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# The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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## Reflecting

*"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.*

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

We have kicked off our 150<sup>th</sup> Year with a wonderful, exciting start!

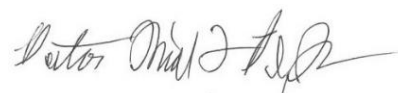
The first aspect of this 150<sup>th</sup> Year is to take time to reflect: to reflect upon the history of Emanuel, to reflect upon our participation in the ministry of Emanuel and the Kingdom of God, and to reflect upon our own discipleship moving forward from here.

We have reflected upon who God is calling us to be. This year, we are reflecting upon what God is calling us to do. And next year we will reflect on where God is calling us to go. It is an exciting time to be here at Emanuel, to be part of the church, to participate in the work of the Kingdom.

The glory of the Lord becomes a mirror for us to look into and see ourselves as we truly are. The Lord will transform us into the image God desires for us. This is not always an easy process. It is also one we don't always want or like. But God sees us clearly, and clearly sees what we are to become.

So, let us begin this anniversary year by opening our eyes, reflecting on God's work in our life, committing to follow Christ where we are led, and experiencing the transformation the Holy Spirit has in store for us.

Peace,



Pastor Mike

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Guest Pastors!

We have been hearing from pastors to get on the calendar to preach for our Anniversary Year!

**The first guest pastor, Pastor Jill Rowland, will be here from Oregon on October 22nd.**

We plan to have a meal in the parlors following each guest pastor's worship services.

Stay tuned for more information!

### Pastor Jill Rowland



Pastor Jill Rowland will be here at Emanuel October 22<sup>nd</sup> as our guest pastor and will have the sermon at all 3 services that morning. She is the 1<sup>st</sup> guest pastor on the schedule for our anniversary year.

Pastor Jill was raised at Emanuel. Some of you may remember her mother, Maryann Rowland. Her father is Paul Rowland. Her father died July 27, 2019 in Flat Rock, N.C. She has two brothers, Brent and Bruce, her twin, Jack, died September 5, 1981. You may also remember her grandparents, Alfreda and Clifford Smith. They were also members of Emanuel. She is married to Phil Scott and has two children, Emelia and Alden Gendreau. She also has Luther their 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation Golden Retriever.

She was ordained with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America June 26, 1994.

Pastor Jill has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Education from the Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, 1987, Master of Divinity Degree with Honors, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA, 1994, Doctor of Divinity Degree in Congregational Mission and Leadership, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, 2008, Board Certified Chaplain, Association of Professional Chaplains (APC), 2011-present and Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) Certified Educator 2014 – present.

Pastor Jill was an English Teacher at Agua Fria High School in Avondale, AZ 1987-1990, the first woman Associate Pastor at Tanque Verde Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ 1994-1995, Contract Pastor, St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Beaverton, OR 1995-1996, the first woman Lead Pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hood River, OR 1996-2003, ELCA Mission Developer, Soul Café Hood River, OR 2003-2008, Clinical Chaplain, Providence Health & Services in Hood River, OR 2003-2014 and ACPE Supervisory Education Student, Providence Health & Services Portland, OR 2011-2014.

I will use the words from the bio I read about Pastor Jill, she said: "My personal and professional journey inspires my life's work." Her career passion stems from a personal experience during her childhood. When she was 16 years old her twin brother passed away by suicide. Spiritual care providers accompanied her through dark days of grief and eventual healing. "I was able to make meaning out of the worst time of my life," she says. "I didn't know then that I would become a chaplain, but I know that it certainly formed who and where I am today."

When asked, what is it like to be a chaplain? She says, "although it can be a difficult and heartbreaking job, the spiritual team at Legacy Emanuel often talk about how they are called to allow their



Jill with her husband, Phil

hearts to break with others.” She went on to say, “My tears have sometimes been labeled as “weak.” I think this is part of a gender stereotype. For me, my tears empower my spiritual care and are part of the way that I accompany and bear witness to others and their tears.” Pastor Jill credits her mother for supporting whatever she wanted to do and has been critical in her growth as a woman and professional career that she tries to bring to work with her every day to support others.

Pastor Jill works for Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in Portland, Oregon. She has worked there 9 years. As you have seen she already has many firsts in her career. In May of 2022 she became the director of spiritual care and she is certified as an Association of Clinical Pastoral Education Educator. She is the first woman to hold this position in the 111-year history of Legacy Emanuel. She leads a team of chaplains, chaplain residents, chaplain interns and ACPE faculty members as they deliver spiritual care services at Legacy Emanuel, Randall Children’s Hospital at Legacy Emanuel and Unity Center for Behavioral Health and also the first woman to serve as director of spiritual care.

Pastor Jill also sent me personal information and stories growing up at Emanuel.

I will also use her own words about her personal life. She said: “I have fond memories of growing up at Emanuel. My family always sat in the balcony, so I had a bird’s eye view of the sanctuary and its beautiful stained-glass windows. The church building itself was a sort of playground for me. I can remember finding the back stairwell to where the choir sat and thinking that was so cool.”



When Jill attended Emanuel, the organ was on the pulpit side

“Participating in Luther League was a highlight of my teenage years.

Getting to “remodel” the Luther League room was a fun project and made it a great place to hang out with my sidekick, Marc West, as was attending the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, TX.”

“I was baptized by Rev. Martin Hollensen and confirmed by Rev. James Rave and Rev. Henry (Hank, to me) Seibert. Rev. Henry Seibert preached at my ordination service and he and Rev. Wes Jones presided at my wedding. Even though I have not lived in Ohio since 1983, my roots at and connection with Emanuel run deep and inform who I am today as a person and a professional.”

“My mom, Mary Ann Rowland, lives at an assisted living facility in Hood River, OR where my spouse, Phil Scott, and I live. We take her to church every Sunday there, and she also enjoys listening to Emanuel’s worship services on Facebook.



Jill with her children, Emelia and Alden and their dog, Luther

A funny story: as teenagers, Jon Bull (now Rev. Jon), and I used to sit in the last or next to last row in the balcony. One Sunday, when Hank was preaching, we tried to see how far up in the air we could loft our hymnals. We probably got to 3-4 feet high in the air which did not go unnoticed by Hank’s keen eye. After the worship service, we received a little “talking to” from Hank. Needless to say, we never did that again. Moral of the story: if you try to see how far you can loft your hymnals in the air, you may become a pastor someday.”

May we give Pastor Jill a warm welcome, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Until next time, Alicia

Pastor Poole and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:

Thank you for your kind letter of invitation to participate in Emanuel's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary observations. I would love to respond with an enthusiastic YES to both parts of the invitation. I was Baptized, Confirmed, and Ordained in this congregation! Over the years I have remained close friends with my school mate and fellow Emanuel son-of-the congregation, Dennis Hacker; and a former college roommate, seminary apartments-next-door-neighbor and former Emanuel pastor, Weston Jones.

However, as I observe my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 30<sup>th</sup> and have been experiencing some serious health challenges, I have to be realistic! And I'll add to that, returning home from a trip to Ohio in mid-April my wife had a cardiac emergency and now has a pacemaker that was implanted along the way in Knoxville, Tennessee!

The last time I played any role at Emanuel was serving as a pall bearer for Rev. Hollensen, sharing that responsibility with the late Rev. Tom Rehl among others. (Those front steps sure are steep to carry down a casket!)

So, here's how I can best respond regarding the anniversary invitations. I've got the September 8, 2024 date in my calendar. If the good Lord is willing and I am able, I would love to participate. Regarding an opportunity to preach or participate otherwise, I have to honestly see how things go in the next few months!

In Christ's Love,  
Rev. Peter J. Zieg

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Emanuel Poster Decorating Contest!!! Fun for Adults and Children!

### CONTEST RULES:

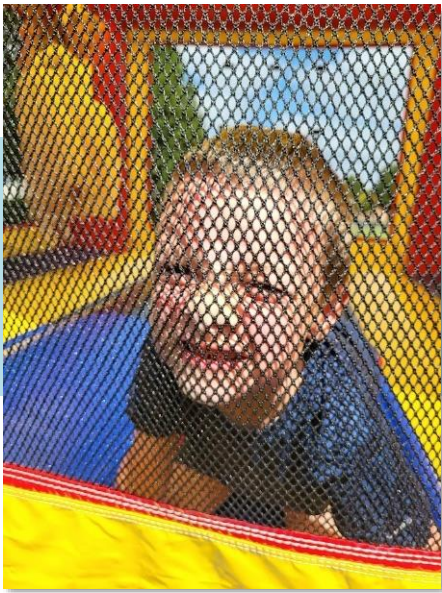
- Poster must include a picture of Emanuel and a 100-word essay
  - Pictures of Emanuel are provided for you
  - Essay is "What Emanuel means to me"
- Deadline for all posters is January 10, 2024
- The winning poster will be showcased during our anniversary events. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card to Perkins
- All posters will be hung in Sunday School hallways
- See Mrs. Rinker with any questions



*You Know You Are a Steadfast Lutheran If....*

... You know that God didn't create snakes and dust; Satan did.

... You would like to yell, "Get some of the younger ones to do it," but rather you say, "You bet I can work. I have nothing better to do."



*Thank You from the Boards of Communications, Fellowship, and Education!*

The board of Communications and Evangelism would like to thank all those who supported the Anniversary Sunday Barbecue Extravaganza! It was another successful event and everyone had a great time. It was well attended... approximately 80 people attended to kick start the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Emanuel Lutheran Church. The food was good. Thanks to the hands who made it. The fellowship was exceptional. A special thanks goes out to the members of the Fellowship, Anniversary, and Christian Education Boards for helping to make this event a success.

There is still time to sign up to help give the church a good cleaning and some updating in preparation for the year of celebration, and I'm sure the Anniversary Committee will give you a personal tour of the church if you want.





Emanuel Congregational Birthday Celebration  
 Reformation Sunday  
 October 29<sup>th</sup> -- 4:30 – 7:00PM



Celebrate the birthdays of all your Emanuel friends and family. Look for the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space for each month of the year. We will need one person for each month of the year to provide decorations for their table – highlighting the uniqueness of that month and one person for each month to bring a dessert to share.

The Fellowship Board will provide a light supper of sandwiches, fruit, fresh vegetables, and drinks.

After supper, we are excited to showcase the four choirs at Emanuel! We will go to the sanctuary and listen to our talented musicians in the Children’s Choir, the Bell Choir, the Praise Team, and the Emanuel Choir sing praises to our Lord.

What an amazing way to celebrate all our birthdays and also the 506<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation because, “A mighty fortress is our God! A bulwark never failing”

Looking forward to celebrating with you on October 29<sup>th</sup>



Christmas open house- “All Is Bright”

Once again, we are participating, as a church family, in the Marion area church open house. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-8:00, we will be welcoming visitors to this “All Is Bright” event. While the board of Communication and Evangelism is hosting the event, we need all boards and church members to be a part of this. God has given each of us a gift and without *your* gift, this event won’t be a true reflection of who we are as a church family. We will need greeters at the doors, food prep. people, hosts to roam around and help visitors, musicians and we have many other “positions” to be filled. Look for sign-up sheets or contact Dee Rinehart (740-215-0440). Better yet, attend the next organizational meeting on **October 23 at 6:00 (at the church)**. This is an opportunity to show the Marion community that we love our Lord and that they always have a home to come to at Emanuel Lutheran Church, where all are welcome.



Friday Afternoon Card Making



There are a few members who would like to get together and make cards. We plan on doing this on Fridays in the late afternoon. If you are interested talk to Jean Yake or Dee Rinehart. There will be no obligation to come every Friday or to even bring supplies. These events will just be a time for fellowship and a way to make cards that will bring a little joy into someone’s life. We will start off with Iris folding cards. More info to come.

## Trip to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering

We are planning on taking a group of youth to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024. We have had an initial meeting. The group has several ideas for raising funds for the trip. We are also looking forward to getting together to do some group building prior to the trip. We are exploring the possibility of joining with the other congregations in the area. Our group had a great time parking cars in our lot during the Popcorn Festival. And everyone enjoyed our free popcorn!



**The Youth raised nearly \$1,000 toward their trip and gave out 900 bags of popcorn! That is Emanuel Lutheran interacting with 900 people. Thank you for your support!**

## Sunday School News

We're back in our classrooms studying Moses. For our service project this quarter, the children decided to make blankets for the homeless. **We are asking for donations of fleece for this project.** Fleece can be left in the blessing basket by the first-floor elevator. Service Sunday will be on December 17th in the parlors.

**Movie Sunday will be on October 29th on the 4th floor.** We will be watching, "The Prince of Peace" starring Moses. No manna that day, but lots of homemade doughnuts! Parents are welcome to join us. All are welcome to help.

## Breaking Bread Together

Our first Breaking Bread Together was a hit with several members in attendance as well as a number of daycare families. Check out those Buckeye necklaces they made!



Good Luck to our Sunday School Cross Country runners!



**Our next Breaking Bread Together is:**

Wednesday, October 25th

5PM to 7PM

Please join us for dinner and Harvest Happenings

Our Daycare Team is hosting and preparing dinner and festivities.





## Emanuel LGBT Fellowship Group



2023 Schedule: First Sunday Each Month At 6PM  
October 1<sup>st</sup>      November 5<sup>th</sup>      December 3<sup>rd</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, you are welcome to attend. Questions: email at [LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com](mailto:LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com), calling or texting 740-262-2655

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### Journey Through the Bible Together

Pastor Mike still has a 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 Bible 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.

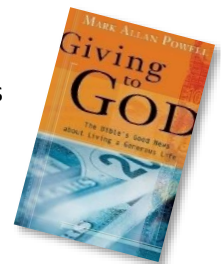
We began with Genesis and take one to three weeks working through each book, depending on the discussion and conversation. Pastor Mike has notes and handouts to guide us through this journey. This has always been an enjoyable journey for Pastor Mike in all his congregations. We have about 18 people gathering for this study, but there is still more room for you to join us.

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. We are in Micah, so if you would like to work your way through the Prophets jump in! We will be starting the New Testament soon. So, if you'd like to join us for the second half, feel free!

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### Book Study

We will be focusing on stewardship with the fall book: "Giving to God – The Bible's Good News About Living a Generous Life," by Mark Allan Powell. Mark was one of Pastor Mike's seminary professors. We will have in-person gatherings on Thursdays at 11:30a and 5:30p. We will also have a virtual session on Sunday nights at 6:30p. If you would like the zoom link for the virtual session, send an email to Pastor Mike.



### Faith Journeys

This month we will finish reviewing the Ten Commandments during Thursday evening worship. Join us to hear God's Commandments in a new light. We have started a new session of Confirmation. Join the youth in continuing our Faith Journey!

#### Future Faith Journey Events:

- Thursdays 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9 – Worship
- Sunday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> at 12noon – Discussion on Stewardship.
- Saturday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> from 9a-12n – Prayer Bead Workshop
- Wednesday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- Thursday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thanks and Giving
- Thursdays 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21 – Advent Worship





## Looking Back with Alicia

This is part 3 of the history of the church that I started in August. I will start with some of the gifts presented to Emanuel and by whom when our present building was dedicated:

- The ALTAR – Presented by the two Young Men’s Sunday school classes, H.L. Albrecht and Philip Ebert, teachers.
- THE PULPIT – Presented by Miss Mary Zachman’s Sunday school class.
- THE LECTERN– Presented by Miss Mable Twigg’s Sunday school class.
- THE BAPTISMAL FONT – By the two Beginners’ Classes, Misses Emma Zachman and Emma Stark, teachers.
- THE HYMN BOARD – By the “In His Name” Circle of King’s Daughters.
- THE TWO CHANCEL CHAIRS – By the Sunday school classes of A.F. Fetter and Christian Weber.
- THE ORGAN – By the Ladies Society
- VOX HUMANA AND ADDITIONAL STOP TO THE ORGAN – By Miss Mary Heuss’s Sunday school class.
- THE PEWS FOR THE NAVE OF THE CHURCH – By Rev. J.W. Schillinger’s Sunday school class.
- CROSS, CANDLE STICKS AND COLLECTION PLATES – BY Mrs. G. Case’s Sunday school class.
- CARPET FOR CHURCH – By the Luther League.
- FIREPLACE IN THE PARLOR - By W.H. Schreffler’s Sunday school class.
- PIANO, CHAIRS AND LIGHTING FIXTURES FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS – By the Sunday school.
- OFFICE FURNITURE IN PASTOR’S STUDY – By H. Schaffner Company.

The stained-glass windows on the sides in the sanctuary have gold plaques with inscriptions telling the donors. The windows between the Narthex and sanctuary also have the donors’ names at the bottom. The windows over the altar have inscriptions in red below the pictures.

The Women of the Church were the first to want an organ. The first organ at our present church was a Moller with seventeen stops. The Moller Organ Company was founded in 1875 in Greencastle, Pennsylvania. In 1881 it moved to Hagerstown, Maryland where it remained until 1992 when it closed. The company had a lifetime of instruments that were built. The number totaled over 12,000.

Early in 1920 a mission church was begun on Darius Street. A building was rented and a Sunday school was organized and church services were held conducted by Pastor Schillinger. The project was abandoned two years later for lack of interest. On April 9, 1922, the property adjoining the church on the south was purchased for \$7,200.00. Lot dimensions are 58’ x 165’. It was purchased so ample ground would be available for the future erection of a parish house or Sunday school building and a new parsonage. Emanuel’s property on the corner of S. Prospect St. and Pleasant St. now measured 134’ x 165’.

Nineteen twenty-four was a memorable one for Emanuel. As of January 1, 1924 the communicant membership was 593 and the Sunday school enrollment was 452. The last worship service in German was given April 6, 1924. The building of a new parsonage was undertaken sooner than anyone expected. On April 1, 1924 a committee was appointed to get costs for the new parsonage. On May 27<sup>th</sup> the congregation resolved to erect the new parsonage at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. The building committee consisted of Andrew Baldauf, George Schaadt and Lawrence Rengert. Plans for the parsonage were prepared by Mr. Rengert, a member of the committee, and on June 30<sup>th</sup> the contract was awarded to John Baldauf and Sons (Baldauf Construction today) at a cost of \$9,877.00. It was an eight-room house, constructed of the same brick as the church (the house our office is located in today).

The year 1924 had some very sad times as well. Many of Emanuel’s oldest and most supportive members passed on to be with the Lord. John F. Lust, the last charter member of Emanuel, died March 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lust had served on the building committee for both churches. He had held office in the vestry (church council) almost continuously throughout the half century of Emanuel’s existence. For many years he was elder, until finally the congregation elected him to the honorary position of elder emeritus.

On October 3, 1937, Pastor J.W. Schillinger preached his last sermon and left Emanuel after 28 years of service to become President of the Ohio District. Membership had grown from 300 to 345. November 7, 1937, Rev. Marin E. Hollensen was installed as pastor, coming from Grace Lutheran Church in Eaton, Ohio with his wife, Ruth, and daughter, Dorothy. A second daughter, Carol, was born in Marion. September 11, 1938 Gothic lantern fixtures were dedicated on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church building with Rev. Schillinger as the guest speaker.

WMRN AM Radio went on the air on December 23, 1940 and on the last Sunday in January 1943 live radio broadcasts of Sunday morning worship services were initiated. These broadcasts were started by a grant of \$500.00 given by Raymond Roecker, a member of Emanuel. There was a "Gentleman's Agreement" (an agreement between two parties based on integrity and trust) between Emanuel and WMRN. There was no contract, which was very unusual. I was handed a folder recently by Ed Stofcheck with papers through the years from WMRN. The first bill in the folder is dated April 1, 1943. The bill is for 4 broadcasts in the month of March. Each broadcast cost \$41.00. Joe Peters, a faithful member of Emanuel, engineered this program faithfully. He never missed a wedding or a funeral. He was always willing to train any interested young or older person on the PA system and many people learned from him. Back then the sound system was where our present organ is located and our organ was across the chancel on the north side behind the pulpit.



Mike Mutter working the sound system.

Joe Peters became ill on Father's Day in June 1987. He died on Thursday, August 13, 1987 at the age of 64. Joe's job was at WMRN where he served as chief engineer for 43 years. Michael Mutter then took charge of the sound system at the church at that time. There has never been, to this day, any solicitation for this program. Emanuel congregation members have supported the radio ministry through their gifts. Emanuel has broadcasted services on the radio for 80 years.

On October 15, 1950 a fund drive was started for a new educational building, using Martz and Lundy as the company that would guide us with the fund raiser.

Charles Osborn was selected as the architect and Fred Baldauf was the builder. The Building Committee was Lloyd Johnston, Chairman, Ray Greer, George Turner, Lloyd Mautz, Harry Baldauf, and Lawrence Rengert. The Finance Committee was Raymond Roecker, Chairman, Carl Campbell, U.A. Nystrom, James Lytle, Ray Greer, and C.G. Case who also was campaign chairman. The equipment committee was Lloyd Mautz, Chairman, Robert Morrison, Mrs. Floyd Wertz, Mrs. Roland Leeper and Norman Fogt. The new four story education building cost \$225,000.00 and was dedicated May 3, 1953. It included general offices, a lounge, Sunday school classrooms, kitchens on each floor and a 200-seat addition to the sanctuary. This was where the Gathering Space is today.

In 1958 Carlton Case headed a \$60,000 drive for air conditioning and the renovation of the organ at that time. I will have a sample of the fans that were used in the church before the air conditioning was put in.

As I have researched these pieces of history, I called Ed Baldauf. Ed told me, John Baldauf that was the contractor for the construction of our present church building was Ed's father, Harry's, first cousin. John Baldauf was the founder of Baldauf Construction. Ed and his brother, Bob, had Baldauf Lumber. Baldauf Lumber is no longer in business, but Baldauf Construction has been handed down in the family and is still in business. He went on to tell me that John Baldauf had a son, Fred, who was the contractor for building our present educational wing. Ed remembers that when our balcony was first built the seating was wooden pews like in the downstairs of the sanctuary. It was then decided to put theater seating in the balcony. Ed doesn't remember if it was when the educational wing was built or a little later, but Fred was in charge of getting those seats installed. Fred was a big man and wanted a seat to fit him. Ed went on to say that there is one seat in the balcony that is wider than the rest. He couldn't remember which one. So, the investigator in me kicked in, I was going to find it. I got my trusty tape measure out and off I went. I called Ed to tell him I found it. The seat is 2 inches wider than the rest. Ed was pleased that I found it and said, "that's the one." I'm so glad that Ed remembers these things. I think it makes the stories more interesting. I will be talking to him more in the future. Who knows what he will tell me next.

More history to come, Alicia

## Feed the Need

The Wednesday morning Bible study is working with Amy Vanderhoff to help our local students. Once a week they will make and provide meals for the students experiencing homelessness. If you would like to donate items for their meals, they need individual bags of chips, individual cups of applesauce, buns, slices of American cheese, and fresh fruit. Donations can be dropped off in the kitchen. This is an ongoing project that we hope will grow. Questions? Contact Sue Rakow 740-389-4943.

## God's Work, Our Hands

The 2023 God's Work. Our Hands projects are listed below. Please stop into the Gathering Space to sign-up for a specific project and get more information. All selected projects need to be completed by the end of October. Join in the fun, while doing something for others. Anyone and everyone can select a project or two either solo, or with your family or a group of friends.



## God's Work. Our Hands 2023 Master List

### 1. Veteran Blessing Bag – 8 cards

Andrea Baker; 614 257-5200; [Andrea.Baker@va.gov](mailto:Andrea.Baker@va.gov);  
1203 Delaware Ave. 740 223-8089

### 2. Turning Point Cleaning Bucket – 4 cards

Contact 740 382-8988; 330 Barks Road W

### 3. Turning Point Laundry Basket – 4 cards

Contact 740 382-8988; 330 Barks Road W

### 4. Walker/Wheelchair Tote Bag – 8 cards

In conjunction with Aspire Ministries, return totes to church office

### 5. Family and Men's Shelter – 4 cards

Contact 740 387-4550; 326 W Fairground St

### 6. Leapin' Outreach Center – 4 cards

Drop off donations at 150 Court St; Contact 740 387-0131

### 7. Aspire Ministries Diaper Ministry – 8 cards

Drop off donations Tuesday-Friday at 205 W Center St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor; Contact 740 751-6554

### 8. Voice of Hope – 4 cards

Contact 740 223-0419; 217 W Center Street

### 9. Aspire Ministries Senior Needs Ministry – 4 cards

Drop off donations Tuesday-Friday at 205 W Center St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor; Contact 740 751-6554

### 10. Peanut Butter Jelly Truck – 4 cards

503 Ballentine Ave; volunteer information contact Bev Young 740 360-3704 or [BevYoung40@gmail.com](mailto:BevYoung40@gmail.com)

## Musings from the Church Mouse...

I just want to wish you all a happy 149<sup>th</sup> birthday. You don't look that old! I can't wait to see the changes that will come this coming year around here. It is so great to see all the excitement going on!

See ya' at worship!

Church Mouse

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## Pastor Poole's Pins



Pastor Mike has served on country chapter boards of the American Cancer Society. His Kilted 50 year centered on cancer awareness. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month with the color of Pink. March is Colo-Rectal Cancer Awareness Month symbolized by the Blue Star. The Purple and Green ribbon is domestic violation awareness. The green ribbon with red heart, as well as the green chair are symbols of organ donation. Everyone, young and old, should take time to get their annual checks! And... Pastor Mike's new kilt that he wore a month or so ago, is the Continue Tartan for Suicide Awareness and Prevention.

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## Stretch and Pray

When we had our Prayer Workshop earlier in the year, we learned about Stretch and Pray. Pastor Mike and Pastor Tracy have started Stretch and Pray back up for Earth and Cup. People have asked how they might participate in this experience. It is currently meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:15p – 8pm on Zoom. If you would like the link, email Pastor Mike.

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Maxine Rutherford celebrates her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on October 4<sup>th</sup> and Frank Fanello celebrates his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 24<sup>th</sup>!  
**Let's remember Maxine and Frank with our cards and prayers!**  
(call the church office for addresses)

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**Thank you to the Finleys for sharing their bountiful harvest of tomatoes with the congregation this season! What a great example of stewardship at work.**

*"I was hungry and you gave me food..."*





## Welcome to Our Monthly Music Notes!

*A tow'r of strength our God is still! / A mighty shield and weapon;  
He is our help from all the ill / That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old bitter foe Now means deadly woe: / Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight, / On earth is not his equal.*

Do you believe in ghosts? An appropriate question for the October edition of Music Notes! Ghosts – not the scary kind, or funny kind, or malevolent kind. I'm talking about the kind of ghosts that are just, well, around us, with us in our lives every day. Most of the time we don't know they're there, but they seem to pop in our lives for a fleeting moment. We probably don't even realize when it happens.

Perhaps these ghosts manifest themselves when we dream about friends or loved ones who have passed, or colleagues from a long-ago workplace or other social group. Maybe you've experienced a moment of inexplicable *deja vu*, or maybe you've seen someone you're sure you've met before, but just can't place them. Are these ghosts or just "ghosts"?

You're probably wondering what this has to do with music at Emanuel. Good question. As you know, our historian, Alicia Mayes, has been treating us to some fascinating photographs and ephemera in the Gathering Space, going back to the earliest days of our church building and congregation. My favorite item, so far, has been the Order of Service for the Consecration of our church building from 1918. I'm interested in the hymns and other music that was performed throughout the week-long celebration.

Those of you who read my Music Notes regularly know that I love hymns, and I especially enjoy discovering and learning new hymns. Well, one thing that struck me about the bulletin for the celebration week in 1918 was how many hymns I did not recognize. So an opportunity to learn "new" old hymns presented itself! My interest was piqued.

So I did some research to figure out what hymnal our congregation used in 1918. I determined that, more than likely, it was the "Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal" published by the First English District of the Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States (that's a mouthful!) in Columbus, Ohio in 1908. I asked Alicia if the church had a copy of this hymnal in its archives, and within a couple days there was a beautiful old hymnal waiting for me!

Oh yes, ghosts. So it's early evening, and I'm alone in the quiet sanctuary, alone in the entire building in fact, and I open the hymnal. And I feel a wave of emotion wash over me. This will sound corny, but I could feel their presence: the ghosts of those who came before. It wasn't eerie, scary, or disconcerting. It was comforting. For just a fleeting moment, I felt that I knew them, and they knew me. It was a reminder of the common bond we share with those in the past, and in the future.

On the endsheet of the hymnal (inside front cover), was a name and date: Miss Matilda Augenstein, Dec. 25 1909. Was this hymnal a Christmas gift to Matilda, or did she just write her name in it on that day? Was it a gift from family or the church? Was Matilda a child or an adult? Do her ancestors still attend Emanuel to this day? Was it Matilda's presence that I felt that evening?

Something similar happened to me many years ago. I was playing for a wedding at my home church (First Presbyterian in Delaware), and I had some time to spare before the ceremony. I'm relaxing in one of the social areas, and on a bookshelf was a row of older hymnals, the one in use when I was growing up.

Me being me, I took a random hymnal off the shelf to leaf through it, as I hadn't seen it in many years. And there, written on the inside, was a name: Paul Burnside. In my handwriting. I must have used this hymnal at some point: when singing in junior choir, or playing the organ, I'm not really sure. But that hymnal is now in my collection and is an important keepsake and reminder of the roots of my journey as a church musician.

So do you believe in ghosts? I didn't use to, but now I'm not so sure. My hope is that sometime throughout this anniversary year, each of you has a similar experience to mine that evening. When we gather in worship, not only are we in each

other's presence, but we are also with those who came before. May those who follow us feel *our* presence, as they worship in this glorious space in the years to come.

By the way, do you recognize the hymn I quoted at the beginning? It is a rather interesting translation of *Ein Feste Burg* (A Mighty Fortress) from the 1908 hymnal, and was the closing hymn of the Consecration on September 8, 1918. A new "old" hymn, indeed.

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul Burnside

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## Steeple Sightings (formerly known as HEAVENLY METAL)



Roger with his wife, Sheila

Ah, the crispness in the air signals a change of seasons from summer to autumn! There are many changes in the works at Emanuel, too: new classes, projects, and missions. To show independent thinking, I decided to change the title to reflect more accurately what the congregation can expect from this lil' ol' bat. Since all of the bell choir ringers have been introduced, it's time to move on to the Praise Team.

The first on my sonar receptor needs no introduction, since he is always personally greeting everyone preparing for worship --- Roger Kerr.

Roger first greeted life from Mansfield until the world beckoned him to join in the fun! He saw the world from the flight deck of the USS Saratoga as a member of the air squadrons. When he returned back on land, he attended night school for Business Administration. He and his wife Sheila have raised two sons.

Now Roger is currently employed by Whirlpool as a guard and tracks trucks coming into and going out from the plant.

He loves to serve people, as has been demonstrated by his recent participation in "Joyce's Angels" and other areas of home care.

Twenty-five years ago, Roger transferred from Lee Street Presbyterian to Emanuel, and now my little bat ears love to wake me up on Sunday mornings to the joyous sounds of our Praise Team, which he joined over 5 – 6 years ago, and continues to be a member, saying it is fun and a blessing.

Ask him how he is and he will inevitably reply, "Blessed by the Best." Certainly, he spreads his blessings to this congregation one greeting at a time.

Until the next epistle from the heights,

Batina Belfry



Are you interested in joining one of Emanuel's choirs? Stop by practice sometime to see what it's all about!

### Rehearsal Times:

- Praise Team – Tuesdays at 6pm
- Adult Choir – Wednesdays at 6pm
- Children's Choir – Wednesdays at 6pm
- Bell Choir – Wednesdays at 7pm

You can always volunteer to provide special music during services as well!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDA	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship 12pm Brunch 1pm Youth Gath Mtg. 2pm Bible Study 6pm LBGT & Allies	<b>2</b> 6 - Communications	<b>3</b> 8:30 Quilters 6pm Praise Team 7pm Marionnaires	<b>4</b> 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 C&A Choirs 7:00 Bell Choir	<b>5</b> 11:30 Book Study 5:30 Book Study 7pm Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00am - Worship 9:15 - Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship 2pm Bible Study	<b>9</b> 5pm Hour of Prayer (Church Parlor)	<b>10</b> 8:30 Quilters 6pm Praise Team 7pm Marionnaires	<b>11</b> 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 C&A Choirs 7:00 Bell Choir	<b>12</b> 11:30 Book Study 5:30 Book Study 7pm Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8am - LWR Quilt Pick-up
<b>15</b> 8:00am - Worship 9:15 - Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship 2pm Bible Study	<b>16</b> 10am - Anniversary Mtg.	<b>17</b> 8:30 Quilters 6pm Thanks & Giving Mtg. 6pm Praise Team 7pm Marionnaires	<b>18</b> 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 C&A Choirs 7:00 Bell Choir	<b>19</b> 8am Social Ministry 10:30 Staff Mtg. 11am Staff Lunch 11:30 Book Study 5:30 Book Study 7pm Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9am - 12pm Prayer Bead Workshop
<b>22</b> <b>Jill Rowland</b> 8:00am - Worship 9:15 - Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship 12pm - Luncheon 2pm Bible Study	<b>23</b> 6pm Christmas Open House Mtg. (lounge)	<b>24</b> 6pm Praise Team 7pm Marionnaires	<b>25</b> 9:30 Bible Study 5pm Breaking Bread 6:00 C&A Choirs 7:00 Bell Choir	<b>26</b> 11:30 Book Study 5:30 Book Study 7pm Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:00am - Worship 9:15 - Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship 2pm Bible Study 4:30 Con. Bday Party	<b>30</b> 7pm PPC	<b>31</b> Child Care Trick-or-Treat 6pm Praise Team 7pm Marionnaires	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>



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