



# Emmanuel Life

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June 2020

### From the Consistory President...

Dear Members & Friends of Emmanuel,

Blessings to each of you in the name of the risen Christ.

I pray that you all are safe and well. I hope that you are enjoying the online worship services that we have been experiencing. We are blessed to have talented people who can put those services together for us. As nice as it is, I am still looking forward to when we can all meet in-person again in our beautiful sanctuary.

Here's a bit of an update on where we are: We have implemented a Task Force which will look into all aspects needed to reopen our church. We want to make sure that everyone is safe and comfortable to return to live services. It is likely that we will not reopen until the time York County reaches the "green phase" as directed by Gov. Wolf. We are also looking into recording or live streaming our worship services when we are in-person, so that if you do not feel comfortable coming into the sanctuary, you will still be able to participate from home. More details on that later as plans develop.

We continue our search for an Intentional Interim Pastor. We have actually offered the position to a pastor, but her plans are still unclear at this point. We should know more in a few weeks. We have reviewed two other profiles as we are looking at other options in the event that this offer does not work out. The Consistory is in the process of creating our Search Committee so that we can get started on our profile. I will share more information on this as I have it.

I know that our current situation is hard for all of us as we feel so isolated from each other. I want you to know that we are here for you. Maria is in the office during regular office hours. You are welcome to call me anytime you have questions or concerns, or just want to talk. To use some words from Rev. Carrie Call, Conference Minister : "We will never go back to where we were, but we will move forward." Remember, God has His own timeframe. Trust Him to get us through this until we can meet again in person.

Blessings,  
Lisa Moore

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Emmanuel to remain closed through June 30

Worship continues online

• *See Page 2 for details* •



# Closure extends through June 30

Emmanuel will remain closed through June to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and for the health and safety of the congregation and the community.

Worship will be online, activities are postponed, and while the office is closed, staff continue to work.

A Task Force of leaders has been formed and is working on a plan for reopening, considering all aspects of welcoming members and friends back to church life.

## Virtual Worship

Through June we will be recording virtual worship services with the Rev. Dorothy Thormaehlen, who will offer a communion service on June 7. Services include prayers, scripture readings and a message along with music from Don Horneff.

Look for links at [www.emmanuelucc.org](http://www.emmanuelucc.org), on our Facebook page each Sunday, or by email. Subscribe to our daily emails by request at [office@eucchanover.org](mailto:office@eucchanover.org).

## June Offering

**Strengthen the Church** is a UCC offering to support struggling churches and to help develop new churches, in the U.S. and worldwide.



Funds allow the UCC to fulfill its commitment to create a just world for all by investing in new ministries and meeting the needs of local communities. A donation envelope is provided in this newsletter. Please make checks payable to EUCC and indicate 'Strengthen the Church' in the memo. Donations will be accepted by mail or drop-off at the church office through June 28. ~*The Missions Committee*



D.E. Wildasin workers guide one of the new units to its base on the annex roof.

## New heating and cooling units installed

D.E. Wildasin & Son Plumbing & Heating of Hanover installed five new heating and cooling units on the roof of the Frock Annex the week of May 11.

New thermostats were installed as well for areas that include Bowers Chapel, the nursery, upstairs and downstairs hallways, and the Sunday school room. The cost of the work was \$37,813.

While only one of the old units needed a major repair, and had already been repaired once this year, all of the units dated from the construction of the annex. Property & Safety Chair Linda McKonly reported that the original units were not of the highest quality and she would have expected them all to fail before too long.

A large part of the decision to replace all of the units at the same time was the cost of renting the crane, since the cost to rent the crane once was an advantage over paying \$500 for the crane as each unit failed.

# Thank You

*The Missions Committee decided to make its annual Missions Sunday donations of \$2,000 each to the Hanover Area Council of Churches, Hoffman Homes for Youth and New Hope Ministries in April. The timing was two months earlier than usual and the agencies will be invited to share details of their ministries during worship on a future date.*

May 4, 2020

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation to New Hope - we are so very thankful for your gift, especially during this current health crisis we are experiencing. Our development team is working remotely right now. Once we are in the office again, we will get an official thank you letter in the mail to you.

In the meantime, because of faithful churches like yours stepping up and making a donation, we are able to continue serving our community in such a time as this. We are open and providing food in a safe manner to people who need it now more than ever. Thank you for walking alongside us to serve our neighbors in need!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me directly. And you can always find updated information about New Hope on our website, and on our Facebook Page.

Blessings and good health to you!

*Molly Helmstetter*

Director of Development, New Hope Ministries

## ► From HACC

*Carol Hinkle, Executive Director, sent a thank you note and wrote in part, "I pray God will bless you as you have blessed us so greatly! Thank you so very much, dear friends."*

## ► From Hoffman Homes

*Alicia Stanley, VP of Marketing & Development, wrote in part, "You're so kind! Your gift made our day! Together with your amazing support, we continue to help children in our community." She went on to describe one of the students who has benefitted from a stay at Hoffman Homes:*

Abby (not her real name) was 13 when she was admitted. She was a victim of physical and sexual abuse and had a history of destructive behavior and anxiety. Hoffman Homes therapists utilized trauma focused cognitive behavior therapy. She was supported in the program by her mother and often went home for therapeutic leave. As treatment progressed, she was able to take responsibility for her actions, develop coping skills and positive relationships. After nine months of treatment, she successfully returned home to her mother.

## Settling in to a new home

To my EUCC friends:

This is not a good bye as I will try to come back for services on occasion and continue my membership. My move to SpiriTrust Lutheran Village on Sprenkle Drive York is scheduled for May 15. There have been delays due to the Covid pandemic and I will be under quarantine for the first 2 weeks. The address is **1808 Folkemer Circle, York PA 17404**. By the time you read this I will hopefully be settled in.

Dave and I moved to Hanover in 1991 and I visited Emmanuel in 1995 at the invitation of Sandy Rebert and Franklin Williams. Jo Becker and others made me feel so welcome that I joined and have stayed for 25 years. You at Emmanuel have become my "faith family" and I cherish the friendships I've made over the years. I want to thank you especially for your kindness and support when Dave passed away in February... Pastor Russ, Don, Maria, Larry and Sandy, plus the ladies from the Caring Committee, and all those who sent cards and condolences.

*Madge Armstrong*



► Moved? Need to update your info? To make a change, add your cell phone or provide your email address, contact the office at 717-632-8281, [office@eucchanover.org](mailto:office@eucchanover.org) or drop a note in the mail.

# Music

## A Message from the Music Department

Time goes by so quickly. Time goes by so slowly. Remember when you couldn't fit everything in and didn't have enough time to do it all? Now that you have time, remember all the good things in life and take the time now to enjoy life's gifts and joys! TIME.....what a marvelous invention!

Jamie and I have been prepping and planning for the possibilities of what might come to pass in the time ahead in relation to Music at Emmanuel. The possibility that Chancel Choir, Emmanuel Ringers, Emmanuel Jam, Women's Choir, Voce a cappella, Children's Ring and Sing, and special music rehearsals and performances may take on a very different format and presentation in the coming weeks and months.

Until church leadership has decided our reopening procedure along with maintaining and respecting PCC and state guidelines, our plan for music is to continue as we are. We are asking anyone who would be interested in providing special music during the summer, as we have in the past, to contact Jamie to discuss possibilities. She will be sending sign up info shortly via email to choir members, but anyone who is interested is welcome to participate. Right now we will be recording special music while practicing social distancing.

The time ahead? An adventure with unlimited possibilities!

Peace in this time,  
Don

### Special Musicians Wanted

If you would like to provide special music during the summer, please reach out to  
Don or Jamie.



#### Contact Info

Don: [donaldhorneff@gmail.com](mailto:donaldhorneff@gmail.com), 410-848-3016  
Jamie: [jdhorneff@yahoo.com](mailto:jdhorneff@yahoo.com), 410-259-1825

### **Emmanuel's Music Program**

Emmanuel has a diversified music program with opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and musical interests. If interested, see Don Horneff or Jamie Brown at church, or contact Don at [donal dhorneff@gmail.com](mailto:donaldhorneff@gmail.com) or 717-634-5122.



#### **Join the choir...**

You'll Be Glad  
You Did!

#### **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: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 12-1 pm

Sings at worship on the 2nd Sunday

#### **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 & 2nd Sundays,  
9:15-9:45 am

Provides music for worship on 2nd Sundays

#### **Children's 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 – April 20, 2020**

- Approval of Minutes from March 30: Judy Morris moved to approve the minutes, Laura Kemp second, motion passed with no objections.
- Discussion with Intentional Interim candidate the Rev. Ruth Shaver in regards to her background, why she wants to help with our continued momentum in progression of EUCC.
- Debbie Teal resignation from Consistory. Brian Frederick made a motion to appoint Jess Beavers to take Debbie Teal's vacated place on Consistory. Judy Morris second, motion passed with no objections.
- February 2020 Treasurer's Report: Brian Frederick gave an explanation given of current state. Alec Sivel made motion to approve Treasurer's Report subject to audit, Cheryl Fritz second, motion passed.
- Property Committee sent recommendation for repair/replacement. Discussion on HVAC units concluded with Alec Sivel making motion for replacement of 5 units, price quote of \$37,813 with designated payment to contractor paid out of "Capital Expense." Chuck Siegel second, motion passed without objection.
- Church Growth: Consistory in favor of Alec to extend communications through handwritten materials with prospective members during this pandemic time. New name tags (different color) will be made for Consistory members in order to give prospective members visual clue as to who to seek out to ask questions or receive more information.
- COVID-19 update: Brian Frederick made motion to continue to close the church building to everyone except staff through next Consistory meeting that will be held on Monday, May 18, 2020. Laura Kemp second. Motion passed with no objection. Information will be put on the outside changeable letter board.
- Consistory Discussion of the Rev. Dr. Ruth Shaver ended with Judy Morris to make motion to pursue and extend Interim Pastor position to her. Cheryl Fritz second, motion passed without objection. Lisa placed hold on alternative candidate pending outcome.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Church Growth – May 12, 2020 (Zoom)**

- Committee will begin working on church committee content for the new bulletin board in the King Auditorium hallway. Board will contain a section for each committee, so the congregation (especially new members) can become familiar with all the ways to be involved in church activities.
- Committee is suggesting that the 'What's happening now table' in the King Auditorium become more rotational and current, as well as be used as a resting place for the green clip boards after service, so people have another chance to sign up for responsibilities.

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## **2020 CONSISTORY OFFICERS**

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## **CONSISTORY MEMBERS**

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

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Chris Moore 717-451-3860
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<b>Christian Education</b>	Cheryl Fritz 717-698-1153
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<b>Fellowship</b>	Mary Bair 717-870-5597 Elaine Weaver 717-637-9015
<b>Investment</b>	Brian Frederick 717-451-3977
<b>Missions</b>	Carol Giese 717-632-2665 Estelle King 717-487-1906 Consistory Rep: Laura Kemp
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## **Consistory Highlights, continued from Page 5**

- Committee recommends holding an annual committees' educational event after service where members can meet the committee team and learn more about its mission – with hopes that more members will then join committees.
- Jean and Charlotte submitted information on Virtual Church ideas for Consistory's review.
- Charlotte continues to work on developing a 'Spotter' program recommendation and suggested Welcome Packet amendments (virtual format is also recommended for our website).
- Greeter suggestions to W&M: The suggestions from Church Growth were well received and along the lines of what they have been planning to implement. Implementation is on hold.
- Prospective Members: Letters from the Church Growth committee were sent out to each person last week letting them know they are on the minds of all of us at EUCC and to offer the committee as a touch point for them during this time of transition.

### **Missions Committee – May 2020**

- Spending from Missions funds so far this year totals approximately \$8,000.
- Congregation's donations to Heifer currently total approximately \$2,400. We agreed to add funds from Missions to total \$5,000, making Emmanuel an Ark church once again.
- Current donations from the Congregation to OGHS total approximately \$1,015. We agreed to match this 1.5 times from Mission funds.
- Estelle will put out a message about supporting Fisher House on Friday, May 22, before Memorial weekend. When possible, she will coordinate a tribute to vets and Fisher House, which serves vets and their families.
- Missions has sent \$2,000 checks to Hoffman Homes, New Hope Ministries, and HACC. Estelle said that a note appears in HACC's recent newsletter stating that HACC still has a shortfall of \$50,000 for this year. When possible, we will invite Hoffman Homes, New Hope and HACC to share their stories of their service to the community.
- We are tentatively scheduling this year's Yard Sale for Oct. 1, 2 and 3.
- Peg said that Columbia Cottage is in need of face masks to enable residents to participate in in-house activities. Crafters donated 40 handmade masks. To donate masks, contact Columbia Cottage directly at 717 630-9178, extension 0.
- Bourbon Bar and Grill, is providing boxes of food to needy families locally. Visit their website if you would like to donate.
- Sandy Rebert reported that St. Paul's Lutheran Church is providing bags of groceries (about 36 per

week) to needy families in their neighborhood. The committee voted to send them a donation of \$100 from Missions funds. Individuals can also support them by phoning the St. Paul's church office at 717-637-5941.

### **Property Committee – May 2020**

- No meeting, virtual or otherwise, was held in May. We will meet in June, perhaps in person.
- The new HVAC units were installed on the roof between May 12 and 15. Five new units were installed along with five new thermostats.
- The sextons continue to keep up with the cleaning of our buildings. Larry is also undertaking small repairs where needed. If more people enter the church for any reason, the sextons will be informed to take sanitizing measures.
- The Salvation Army will resume office hours 2 days per week, without seeing clients starting May 26, 2020. Sandy & Beth have been notified and know that they will need to clean that area.

### **Worship & Music – April 2020**

- New Business/Worship – Online services will continue as follows: May 24 – Rev. Pete Seiler; May 31 – Rev. Dot Thormaehlen. Music Director Don Horneff will continue providing music.
- Pastoral care will be provided by Dot Thormaehlen via phone and Rev. Kim Blocher, interim pastor at Trinity UCC, at graveside.
- Brian Frederick said in-person worship services are not expected to begin until the "Green" status is declared for by the governor for York County (July maybe more likely than June). Because of social distancing requirement it may be necessary to move the summer worship from the King Auditorium to the sanctuary. The early -- 9:30 a.m. -- worship will continue.
- The committee discussed a number of things to be decided when we are able to return to church: Does choir sing and sit together, Children's time message, Sunday School and nursery, passing the peace, offering, communion, use hymns or bulletins, and Fellowship Hour?
- With the possibility of elderly and high-risk members not feeling comfortable to return to church, a discussion was held on the possibility of live-streaming services or recording services to be played via the internet at a later time. Feasibility of providing this service is being investigated.
- Brian Frederick said supply pastors will continue to serve the congregation until an interim pastor is called. He noted eight potential new members would be installed when an interim pastor is in place.

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

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

- 1—Elaine Weaver, Ken Cooper
- 2—Lorraine Becker
- 4—Deborah Trone
- 5—Teresa Alcott
- 8—Chuck Siegel
- 9—Phyllis Egger
- 10—Amanda Pratt, Page Zettlemoyer
- 11—Jill Rebert, Kyle Rebert, Kim Shorb, James Bunn III
- 12—Charlotte Pinette
- 13—Karen Wright
- 15—Donna Bair, Terry Berkeley
- 19—Andy Crone, Michael Rhodes
- 22—Ross Hall
- 24—Charles Strong
- 26—Deb Dubs, Bonnie Frock
- 27—Kathryn Wolfe

## Donate Online!

We invite you to participate in our electronic giving program. But first, a thank you to all who have signed up for online giving recently. Our number of online givers has more than doubled in the past three months!



- SIGN UP or learn more about our secure and convenient electronic giving program at our website: [www.emmanuelucc.org/giving](http://www.emmanuelucc.org/giving).
- MORE WAYS TO GIVE: Your offerings are also gratefully accepted by mail at 124 Broadway, Hanover PA 17331, or through the mail slot in the office door.

## **Events and Activities**

### Postponed/Canceled/Rescheduled

**Missions Committee Annual Yard Sale:**  
Tentatively set for October 1-3.

**New Member Class:** Postponed indefinitely.

**Gift Card Bingo:** Postponed, date TBD.

**Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting:**  
Now set for August 29.

**Hartman Center:** Closed until September 1.

**Gettysburg Association Annual Meeting:**  
Postponed indefinitely.

**Homewood At Plum Creek Auxiliary Annual Teas:** Postponed indefinitely.

## **Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out**

**Terri Alcott (Care South)**  
**Pat Sheaffer (Creekside #1112)**  
**Janet Starr (Care Central #201)**  
**Ginny Stieglitz (Terrace)**  
**Elinor & Franklin Williams**  
 Homewood, 425 Westminster Avenue,  
 Hanover, PA 17331

**Joanne Frock**  
 309 Clearview Road, Hanover, PA 17331

**Merle & Margaret Forney (Apt 118)**  
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**Audrey Fuhrman**  
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### **Stay connected while we're apart**

While the church is closed, EUCC members and friends are staying connected through daily outreach emails with uplifting links and church updates.



Sent from the office Sunday through Friday, each email includes news, prayer concerns, a Bible verse of the day, and a daily devotional. Weekly features include a link to Sunday worship, recipes from the 'Emmanuelicious' cookbook, photos and more. You can unsubscribe at any time.

To be added to the email list, contact the office at [office@eucchanover.org](mailto:office@eucchanover.org) or 717-632-8281.

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