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Newsletter of Emmanuel United Church of Christ



Rev. Kenneth D. Peterkin, Pastor

April 2025

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Calendar Highlights

Thursdays, April 3 & 17

*1:30-4 pm—Afternoon of Games
in King Auditorium*

Sundays, April 6, 13, 20, 27

*8:30 am—Adult Learning Hour
10 am—Worship in person and
livestreamed on YouTube*

Sunday, April 6

*Community Concert Series
3 pm—Encore Wind Ensemble*

Sundays, April 6 & 20

6 pm—Mindfulness at EUCC

Mondays, April 7, 14, 28

1 pm—Compassionate Crafters

Holy Week



Palm Sunday, April 13

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Good Friday, April 18

Easter Sunday, April 20

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From the Desk of Rev. Ken...

I'm so pleased it's Spring, I hope we can all enjoy the splendor of the greening, the budding, and the warming. And so, I also pray for your greening, budding, and warming. Life can be lived by the head, the heart, and by a mix of the both. Wherever you are in that mix – I'd adore seeing you flower. Jesus flowered the moment he rose out of the Baptism and invited you to do the same.

We're watching some flowers on April 27 as we confirm three young people into membership – Alex Brown, Charlotte Sivel and JD Sivel. Hope you come to observe!

Please note the results of our Christmas poll (below).

I pray you are enjoying the first of my weekly video messages emailed to all and residing on YouTube.

Bless all, Bless others.

~Rev. Ken

Christmas Eve poll results

Over the past few months, the Worship and Music Committee offered the opportunity to both comment and indicate a preferred time for Christmas Eve worship.

The feedback was requested after receiving several observations and comments from attendees and non-attendees last Christmas.

A total of 40 people provided responses.

■ 57% suggested that 9:30 pm and earlier was a preferred time.

■ 40% suggested that 7 pm or 8 pm was their desire.

As a result, the Committee concluded that **Christmas Eve worship will move to 7:30 pm.**

No longer will we present music prior to worship but instead fold the special music into the service itself. We expect the entirety of the service to take 40 minutes.

Thank you for your responses, and we understand entirely that not everyone will be pleased with the outcome, however we feel that an adjustment was warranted considering the number of respondents and the change desired.



Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday: 10 am, April 13

Featuring “The Palms” by the Chancel Choir. A Continental Covered Dish Breakfast will be held during Fellowship Hour. Please sign up to bring a pastry, fruit or juice or contact the church office.

Maundy Thursday: 6 pm meal, 7 pm service, April 17

Commemorate the Last Supper with a light meal at 6 pm in King Auditorium followed by a service with Holy Communion at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. A supper of soup, salad and bread will be served. Sign up on the clipboard or RSVP to the church office.

Good Friday: 1 pm, April 18

A solemn service will mark Christ’s crucifixion and death.

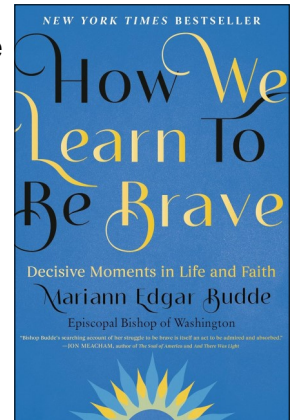
Easter: 10 am, April 20

Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on this holy day at worship with Holy Communion. Special music will include anthems by the Chancel Choir.

*Join us in person or view on [YouTube.com/emmanuelucc](https://www.youtube.com/emmanuelucc).
Find livestream links at [emmanuelucc.org](https://www.emmanuelucc.org).*

New Adult Sunday School book

Adult Learning Hour will resume April 6 with a study of “How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith” by Mariann Edgar Budde.



The 224-page volume is an inspirational guide to the key junctures in life that, if navigated with faith and discernment, pave the way for us to become our most courageous selves. The author is the bishop of the famed Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C.

Books are provided and can be picked up in the church office.

The group meets Sundays at 8:30 am in Bowers Chapel and by Zoom. For info or to sign up, contact Brian at brianfrederick44@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you called to serve?

There are multiple ways to help out at Emmanuel, even if you only have a little time to give. Opportunities include:

- Altar Guild: Prepare communion once or twice per year.
- Fellowship Hour: Make your preparations as simple or as elaborate as you wish. As easy as coffee and cookies!
- Scripture Readers: You’re already at church, so jump in the rotation about once a quarter! Selections are emailed in advance on Fridays.
- Greeters: Welcome members, friends and visitors and hand out bulletins.
- Ushers: Help pass the offering plate and carry it forward during the service.

Contact the church office for info.

First Sunday Communion Giving Reminder!

Don’t forget every First Sunday we hold a Communion Gifts offering to collect your contributions of pantry items, hygiene products and cleaners.

These much-needed items are shared among New Hope Ministries’ food pantry, the Hanover Area Council of Church’s PAL Lunch program and God’s Meal Barrel. The next offering date is April 6.

Thank you for your generosity!

Encore Chamber Winds *woodwind ensemble*

3 pm • Sunday, April 6

The EUCC 2024-2025 Community Concert Series continues with Encore Chamber Winds. The quartet will present a delightfully lively selection of chamber music for woodwind ensembles at 3 pm April 6.

These virtuoso musicians add flute to the vibrant oboe, mellow clarinet and deep bassoon voices to traditional woodwind quartet repertoire and selections from various genres.

The program will include bagatelles from Carl Nielsen and Andrey Rubstov plus selections by 20th century composers Eugene Bozza, Jean Francaix and Claude Arrieu.

Stay after the concert for a dessert reception to meet the performing artists. As always, admission is free.



Encore Chamber Winds includes, from left, David Duree, Clarinet; Mindy Niles, Oboe; Paulella Burchill, Flute; and Rob Sirois, Bassoon.

EUCC Community Concert Series

Coming Up



Simple Gifts *Folk Duo*

May 4 • 3 pm: Based in the hills of central PA, this award-winning duo of Linda Littleton and Karen Hirshon plays an impressive array of instruments, switching with ease among fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, guitjo, recorders, bowed psaltery, hammered dulcimer, baritone fiddle, guitar, and percussion. This pair plays everything from lively Irish jigs and down-home American reels to Gypsy melodies, rhythmic Balkan dance music, and original compositions written in a traditional style.

Thank you, concert sponsors!

We are truly grateful for the members and friends of Emmanuel for generously supporting our 2024-2025 Concert Series:

Donor-Named Concert Sponsors

Five Voices II—Sam S. Lee
114th Annual Carol Sing—G. Steven & Linda W. McKonly
John Maurer—Judy K. Morris
Encore Chamber Winds—Estelle King
Simple Gifts—Sandy Rebert

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Annual Heifer International Project

Earth Day can be everyday

① Make your own choices to nurture the Earth. You might consider planting trees and encouraging pollinators, consuming less gas and plastics, writing your representatives in government, joining an environmental organization, and the list continues.

② Join us during Fellowship Hour on May 4 as we continue to celebrate Earth Day with an informal discussion on how we, as a congregation, can move forward to promote environmental justice and caring for the Earth.

③ Support the Heifer Project as they carry out their 12 Cornerstones for Just and Sustainable Development. Among the 12 Cornerstones are these:

- Passing on the Gift means that families who receive Heifer gifts, such as livestock and training, pass them on to other families.
- Accountability is carried out as participants define their own needs, goals and strategies with guidance from Heifer.
- Sharing and Caring: Heifer believes that global problems can be solved if all people commit to sharing what they have and caring about others.
- Sustainability and Self-reliance: Heifer funds projects for a limited time so that groups and communities will thrive on their own as they devise strategies for lasting benefit.
- Improved Animal and Resource Management will improve the environment and will enable farmers to keep animals healthy and productive.
- Genuine Need and Justice: Priority is given to marginalized groups.
- Spirituality is lived out in the valuing of all life, a sense of connectedness to the earth and a shared vision of the future.

The collection date for Heifer is May 18. Watch for more information in the bulletin. ~Carol Gieseey



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Save the Date

Yard Sale set for September 18-20

The Missions Committee annual Yard Sale will be September 18-20 in King Auditorium, with set-up in preceding days and cleanup on Sept. 22. Start collecting household items and other good stuff from your attic, garage and basement. (No clothing or books, please.)



Proceeds benefit the UCC's Child Sponsorship Program and the education of our three sponsored girls as well as local nonprofits. For questions, contact Estelle King at 717-487-1906.

Events & Activities

Afternoon of Games

1:30-4 pm, April 3 & 17

Join us in King Auditorium 1st and 3rd Thursdays for Scrabble,



cards, board games, snacks and fellowship. New players are always welcome! For info, call Carol Gieseey at 717-632-2665.

Compassionate Crafters

1-4 pm Mondays

(No meeting April 21)

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

Provide-A-Lunch

9 am-1 pm, April 22

Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve and clean up at the Hanover Area Council of Churches PAL Lunch. To help, contact Estelle King at 717-487-1906.

Mindfulness at EUCC

6 pm, April 6 & 20

Join Karen Jones first and third Sundays at 6 pm for free 45-minute Mindfulness drop-in sessions in King Auditorium. The mindfulness and stress-reduction practices are open to all – from beginner to experienced practitioner. Use the courtyard door. For a Zoom link or questions, email kjones@mindfulnessandmotion.com.

Lunch Bunch

12 pm, May 4

The group will gather for food and fellowship after worship on May 4 at Olivia's, 3015 Baltimore Pike (Route 97), Gettysburg. For info or to RSVP, call Sandy Rebert at 717-586-2136.

CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February minutes were approved March 17

Consistory Minutes — February 17

- Treasurer's Report: Approved, subject to audit.
- New Business:
 - Replace projection screen with multiple monitors: Current system is old and cannot project more brightness; will review and evaluate needgoing forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Growth Committee — March 11

- Discussed Rev. Ken's "An Open Table" conversations and more ways to promote them.
- Committee chair photos are still being collected.
- Ideas for recruitment of Greeters and Ushers is ongoing.
- Pet Blessings promotion discussed. Rev. Ken is working on the order of service.
- "Getting to Know You" new member questionnaire responses were reviewed. Answers indicated how did you hear about/find us, and that people are seeking a progressive church.

Christian Education Committee — March

- We have anywhere from zero to 5 children at Sunday School, and 1 to 2 children in the nursery each week.
- Average attendance at Adult Learning Hour is 14 per week. They will begin a new book April 6.
- Emmanuel and Trinity will hold a joint Vacation Bible School June 16-20 from 9-11:30 am. So far five people from Emmanuel are able to volunteer. We are waiting to hear if Grace UCC will join in this ministry. This year's theme is "Road Trip."

Missions Committee — March 12

- God's Meal Barrel: Tom Imler reports that they served over 200 families in February.
- Emmanuel's next turn to serve PAL Lunch at HACC is April 22.
- Hoffman Homes is in the process of developing a new program to provide family intensive care. Two upcoming events are the annual Motorcycle Ride on June 7 and the Golf Tourney on June 9.
- Homewood Auxiliary: We delivered pull tabs and Bingo prizes. There is no news yet regarding the annual tea.
- Communion Gifts: In February we collected 25.5 pounds of food, 7 cleaning products, and 21 hygiene items, plus \$35 in donations. These items were delivered to the 3 local food banks.
- Crafters ended the winter season with a distribution

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Judy Morris, Lorraine Phillips,
Charlotte Pinette, Sandy Topper

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Thank You

From Church World Service

Dear friends from Emmanuel,

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of unprecedented challenges, you are standing with them. Now more than ever, we are so grateful for your generous support.



Your contribution provides warmth, comfort and hope to neighbors near and far. It provides a tangible reminder to migrant families that they are not alone as they seek safety. It wraps refugees in warmth as they arrive in the United States to build a new future. It provides comfort to our neighbors who have lost homes or are struggling in the face of extreme challenges. Around the world, your support means relief and hope.

Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. Thanks to your compassion, we can – and will – change lives.

Sincerely,
Rick Santos
Church World Service President and CEO

For Blanket Sunday February 2, the congregation donated \$920 and the Missions Committee added \$1,020 for a total gift of \$2,000.

Bingo Coordinator needed

We are looking for a dedicated volunteer to serve as Bingo Coordinator for this EUCC fundraiser. The role includes organizing event details, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring a fun and successful gathering. The Office Admin provides support for soliciting prizes, gathering donations, and publicity. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Maria in the church office. Your help will make a difference!



Christian Sympathy and Heartfelt Prayers

Please extend sympathy and prayers to...

The family of Doris L. Unger, who died March 3, 2025, at age 99.

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- of 165 hats, gloves and scarves, an increase over last year. Thanks to all who contributed.
- One Great Hour of Sharing, a UCC collection, partners with other denominations and agencies to provide disaster relief, healthcare, education, and more, with an emphasis on food security. We will connect this year's theme, "God's Light Shining Through Us," with the beauty and significance of our Rose Window. The collection date is March 30.
- The Heifer Project continues its mission to provide just and sustainable development around the world. We will celebrate Earth Day with a video on sustainable farming and will give potted pollinator flowers to the children. The collection is May 18.
- Missions continues to support The Least of These Ministries, which provides food and Christian fellowship to working families in the Dominican Republic. In April, several members of Emmanuel will attend a fundraiser banquet to support their missionaries.
- We recently recycled 2 more bins of plastics. Collection bins are in the auditorium and by the elevator.
- Emmanuel's yard sale is scheduled for September. Please continue to collect donations of kitchen, sporting and garden items, decorations, jewelry, and children's games. More info will follow.

Worship & Music — February 23

- Andy Crone, Livestream Tech, gave an update on livestream improvements.
- In March, the committee will discuss the timing for moving services into the King Auditorium for the summer.
- Upcoming services:
 - ◇ 4/6 - Concert by Encore Chamber Winds at 3 pm.
 - ◇ 4/15 - Palm Sunday.
 - ◇ 4/17 - Maundy Thursday with a meal at 6 and service at 7 pm.
 - ◇ 4/20 - Easter Sunday with communion.
 - ◇ 4/27 - Earth Day presentation
 - ◇ 5/4 - Communion. Concert at 3 pm by Simple Gifts, a folk music duo.

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—Jeff Hopkins
- 4—Michelle Brady
- 5—Kerry Rebert
- 7—Linda McKonly, Sandra Sheaffer
- 8—Lenyx LeGrant
- 11—Dan Trimmer
- 12—Andy Kemp
- 14—Jeff Pratt
- 17—Peg Hull, Judy Dubs
- 19—Brooke Hall
- 21—Peter Robinson
- 23—Amy Kwon
- 27—Steven Bair, Zoe Brown
- 28—Baird McIlvain, Katherine Migatulski
- 30—Jaime Pratt

Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out

Terri Alcott (Care South)
Barbara Cooledge (Creekside 2209)
Julia Greth (Terrace E371)
 Homewood, 425 Westminster Avenue,
 Hanover PA 17331

Ed & AnnaMae Frederick
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Becci Little
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► Have some news? Change of address?

New email? Let us know!

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April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 March	31 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	1	2 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	3 1:30-4 pm—Afternoon of Games 6—Handbells 7—Choir	4	5 11:30a-12:30p An Open Table @ Little Fox Coffee
6 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion Children's SS 3 pm—Concert 6 pm—Mindfulness	7 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	8 12 pm—Church Growth Zoom	9 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel Open 1 pm—Missions Committee meeting	10 7 pm—Property Committee meeting 6—Handbells 7—Choir	11	12 11:30a-12:30p An Open Table @ Little Fox Coffee
13 Palm Sunday 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Covered Dish Fellowship Hour Children's SS	14 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	15	16 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	17 1:30-4 pm—Afternoon of Games Mauudy Thurs 6—Meal in King 7 pm—Service in Sanctuary	18 Good Friday ~ Office Closed ~ 1 pm—Service in Sanctuary	19 11:30a-12:30p An Open Table @ Little Fox Coffee
20 Easter 10 am—Worship (No SS or nursery) 6 pm—Mindfulness in King Auditorium	21 ~ Office Closed ~ 7 pm—Consistory	22	23 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	24 6—Handbells 7—Choir	25	26 11:30a-12:30p An Open Table @ Little Fox Coffee
27 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship with Confirmation Children's SS 11:30 am—Worship & Music Committee	28 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	29	30 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	1 May 6—Handbells 7—Choir	2	3 11:30a-12:30p An Open Table @ Little Fox Coffee

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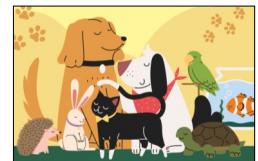
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Coming Up

■ March 30: Pet Blessings

Bring your furry, feathered and finned friends to worship for blessing.
~Contact the office for info

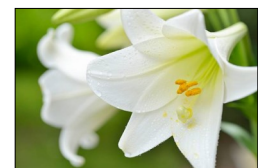


■ April 6: Encore Chamber Winds

Enjoy a program of light chamber music with this woodwind ensemble. ~Details Page 3

■ Holy Week & Easter

Reflect on the season and celebrate the resurrection. Join us in person or online.
~Details, Page 2



• Our church is an OPEN AND AFFIRMING congregation •