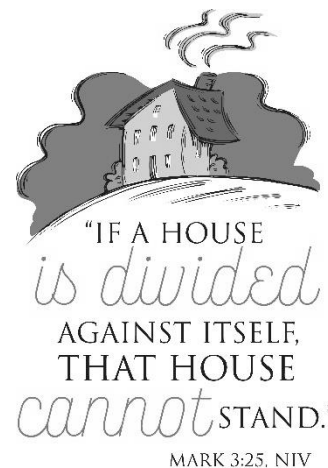


The Latest News and Happenings at
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in New Philadelphia, Ohio

From the Desk of Pastor Rob

And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. – Mark 3:25

The above verse is very familiar to us. Abraham Lincoln used it as inspiration for his famous “House Divided” speech he gave as a candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1858. At that time, the United States was facing a crisis of division over the issue of slavery. This country started to split apart and it pitted families, friends, and longtime allies against each other. The scars of that conflict last even to this day. We look at that speech from Lincoln as prophetic. Those words still ring true today in many aspects of our lives, including here in the church.



Emmanuel has gone through its share of conflicts and crises over the years, the biggest of which was the fire that destroyed the previous church building in summer of 1970. Any other church would have closed their doors after an event as devastating as that, but this church did not give up. The following Sunday, this congregation gathered at First United Church of Christ and worshipped, not even taking a Sunday off. By winter, you were worshipping the fellowship hall, which was not damaged by the fire. As Helen King wrote in the 150th Anniversary Book about the Christmas Eve services, “7:30 candlelight service was filled to overflowing capacity of the room and the attendance at 11:30pm made the congregation realize we would rise from the ashes and our loss and build another house of worship.” That strength and unity speaks volumes about this congregation.

This congregation has weathered many storms and always comes out stronger on the other side. The story of the fire and how the church reacted and continued on afterwards is something that I found very inspiring as I was interviewing for the call here. I knew that this congregation, our congregation, has a strong foundation and could take on anything that was thrown at it and I am very proud and blessed to have the privilege to be serving as your pastor.

We are in a moment yet again where we are facing a time of questions and concerns and we wonder how this will shape the congregation in the short and long term. We do not know how this will all turn out, but one thing we know for sure is that we need to stand together and be united as a congregation. I am sitting here writing this on what is the day we commemorate St. Ignatius of Antioch, an

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From the Desk of Pastor Rob continued...

early church father who was known as the Doctor of Unity, who strived for unity within the church citing the unity of God within the Holy Trinity. I am not saying disagreements will not and should not happen because out those disagreements comes consensus. What I am saying is those squabbles over small and petty things that ultimately do not have a major effect on how we are the church, those should not happen. I have seen too many times where small things quickly balloon into larger issues and the congregation then becomes deeply divided. Let us remember what St. Paul wrote in many of his letters, that we are all members of the body of Christ and that though we are different parts, we still work together as that one body. As the Dutch priest Henri Nouwen once said "In a world torn apart by anger, hatred and conflict, we have the privilege of being living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds."

Prayerfully yours,

Pastor Rob

Musical Notes

By Ruth Patrick, Director of Worship and Music



On Sunday, October 22, we presented our third fall organ recital at which we enjoyed much good music played by skilled organists and pianists. We also had an interesting and informative talk presented by Luke Tegtmeier of the Schantz Organ Company, builder and care taker of our organ.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks go to the many people who made the day possible: to all those who attended that day; to our performers: Cindy Smith, Teresa Maceachen, G. Randall Gibbs, Diane Troendly, Matthew Nadalin and Luke Tegtmeier; to Karen Sterling for the beautifully decorated refreshment table and all of you who donated cookies; to our readers Sally Dorn and Jerry Gartrell; to Pastor Rob for his work on designing and producing the advertising poster and the program for the day; to Scott Daniels for his terrific article in the Bargain Hunter; to Karen Sterling for stuffing the envelopes and mailing the information to all area churches; to Neil Rupe for general building assistance, to the Emmanuel Worship and Music Committee, to everyone who contributed to our free will offering going to the care and upkeep of our organ, and everyone else whose name I may have omitted here, we thank you very much!

As you can see, this event took many hands to put together and make it a successful time of great music and fellowship! Please watch for news about upcoming events in our Win Dozer Memorial Concert Series!

In Appreciation...

Pastor Rob,
Thank you so much for giving a beautiful service that truly honored mom's memory. The entire service was wonderful and I know mom was smiling down on us. Especially hearing you reading from her favorite book of Psalms.

With love,
Robin Watson

Women's Bible Study

By Ruth Patrick

Welcome all women members and friends of Emmanuel! Our next study is coming up on Wednesday, November 1 at 1:30 pm in the 2nd floor meeting room, and you're all invited! For those of you who subscribe to Gather magazine, we will be using Session 2, Holy Places, from the September/October issue. If you are not a subscriber, copies of the lesson will be available for you that day.

Please join us for study, discussion, and fellowship.

You're invited! Thanksgiving Potluck

John & Wayne invite you to a Thanksgiving potluck/banquet at their home on Sunday, November 19th. We will gather at 5pm for fellowship and plan to eat at 6pm. We will collect a free will offering that will go towards the Tuscarawas County Food Bank.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby over the next few weeks. Their address is 2093 Ervin Road NW, Dover. Wayne's phone # is 919-434-8503.

What's Happening at Emmanuel

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School with Don Brandt has resumed, Sundays at 8:30am. This year the topic is taking a deeper dive into Paul's letter to the Ephesians. All are welcome and encourage to come!

Kids Sunday School

Kids Sunday School has returned! Sundays at 8:30am in the Kidz Bible School room. Ages 3 and up are welcome!

Wednesdays at Emmanuel

- 2nd Wednesday of the month, service of healing and communion at 1:00pm
Join us for prayers, scripture, communion, and a litany of healing.
- 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Free Prayer with Pastor Rob at Magic Mugs in Dover from 11:00am-1:00pm
This is an opportunity for anyone who wants to talk or pray with Pastor Rob.
- Last Wednesday of the month, Pub Theology at the Broadway Brewhouse, from 5:30-7:00pm
Join us as we talk about the Bible and our faith over dinner.
Pub Theology is on break until January

Help Wanted! Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is looking for some new members. Any questions or if you are interested, please call Pat Barnes at 330-260-1224

Worship Assistants

We are in need of more people to be greeters, lectors, ushers, and communion assistants. Any questions or if you are interested, please see Barb Rupe or call the church office.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is looking for more volunteers to help change our the paraments each month as well as helping to set up communion each Sunday. Any questions or if you are interested in helping, please see Marsha Smith, chair of Altar Guild.

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes are available pack for the Shoebox project. The cost for shipping has increased to \$11 per box. Please bring them back by the November 12 date so they can be sent. Service Committee will collect them and transport them to the local pick-up site.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Donations for Thanksgiving Baskets may be brought into the church for distribution by Nov. 15. Service Committee will pack up boxes to be given to needy families identified by the New Phila Schools. Monetary donations may also be given to the church to defray costs of gift certificates for perishable food.

Share A Christmas

Our church will also continue to participate in the Share A Christmas project by putting up a tree with tags that designate the age and gender of children that members may purchase gifts for. We have always been willing to share our blessings with our community. Share A Christmas is also requesting monetary donations to help with clothing and food vouchers.

Remembering the Saints Who Joined the Church Triumphant

Joan Kollar	Shirley Ricklic
Steven Glass	Elisabeth Weber
Shirley Eichel	Judy Wells
Agnes Seward	June Herzog
Janie Jones	Bob Glass
Butch Baker	Beverly Watson
Helaine Moore	

The Foust-York Household



invites you to our



***6th Annual
Cookies & Cocoa
Open House***

Saturday, Dec 16, 2023



7pm until 11pm



2093 Erwin Road NW

Dover, Ohio 44622

RSVP to yorkncsecu@yahoo.com

Call Wayne @ 919.434.8503 if ?'s

Pastoral Care

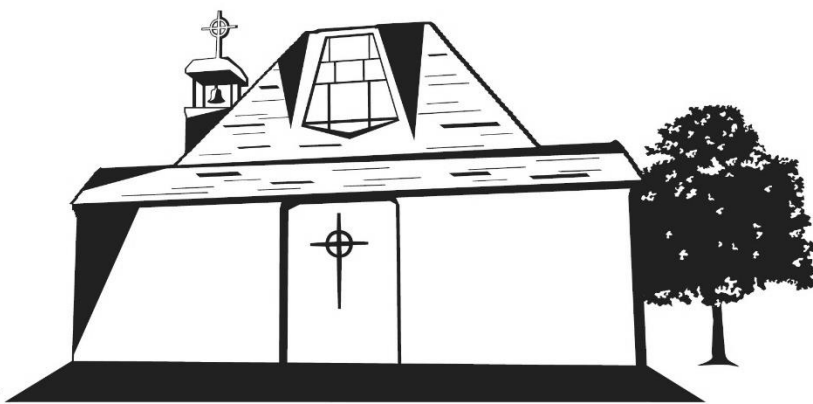
Visits

If you or anyone you know would like a visit from Pastor Rob, please call the church office or Pastor Rob to make arrangements. If you can help with visiting and taking communion to shut-ins, please see Pastor Rob.

Words of Wisdom:

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

- Martin Luther



Worship Volunteers

November

November 5

Lector: Dane Smith
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants from Council)

November 12

Greeters: Ward Holdsworth (parking lot)
Linda Holdsworth (by bulletins)

Lector: Jerry Gartrell

Usher: Marcia Lile

Communion Assistants: Ward and Linda Holdsworth

November 19

Greeters: Tom Yanders (parking lot)
Bonnie Yanders (by bulletins)

Lector: Tom Yanders

Usher: Tom Yanders

Communion Assistants: John Foust and Wayne York

November 26

Greeters: Dick Hugh (parking lot)
Myrna Hugh (by bulletins)

Lector: Marcia Lile

Usher: Dane Smith

December

December 3

Lector: Marsha Smith
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants from Council)

December 10

Greeters: Lori Rainsberg (parking lot)
Mary Lou Westbrook (by bulletins)

Lector: Myrna Hugh

Usher: Ward Holdsworth

Communion Assistants: Dick and Myrna Hugh

December 17

Greeters: Rob Sterling (parking lot)
Karen Sterling (by bulletins)

Lector: Rob Sterling

Usher: Neil Rupe

Communion Assistants: Rob and Karen Sterling

December 24

(Advent Lessons and Carols)

Greeters: Ken Lab (parking lot)
Lisa Lab (by bulletins)

Lector: Barb Rupe

December 24

(Christmas Eve)

Lector: Dane Smith

(Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants from Council)

December 31

(Christmas Lessons and Carols)

Greeters: Roger Lile (parking lot)
Marcia Lile (by bulletins)

Lector: John Foust

Usher: Wayne York

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noun- A person of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, past or present, who welcomes everyone, who loves and serves their neighbors unconditionally, who puts their faith into action.