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# The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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## A Note from Pastor Mike...

*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."*

*Philippians 4:4-7*

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

November is a month we have a focus on Thanksgiving. As the Apostle gives words to the Church at Philippi, we are called to rejoice in our thanksgiving! Our rejoicing should always be in the in the Lord! Our thanksgiving for all things should be directed to the Lord.

The Lord wants the world to know we are faithful by knowing our gentleness. Our dealing with all should be have a spirit of gentleness (as the hymn reminds us).

In our thanksgiving, we should offer prayers, as well as supplications to the Lord. We can give thanks that God hears our prayers and knows our requests.

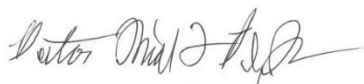
We should not worry about anything. We place our trust in the Lord. For the Lord has a plan, and we can give thanks that we are part of it.

We may give thanks for the peace of the Lord: the peace of forgiveness, the peace of reconciliation, the peace of gifts, the peace of grace, the peace which we are not able to fully understand.

We give thanks for the Lord is near! We are closer now than we have ever been for the Lord to return, to usher in the new Kingdom. Because the Lord is near, we are to spread the peace of the Lord, the gentleness of the Lord, the rejoicing of the Lord, to the world.

And we give thanks that we are the workers of God's Kingdom.

Peace,



Pastor Mike

## PD Ann's Corner

**Home Communion Update:** Pastor Mike and I have completed our visits to all 24 members of the congregation who are at home or in care facilities. In October, we had Home Communion Assistant orientation for 9 people: Betty Anderson, Janice Campbell, Lori and Glen Campbell, Linda Hoch, Judy Lehner, Elaine Merchant, Janet Musser, and Michele Rankin. Our Home Communion Outreach is an important program to carry the communion elements from worship service to the people who cannot come to worship. The service is from the ELCA Book of Worship and allows participants to confess their sins, receive assurance of God's forgiveness and receive His body and blood. It helps people to connect with God as a part of the church family. Thanks be to God!

### Word of encouragement

One of the pleasures I have is watching the deer that visit my neighbor's yard or browse in the woods in back of my house. The following scripture verses about deer help me focus on God's promises.

**Longing relationship with God:** Psalm 42:1- "As the deer pants for streams of water so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the loving God. When can I go and meet with God?"

**Standing on firm ground:** Psalm 18:32-33- "It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer: He causes me to stand on the heights."

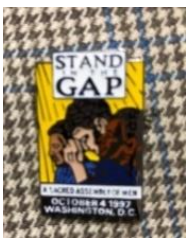
**Healing of the blind and the deaf:** Isaiah 35:5-6- "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy." Isaiah ends this chapter with these words: "and those the lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing. Everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them and sorrow and sighing will flee away."



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## Pastor Poole's Pins

*"I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for [the sake of] the land, that I would not destroy it, but I found no one [not even one]." – Ezekiel 22:30 AMP*



During the 1990's, the Men's Fellowship at my home congregation – Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hilliard, Ohio – became very active in the Promise Keepers movement. On October 4, 1997, Promise Keepers held a huge event on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. called "Stand In The Gap." I, along with my eldest Christopher, who was 12 years old at the time, boarded the bus with 25 other men from our congregation and headed to D.C. We gathered with what was reported to have been around 1 million men that day. We prayed, we read scripture, we confessed, we re-dedicated ourselves to Lord. We took time in fellowship with those around us. It was a very moving event. I still have all the materials from that gathering in my office. I continue to wear this pin as a means of asking myself, "If the Lord went looking for someone to stand in the gap, would the Lord find even one, and would it be me?" We are all called to stand in the gap whenever the Lord calls. May we have the courage to be one.

## Emanuel Preschool & Childcare News

We love this time of year! Our children are overflowing with excitement and we can't help but be excited for them. We have lots to look forward to over the next couple of months and are proud of what we've already accomplished!

On October 27th, Pastor Mike and his wife Tracy hosted our first Parent Meet and Greet with our child care families. Participating families enjoyed dinner prepared by the Child Care Board and while the kids were participating in an activity with the staff; parents were given the chance to talk openly about parenting topics, issues, high and lows. We plan to make this event ongoing and hope it grows each time! We are so thankful to have Pastor Mike and Tracy as advocates for our child care and our child care families!

We are looking forward to once again being able to have our annual Preschool Thanksgiving Feast. After cancelling the event in 2020 and 2021; we can't wait to welcome our preschool families for lunch on November 17th.

Thank you to everyone that participated in our pie sale. We are still waiting on the fundraiser total but I am certain it was a success!



**Pastor Mike teaching our kiddos some karate basics and enjoying the last bits of warm weather!**

If you are still looking for ways to donate to child care or our child care families; we are continually accepting donations of new clothing, coats, hats and mittens. These items are available and easily accessible to our childcare and preschool families and it is always handy for staff to have some extras in case of spills, accidents and messes!

Common sizes of our children range from 3 months-5T. Thank you to everyone who has donated. This means more to some of our families than you can imagine!

Donations can be added to the clothing racks by Abby's office.

We hope everyone has a safe and healthy Thanksgiving!



Our Emanuel Preschool Students are really enjoying Mrs. Rinker's "Sunday" School lessons during the week!



### Sunday School News

The "FEED OUR NEIGHBORS " event was very successful. In addition to the State of the Sandwich food truck, the Peanut Butter and Jelly truck showed up with sandwiches and laundry soap to hand out. We fed 120 people including our Daycare families and people in our neighborhood. Once the PB&J truck started playing their song we saw children on foot and on bicycles rush into our parking lot. We want to thank our Synod for awarding us the grant for this project. Also, thanks to Steve and Carol Laird, who donated cases of water, and Mike and Cindy Rinker for donating cookies. Thank you, Barb Russo, Dee Rinehart, and Becky Sloat for your help on Service Sunday getting cookies and invitations ready for this event!

### JESUS LEAGUE.....ASSEMBLE!

Save the date. November 13th. Bring a friend to Sunday School

We will be inviting our personal friends or family and our Daycare/Preschool friends to our JESUS LEAGUE SUNDAY SCHOOL. We are making invitations and planning activities, we'll be serving snacks, singing, playing games, crafting and best of all.....we'll be praising our Lord and Savior!

Please join us on November 13th at 9:15 in our 3rd floor classroom.

Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers -

Brand new classrooms await you on the 4th floor. Teachers are planning new and different activities for you and your input is vital. You might even get warm breakfast treats!! We miss you, we hope you miss us and we need to be together. God wants us to grow together and do wonderful work for his kingdom. Please come at 9:15 on Sunday mornings.



**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 Service – To be followed by a meal for the congregation.**

REMEMBER....Christmas Program practice.....December 17 and the program on December 18 with a meal after the program. Mrs. Becker has already started practicing with the JESUS LEAGUE.



We have had good attendance at our meetings, approximately 30 people each meeting - enjoying food and fellowship, along with Bingo. The meeting schedule for the rest of the year will be: **6 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at Emanuel: Nov 13<sup>th</sup> & Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

Each meeting will be a potluck format, so please bring a favorite dish to share. Beverages (*bottled water, lemonade, iced tea, and coffee*) and table service will be provided, with fellowship during and following dinner.

If you wish to bring someone who hasn't attended before, let us know (*so that we can be sure to have enough seating*), by emailing [LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com](mailto:LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com) or calling/texting 740-262-2655, by Noon that day.



### *Greetings from your Communication and Evangelism Board*

The Communication and Evangelism board continues to work hard to promote Emanuel and to get members more involved. Here is a recap on what we are doing:

- We have made up flyers and goodie bags to hand out at the *Feed Our Neighbors* event.
- Card ministry
  - We were able to send handmade cards out to all the families of our Day Care children.
  - The card rack has been moved to the library (Martin Luther Room) and will soon be refreshed and ready for use. For now, the cards are available in the Gathering space.
  - We held another Card event in October that highlighted the "iris" card. We will "Card Bomb" some very needy people in conjunction of the nation-wide group Love Notes Fairy.
- Thanks and Giving
  - We will use this event to promote our church in various ways:
    - We will be making and providing "turkey favors" for all participants.
    - We have created a flyer that highlights upcoming church events.
    - We will have Christian children's books to give away.
- In conjunction, with the Fellowship board we will participate in the Downtown Marion Church Tour on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Looking to the Next Year...The Communication and Evangelism Board is tasked with Welcoming visitors/new members to Emanuel. Since COVID, no real procedures for welcoming people to church have been followed. Beginning in the new year we would like to put together a small team of "kingdom workers" to establish some procedures for welcoming folks to church. This will not be a long-term group. A few meetings may be enough to complete the task. Prayerfully consider being involved. If you are a social person who loves to reach out and meet new people, you might want to get involved. More to come in the next few months.

### *Downtown Marion Church Tour*

On December 9<sup>th</sup> we will, again, participate in the Marion Church Tour. We are asked to have the church open 5:00-8:00. Let's make this event memorable for those who cross our doorway. Handing out a few cookies and juice will not do it. Let's make this an event to remember! If you would like to be involved, watch the bulletin and announcements for organizational meeting dates and times, *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* Matthew 5:16 Let us be a beacon for our savior!



## Social Ministry News....

**God's Work Our Hands** finished up at the end of October. Heartfelt thanks to all the members who signed up for projects; as of this writing less than 5 total projects were left to choose. Each of you has made a difference in so many ways. If you have yet to turn in your evaluation form, the GWOH evaluation envelope will remain in the Gathering Space until November 11. We are interested in your experience and ways we can make the future projects better. Find our final report in the December newsletter.

The Social Ministry Board completed a service project alongside our youth on October 9. We had a blast preparing the cookie bags for the Education Board's Feed Our Neighbors and decorating cards for our homebound members. We have some very talented young people and their joy is contagious! Thanks to everyone who worked on this project.

Saturday, December 3 is Emanuel Lutheran's **Laundry Day** at the two Colonial Coin Laundry locations from 10:00 – 2:00. The project is totally funded thanks to a grant from the Northwest Ohio Synod and carryover monies. However, we do need you! Won't you consider taking an hour or two and working on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>? We're looking for friendly people who can work with others and are able to pour detergent/fabric softener. Look for the signup sheet in the Gathering Space and join in the fun! Questions can be directed to Matt Primmer, Becky Sloat or Barb Russo.

This Advent season check out the **Mitten Tree** in the Gathering Space that benefits those less fortunate in our community. All of you that knit, crochet or sew get your needles and yarns ready so we can decorate our tree. Don't sew, knit or crochet? No problem! Purchased items are welcome, too. Join in the fun, share your talents and provide items to keep someone warm this winter.



This congregation is blessed with so many giving people, thank you for living with a Christian spirit.

## Journey through the Bible together

Pastor Mike has started a new Bible study on Sunday afternoons. We are taking time to read the entire Bible together, from Genesis to Revelation, from cover to cover. It is interesting that the vast majority of Christians have not actually read the entire once. This is the book that we confess to be the rule, source, guide and norm of all that we think, say, and do. Maybe we should actually read it.

We have begun with Genesis and will take one to three weeks working through each book, depending on the discussion and conversation. Pastor Mike has notes and handouts to guide us through this journey. This has always been an enjoyable journey for Pastor Mike in all his congregations.

We meet on Sundays from 2p – 4p. We will meet most Sundays. You don't have to be at every single week to get benefit from the study. We will let everyone know where we are in the Bible from week to week. So, join us when you are able.

## Book Study

For Book Study, we are reading through "The First Christmas – What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth," by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. This book is easily available on Amazon.

We have two in-person meetings and one virtual each week. The book study is on Thursdays at 11:30am and 5:30pm. The virtual session is on Sundays at 6:30pm. Email Pastor Mike if you would like to receive the virtual link.

There will be no Book Study the first two weeks of November. We will return on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be no study on Thanksgiving Day.

*Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 236 boxes of quilts were loaded up for Lutheran World Relief!*



The Comfort Quilters have been very active since 1995. For Twenty- seven years we have been making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Ruth Wulff, wife of Pastor Wulff, organized the quilters as we know it today. She encouraged both men and women to participate in this service project. At one time there was a men's only table for tying quilts. The men especially liked to use red thread when tying their quilts. Today we have 17 people who may drop in to quilt on any given quilting day. In 1995 we made about 2000 quilts each year. It took a semi-truck to come pick up all the quilts at the time. During the pandemic, Jeanette Mawer sewed quilt tops at home until she could no longer do that. She is just one of the many members we have lost over the years. We have been blessed thru the years to receive yards of cotton material, sheets, pillow cases, table cloths, napkins, yarn and money to purchase batting. This past year, we received completed quilts from St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Pawleys island, South Carolina to add to the quilts we send. We are thankful to Rex Parrott for helping us secure the boxes we use to pack the quilts. Bruce Showalter rents a U-Haul each year to help us transport the quilts to Agri Grow in Waldo. The quilts are sent on to Chicago where they are repacked and sent to Baltimore, Maryland to be transported around the world.

There are many people from the community and the church who contribute to this project for whom we are most grateful. In the 1995 Church Directory, there is a picture of some of the quilters (see third picture above). Below the picture is this verse from Psalm 92:4 "For you make me glad by your deeds Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done". Thanks be to God for all the hands who have been busy contributing to and making quilts through the years.

## Musings from the Church Mouse...

I was scurrying around after worship one Sunday, and I ran into a bunch of people sitting in the sanctuary. What is going on? Shouldn't they all be gone?? So, I sat down under a pew and listened. Apparently, Pastor Mike was talking about worship. He asked a question, "Who is worship for?" And several people answered, "All of us", or something like that. Pastor Mike stayed silent. Then someone said, "The Lord." And Pastor Mike said, "That is correct, worship is for God, not for us." What.....????? And I heard people gasp, and the person who was sitting on the pew above me said, "I don't think he knows what he's talking about!"

Pastor Mike went on to say that we come to worship because God deserves for us to come and give praise, thanksgiving, songs, offerings of our times, talents and treasures, as well as our very selves. Worship is for God, about God, and directed toward God. It is not primarily for or about us. Yes, we gain from worship: we learn, we are encouraged, we are renewed. But worship is for and about God, not us.

This caused me to start thinking. So, I ran into the gathering space where I saw a dictionary on the free book table. I looked up "worship". It says: 1) the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity [noun]; 2) show reverence and adoration for a deity, to honor the deity with religious rites [verb]. Well shoot! It looks like the dictionary would support Pastor Mike's claim.

I sat there nibbling on my Cheez-Its, thinking about what this might mean about how I should approach worship. Maybe I need to start thinking God is what matters most, and it is not me that is the focus. Maybe I should be careful demanding things be how I want it, or where I want it, or when I want it, or if I even feel like going to worship. God deserves my worship because God has given me everything that I have and everything that I am. I wonder if God likes what I like or not? Maybe I should ask? Maybe I should listen? Maybe I should give my everything to worship God?

But what do I know, I'm just a mouse who runs around talking to myself.

See ya in worship!

*Church Mouse*



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High school seniors and current college students are encouraged to apply for the **Robert and Margaret Mather Scholarship Fund, Agnes Baldauf Scholarship Fund, and The Hollensen/Dennis Fund** if you plan to attend or are already attending an accredited ELCA college (Capital University or Wittenberg University) or you are pursuing a career in Christian ministry or social services. This scholarship is open to any young and confirmed Emanuel Lutheran Church member.

**The Rita Herbst Scholarship Fund** is now available and it is open to any Emanuel member furthering their education in any field or at any educational institution.

Applications may be picked up at the church office. **The application and other support information are due no later than March 1, 2023** to the chairperson:

Rae Andrews, 379 Brightwood Dr., Marion, OH 43302., 740-389-7024



Welcome to the November Music Notes!

Autumn brings a lot of activity to Emanuel, and not least to the Music Staff! As I write this Reformation Day is coming up, followed by All Saints Sunday on November 6<sup>th</sup>, Christ the King on November 20<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Eve on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Advent begins on November 27<sup>th</sup>. There is so much great music to celebrate not only these special days, but the entire season

– Creation, Harvest, Reformation, Thanks, Praise – all lend themselves to some of the great hymns, anthems and instrumental works of the Church. Not much time for a busy musician to catch their breath!

I've written quite a bit about the hymns we sing in the Church, and lately I've been pondering as to why it is so important for us to sing hymns or praise songs as a Congregation at Emanuel. Let me address this question by quoting the central tenet of The Hymn Society: "The holy act of singing together shapes faith, heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace." How many of us have as one of our earliest or fondest childhood church memories the singing of a hymn or a Sunday School song? I can point to the singing of "Holy, Holy, Holy" at my home church as probably my earliest church memory. This memory is the start of my musical journey and helped to make me into the church musician I am today.

How many of us have been spiritually healed or comforted by the singing of "Amazing Grace", "Silent Night", "You Are Mine", or any other favorite hymn or song that has moved us at a particular moment when we were in need of guidance or assurance? The corporate singing of a hymn during these times of need tells us, perhaps subliminally, that we are not alone in our time of sadness or weakness. "The act of singing together helps us to bear each other's burdens." (Martin Leckebusch, The Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland)

I will explore the act of the Congregational hymn singing more in future columns. We work very hard and take a long-time choosing hymns, praise songs, anthems, and instrumental music for Emanuel's weekly services. We strive to choose music that is appropriate to the day/season, that will be meaningful and uplifting to you, the Congregation. We hope that our efforts will move the Holy Spirit within you, and that your world is transformed, or transfigured, for even just a few seconds that day.

This month I leave you with the final verse from Marty Haugen's great Advent song "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" (ELW 242) that we will sing on Advent 1 on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,  
though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light,  
be strong and loving and fearless.

Love be our song and love our prayer  
and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev'ry day we share  
and bring us at last into glory.

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul



## Faith Journeys

We had fifty (50) people at the Worship Faith Journey event. What a wonderful gathering to discuss our worship of the Triune God.

The November Faith Journey event will be a workshop on Mindful Christian Conversation. In our society today, we have lost the ability to have mindful conversations. Scripture and the history and tradition of the Church have given us guidance on how we should have conversations as Christians. We will look at what scripture teaches us. We will engage the conversation process from a variety of approaches. And we will practice having Mindful Christian Conversations.

Over the next few years, we will be engaging important topics and issues. And these may well be sensitive and emotional issues for us, as we discern who God is calling us to be, what God is calling us to do, and where God is calling us to go. We need to have some groundwork on how we might engage these conversations. This workshop is open to all: young and old, member or non-member, family, friends, and strangers. So please feel free to pass this information along. We will have a lunch prepared. Feel free to bring beverages and snacks to enjoy and share. It will go from 9am – 4pm.

### Future Faith Journey Events:

Saturday	November 19	9a-4p	Mindful Christian Conversation
Thursdays	December 1, 8, 15, 22, 24, 25		Advent / Christmas Eve / Christmas Day worship
Saturday	January 21	9a-5p	Prayer Retreat
Fri/Sat/Sun	February	10, 11, 12	Conformation Retreat – LMC
Wednesdays	March	1,8,15,22,29, 4/5	Lenten Lord's Prayer worship
Saturday	April 15	9a-5p	Mission / Vision / Identity Workshop
Monday	May 22	6p-7p	Faith Journey Questions
Sunday-Friday	June	25,26,27,28,29,30	Confirmation Camp



## Looking back with Alicia Mayes...

I'm sure all of you have heard or seen that once in a while we have a visitor that flies into the church that no one is excited to see. That would be our occasional, "Bat".

In my searching through old bulletins, I found that in the early 1950's the Luther League wrote a monthly paper called, "The Belfry Bat". How odd, but how appropriate to know that the bat sightings go back many years. On that note, I have a story to tell you about that very subject. This is one of many encounters with bats I have experienced. This happened in August of 2021.

I was ushering on a Sunday morning at the 10:30 service. As I stood in the back of the church by the Narthex door before the service started, I saw something black on the floor closer to the front of the church in the middle isle. As I walked up the aisle to survey the situation it was clear that it was a "bat". It was alive, but wasn't moving around. Bruce Showalter and his wife, LouAnn, were sitting in the pew up closer to the bat. They weren't aware of our visitor yet. I went to where they were sitting and informed Bruce of my problem without much attention. Bruce said, "I will take care of it." You can imagine my relief. He went downstairs got some towels, came back to the sanctuary and picked the bat off the floor and removed it from the sanctuary. All of this happened before the service started.

Our HERO of the day, Bruce. By the time he returned to remove the bat people were starting to notice the situation. He then left the sanctuary again with the bat in tow. I never asked him how he disposed of it; I was just relieved that it was gone.

When he returned to his pew the congregation clapped because they were fully aware by then of what had happened. Right after his return Parish Deacon Ann got up to give the announcements. She also thanked Bruce for removing the bat. God put our HERO in the right place at the right time.

Until next time,  
Alicia

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23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Thanks & Giving - November 24, Serving from noon to 3:00 p.m. Plan now to join us!



As of printing, we still need the following items for Thanks & Giving. By the time you receive the newsletter the numbers may have changed, so check the sign-up sheets in the gathering space or call the church office.

___	(10 needed)	Turkey	qty. ___
___	(1 needed)	Ham	qty. ___
<del>___</del>	<del>(0 needed)</del>	<del>Sweet Potatoes #10</del>	<del>qty. ___</del>
<del>___</del>	<del>(0 needed)</del>	<del>Green Beans #10</del>	<del>qty. ___</del>
___	(4 needed)	Pumpkin Pie	qty. ___
___	(8 needed)	Cherry Pie	qty. ___
___		Monetary Gift	\$ ___

**Volunteers will be needed!** Watch for the Signup Sheets coming soon to the Gathering Space!

## HEAVYMETAL

Greetings again from the rafters! I can tell Autumn is here and that means it's time to prepare for Emanuel's big holidays: Reformation Sunday, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The bell choir is practicing diligently and I want you to get to know each of your wonderful ringers.



This month's spotlight is on Norma Ward, who has played bells here and around the country for a L-O-N-G time and under many directors, starting with Marge Hite.

First, though, Norma was raised in Carrolton, Ohio and began her love of music by playing the saxophone in the school band. She met and married William Davidson (the ceremony was officiated by Rev. Hollensen's brother) and they moved to Marion. After William's death, Norma married Ed Ward, who has since passed away. She has 3 sons, 3 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. She attended beauty school in Columbus and owns her own beauty shop, working parttime now.

When asked why she enjoys the bell choir, she admitted that she loves music and it makes her feel like she's part of Emanuel. She has participated in many women's groups here, holding many offices; helped co-ordinate Luke 14 dinners; and now enjoys the quilters. A seasoned veteran of the bell choir which she joined more than 30 years ago, she has played at the Palace, the Ohio State Fair, parades, in the Southland Mall, at the Luke 14 dinners, in nursing homes, a wedding in Grand Prairie, and numerous funerals. Especially talented, she plays 4 bells at once, much to the admiration and awe of her fellow ringers.

Norma's hobbies include playing cards, golf, sewing, crocheting, and formerly bowling. But her favorite time is spent serving Bandit, her shih-tzu dog.

Thanks and blessings to you, Norma, for sharing your many talents with us at Emanuel!

Until next time, from the rafters,  
Batina Belfry



Bill Barnhart will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on November, 27<sup>th</sup>! Let's remember Bill with our cards and prayers!

(Contact the church office for addresses)

Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday to  
Frank Fanello!

On Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> the  
staff at Emanuel celebrated Frank  
with a spaghetti lunch and cake  
and ice cream!



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## NOVEMBER 2022

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount  
all of your wonderful deeds.

Psalms 9:1

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8am – Quilters 6:00 – Praise Team Rehearsal	2 9:30 – Bible Study 6pm – Children's & Adult Choir 7pm – Bell Choir	3 11am – Social Ministry 7pm – Worship	4 Waldo Food Distribution	5
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