

EmmanuelLife

Newsletter of Emmanuel United Church of Christ



Rev. Kenneth D. Peterkin, Pastor

January 2025

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Calendar Highlights

January 1 & January 20
Office Closed for Holidays

Thursdays, January 2 & 16
*1:30-4 pm—Afternoon of Games
in King Auditorium*

Sundays, January 5, 12, 19, 26
*10 am—Worship in person and
livestreamed on YouTube*

Mondays, January 6, 13, 20, 27
1 pm—Compassionate Crafters

Sundays, January 12, 19, 26
8:30 am—Adult Learning Hour

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held in the sanctuary immediately after worship on Sunday, January 26, to approve Congregational Meeting minutes from 2024, annual reports for all EUCC organizations, and proposed bylaws changes. Details will be sent electronically, or by mail to members without email. Your attendance is encouraged.

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From the Desk of Rev. Ken...

Happy New Year!

Here's a prayer for your new year:

As this new month and new year unfolds Lord, may my heart turn more often to you, seeking you out in the quiet and good times, not just when I'm in trouble. Help me to establish a few moments each new day to calm myself, breathe freely, and open my thoughts to you seeking guidance in all that I do. Thank you for always being with me, and for me, and before me. Help me be a blessing to all, and courageous in all things. Amen.

Please know that I am never too busy for you, especially if you are ill, despondent, lonely, as well as thrilled and joyous. If you or a family member is in the hospital, call the church immediately. If you are feeling down, I'd be so willing to listen and talk only if asked. If there is a celebration in your home, I'd be thrilled to celebrate with you. So, please keep me alerted to these things so that I may be of benefit to you.

Christmas Eve this year included Special Music at 9 pm and worship at 9:30 pm.

I'd like your thoughts regarding the time of next year's service. Would you be amenable to moving worship to an earlier time? I know some people feast together at dinner, so 7 pm may be too early, or, perhaps it suits you better because young people are more able to attend then. Or perhaps 8 pm is a suitable time. Please get in touch with me so that we may decide for next year!

My son Abraham at Thanksgiving moved to Boston, after giving us an additional and wonderful 18 months of living in our Hanover home after college graduation. We helped him move into his new home and kissed him "until we see you again." He was here at Christmas thankfully for a visit. We are now empty nesters and December has been a little weepy. But he has launched and Dad may get to see a couple Red Sox games because his company partners with the Red Sox!

We'll begin a 4-week Bible study on Wednesday, January 8, and every Wednesday in January at 7 pm both in the Pastor's

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Greetings from the Philippines

November 2, 2024

Dear Friends at Emmanuel UCC,

Hello and Good Day! How are all of you doing? I hope you're all doing well.

Recently the Philippines has been experiencing a series of storms, which has resulted in class suspensions for several days to ensure the safety and well-being of the students. Thankfully, we here in Dumaguete are only experiencing mild effects from the typhoon, and my family and I are safe! But on November 4, our president declared it a holiday – day of mourning in solidarity with the bereaved families and loved ones of those who perished due to the devastating typhoon named Kristine.

I think I mentioned before what course I was planning to take, but now, it has been changed. I am no longer pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management; I am currently taking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). This has always been my second choice, but I was hesitant because I know it is challenging. All courses have difficulties, but this one is different as it involves dealing with lives.

When the school year 2023-2024 was ending, I have been reflecting on what course I truly want to pursue. I know that I lack some qualities needed to be a flight attendant, and I might struggle to find a job in that field due to these shortcomings. With this in mind, I thought of becoming a nurse – it offers long-term job security, and I could also have opportunities to work abroad or perhaps become a clinical instructor and I could still become a flight attendant and a lot more. I have decided to pursue nursing because my primary goal after graduating is to support my family and provide them with a better life.

It has been three months since I started my college journey, and our teachers were right; it is very different from junior high school. I hope and pray that no matter what challenges come my way, I will be able to get through this journey successfully. Just want to share with you that Kalauman celebrated its 43rd anniversary on October 5. But unfortunately I wasn't able to join because of my very hectic class schedule. Even on Saturdays we have online classes. They said it was fun and enjoyed eating the unlimited ice cream.

Three months have passed after college and Christmas is approaching – a time to bond with family, express our love, and remember the birth of Jesus, our Savior. During this season, I hope all of you are safe and healthy so you can celebrate Christmas filled with happiness.

Thank you so much for all your support. May God bless you with good health and prosperity. Wishing you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Your sponsored child,
Jin Marie

Jin Marie Dequito, now 19, was our sponsor child for six years. She graduated from high school through the Kalauman Center for Development in Dumaguete City.



COMPOST
CORNER

Three easy New Year's resolutions

- 1 Recycle towels, blankets and comforters for use at animal hospitals and shelters. The collection box is in the auditorium.
- 2 Recycle your plastics in the Beyond the Bag collection bins. We've already filled 2 bins!
- 3 Bring your own water bottle the next time you come to church. We can help eliminate those single-use plastic bottles.

~Carol Giesey

Find the Green Team at Fellowship Hour every week and share your ideas and suggestions for discussion topics and environmental efforts.

Cards for Cleah Faith

Our sponsor child in the Philippines, Cleah Faith Palomar, has a birthday coming up on January 30, when she turns 14.



Cleah Faith
Sign cards at Fellowship Hour or bring your own with birthday greetings. Cleah Faith is a student at the Dumaguete Kalauman Center for Development in Dumaguete City.



A VISIT TO THE FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION

Estelle King, Marilyn Van Lenten and Cathy Reck, center from left, are shown with representatives from the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, Md., on December 5, 2024. The three presented a check for \$615, the result of EUCC's Veterans Day offering, as well as two quilts handcrafted by Marilyn. The nonprofit Fisher House assists wounded veterans and their families with housing near VA hospitals. Since its first house opened in 1991, the Foundation has assisted more than half a million military families and has a daily capacity of 1,300 families at 99 locations in the U.S., Germany and the United Kingdom.

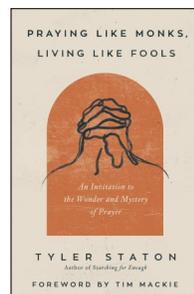
New Adult Learning Hour Book

Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools

Starting January 12, join Adult Learning Hour to explore “Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools: An Invitation to the Wonder and Mystery of Prayer” by Tyler Staton.

An author, pastor and national director of the 24/7 Prayer movement, Stanton offers a fresh perspective on prayer, addressing common challenges and encouraging readers to connect with God authentically. Through biblical teaching, storytelling, and practical insights, this book provides tools to deepen your prayer life and rediscover its transformative power.

Join us for lively discussions every Sunday at 8:30 am in Bowers Chapel or via Zoom. Books are provided. To sign up or learn more, email Brian at brianfrederick44@gmail.com.



Events & Activities

Monthly Mindfulness

6 pm, January 5

Join Karen Jones every month for a free 45-minute Monthly Mindfulness Drop-In session in King Auditorium. The stress-reduction practices are open to everyone, whether you are a beginner or an experienced practitioner. Use the courtyard door. For a Zoom link or questions, email Karen at kjones@mindfulnessandmotion.com.

Lunch Bunch

12 pm, Second Sundays

The group will gather for food and fellowship after worship on January 12. The location is TBD. For info or to RSVP, call Sandy Rebert at 717-586-2136.

Afternoon of Games

1:30-4 pm, January 2 & 16

Join us in King Auditorium first and third Thursdays for Scrabble, cards, board games, snacks and fellowship. New players are always welcome! For info, call Carol Giesey 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.

Coffee ER

9:30 am Saturdays

Join Rev. Ken's for an informal gathering 9:30-10:15 am Saturdays at Little Fox Coffee & Books, 125 Broadway. Coffee ER's name pays homage to Emmanuel's Evangelical and Reformed roots.



CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

November minutes were approved December 16

Consistory Minutes — November 18

Treasurer's Report

- There was discussion about having a professional organization conduct the annual audit. A motion was made to have the Finance Committee pursue a professional organization conduct the audit next year by Judy Morris and seconded by Bill Wertzberger.
- The 2025 budget had modest increases since the last meeting with changes noted. One item that had not been included but needed is a new computer for the church office. A motion was made to approve the 2025 budget as presented to Consistory was made by David Jones and seconded by Megan Alcott.
- There was a motion to approve the spending of \$1,000 to give five employees holiday bonuses, as well as an additional purchase of a gift card to recognize Mike Fritz for his work this year. The motion was made by Charlotte Pinette and seconded by Sean Moore.

Committee Reports

- **Property & Safety:** The cleaning service has not been performing up to our expectations. Sean and Megan will let them know. We may need to be more specific with our expectations. A motion to pay Beth and Sandy \$1,200 for a holiday deep cleaning was made by Charlotte Pinette and seconded by Sean Moore.

New Business

- The Gettysburg Choral Society has made a request to rent our facility as a performance location. No objections to allowing them to rent our space.
- Diversity Alliance would like to add an additional day each month to use our facility to hold meetings to prepare for an upcoming festival in 2025. A motion was made to allow them the use of a second Thursday each month for free by Brian Frederick and seconded by Alec Sivel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Missions Committee — December 4

- God's Meal Barrel served 280 people this month. Turkeys and food baskets were delivered for Thanksgiving. Picnic hams and food baskets will be delivered for Christmas. They are again participating in the Santa's Sleepers program.
- We delivered twenty \$10 gift cards to JJ's Toy Shop at the Hanover Area Council of Churches.
- Estelle attended a recent meeting at HACC, where the discussion focused on how our local agencies

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2025 CONSISTORY OFFICERS

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CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Megan Alcott, Sean Moore,
Judy Morris, Lorraine Phillips,
Charlotte Pinette, Sandy Topper

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Investment	Brian Frederick 717-451-3977
Missions	Carol Giesey 717-632-2665 Estelle King 717-487-1906 Consistory Rep: TBD
Pastor-Parish Relations	Estelle King 717-487-1906
Personnel	Megan Alcott 717-451-5401
Property and Safety	Sean Moore 443-618-7481
Stewardship	Judy Morris 717-968-6998
Worship and Music	Charlotte Pinette 717-227-0262

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can respond more effectively to the challenges they face. New Hope Ministries has a surge in homeless people who often sleep outside their building because they have nowhere else to go. Fewer pastors are supporting HACC, and many claim they are overwhelmed by the challenges in their own congregations. HACC needs a more effective organizational structure, and they need more funds to hire additional employees to operate the Changing Lives Shelter.

- Estelle delivered Emmanuel's 12 Christmas gift donations for the children at Hoffman Homes for Youth. Proceeds from the annual Gala totaled \$52,000, an increase over last year.
- Peg collected \$177 from 31 members for the Homewood Auxiliary Drive. She delivered the Christmas cards from Emmanuel for Homewood residents and our donations of Bingo prizes.
- New Hope's Feed-A-Friend food collection marathon on Dec. 5-6 resulted in a total of 150,533 cans. Rev. Ken phoned in a donation of \$1,000 from Missions funds, and several other members of Emmanuel phoned in individual donations.
- Missions donated \$300 for cleaning and hygiene supplies to New Hope's food bank. Jody and her husband John did the shopping and extended their purchasing power by using the church's tax-exempt status. They delivered 240 hygiene and cleaning items to New Hope.
- Donations of communion gifts for December totaled 34 pounds of food, 1 cleaning and 2 hygiene items. The next collection of Communion Gifts will be Jan. 5.
- The Crafters continue to work on twiddlers for Homewood residents. They have made 144 items, and can use more. The wash-line in front of the courtyard was filled with 44 winter items and, was emptied and refilled in one day. New members are invited to join on Monday afternoons. Contact Sandy.
- We recently received a letter from Jin Marie, who continues her connection with the school in the Philippines. We will send Christmas cards to her and our 3 sponsored children. We will also send a birthday card to Cleah, who turns 14 on Jan. 30.
- We encourage everyone to continue to recycle plastics in our Beyond the Bag plastic recycling bin in the auditorium.
- The box for donating bath towels, blankets and comforters to vet hospitals and animal shelters is now available in the auditorium.
- Emmanuel art items and wood creations donated by Mike Fritz are now available for purchase in the auditorium. All proceeds will go to support our sponsored children and VBS Missions projects.

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.



- Remaining Missions funds will go to Homewood Auxiliary (\$200), UCC hurricane relief (\$900), and Hanover Pride (\$50).

Worship & Music Committee — December 3

- The Veterans Day service Nov. 10 went especially well. The music and slides were well-coordinated.
- Ash Wednesday service will be 7 pm March 5, 2025, in the sanctuary.
- Confirmation is set for March 16, 2025.
- Discussion of moving meetings to the 4th Sunday at 11:30 am at church and by Zoom ended with all in favor of the change. Our next meeting is January 26, 2025.

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Parlor and online on Zoom. Look for further info in the bulletin and via email. Call in and let us know you'll be there! The subject for January will be the book of Esther – only 10 short chapters. We will not have bible study in February but return in March.

Easter this year is late on April 20, Ash Wednesday being March 5!

We look to have a New Member class join us late February/early March depending on the weather outlook.

I hope to see you at church! But out and about in town would be fun too. See you soon!

Rev. Ken

Christmas Eve Worship Poll

Keep service at current time (9:30 pm)

Suggest a new time: _____

Drop in the offering plate, return to the office, email responses to the office, or contact Rev. Ken.



Words of Thanks

Giving greatly appreciated

Hello, everyone,

John and I went to New Oxford Dollar Tree on Dec. 9 and purchased 240 items with the \$300 given to us by the Mission Committee. All of the items were able to be purchased for \$1.25, and with the help of the church's tax exempt number, we were able to also get them tax free. We purchased 60 items each of laundry detergent, dish wash liquid soap, shampoo with conditioner, and packages of toilet paper containing 4 rolls. We took the items to New Hope, and the total amount of pounds was 386!! I'm sure it would have been much larger if the toilet paper had weighed more.

The volunteers at New Hope were thrilled and overcome with joy that they were the benefactors of EUCC's end of year spending. I wish you all could have been there to see the tears, and words of praises that were shown to John and I for your gifts. We encountered wonderful people both at Dollar Tree and New Hope who were happy to know that a local church was reaching out to help others. I hope you all can feel the wonderful love and enthusiasm that the Hanover community is giving back to you and the many people locally you have helped with your gifts.

Merry Christmas,
Your humble servant,
Jody Adelsperger

► Thanks for The Christmas Fund giving

Thank you for contributing \$586.81 to the UCC offering to support retired pastors and lay employees with pension supplements, emergency grants and Christmas thank you checks. The Missions Committee will match your gifts.

► Thanks for supporting the Carol Sing

Thank you to all who attended the 114th Annual Community Carol Sing on December 22. There were 175 attendees and a free will offering of \$480. Your support is appreciated! A big thanks also goes to all that helped to set up, bake and clean up for the reception. The 2024-25 Community Concert Series continues March 2 with Trumpeter John Maurer.

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 January 5.

Thank you for your generosity!

Hanover Area Council of Churches

Current Special Needs

PAL LUNCH: Canned vegetables, sugar; gallon and sandwich sized Ziplock bags; grocery/shopping bags.

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER (*Please mark for the shelter*): Hygiene and toiletry products (shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash), razors (men's & women's), twin sheets and blankets.

HEAVENLY CLOTHING STORE: Men's jeans sizes 30-34; shoes/sneakers (all sizes); grocery/shopping/reusable bags; snack baggies; winter clothing.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS: Thermal socks, sugar-free candy & snacks, throw blankets, no-slip slippers, journal books, colored pencils.

RUTH'S HARVEST (*Please label for Ruth's Harvest*): Single-serving size fruit cups, vegetables, breakfast cereal, and mac & cheese.

~ HACC accepts donations ~

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

Learn more online at
hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

New Address:

Carole Rhoten, 717-487-3014
132 River Bend Drive
Dagsboro DE 19939



Moved? New email? Please inform the office!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

- 1—Michael Migatulski
- 2—Jeff Brady, Matt Frederick
- 3—Augusta McAlhany
- 11—Ann Kress, Samantha Rebert
- 12—Page Kress
- 13—John Lingg
- 18—James McLin
- 20—Nicole Hummel, Sally Migatulski
- 23—Anne Rost, David Auchey, Tim Kress, Susan Hoke
- 26—Linda Fauth, Matthew Trone
- 29—Eric Groft
- 30—Carole Baublitz
- 31—Jessie Chiliza

Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out

Terri Alcott (Care South)
Barbara Cooledge (Creekside 2209)
Julia Greth (Terrace E371)
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 Hanover PA 17331

Ed & AnnaMae Frederick
 3 Regal Drive, Hanover PA 17331

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

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

► Have some news?

Change of address?
 New email? Let us know!



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 124 Broadway, Hanover PA 17331

January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 December 10 am—Worship	30 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	31 9 am-1 pm PAL Lunch at HACC	1 Happy New Year! ~ Office Closed ~	2 1:30-4 pm— Afternoon of Games 6—Handbells 7—Choir	3	4 9:30-10:15 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee
5 10 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion Children's SS 6 pm—Mindfulness in King Auditorium	6 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	7	8 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open 1 pm—Missions Committee meeting	9 7 pm—Property Committee meeting 6—Handbells 7—Choir	10	11 9:30-10:15 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee
12 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS Lunch Bunch	13 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	14	15 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	16 1:30-4 pm— Afternoon of Games 6—Handbells 7—Choir	17	18 9:30-10:15 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee
19 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS	20 ~ Office Closed ~ 7 pm—Consistory	21	22 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	23 6—Handbells 7—Choir	24	25 9:30-10:15 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee
26 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS Congregational Meeting 11:30 am—Worship & Music Committee	27 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	28	29 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	30 6—Handbells 7—Choir	31	1 February 9:30-10:15 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee

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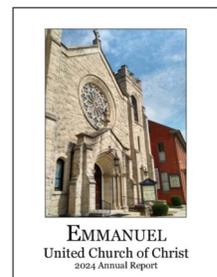
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■ **Annual Report**

The 2024 Annual Report will be available mid-month for you to review before the Congregational Meeting after worship on January 26. Pick up a copy in the narthex or church office, or request a PDF version by emailing office@eucchanover.org.



■ **A message from the Pastor**

Rev. Ken offers a prayer for the New Year and a preview of the upcoming months.
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• Our church is an OPEN AND AFFIRMING congregation •