

Emmanuel Life

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Calendar

Sundays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

9 pm—Adult Sunday School by Zoom

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

Thursdays, November 5, 12, and 19

6 pm—Hand Bell Rehearsals

Sunday, November 8

10:30 am—Stewardship Sunday

Thursday, November 26

Happy Thanksgiving!

Christmas Decorating

► **SAVE THE DATE: November 23**

The Fellowship Committee will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas at 9 am Monday, Nov. 23. Anybody who would like to help is welcome! For info, contact Mary Bair at 717-870-5597 or mary.bair12@gmail.com.

A Stewardship Message from the UCC

Our Calling: Three Great Loves

By the Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer

General Minister and President, United Church of Christ

“**Three Great Loves**,” a shared initiative of United Church of Christ congregations, conferences, and the national setting, engages all of us in faith-inspired work for a more just world. Together, we change lives.

This initiative reflects the deep purpose, mission, and vision of our Christian movement.

Our purpose arises from Jesus’ greatest commandment: we will love the Lord our God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength; and our neighbor as ourselves.

Every congregation names its mission slightly differently, but as I travel around the country, I find our congregations living out their purpose through a missional commitment to love, welcome, and justice. Spoken in different ways, we share a common mission: united by the Holy Spirit and inspired by God’s grace, we love all, welcome all, and seek justice for all.

Our mission as the United Church of Christ points towards a shared vision: a just world for all.

Many of us came to the United Church of Christ because of this sense of purpose, mission, and vision. But we need to ensure we do more than speak words. We make our commitment real by embracing **Three Great Loves**:

The love of Neighbor, love of Children, and love of Creation.

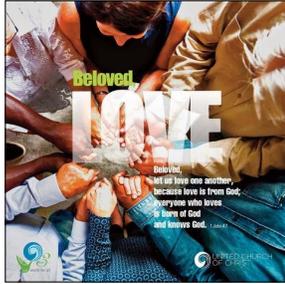
Over the next few weeks, leaders in your congregation will share stories of the ways your congregation and our wider movement live out these **Three Great Loves**. And then, you will be asked to make a commitment of financial support to the work of your local congregation and the wider United Church of Christ.

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November 8 is Stewardship Sunday

2020 Stewardship

The church's call for faithful financial stewardship looks at the UCC's Three Great Loves — Love of Neighbor, Love of Children and Love of Creation — and how we are stewards of God's call to love.



Information has been mailed and pledge cards will be arriving soon. You are asked to prayerfully consider how you will respond to the invitation to share what God has provided for you in the ongoing mission of our church.

A speaker will give the final Stewardship Moment on November 1. Watch the bulletins for reflections on stewardship and more details. Pledges will be consecrated during worship on November 8, Stewardship Sunday.

Consider Electronic Giving

Did you know that nearly 20 percent of EUCC givers made electronic donations this year?

Electronic giving through our website is secure and convenient.



You can make a one-time donation or schedule offerings in weekly, semi-monthly or monthly installments. Pay directly from a bank account or by credit card.

Visit www.emmanuelucc.org, find the Giving tab and click on DONATE NOW. Set up recurring donations and manage your giving here.

But you don't have to "be online" to give electronically. Just complete an Electronic Giving Authorization Form and return it to the church office.

For technical assistance, questions or more information, contact Maria in the church office at 717-632-8281 or office@eucchanover.org.

Share Holiday Cheer

Harvest Home collection

This year EUCC's Harvest Home collection will benefit both New Hope Ministries' food pantry and the Hanover Area Council of Church's PAL Lunch program.

Please bring canned and packaged items to church or the office now through November 22, which is Harvest Home Sunday. We will place them on the altar along with fall decorations, and deliver them before Thanksgiving. Suggested items:

PAL Lunch: Canned white or sweet potatoes, canned green beans, canned tuna and chicken, Italian dressing, boxes of stuffing and scalloped potatoes. #10 restaurant-sized cans are preferred, but all sizes are welcome.

New Hope: Cans of vegetables, fruits, soup, spaghetti and pasta, and toilet paper. Regular-sized cans are preferred.

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. Unwrapped items will be accepted through Dec. 7. Drop off items at 135 Baltimore Steet, Hanover, 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday.

Save the Date: Feed a Friend

The radio giving marathon to benefit New Hope will be December 10-11.

Hoffman Homes Holiday Gift Program

Emmanuel will again participate in the Hoffman Homes for Youth Holiday Gift Program. There are 15 gift tags each with the name of a child and their wish list. Gifts should be under \$40. Make your purchases and attach the tag to the unwrapped gift. The deadline to return gifts is November 30. To participate, call Estelle King at 717-487-1906.

► Help spread holiday cheer by volunteering to wrap gifts at Hoffman Homes Dec. 7-11. Contact Alicia Stanley at 717-359-7148, ext. 4500, to sign up.

Music

A Message from the Music Department

Tech support extraordinaire!

Hi, Folks!

The music department has been extremely busy, with hours upon hours of recording, processing videos, preparing PowerPoints for projection during in person and online worship. At the same time, we have been resuming rehearsals with Emmanuel Ringers, Emmanuel Jam and other small groups with our sights on the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season!

I would like to publicly recognize the amazing (although largely unseen) work of our choir director, Jamie Brown, who, as well as contributing special music on flute, has continually supported all of the processes involved in the transition from recording services, to Zoom, to live streaming. Jamie has developed into an excellent video director and sound tech for all of our live streamed services. Yes, she is the one who switches all the camera shots angles and transitions, runs the soundboard throughout our services and all the while, cueing participants in the service when to start speaking. Quite a coordinated young lady!

It is our hope to continue to expand music group involvement in services while following our safety protocols for the protection of all.

Until next time, stay safe and stay tuned in to our live streamed services if you can't make it to church in person!

~Don Horneff

Emmanuel's Music Program

Emmanuel has a diversified music program with opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and musical interests.



Groups include Chancel Choir, Women's Choir, Voce a cappella Choir, Emmanuel Ringers, Emmanuel Jam praise band, Children's Ring & Sing, and opportunities to provide Special Music.

If interested, see Don Horneff or Jamie Brown at church, or contact Don at 717-634-5122 or donaldhorneff@gmail.com.

Homewood Auxiliary membership drive

Your Homewood Auxiliary membership supports supplemental funding for extra projects, outings and supplies, as well as volunteer care, for the residents of Homewood Retirement Centers.

Funds from Auxiliary memberships have provided such items as specialty wheelchairs, weighted blankets, a color printer, common kitchen equipment, Bluetooth headphones, smart TVs for lounge areas, and more.

The theme this year is "Home isn't where you're from, it's where you find light."

By now, most current Auxiliary members received information in the mail and can use those materials to renew. You can also complete the form and return with your payment to church in the offering, by mail or drop off at the office by Dec. 18. Dues are \$3 per person, \$5 per couple, by cash or check. Make checks payable to Emmanuel UCC with "Homewood Auxiliary" in the memo.

2020 has been a difficult year for Auxiliary programs and fundraising activities. The annual tea and golf tournament were both cancelled, so future projects depend on the membership drive. Additional contributions are encouraged and appreciated.

For info, contact Peg Moulton at 717-633-6580 or peggym2@comcast.net.

Home isn't where you're from,
it's where you find light.



Find your light
with the Homewood Auxiliary.

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We believe an entire Christian movement that is willing to engage in an extended time of mission to serve these "Three Great Loves" can change the world. We know that your part in this mission matters – no matter where you are located or how large or small your community.

Friends, the world needs our great love. Together, our love for the world can transform it.

Thank You

2020 Mission Committee Annual Yard Sale

Thank you for your support!

During our Covid-19 season of uncertainty, many supporters in varied ways shared their time and their resources for the good of our mission... to provide small financial gifts toward education, shelter and emergencies in and outside our congregation. Thank you.

Our three-day event raised \$2,154.04.

Some of the many Friends of Emmanuel who helped include: Jody Adelsperger, Donna Bair, Lisa Moore & Fred, Judy Morris, Carol & Ron Giesey, Cheryl & Mike Fritz, Jamie Brown, Alec Sivel, Joyce O'Donnell & family, Vicky and Pete Robinson, Linda McKonly, Janet Bamford, Mary Bair, Cindy Smith, Pam Cashman, Karen Huston, Sandra Rosensteel, Myron Bird, Katie Dempsey, Suzanne Bourdess, Terry Berkeley, Larry Dubs, Fran Hutton and Cecilia Alandete, Maria Shea, and Greg Garman.

Our God is a Good God.

~Estelle King

Missions Committee Co-Chair and Yard Sale Coordinator

► **PAL Lunch**

Many thanks to the group from Emmanuel who volunteered September 29 to prepare, serve and clean up a meal of chicken, rice and green beans for the Hanover Area Council of Churches' PAL Lunch ministry.



The next volunteer day is Tuesday, December 29.

~ By the Numbers ~

80~Number of visitors served, approximately

32~Meals on Wheels prepared

11~Residents of the Changing Lives shelter served

11~Volunteers: Reverend Seiler, Jody Adelsperger, Bob Baum, Barbara Bachman, Lisa Moore, Carol Giesey, Mary Bair, Cindy Smith, Joyce O'Donnell, Glenn Meyers and Estelle King.

► **Neighbors in Need**

Thank you to all who contributed to the UCC offering which supports justice issues. Members and friends gave \$470, which was matched two times by the Missions Committee for a total offering of \$1,410.



The annual Yard Sale, held Oct. 1-3, benefits two children through the UCC Child Sponsorship Program, HACC and the Pastor's Care Fund.

Events and Activities

All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 1, 10:30 am

Emmanuel will remember loved ones with a photo display at worship.

Gettysburg Association meeting

Sunday, November 15, 2 pm

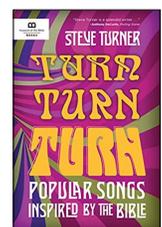
The Gettysburg Association will hold its fall meeting by Zoom for pastors and lay leaders. For info, call 717-359-4019 or email gapccucc@gmail.com by Nov. 8.

Adult Learning Hour

9 am Sundays

The Adult Sunday School Class meets by Zoom for a study of "Turn, Turn, Turn: Popular Songs Inspired by the Bible."

For info, contact Brian at brianfrederick44@gmail.com.



Postponed/Rescheduled

Afternoon of Games: Players will go on a hiatus for now and re-evaluate after the new year. For info, call Carol Giesey at 717-632-2665.

CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Consistory Minutes – September 21, 2020

- Treasurer's Report: Brian Frederick noted that the draft budget for 2021 will be discussed at next meeting and all committee chairs will receive their 2020 YTD statements.
- Pastor's Report: Rev. Seiler presented a detailed report of his September duties through the 20th. Discussion on Book Club and Blue Christmas.
- Start to partially open in-person services for more than 25 people: Brian Frederick made a motion to increase in-house participation up to 60 with no longer needing to make a reservation to start on October 4. Social distancing and masking still in effect. Chuck seconded. No objections.
- Donation Request: A motion was approved to donate \$200 to the Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue.
- Laptop for meetings/audio upgrades: Due to the shortage of Chromebooks, Maria and Brian Shea have loaned EUCC a Chromebook for long-term use.
- The Salvation Army lease is up at the end of September. Cheryl made a motion to renew the lease and Chuck seconded it.
- Discussion on how we will handle Congregational meetings this year to approve the budget and new Consistory members. We likely will need to utilize absentee ballots. More discussion on this later.
- Reverend Seiler will look into getting Rev. Carrie Call into our church to preach on a Sunday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education — October 19

- The Adult Sunday School class is meeting by Zoom for study of "Turn, Turn, Turn" by Steve Turner.
- Children's Sunday School is not being held, but we are having a Children's Message each week.
- Cheryl mailed about two months' worth of children's bulletins to Sunday School participants and enclosed a letter inviting families to come worship in person or to join us virtually.
- There will not be a Children's Christmas Service this year due to the pandemic.

Church Growth Committee — October 13

- Charlotte participated in a UCC webinar on Sept. 16 and shared some helpful hints regarding worship during this "new normal" including technical aspects, content, analytics and more.
- Welcome Packet trifold update: Charlotte and Jean shared their updated 'Covid' version of the Welcome trifold with the committee and will provide print outs for Consistory to review during its Oct. 19 meeting.
- Outreach in the age of Covid: Discussion included prospective member outreach and followup; contract tracing; pew cards; and advertising.

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Jess Beavers, Andy Crone, Tom Daryman,
Cheryl Fritz, Susan Hoke, Laura Kemp,
Judy Morris, Chuck Siegel

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Caring	TBD
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Church Growth	Alec Sivel 717-451-3450
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Worship and Music	Brian Frederick 717-451-3977

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Missions Committee — October 14

- Peg Moulton reported on Homewood events, recycling efforts and the Auxiliary membership drive.
- We agreed to send \$200 to the Hoffman Homes fundraising gala, to be held online on Nov. 6
- We will participate again in the holiday gift tag program at Hoffman Homes. Gifts are due in the office by Nov. 30. Contact Estelle. We also have the opportunity to wrap the gifts Dec. 7-11. Contact Alicia Stanley at Hoffman Homes.
- Emmanuel's next volunteer time for PAL Lunch at HACC is Dec. 29 with boxed lunches and two-hour shifts. Contact Estelle.
- New Hope Ministries is again offering the "Christmas Blessings Express" for struggling families. Deliver unwrapped gifts directly to New Hope by Dec. 7.
- The Feed-A-Friend Marathon, a major source of grocery items for New Hope's community food bank, is scheduled for Dec. 10 and 11. We encourage our members to tune in to the local radio stations to phone in donations.
- Many thanks to Estelle for hosting our yard sale. Proceeds totaled \$2,154.04. \$780 will cover the cost of sponsoring our two children in India and the Philippines. \$1,000 will go to HACC, and the remaining \$374 will go to the Pastor's Fund.
- Our congregation donated \$470 to Neighbors in Need. Missions will add \$940 for a total of \$1,410.
- Harvest Home: We encourage members to bring in grocery items to benefit the New Hope food bank and HACC's PAL Lunch. Bring items to the sanctuary on Sunday or to the office till Nov. 22.
- We agreed to donate \$500 to God's Meal Barrel, a longtime source of support to needy families in the area. They currently serve 824 families by providing groceries, school supplies, holiday meals and Christmas toys for children.
- We sent a group card, several individual cards and the September E-Life to Phurbu, our sponsored child in India, for her 8th birthday.

Property and Safety Committee — October 19

- The committee has been unable to meet due to a lack of Zoom capabilities and other issues.
- Painting of the sanctuary trim will commence soon. The screens covering the louvered openings in the towers will be inspected for repair and repainting or replacement will happen, but probably not in time to reinstall them while the painter has the rental lift available.
- The repaving and sealing of the parking lot is complete. There have been some questions about why diagonal parking lines were not used.

- Because of regulations governing the size of spaces, the layout as it is now gives us the maximum number of spaces for the size of the lot.
- An inspection of the entire heating system is upcoming. A question about the use of HEPA filters was posed by a member of the congregation. HEPA filters can only be used on a forced air system. We have a convoluted combination of radiant heat (from our noisy radiators) and forced air. The sanctuary, auditorium and the lower level are heated by the boiler, which produces radiant heat. The offices and chapel, as well as the upper floor classroom, nursery and restrooms, are heated by forced air. Free-standing air filtration units are available, but the size and number of them is based on cubic feet of the room. It would take about 70 of them to filter the sanctuary. The HVAC company is getting more information about filters for the forced air part of the system.
 - A question arose about using an electronic sign on the office building to replace the one that is there now. The current one must be changed by hand. The major obstacle now is the difficulty in getting electrical wiring to that location and would require running a conduit on the exterior walls. That has been the delay in putting a light over or beside the office doors, too. Research is ongoing.
 - The Borough of Hanover removed the loose utility pole from the cemetery – you'll recall that it was leaning against our fence, completely detached at the bottom. After contacting the Borough, it was decided that it presented enough of a hazard that they would remove it. We're grateful.
 - There are numerous improvement projects that will be scheduled as money is available. The problem with scheduling too many is that we always seem to have an urgent need with heating, air conditioning, roofing or water infiltration that takes precedence. I assure you that we're chipping away at the less urgent, but necessary, tasks. Thank you for the support of the Consistory and the congregation as we work to keep our facilities as sound and beautiful as they have been for the history of the buildings.

Search & Call Committee — October 14

- Committee agreed to change the meeting time to 3-4:30 pm on second and fourth Wednesdays.
- Mailing of the Questionnaire and letter will be this week with November 8 the response deadline.
- Considered various issues: updating profile information including compensation; 'Who is our Neighbor'; educational programs; community vision; emerging needs; church strengths and weaknesses; and the need for a Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

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Stewardship Committee — October 5

- 2020 Budget was discussed and request was increased from \$150 to \$250 because next year we shall hopefully be post-Covid and operating openly so that we can increase our campaign.
- Discussed logistics for this year's campaign.
- Letters will be mailed to the congregation introducing our the campaign, "Three Great Loves," on October 12 and two weeks prior to Pledge Sunday on November 8. This is earlier than usual and included will be a self-addressed, stamped return envelope to encourage everyone to return their pledges.
- Speakers this year will be Jess Beavers, Kristen Gessner and Dwight Dubs.

Worship & Music Committee — October 6

- Under new Covid 19 guidelines up to 60 worshipers will be allowed to attend church services. Brian Frederick expressed the need for additional safety precautions saying "Times are different, we just need time to adapt."
- There is a need to limited the number of people who using the lectern during the service. Special

announcements will be made only by the designated person speaking from the lectern. Requests for special announcements should be made in advance to the church office.

- A discussion on the livestreaming included: Weekly set-up process, use of a lavalier microphone for the pastor, trend in the number of viewers, moving special music back to the middle of the service, the resumption of the Bell Choir and recording of Stewardship messages.
- The possibility of hiring a tech operator in order to provide continuing online service will be referred to Consistory.
- Staff is considering how the annual Community Carol Sing and the Christmas Eve service will be handled during the current Covid-19 restrictions.
- Committee was asked to consider their recommendation and needs to be included in the 2021 budget.
- Don Horneff announced that Michael Britt has offered to provide an organ concert with silent movie when situations improve.
- Rev. Seiler reported the Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Penn Central Conference minister, has offered to visit and preach on Sunday, Jan. 10.

Grocery Card and Gift Cards for the holidays



Consider making your Christmas and holiday gift card purchases through EUCC! Your purchase through Emmanuel helps support the church, which receives a percentage of all gift cards sold. Grocery gift cards for Giant Food Stores and Weis Markets are also available in the church office.

An order form with featured retailers and restaurants can be found on the next page, at www.emmanuelucc.org or in the church office. If the card you want is not on the order form, visit ShopWithScrip.com to see if it is available or contact Mary Bair at 717-632-8281 or mary.bair12@gmail.com. Orders are typically delivered in a week. For information, contact Mary or the church office at office@eucchanover.org.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

- 1—Lisa Pratt
- 2—Andrew Giesey
- 5—Nathan Kemp, Allesyn Crone
- 7—Ed O'Donnell V
- 12—Carole Zinn, Mitchell Groft
- 13—Gina DeLorenzo
- 15—Jeanne Bowers, Henry McLin, Gail Holm
- 17—Don Horneff, JJ Dugan, Joceyln Bond
- 18—Nancy Daniel
- 20—Rev. Peter Seiler Jr.
- 20—Laura Kemp
- 22—Thomas Whisenand
- 25—Burnell Little, Suzanne Bourdess
- 28—Dwight Dubs
- 29—Steve McKonly
- 30—Khanyi Chiliza

Christmas Poinsettias & Pastor's Care Fund



To purchase flowers to decorate the sanctuary at Christmas, please complete this form and return to the church office or drop in the offering plate.

_____ Poinsettias at \$12 each \$ _____

Flower total \$ _____

Pastor's Fund Offering \$ _____

Your Name _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

In Appreciation for _____

The flower order deadline is December 1. Make checks payable to Emmanuel UCC. If needed, call the office at 717-632-8281 to reserve flowers and then bring in or send a payment. Donations to the Pastor's Care Fund are welcome at any time.

Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out

Terri Alcott (Care South)
Pat Sheaffer (Creekside #1112)
Janet Starr (Care Central #201)
Ginny Stieglitz (Terrace)

Elinor Williams
 Homewood, 425 Westminster Avenue,
 Hanover, PA 17331

Merle & Margaret Forney (Apt 118)
 610 Harmony Drive, New Oxford, PA 17350

Audrey Fuhrman
 Fair Havens Assisted Living
 3101 Grandview Road, Hanover PA 17331

Ross Sipe
 600 W. Hanover Street, 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 Franklin Williams, who died September 29 at age 88. He was the husband of Elinor Williams.
- The family of Joanne Frock, who died October 8 at age 81. She was the husband of J. Daniel Frock.
- The family of Dot Fritz, who died October 13 at age 92. She was the mother of Mike Fritz.

Congratulations!

IT'S A GIRL! Andy Crone reports the birth of his eighth grandchild: Nora Henley-Rose Fowble, born October 21, 2020.



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Stewardship campaign underway

YOUR GIVING SUPPORTS...

Of course, your generosity makes weekly services possible, keeps the lights on and helps maintain our historic property. Emmanuel also supports efforts in our community and contributes to the national UCC for the church's wider mission.

- Read a stewardship message from UCC General Minister and President the Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer ~See page 1
- Stewardship Sunday is November 8 ~See page 2
- Have you considered electronic giving? ~See page 2

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