service 7 pm—Carol Sing	<b>20</b> 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm—Consistory Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Rehearsals: 6 pm—Handbells 7 pm—Chancel	<b>24</b> 9 pm: Music 9:30 pm: Worship  Office Closed	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:30 am—Worship, Children's SS	<b>27</b> 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1 January</b>

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*Welcome, Rev. Ken Peterkin*

Reverend Ken's first worship service with us on December 5 will be followed by a Welcome Reception.

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**Christmas at Emmanuel** *~Details, Page 2*

Carol Sing: In person and livestreamed, 7 pm December 19  
Christmas Eve: Special Music & Worship beginning at 9 pm

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