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# Emmanuel Life

## EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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May 2020

### From the Consistory President . . .

Dear Members & Friends of Emmanuel,

I pray that everyone is staying healthy while we “hunker-down” with the stay-at-home orders. We are all learning new terms like “social distancing.” I, for one, am leaning new technology such as Zoom in order to try and keep in communication with others. It was great that we were able to get this past month’s services online for everyone to see. My thanks to Pastor Russ for preparing the services through the end of the month. My thanks to Don for the beautiful music and to everyone else who had a part in making this happen. Maria has done a wonderful job with getting us a daily communication. My prayer is that all of this will soon be behind us and we can once again come together to worship in our beautiful sanctuary.

Several people have asked me where we stand with our search for a new pastor. This can be a complicated process. I will attempt to give you a better understanding of where we are and where we are going in this process.

We have partnered with the Rev. Richard Gordon, Minister of Search & Call, Penn Central Conference. Rev. Gordon has been

very helpful in walking us through the process that needs to be followed. He is planning to visit us for a Transitional Service, as soon as we can congregate again. This was set for May 3, but will be rescheduled. We were given the profiles (resumes) of two candidates who may be interested in being our Intentional Interim pastor. I spoke with each of them and as you can imagine, they are very much up in the air right now regarding timing, under the current conditions. They feel that they may be available by July 1, but it could depend on when things settle down.

We also need to set up a Search & Call Committee. I am working with the Consistory to determine who will sit on that committee. We are looking for a variety of demographics from around our congregation to fill this role. The first thing this committee needs to do is to create a profile for our church. Who are we? What is our neighborhood like? What do we want in a pastor? etc. Once the profile is completed, the committee can start to look at candidate profiles and interview those they deem fitting.

I participated in a Zoom call with the Rev. Carrie Call, Penn Central’s Transitional Conference Minister, and several other members from churches around the Conference to discuss progress on each of our respective church’s progression. We have lots of support from the Conference, but we’ll need your continued prayers.

In Christian Love,  
Lisa

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# Emmanuel to remain closed through May 18

Emmanuel will be closed through May 18 at least, for the health and safety of the community. The office will remain closed to visitors and all activities are cancelled. At their May 18 meeting, Consistory will reevaluate the pandemic conditions and discuss further closure.

## Virtual Worship

During this time we will be recording virtual worship services, which you will be able to watch online. Services will include prayers, scripture readings and a message along with music from Don Horneff. Look for links at [www.emmanuelucc.org](http://www.emmanuelucc.org) and on our Facebook page each Sunday.

### Schedule

May 3 and 10: Pastor Curtis Weber  
May 17: Pastor Kathy Seiler  
May 24: Pastor Peter Seiler

## Sign up for daily emails

While the church is closed, EUCC members and friends are staying connected through daily emails, sent Monday through Friday, from the office. Each day will include any news or updates, prayer concerns, a Bible verse of the day, and a daily devotional. To be added to the email list, contact the office at [office@eucchanover.org](mailto:office@eucchanover.org) or 717-632-8281.

## Postponed/Canceled/Rescheduled

**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.

## May Offerings

**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 Fisher House Foundation** has been an annual focus of Emmanuel's Memorial Day Sunday service for several years. The nonprofit assists wounded veterans and their families with housing near VA hospitals. As we are uncertain whether we will be worshiping together on May 24, we will not plan a collection but invite you to support them with a donation in honor of veterans this month. Please make checks payable to Fisher House Foundation and mail contributions to: The Fisher House Foundation, PO Box 2229, Rockville, MD 20847.

~The Missions Committee

### **Calling All Graduates!**

This spring, we will recognize our members who will be graduating from high school or college, as well as those who earned degrees in the fall or winter. Please send to the church office at 124 Broadway, Hanover, or email [office@eucchanover.org](mailto:office@eucchanover.org) by May 20:



Name \_\_\_\_\_

HS or College \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans \_\_\_\_\_

# Thank You

## Thank you for lifting my spirits

Dear Members and Friends of Emmanuel UCC,

I want to get this out to you before I leave and so Maria can get it in this month's newsletter.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the ways in which you have expressed your good wishes and goodbyes to us in the last couple of weeks. It's been difficult for us all, since we won't be able to be together again prior to our journey West.

So first, special thanks to Carol Giesey and Peg Moulton for organizing the Drive-By Goodbye last week and the monetary collection—it was great to see so many out, even from a distance. And thanks to all who called, texted, emailed, sent cards and donated toward my gift—it lifted my spirits at a difficult time. Finally, I'm going to truly miss all those who've been so supportive, but Maria Shea has been the best secretary I've ever helped to pick in nearly 35 years and I'll miss the ups and downs we've shared together...

Love to you all—Pastor Russ, Reilly and Eli

*Twenty-nine contributions totaling \$2,060 were received as a farewell gift for Pastor Russ, who is semi-retiring to Washington state and taking a part-time call at Sunnyslope Church in Wenatchee, Wash. Their cross-country drive begins April 29.*

## Members and friends join Pastor Russ's drive-by celebration

Our drive-by celebration for Pastor Russ on April 15 was a wonderful event. The only glitches were a brisk, chilly wind and a few traffic holdups for neighborhood drivers, who were quite patient about any delays.

Over 40 people drove by. We hope this is a complete list, and we apologize if we missed anyone. There were a number of individual visitors: Sally Smith, Peg Moulton, Landy Grimm, Donna Bair, Jean Gralley, Mark Deardorff, Bob Larsen and Carol Giesey. Judy Morris brought her dog along. So did two couples: Linda and Steve McKonly and Charlotte and Peter Pinette. Other couples included: Larry and Deb Dubs, Cheryl and Mike Fritz, Jenny and Larry Myers, Dwight and Judy Dubs, and Leslie and J.J. Dugan. A number of families came by: Madge Armstrong and her sister Mary Rippel with husband Ken, Estelle King and daughter Lauren King, Jamie Brown and daughter Jordyn, Christine

and Jim Garrett and daughter Eva Joy, Ann Kress and children Mason and Page, and Laura and Andy Kemp and sons Logan and Patrick. One car held three generations: Mary and Mike Bair, daughter Kristin, and grandson Chase.

We presented Pastor Russ with a basket of gifts: cards and notes, wine, cake, travel snacks, and Masks by Madge (Armstrong). The basket was handmade by Sandy Rebert, with a lining cloth donated by Marilyn Van Lenten. Pastor Russ was wearing a stylish mask made for him by Terry Wilson.

We ended the evening with our heartfelt thanks for his leadership, kindness and dedication and a hope that we will continue to stay connected.

Thanks to everyone who participated, sent cards and gifts and who continue to wish him the best. His forwarding address is: 2018 West Cleveland Avenue, Spokane WA 99205. ~Carol Giesey

### ► One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you for your support of One Great Hour of Sharing by offering \$980. That will be matched by the Missions Committee for a total contribution of \$2,450 for the UCC's support of refugees and emergency relief efforts worldwide.



### ► Heifer International

Thank you to those who supported the Heifer International Lenten offering. Your donations of \$1,836 will be matched by the Missions Committee by 1.5. Want to help us reach the Ark Gift level? Only \$164 more will make a total of \$5,000 to help fight hunger and poverty. Mail or drop off donations by May 10. Make checks to EUCC and indicate "Heifer" in the memo line.

### ► Fundraiser update

Thanks to everyone who supported the Spaghetti Supper in March, a total of \$210 was donated HACC.

# Music

## A Message From the Music Department

We are not alone. God is with us! Emmanuel! We are the church! The PEOPLE of Emmanuel UCC!

As Jamie and I finish our 10th year as Director of Music and Choir Director, we are all facing the Coronavirus and the transition together. The welcoming warmth and friendliness of our congregation have always been interwoven throughout the fabric of the people here. As we travel ahead in the coming weeks and months together, please remember YOU are the church called Emmanuel!

We will continue in our efforts to provide the best possible music throughout the process of reopening the church in the coming weeks. Whether it be online or in the sanctuary/auditorium, we will be working with the supply pastors for a meaningful worship experience.

There have been several sponsored anthems this year which the choirs have not yet performed. Please be assured that we will reschedule them in the next year so that your dedications will still be honored.

Depending on when Consistory decides to reopen, we may be able to sing a couple of anthems together as a choir in worship to finish out June. We will update the choir on this as more information becomes available. Also, this is the time of year that we need people to think about doing special music during the months of July and August. Please contact Don or Jamie if you are interested. You do not have to be in a choir to perform Summer Special music! New voices and instrumentalists are always welcome!

Again, Jamie and I thank you for all the support that you, the congregation of Emmanuel, have given us over the last 10 years! We are honored to lead the music here and look forward to the future.

Remember — God gave us music to pray without words.

In Christian love,  
*Don Horneff and Jamie Brown*

## Special Musicians Wanted

If you would like to provide special music during the summer, please contact Don or Jamie. Don: donaldhorneff@gmail.com, 410-848-3016  
Jamie: 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 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 – March 30, 2020**

- Minutes from March 16 were approved without change.
- Brian Frederick moved that the church building remain closed to everyone except staff through April 30.
- There was a discussion authorizing Maria to purchase a Zoom license for the church for all to use for Consistory and committee meetings.
- Pastor Russ's send-off: Cards should be sent to the church office, 124 Broadway. Maria will also include this in the EmmanueLife.
- Update on supply pastors: Lisa Moore and Brian Frederick are working one month at a time.
- Debbie Teal replacement: Debbie resigned due to her work schedule. Please send candidate thoughts to Lisa. Note: Jess Beavers has accepted the position.
- Search and Call Committee: Please send Lisa your suggested members.
- Pastor Russ to video Palm Sunday and Easter Services through YouTube along with prerecorded services for April 19 and 26.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Church Growth – April 14 (Zoom)**

- With several of our church growth events indefinitely postponed due to the pandemic, the committee discussed other ways we could reach out to the community at large.
- New Members awaiting installation – Alec received the list of perspective members from Maria and will send a note to each from the Church Growth committee which lets them know how excited EUCC is to welcome them, commits to keeping them informed and assures that once an interim is chosen, he/she will reach out to continue their journey.
- Invitations/Sharing virtual worship services – Committee has committed to sharing all virtual services, concerts, etc., through their own social networks to increase exposure.
- Changing church signage – Suggestion to continue to change the outside sign weekly with the virtual service title and the url to view and a 'please join us virtually' message.
- Free Supplies – Charlotte suggested if EUCC has any extra church supplies (paper products, canned food, etc.) that may help those in need – that we find a way to donate them locally.
- Garden flag or banner – Charlotte suggested that we create or buy a banner that conveys a reassuring message to the community (We are here for you... Trust in God...Praying for Hanover, etc.).
- Worship Service opportunities – Alec to email proposed writeup by Charlotte and Jean to Worship and Music committee for its review/comment.
- Consistory Name Badges – Laura to bring 'star' proposal to next Consistory meeting for discussion.

- 'Spotter' program recommendation – Charlotte and Jean to develop an outline of 'Spotter' responsibilities and share with Church Growth committee. Charlotte already has a list of potential 'spotters' after discussing with Pastor Russ.

#### **Missions Committee – April 2020**

- Homewood's annual Fall Membership Drive resulted in over \$6,000 in membership dues, which are used to enrich the lives of Homewood residents, including hearing enhancement devices, art supplies and garden tools. (Contact Peg Moulton)
- Many thanks to the brave volunteers from Emmanuel, who prepared and served meals on March 31: 45 Meals on Wheels, 15 meals for shelter clients, and 51 take-out meals. Volunteers included: Jodie Adelsperger, Barbara Bachman, Jerry Bauer, Bob Baum, Leslie and J.J. Dugan, Glenn Meyers, Pastor Russ, and Estelle King. (Contact Estelle King) HACC needs volunteers now more than ever. Call 717-633-6353.
- New Hope Ministries welcomes food bank donations, which can be dropped off at the back door, financial donations, which can be mailed in, and volunteers to box and deliver food to clients waiting in their cars. Call 717 698-3365.
- Hoffman Homes for Youth: A letter dated March 27 states that for safety reasons, they have decided to stop new admissions, and this has resulted in a significant loss of revenue.
- Collections for OGHS currently total \$955 and for Heifer total \$1,806. The deadline for both is

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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

## **Consistory Highlights, continued from Page 5**

April 26. We will make a decision then as to whether we will match these collections with Missions fund 1:1 or 1.5:1, depending on financial conditions at that time.

- Because of the current pressing needs of the 3 local agencies we support, HACC, Hoffman Homes and New Hope Ministries, we will send each a check for \$2,000 now. When we are able, we will invite them to a Missions Sunday Service, where they can share their stories of how they are serving the community in these challenging times.
- Strengthen the Church: This UCC collection, which helps new and struggling UCC churches, normally happens in May. We will include a donation envelope and information in the May E-life, with the collection ending on June 28.
- Fisher House: This year we will provide information about Fisher House, which benefits families of hospitalized veterans, so that members of Emmanuel can support it individually, as they choose. We will provide info in the May E-life.
- We closed our meeting with a special thanks to Pastor Russ for his spiritual leadership, faithful help with the PAL Lunch and wise advice throughout his work with the Missions Committee.

### **Property Committee – April 2020**

- Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, little work can be done on the building unless it is an emergency. Larry Dubs has continued to do small jobs around the church which have been put off because of larger concerns, i.e., hanging the mirrors in the downstairs bathrooms. The weekday sextons are also doing deep cleaning which is difficult to do while the church is open. All of the sextons continue to sanitize.
- The bulletin board which Andy Crone's brother has built is ready to hang.
- The slate roofing company, Leeland's, has contacted me to say that they are waiting for state restrictions to be relaxed before they can do the approved work. That work is preventative, not an emergency. We are on their list.
- Even outdoor painting is on hold now, but I have talked to Ralph Mummert about the sanctuary trim job. We are awaiting a written proposal. The estimate for painting the exterior trim on the stone part of the sanctuary is \$6,900. That includes the rental of a lift to reach the highest windows in the tower. The smaller tower would be done by ladders. This price does not include the removal of the large screens that cover the louvered portions of the towers. Those screens are what prevent bats, birds, etc., from accessing the towers and entering the building. I'm looking for a company willing and able to remove and/or rebuild those

frames, as well as installing new screening.

- The most urgent item for your consideration is an HVAC issue. The unit which heats and cools the chapel is not operational now. The cost to repair it is over \$1,700. This would be the second repair of that unit this year. It is one of the five remaining units from the construction of that building. An estimate for replacing all five has been obtained. The five units would cost \$37,813. There will be no air conditioning or heat in the chapel until this is addressed. I'm well aware of the financial constraints in the budget for this year. The Property Committee has been trying to limit expenses to those that are critical. However, please keep in mind that this is not an issue that will go away. We've seen that the original units were not of the highest quality and can be expected to fail before too long. Obviously, my preference would be to see us replace all of them to avoid continuing bills for repair.

### **Worship & Music – April 2020**

- Because church has been closed for a number of weeks, due to the pandemic, several items were placed on hold including: Donation of choir robes, sacristy cleanup, assistive hearing devices, Christmas Eve service times, and defining role of the Worship and Music Committee.
- Mary Bair reported the final total of funds from the annual spaghetti supper was \$2,090.96. Mary thanked all who helped and said \$210 will be given to HACC. She said a decision on Bingo, scheduled for March 20 and cancelled, will be determined at a later date.
- Online services have been held on the last two Sundays and plans are to continue as long as Covid-19 threat continues. Pastor Russ, who officially ends his term at Emmanuel with two-weeks' vacation after Easter, will record sermons through April. Online services for May 3 and 10 will be recorded by Curt Weber, supply pastor, and Don Horneff. A discussion on the timing and processing the recordings was held. The online services are available by email or YouTube.
- Chairman Frederick brought the committee up to date on future worship plans. The Reverends Nancy Werner, Curt Weber and Kathy Seiler are being scheduled. The Rev. Kim Blocher, interim pastor at Trinity UCC, is serving our pastoral care.
- A "Service of Transition," to be conducted by a representative of the Penn Central Conference, is being planned for the future. Frederick said pending the Covid-19 virus Emmanuel could have an interim pastor as early as July.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

- May 1—Nora Zettlemoyer
- May 2—Tom Daryman
- May 5—Sandy Bull
- May 7—Harry Holm, Larry Myers
- May 10—Gabrielle Brady, Aaron Eisenhart
- May 11—Benjamin Frock, Henry Saggau,
- May 12—Barbara Cooledge,  
Marilyn Van Lenten
- May 16—Floyd Lohr III
- May 21—Megan Alcott, Kandy Carbaugh
- May 24—Wendy Livelsberger
- May 25—Carol Bunn
- May 26—Chase Gessner
- May 28—Ethel Lohr
- May 29—Jenna McLin
- May 31—Laura Eisenhart

## 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)**  
 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

## Congratulations!

IT'S A GIRL! Congratulations to Madison Loscomb on the birth of Crimson Elisabeth Rose on April 9, 2020. Crimson is the first grandchild for Beth Loscomb and Sandy Topper.



## Events and Activities

### Hoffman Homes Golf Tournament

*Monday, June 1, 10 am*

The Hoffman Homes for Youth fundraiser will be held at the Hanover Country Club in Abbottstown, with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$250 per player. For info, to register or become a sponsor, visit [hoffmanhomes.com](http://hoffmanhomes.com) or contact Alicia Stanley at 717-359-7148 x4500 or [astanley@hoffmanhomes.com](mailto:astanley@hoffmanhomes.com).

## Hanover Area Council of Churches

### Special Needs for May

**PAL LUNCH:** *Mayonnaise, egg noodles, cream of celery soup, cream of chicken soup.*

**CLOTHING BANK:** *Adult toiletries.*

**CHANGING LIVES SHELTER:** *Trial or small size body wash; volunteer help at dinner hour.*

**RUTH'S HARVEST:** *Single servings of entrees, cereal, vegetables, snacks, and juice boxes; grocery bags.*

~ HACC accepts donations ~  
 at 136 Carlisle Street (rear), Hanover.

## Donate Online!

- Consider supporting the church during the shutdown by donating through our secure and convenient electronic giving program. Learn more at [www.emmanuelucc.org/giving](http://www.emmanuelucc.org/giving).
- Your offerings are also gratefully accepted by mail at 124 Broadway, Hanover PA 17331, or through the mail slot in the office door.

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TBD

**Music Director—Organist/Accompanist**  
Don Horneff

**Choir Director**  
Jamie Brown

**Office Administrator**  
Maria Shea

**Sextons**  
Larry Dubs  
Sandy Topper and Beth Loscomb



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