

EmmanuelLife

Newsletter of Emmanuel United Church of Christ



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Calendar Highlights

Thursdays, August 1 & 15

*1:30-4 pm—Afternoon of Games
See Page 3 for details*

Sundays, August 4, 11, 18

*10 am—Worship in King Auditorium
and livestreamed on YouTube*

Mondays, August 5, 12, 19, 26

1 pm—Compassionate Crafters

Sunday, August 25

10 am—Worship at the Gitt Library

COMPLETE CALENDAR, PAGE 7

Coming Up

- Backpack Blessing: Students and teachers are encouraged to bring their book bags to church on August 18 for a blessing before the start of school.
- Office Closed: The church office will be closed Monday, September 2, for Labor Day.
- Rally Day: Join us September 8 for a new season of music and activities and a return to the sanctuary for worship.
- Yard Sale: The Missions Committee is organizing an indoor Yard Sale on Sept. 13-14. Read more on Page 3.

From the Penn Central Conference...

Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So, he began teaching them many things.

~Mark 6:31-34

Greetings Penn Central members and friends,

For years I have longed to have a greenhouse built on my property. This is a place where I can sink my hands into the soil, plant various seeds and watch them bloom into an abundance of hearty fruits and vegetables. This year my husband and two sons helped to build a greenhouse for me to grow my various plants. It has become my sacred space, a place to pray, a place to sing and meditate on the Word. And at the same time, it has become a place to rest. This beautiful little greenhouse allows me to rejuvenate my mind, body and soul. What I've come to realize in my seventeen years of ministry is I like the disciples, fall into extreme busyness that sometimes halts me from caring for my own well-being. As a result, I am unable to properly care for others.

If you follow the lectionary, the Gospel of Mark on July 21 told us the story of how Jesus took his disciples to a deserted place to rest. They were so busy that they didn't even have time to share a meal. Upon their arrival, they were surprised to be greeted by a large crowd in need of prayer, miracles, and healing. Jesus, immediately showed them compassion, recognizing their needs and began to teach them. This leads me to ask the question: What happens to Christians when we become too busy to take time away or even sit down to eat together? We need moments to step back from our individual activities, even those done in the name of Jesus Christ, to reconnect as the body of Christ.

See PCC, Page 5

Join the Flock!

When we think of protecting and caring for the natural world, we often think of birds. Many members of our human flock at Emmanuel share a love of birds and a desire to nurture them. It is interesting that the concept of flocking – for support, protection and sharing energy and knowledge, applies to both humans and birds. Like humans, birds know that integration into a larger group will help ensure their survival. Birds are sometimes smarter than humans!

Some of us share our knowledge of birds through photographs. Henry McLin has taken thousands of bird photos. His current favorite is a Cedar Waxwing eating the berries it is known to love.



It is no surprise that many of us are willing to travel beyond our backyards to enjoy the world of birds. Two of Henry's favorite birding destinations are Arizona and Myrtle Beach. Judy Morris says her favorite bird is the penguin – and she has seen plenty of them in their home in Antarctica. She's thinking of a birding trip to Africa. Among other bird travels, Pete Robinson has been to Central America at least a half dozen times.

But you don't have to go far! A great local birding destination is Lake Marburg at Codorus State Park. For \$10 you can enjoy a 90-minute guided pontoon trip. You'll see eagles, ospreys, great blue herons and more! Sign up at the Park Office on Smith Station Road.

Many of Emmanuel's members welcome birds into their back – and front yards. Cheryl and Mike Fritz



An orchard oriole is seen at the Hoff Road Launch feeders at Codorus State Park.

~Photo by Henry McLin, © Creative Commons

were happy and surprised to find a small bird (a wren, possibly) had built a nest in a barberry bush close to their front door. They are keeping the nest just in case it could be used again.

Sally Smith, Viv Hennessy and Peg Moulton know the value of bird baths – and the need to clean them frequently. Sally suggests placing them near shrubs or trees, so the birds feel a bit more protected. Charlotte Pinette says their pond attracts a green heron that builds a well-hidden nest in a nearby tree.

We understand that birds don't really need to be fed in the summer months, but we feed them because of the joy we feel at watching them. Peg Moulton, like many of us, puts out homemade nectar (1/4 cup sugar dissolved in 1 cup water). She adds a warning: change the nectar every few days to prevent possible sickness in hummingbirds.

Jim McLin takes a relaxed approach to welcoming birds. He says his yard is a bit like a small jungle, so both birds and squirrels are drawn to it.

Karen Unger shares the story of her friendship with a cardinal she named Red. When she hears his call, she opens her back door, shakes her peanut jar, and tosses out a handful of peanuts. Red bites into one and takes it to his nearby mate, who takes it out of his beak. This friendship has been continuing for about a year.

■ To hear the story of how Leslie Dugan saved a baby bird, to learn how Mozart was inspired by a starling to write a musical work, to share your own birding stories, and to get valuable information on nurturing birds, join us for Fellowship Hour on August 18, as we celebrate all things birds!

~Carol Giesey



Sally Smith and Carol Giesey, front from left, and friends, enjoy seeing the wildlife on a pontoon ride on Lake Marburg.

Join EUCC team for Walk A Mile



Emmanuel will support the YWCA Hanover's Walk A Mile In Her Shoes fundraiser on Friday, August 9. The event supports free and confidential help for survivors of domestic violence through the YW's Safe Home program.

Walk A Mile asks men to literally walk one mile in women's high-heeled shoes, which is not an easy feat but it gets the community to talk about gender relations and raises awareness of men's sexual violence against women. Women are also welcome to walk in support and are encouraged to wear sneakers or other comfortable shoes.

The event will be held at Winebrenner Motor Services, 50 North Forney Ave., Hanover, with check-in at 5 pm and the walk at 6 pm, with a route to Center Square and back. An after-party will be held at 6:45 pm at Winebrenner's. The Church Growth committee will cover the costs for anyone who would like to participate. Learn more at www.ywcahanover.org.

EUCC Annual Yard Sale coming up

The Missions Committee is organizing a Yard Sale to be held in King Auditorium this fall. The event benefits two students in southeast Asia through the UCC's Child Sponsorship Program.



When: September 13 and 14. Hours will be 9 am-4 pm Friday; 9 am-1 pm Saturday.

Donations: We're looking for household items and other good stuff from your attic, garage and basement. (No TVs, computers, electronics, clothing or books, please.) Do not bring items to the church until early September.

For questions, info or to volunteer: Contact Estelle King at 717-487-1906 or by email at estellebking@icloud.com.

Join - THE - Choirs!

All returning and new musicians are welcome to join the choirs!



- Thursday rehearsals begin Sept. 5 •

Emmanuel Ringers: 6-7 pm • Chancel Choir: 7-8:30 pm

For questions, contact Music Director Amy Kwon at 410-262-3031 or akskwon@yahoo.com

Events & Activities

Monthly Mindfulness

6 pm, August 4

Join Karen Jones every first Sunday for a free 45-minute Monthly Mindfulness



Drop-In session, now held in the 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.

Afternoon of Games

1:30-4 pm, August 1 and 15

Emmanuel's Games Group will host a farewell luncheon for long-time member Patti Vose, who is moving to Florida. You are invited to join us for a potluck lunch at 1 pm in King Auditorium, followed by games from 1:30-4:30 pm.

We will be at Genova's To Go, 1412 Baltimore Pike, Hanover (in the Weis Market shopping center). 1-4:30 pm on August 15.

Join us for Scrabble, cards, board games, snacks and fellowship. New players are always welcome! For info, call Carol Giesey at 717-632-2665.

Lunch Bunch

12 pm, Second Sundays

The group will gather for food and fellowship after worship on Aug. 11 at Plaza Azteca, 1080 Carlisle St., Hanover. RSVP to Sandy Rebert, 717-586-2136.

Compassionate Crafters

1-4 pm Mondays

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

CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Consistory did not meet in July

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Growth Committee — July 9

Upcoming events

- Pride Fest 6/29 at Moul Field: Rev Ken was pleased with how many people approached the booth and took our information. He would like to improve our booth. Charlotte has purchased some new materials for SnackTown. Alec will look into cost of printed booth. EUCC and St. Matthew's were the churches this year.
- Snack Town 7/13 downtown: Lots of people have signed up to help! Alec/Megan will tear down. Diversity Alliance asked to place an A frame with their materials at the side of our tent and then be placed in our storage. Committee is ok with this.
- YWCA Walk a Mile in Her Shoes 8/9, 5-8pm at Weinbrenner Motors, 50 N. Forney Ave.: Will have Mission Moments July 14 and 28 to provide information to the Congregation.
- Hanover Diversity Fair 9/28, 11am-5pm Wirt Park: Will have a Mission Moment to provide information to the Congregation.

Stewardship Committee — July

- The theme this year is "Imagine Together."
- We are working on our goals for this year. Last year's goal was to increase pledges from 43 to 50; have 50% of our pledgers use electronic banking; and have a 10% increase in median pledging. Brian is getting figures for last year.
- On Sunday 9/22 and 9/29 at 5:30 pm, we shall host a potluck supper for fellowship and education. Rev. Ken will present education on stewardship and will have two other topics as well. The presentations will be different although similar. Folks are encouraged to join the fellowship both weeks!
- Four inserts will be placed in the bulletin for the four weeks preceding Commitment Sunday. Topics: Healing, a world made whole, enough at every table, and a sense of wonder.
- Commitment Sunday is November 10. We will present a narrative budget around four topics over several weeks during the service. Rev. Ken and Brian will start working on this.
- After the service on Nov. 10, our committee will host a thank you and celebratory catered luncheon.

Worship & Music Committee — July 2

- The schedule of August services includes Communion on August. 7 and the Outdoor Service on Aug. 25. The Outdoor Service will be held at the

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PRIDE FEST
 Rev. Ken and Charlotte are shown E.U.C.C.'s booth at Pride Fest, held June 29 at Moul Field in Hanover. ~Photo by Jean Gralley

Used stamps benefit Cross Keys

The Stamp Group at Cross Keys Village raises money through the sale of cancelled stamps. A group of volunteers meet to sort envelopes and prepare stamps to be shipped and sold to a wholesaler.

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

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

Current recycling efforts



E.U.C.C.'s recycling efforts are part of the United Church of Christ's commitment to environmental stewardship. Call the church office at 717-632-8281 for information.

Here are the things you can contribute in the Missions area in King Auditorium:

- **Cancelled stamps:** To benefit Cross Keys.
- **Aluminum can pull-tabs:** To benefit programs at Homewood.
- **Aluminum cans, bi-metal cans, glass and plastics #1, 2 & 5:** Recycle in the kitchen.

Contact the Missions Committee with any ideas for additional environmental initiatives.

Committee Highlights, continued from Page 4

- Gitt Library, Abbottstown Pike, Route 194, and will include a Fellowship Hour.
- Future services include Communion on Sept. 1 and Rally Day on Sept. 8 when services will return to the sanctuary. A Membership Appreciation Fellowship is planned for Sept. 8. A dedication of the McLin Piano is planned for Sept. 29 following a restoration.
- Music Director Amy Kwon will be seeking prices on repairs and tuning of the handbells and is working on the Concert Series.
- Rev. Ken announced he will be seeking members to organize and conduct a Laity Sunday with a tentative date of Oct. 20.

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This text interests me because I believe that this passage takes two avenues. The first is that we all need to rest. Rest allows us to be refreshed and be able to do our work more effectively. The second avenue that is simultaneously taken in this passage tells us as Christians that even if we feel the need to rest, if someone is in need of prayer, or hearing the Gospel, we are to honor their request and show them compassion. It is truly a balancing act for all Christians whether you are a minister or you are a lay person. And sometimes as a minister I find that my individual healing takes place when I am called to reach out to someone who is in need. Something happens in the time that I spend with the person and the time when I return home. There is an unexplained spiritual healing that rejuvenates my tired and weary bones.

So now I have this place that I call sacred in the form of a little greenhouse. Although I know that there is healing in sinking my hands into the rich soil and seeing the plants grow into abundance, I also know that when there is a need for the Gospel to be shared, that I am to mirror the actions of Jesus Christ and to go into the world and spread the seeds of the Gospel just like I spread the seeds in my greenhouse. In both cases, it is a spiritual blessing.

Peace, *Ronnette*
 Rev. Dr. Ronnette Comfort-Butler
 Penn Central Conference

Thank You

Thank you from Homewood...

Dear Friends,

Thank you for choosing to be part of the 2024 Homewood Golf Classic Tournament. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to host this event, which will provide funding for benevolent care at all of our campuses.

Benevolent care provides peace of mind for residents who, despite careful planning and through no fault of their own, find themselves in need of support to continue calling Homewood home. Because of your kindness, the fear of an uncertain future is replaced with the comforting reality of stability, community and belonging. We are grateful for your support.

April Collins, Director of Development
Homewood Retirement Centers

The Missions Committee sponsored a tee for \$250 to benefit benevolent care at Plum Creek.

Homewood golf tourney

Thursday, September 19

The Homewood Golf Classic fundraiser will be held at Musket Ridge Golf Club in Myersville, Md., with an 18-hole shotgun start at 1 pm. For info or to register, visit homewood.com/golf.

Thank you from GMB...

Thank you for your support. We could not provide without your help!

Tom Imler, Managing Director, God's Meal Barrel
The Missions Committee gave \$1,000 to God's Meal Barrel on Mission Sunday in June.

Support God's Meal Barrel

This local nonprofit food bank, at 240 Fredrick St., Hanover, served 486 families in the first quarter of this year. Your donations of pantry items and personal hygiene products are accepted from 10 am to 12 pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and first Saturdays (parking is available in the rear).

To learn more or make a monetary contribution, visit online at www.godsmealbarrel.org.

Bingo prizes wanted



The Homewood at Plum Creek Auxiliary is seeking prizes for Bingo, which is held twice a week for Skilled Care and Personal Care residents. Please donate new, non-perishable prizes such as these:

- Word Search Puzzle Books (circle a word)
- Costume jewelry
- Over the head beaded necklaces and bracelets
- Dove soap bars
- Small hand sanitizers
- Small hand lotions
- Decorative scarves
- Small soft stuffed animals (like a Beanie Baby)
- Window clings (peel & stick)
- Small holiday trinkets (all seasons)
- Variety of greeting cards to send to family

Place in the Bingo Prizes basket in King Auditorium. For more information, see Peg Moulton or call her at 443-904-0234.

Hanover Area Council of Churches

Special Needs for August

PAL LUNCH: Canned vegetables, scalloped potatoes; oil, olive oil, cooking spray; sugar; gallon and sandwich Ziplock bags; grocery/shopping bags.

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER (*Please mark for the shelter*): Hygiene and toiletry products (shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash), Clorox wipes, kitchen trash bags, Ziploc bags (sandwich and gallon sizes), razors, toothbrushes.

HEAVENLY CLOTHING STORE: Men's jeans sizes 30-34; shoes/sneakers (all sizes); 13-gallon trash bags; grocery/shopping/reusable bags; snack baggies; dryer sheets, laundry detergent.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS: Handkerchiefs, sugar-free candy & snacks, hand-held fans, no-slip socks, journal books.

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 through Saturday, 8:30 am-12:30 pm.
Call 717-633-6353 to schedule a drop-off.

Learn more online at
hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

- 1—Judy Morris
- 2—Michael Bair
- 5—Julia Greth, Kiem LeGrant
- 7—Todd Sheaffer
- 11—Bob Baum
- 12—Mary Bair
- 16—Dot Thormaehlen, Kathleen Sterner
- 18—Jane Frock
- 21—Chuck Bauer
- 22—Autumn McIlvain
- 23—Craig Powell
- 25—Jessica LeGrant
- 28—Sally Smith
- 31—Kristen Gessner

Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out

Terri Alcott (Care South)
Barbara Coledge
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Ed & AnnaMae Frederick
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Becci Little
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Doris Unger (Room 214A)
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► Have some news?

Change of address?
 New email? Let us know!
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August 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 July	29	30 PAL Lunch at HACC, 9 am-1 pm 4 pm—Worship & Music Committee	31	1 1:30-4 pm— Afternoon of Games in King Auditorium	2	3
4 10 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion in King Auditorium 6 pm—Mindfulness in King Auditorium	5 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	6	7 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	8 7 pm—Property Committee meeting	9	10
11 10 am—Worship in King Auditorium with Pastor Dot 12pm—Lunch Bunch	12 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	13 12-Church Growth Zoom	14 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open 1 pm—Missions Committee meeting	15 1:30-4 pm— Afternoon of Games @Genova's To Go	16	17
18 10 am—Worship in King Auditorium with Backpack Blessing	19 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm—Consistory	20	21 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	22	23	24
25 10 am—Outdoor Worship at the Gitt Memorial Library	26 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	27	28 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	29	30	31

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F.Y.I.

■ **Outdoor Worship**

Our annual Outdoor Worship service will be held at 10 am Sunday, August 25, on the lawn at the Gitt Memorial Library, 2029 Broadway (Route 194 N), Hanover. A potluck Fellowship Hour will follow. Please bring continental breakfast items such as pastries, donuts, muffins, fruit and juice. Sign up on the blue clipboard or call the church office. Don't forget your lawn chairs!



• Our church is an OPEN AND AFFIRMING congregation •