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# The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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## BACK to SCHOOL

### A Prayer for Our Students

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children prepare to start a new year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. I pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they don't have to face it alone. In Jesus' name, amen.

## A Note from Pastor Mike...

*Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit, He prunes to make it bear more fruit." John 15:1-2*

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We continue our process of asking ourselves, "Who is God calling us to be?" In this passage from John, Jesus tells his disciples that everyone is connected to God, to Christ, and to each other as vines. And God, being the vine grower, trims and prunes the vines. We see that every vine gets pruned one way or another. Either God determines it no longer bears fruit and is removed. Even those that bear fruit are pruned so that they may bear more fruit.

We are vines. And we need pruned. Part of our prayerful consideration of who God is calling us to be involves letting go, removing, and pruning: we need to trim and prune the areas that are bearing fruit, so that more fruit can grow; we need to prune and remove the things that are no longer bearing fruit; and then we need to let go of all that we have pruned.

This isn't an easy process. It involves an honest reflection. Just because something isn't bearing fruit now, doesn't mean it hadn't before. It means it has completed its mission, and it is time to allow different fruit to grow. The things that are working need to be constantly trimmed so that we continue to grow in that area in an ever-changing world.

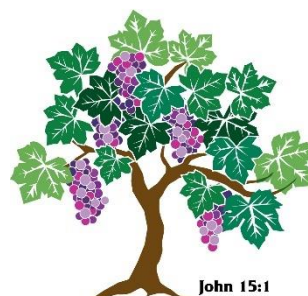
This is the life of discipleship. The pruning process occurs within each of us, individually. The process works for all the groups we belong to. And it also applies to us as a congregation. So as we continue through this year, listen to God, calling us to be disciples of Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit in the process of trimming and pruning. And this process will allow us to continue on ministering to the community and to the world, bearing more and more fruit for the Kingdom of God.

So, let us pick up our shears of the Spirit!

Peace,

Pastor Mike

**"I am  
the  
true  
vine ..."**



PD Ann's Corner stands for Parish Deacon Ann's Corner. Since Parish Deacon is a long list of letters, I decided to shorten it to PD. I hope to encourage you to stay strong in your faith as you are a witness of God's love in the world.

**Phillippians 2:4 "Everyone should look out not only for his own interests but also for the interests of others".**

**Home/Communion Visits.** One of the ways the congregation looks out for the interests of others is through Home Visits and Communion. Currently we have about 25 households who look forward to receiving a visit with communion every 4-5 weeks. This opportunity is one way our shut-ins continue to be a part of our church family. We appreciate it when you let us know if you or anyone you know needs to participate in this service. You can notify the church office at 740-383-2184.

Pastor Mike has been joining me in meeting everyone over the summer months. We had to suspend the visits briefly in June due to Covid. We feel it is important to protect people who have health issues. During that time, I took the opportunity to get my 2<sup>nd</sup> booster shot.

**Hospital Visits.** Hospital visits are another way that we listen to the needs of others. Pastor Mike will visit anyone who goes to a hospital in Columbus. I share MGH visits with Pastor Mike. The only way that we are aware of someone being a patient in the hospital is if family or friends notify us that a person would like us to visit. Visits are made by request of the patient, family or friends.



*By this*  
**everyone will know**  
*that you are my disciples, if  
you have love for one another.*

**John 13:35, NRSV**

**Prayer Needs.** Prayer is another opportunity we have of caring for people in the church or community. We can have prayer with you by phone, email, text or in person. We need the permission of the person in need of prayer. If you want to have us pray for someone during worship. It helps to let us know when to start and when to stop praying for the person at worship. I also have the Hour of Prayer Bible Study once a month. Let me know if you want this group to pray for you. I also invite anyone to join our group which meets the second Monday at 5 p.m. each month. Anyone is welcome to come. Contact the church office or myself if you want to join us. My number is 740-360-3546.

My prayer is that you will find ways to care for others in our congregation and community. Jesus said: **"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another". John 13:35.**



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Our Sunday School is so appreciative of all the donations for The Marion Area Humane Society. We had a wonderful time carrying all the food and supplies in and then seeing the dogs and cats. Afterwards we went to the Explore-itorium, had pizza and played with our friends and family. This was a very successful service project.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

There is no Sunday School in August. We return to our classroom on September 11th. Hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer.



We are still looking for teachers and helpers for Sunday School. Please call Cindy Rinker if you are interested at (740) 225-8068.

## Musings from the Church Mouse...

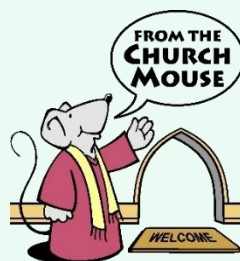
Have you seen our Cross of many colors? Me too! The big cross by the pulpit now has the cloth to match all the liturgical colors.

The Cross is the most recognizable symbol of our Christian faith. In the sanctuary, the Cross should be the most prominent symbol in the most prominent place in the space. The Cross is there to remind us.

- The symbol of the empty Cross reminds us of God's victory through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, over darkness, death and the devil.
- The symbol of the Cross reminds us of our baptism, as we were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The use of making the sign of the Cross over ourselves is a continuation of this remembrance. Martin Luther stated the first thing one should do every morning is make the sign of the cross, and the last thing we should do every night is make the sign of the cross, and as many times as possible during the day, make the sign of the cross, in remembrance of our baptism as children of God.
- The symbol of the Cross reminds us of the Great Commandment: to love God with all of our heart, and all our soul, and all our strength, and all our mind. And to love our neighbor as yourself. The vertical beam represents our love for God, the horizontal beam represent our love for neighbor. Our faith lives where these two beams meet, at the center of the Cross.
- The symbol of the Cross reminds us of God's atoning sacrifice through Christ, and that our response as a disciple is the life of sacrifice and service. Christ states several times in the gospels that if one wants to be his follower, they must pick up their cross and follow him.
- The symbol of the Cross reminds us of God's forgiveness of our sins, and our commandment to forgive.
- The symbol of the Cross reminds those who come to this place, that this is God's House, and we are God's children, and all who come can expect us to behave as Christians.
- The symbol of the Cross reminds us of our faith in God, through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Take a moment whenever you are in the sanctuary and allow the symbol of the Cross to remind you of all the God has done for you.

*Church Mouse*



## *Looking back with Alicia Mayes...*

Pastor Mike was installed at Emanuel February 20<sup>th</sup>. I sat down with him recently to get this piece written since it's been 5 months already that he has been with us.

Pastor Mike was born November 4, 1963 in Columbus the son of Michael, Sr. and Patricia Poole. He is of Irish decent and a lot of you have heard him play the bagpipes. He attended Hilliard High School and graduated in 1982.

After graduation from high school Pastor Mike went through the U.S. Army Basic Recruit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and then on to the Army Military Police School at Fort McClellan, Alabama. In 1987 Pastor Mike went to the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy in Columbus. He also has an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Law Enforcement. He also has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology/Sociology from Capital University that he received in 1999.

Pastor Mike then went to Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Bexley and received a Master of Divinity Degree and was ordained in 2004.

When Pastor Mike was an intern before he was ordained he served 3 churches in Marion County from August of 2002 – August 2003. Those churches were St. Paul in Waldo, St. Paul in Prospect where he met Kevin Kehn, and Trinity where he met Pastor Mark Schuring. I'm sure he had no idea when he was interning that he would be here at the very church Pastor Mark had just retired from and where he would serve with Deacon Kevin. That to me is a "God Thing."

Pastor Mike went back to Trinity Seminary in 2008 for his Master of Sacred Theology Degree. He is now working on his Doctor of Ministry Degree to do with Mission and Culture Concentration.

He has so many interests, I will name a few. He is the co-founder, mission developer, movement instructor, retreat leader and transformational coach for Earth and Cup, Inc. in Dublin, Ohio with his wife, Tracy. He is an instructor for Yoga, the Martial Arts (has a black belt in Karate), and Tai Chi. Also, has been a Police In-Service Instructor, Firearms Requalification Instructor, Crisis Intervention Instructor, Missing Abused and Neglected Children Instructor, Domestic Violence Instructor.

When Pastor Mike turned 50 he wore a kilt for a year to bring awareness, advocacy, action, and funds to the ELCA World hunger and the American Cancer Society. He co-founded Potluck to End World Hunger, founded, Tools 4 Schools, Kilts 4 Kause, and, Christmas With Dignity, all to help people in need.

I have been noticing that Pastor Mike wears a lot of pins. He told me that he has a collection of around 200 that he has bought over the years to remember places and events he has visited. He wrote about 1 of his pins in the last newsletter that he bought when he went to the Youth Convention in Atlanta while interning here in Marion County and got on the bus with our youth from here at Emanuel.

Pastor Mike is married to Tracy, also a pastor. She serves Redeemer Moravian Church in Dublin. Tracy was ordained in 1997. He met her in Austin, Texas. He has 2 grown sons, Christopher and Sean, and a daughter, Rain. I'm, sure a lot of you have seen her with him in church. Rain is an Irish Step Dancer, in gymnastics, and is a typical little girl.

You have heard Pastor Mike say many times, "I have to be willing to do what is best for the kingdom." That is what he and Tracy live by.

Pastor Mike is a very visual person. He has stoles and chasubles that he wears and has many times brought our attention to the symbols in his sermons on his stoles. You should pay close attention and get a closer look at these symbols when you greet him on Sunday mornings.





Welcome to the August Music Notes!

This month I would like to tell you about some of the things your music staff does behind the scenes, not for thanks or recognition, but out of pure love of music, their fellow musicians, the congregation, and the Church.

Carolyn Fox, who by day is the Bell Choir Director, has spent countless hours alphabetizing, organizing, and cataloging choir and bell choir music libraries. This has been, and continues to be, a tremendous task, but it will make it so much easier and more efficient to locate music and choose choir selections. You will also see Carolyn in the back of the sanctuary by the soundboard as she assists with the media during the 10:30 service.

You know Sandy Becker from her active role in the musical life of Emanuel, as the Assistant Organist, choir member, and pianist/music leader of the Thursday Evening service. But did you know that she also assists with Sunday School? She leads the children every week in singing songs during the Sunday School opening, and lends a hand in other ways as needed. There is nothing but praise for what Sandy adds to the Sunday morning activities, and the kids have a great time singing, and sometimes adding to the fun with percussion! Sandy is also always happy to demonstrate Emanuel's organ to a young person who may be fascinated by all the mysterious knobs and buttons on the organ console. You never know when one of those budding musicians may become the next Emanuel organist!

These are just two examples of the generosity and spirit of giving demonstrated by your music staff. The message we like to send is how much we enjoy making music, and sharing the gifts God gave us with all of you, young and old. This is not a job for us, it is our calling.

We are beginning to plan for the upcoming Fall festivals, and, if you can believe it, Advent and Christmas will be here before we know it! If you have thought about joining the Emanuel Choir, the Bell Choir, or the Praise Team, Fall is a great time to get involved, as it is an exciting time musically in the Church calendar. All choirs will resume on Wednesday evening, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information. If you have any questions, or just want to talk about joining one of the music groups, see any one of your music directors. There is always room for one more!

Finally, I want to leave you with the words of the late great hymn writer Jaroslav Vajda (ELW Hymn #740):

God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul Burnside



### Pastor Poole's Pins



Pastor Mike wore this pin on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend. Pastor Mike has a significant military family history. His Grandfather served in the Army during WWII. Both of his Great-uncles (brothers of his grandfather) served in the Army in WWII, one serving in the Battle of the Bulge. Pastor Mike's father retired from the military, serving both in the Air Force and Army, as an MP. (He spent 1968 in Southeast Asia). Pastor Mike's Uncle retired from the Navy, and another Uncle retired from the Army.

Pastor Mike served ten years in the US Army and the Ohio Army National Guard. He was an MP and Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare Specialist. He served at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Fort McClellan, Alabama; and Frankfort, Germany.

Pastor Mike has the flags from his Father and Grandfather's funerals. While serving in the Ohio Army National Guard, Pastor Mike served on an Honor Guard detail for several military funerals across Ohio. He initially served as one of the firers in the 21 Gun Salute. And then became one of the people who folded the flag. It was a privilege to serve in those details and give honor to those who served.



### Emanuel Member named Patient Champion!

Cayden Jolliff has been chosen as a 2022 Patient Champion for the Nationwide Children's Marathon and 1/2 Marathon. Cayden will be at mile #1 on October 16th cheering on the thousands of runners that will be passing by him.

The Jolliff family is very excited to be chosen as only 24 kids are given this opportunity each year. They feel very blessed to be able to give back to the place they called home for over two years. The next few months they will be fundraising for Cayden's campaign. If you would like to donate to Cayden's Patient Champion campaign, you can find the link on Facebook under Cayden's Journey, or you can send the donation to the Jolliff's home in care of Gretchen or Kevin Jolliff 5299 Stauffer Rd. Morral, Ohio 43302.

All money raised goes directly to Nationwide Children's Hospital!

Gretchen shared that every time Cayden comes to church, he requests his picture be taken with Jesus!





From the Social Ministry Board....

While it may be summer we've been busy working on a number of projects.

Calling all cooks! Do you enjoy cooking? Do you like trying new foods or ways to prep? If so, then we need your help. We are trying to find ways to help the recipients of the Fresh Produce Distribution at St. Paul's Waldo better utilize the bounty they are given each month. We would like to put together simple recipes that anyone can use to create fresh wholesome meals. Each month we are going to ask for your favorite dishes that fall into either ingredient categories or holiday themes. Recipes should ideally either be simple to produce, contain roughly 5 ingredients or less and not require unique or hard to find specialty ingredients or techniques. Submitted recipes will be printed off and distributed in the box of food each family group receives. After each distribution we will take a recipe or two that includes the items handed out that month and post it on our Facebook page so that anyone can use it to feed their family. (Your name will not be used on the recipe handout.)



Want to help? Either email your recipe(s) to the church office ([emanuel1@emanuellutheran.net](mailto:emanuel1@emanuellutheran.net)) or submit them in an envelope marked Social Ministry and place in the collection boxes or hand them to any member of the Social Ministry Board (Becky Sloat, Matt Primmer or Barb Russo)

August recipes should include any or all of the following ingredients: rice, tomatoes, corn, cabbage

Won't you help us with this outreach?

As reported last month the Social Ministry Board was awarded a \$1000.00 grant to be used for our December Laundry Day. Receiving this grant along with our remaining monies allows us to only need volunteers to work the actual day. Please watch for additional information later in the fall when the December date has been confirmed and consider spending an hour or two with us at either laundromat.

This year's God's Work Our Hands initiative begins on Sunday, September 11. We will have 10 different projects for everyone to choose from during our Selection Sundays being held in the Gathering Space between services. We hope you will select a project and/or perhaps include some friends to share in God's Work using your hands.

## Communications and Evangelism Team

- No word on pictorial directory. Sorry!
- The sound system is currently being installed. The sound team met with the company to get training. Hopefully, this will be fully in place in the next month.
- Welcome Back Ice Cream Social - The Fellowship committee worked on this event with us. We want to thank them for all of their help in this endeavor. We had a fun evening filled with fellowship, games and, of course, ice cream!



- The first and second floor bulletin boards are in place. The first-floor board has resource sheets that can be pulled off and given to anyone who needs one. Feel free to take one and share with others.
- The team is currently working on a larger resource manual that will be available on-line and in hard copy form.
- Lastly, we are working on two up-coming activities. A teaser... Grace bags and card making events... more information to come.



### Emanuel Choir announces Open Season!

We rehearse Wednesdays 6-7pm and perform Sundays at the 10:30 am service. First rehearsal is August 31 with our first Sunday being September 11. No audition required. Ages High School and up. For more info call Steve deWeber at 740.751.7293. (The Choir Room is located on the second floor. Enter from the parking lot and go up one floor, stairs or elevator. Follow the signs, and the noise!)

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I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:28

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00am – Worship 9:15 – Worship 10:30 – Worship	<b>1</b> 6pm – Communication 6:30pm – Spiritual Life	<b>2</b> 8am – Quilters 6:30 – Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 7am – Men's B.S. 9:30 Bible Study	<b>4</b> 11:30 – Book Study 5:30pm – Book Study 7pm – Worship	<b>5</b> Waldo Food Distribution	<b>6</b>
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Happy Birthday!

Ed Baldauf turns 90 on August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jean Dreyer turns 90 on August 5<sup>th</sup>

Peggy Hall turns 93 on August 6<sup>th</sup>

Norma Fanello turns 94 on August 9<sup>th</sup>

Let's remember Ed, Jean, Peggy, and Norma with our cards and prayers. Call the church office for addresses.

## Emanuel LGBT & Allies Fellowship Group

Second Sunday each month at 6pm

Upcoming Dates:



August 14<sup>th</sup> September 11<sup>th</sup>



These will be a potluck format, so please bring a favorite dish to share. Beverages (iced tea, lemonade, water & coffee) as well as table service will be provided.

If you are LGBT or an ally, and you have been fully vaccinated, you are welcome to attend.

Questions: email at [LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com](mailto:LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com), calling or texting 740-262-2655 or calling the church office at 740-383-2184.

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