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Emmanuel Life & Times August & September 2021

“Yes, We’re Open!”



The Rescue Mission I directed in Clarksburg had two thrift stores. Like the Salvation Army and the ReStore, we received and resold items that were donated from the community. The stores needed to run well because they supplied a significant portion of our operating income. One day a lady came into the mission with her donated items. When I asked her why she didn’t drop them off at one of the thrift stores, she said, “Well, I never know when your stores are open... you don’t have any signs.” I drove by our stores that day and found out she was right. So I bought two large signs that said, “**Yes, We’re Open!**” and placed them in the store’s main window. Donations and sales went up. Small changes can reap big benefits. As we come into the Fall at Emmanuel, I feel like I should buy the same sign for our church: “**Yes, We’re Open!**” We are! People are returning to worship. Ministries and leadership meetings are returning. Bible studies and Life Groups are returning. **We’re back. We’re open. God is good!**

In August, my sermons will be looking at some lessons we can learn from living with Covid for a year. We can know the pandemic is behind us as we stop social distancing, take off our masks, stop hoarding, check our news feeds and we’ll look at the vaccine as a spiritual symbol for protecting our hearts from negative outside influences. In September and October, we’ll continue to look at Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount as well as some messages from the Psalms and Prophets.



After eight years of positive family life ministry at Emmanuel, Jonathan and Maria Delgado have decided to move back to Atlanta, GA. Jonathan will be with us through the month of August. His last Sunday will be August 29. **Pastor Jonathan will be preaching on Sunday, August 29 and then we'll have a Fellowship Lunch at noon in the Fellowship Hall** to offer them our love, support and prayers as they move on in their ministry journey. The Delgados’ have blessed Emmanuel in many ways for many years and I know they will be a blessing to the church they will serve in Atlanta in the days to come.

Ministry is back. Every Sunday, beginning in August, we will highlight a different church ministry. Our Adult Ministry team will be contacting every ministry in our church to schedule their Sunday to share.



September is Hero’s Month. Each Sunday in September, we’ll celebrate a different Hero. September 5: Policemen and First Responders, September 12: Grandparents, September 19: Teachers and School Staff, and September 26: Doctors, Nurses and Hospital Staff.

The LIFE class is back. We are meeting on Sunday mornings in Room 108 at 9:40 a.m. We are using the Believe Series by Randy Frazee to look at the foundational basics of the Christian life. If you are newer to Emmanuel, this class is a good place to start as you seek to find out more about our staff and ministries.

Men’s Ministry is back. We meet every second Thursday at noon at the Olive Garden for lunch (Aug. 12). We meet every fourth Wednesday at 7:15 in the church parlor for a Discussion Group (Aug. 25). We’re also bringing together some special activities on the second Mondays. Our tentative plan is August 9: Fishing at North Bend, September 13: Golf Scramble, and October 11: Hiking at Mountwood. Stay tuned for more information.

Our Church Picnic is back. We usually have our picnic in September, but this year our Church Picnic will be Sunday, **October 3 at 5 p.m.** at the pavilion by the pond. Mark your calendars.

Yes, We’re Open! Pastor Kurt



Updates From our Staff:

From Pastor Jonathan (Family Life News)



Eight years ago, my family and I entered this church building for the first time. As first impressions go, Maria and I agree that we immediately felt welcomed and loved by the wonderful people of Emmanuel Baptist Church. We had just experienced a very difficult and emotional major life transition; leaving our church home in the Atlanta area where we had been serving for 9 years, saying farewell to family and close friends, and following God’s leading as He called us to move north to West Virginia. The fact that our first EBC experience was one that was so filled with love and hospitality went a long way in assuring us that we had made the right decision and that this was where we belonged for the foreseeable future.

Over the next several years we experienced faith community like we had not experienced before! Emmanuel had brought me on staff as Family Life Minister to pour into the children, youth and families of the church; what I did *not* expect was how much the families of the church would pour into *us* as well! The church supported us and mourned with us when my older brother and Maria’s

father passed away. You celebrated and rejoiced with us when I finally completed my MDiv Seminary education. You sent encouraging letters and prayers as we worked through Maria’s health crisis and after every sermon I was blessed to preach among you. You embraced our daughters as though they were your own, and entrusted us to lead, teach and mentor your children in return. You spoke life and truth into our times of struggle and invited us to take part in yours as well, and together we grew in ways I would have never expected. We have truly made life-long friendships here that we know will carry through into God’s eternal Kingdom.

Now, after having been loved and nurtured by Emmanuel for the last eight years, Maria and I believe we are being called back to our roots in Georgia to continue serving the Lord there and to carry back with us all the things we have learned from our time at EBC. This was not an easy decision to make, and we have been praying over it for close to two years. But God has made it clear to us that the next steps in our ministry journey are leading us back home to Atlanta. Saying “goodbye” to friends and loved ones has been even more difficult this time than it was when we left Georgia to come here; you are all so special to us and have been such a blessing to our family! But we take comfort, and pray you all will as well, in knowing that there are so many ways for us to maintain connection and community with our faith family at Emmanuel and that we have every intention of making frequent return visits to wild and wonderful West Virginia!

I am sure that in the days and weeks to come we will have opportunities to go into more detail about our plans, answer questions and share times of prayer together. I believe the children’s and youth ministries are in great hands with our always-amazing volunteer teams; and through Pastor Kurt and Sarah Stephens’ leadership, I know God will faithfully lead the church in the process to find the next minister who will be blessed enough to take over where I have left off.



Thank you, Emmanuel family, for loving Allee, Elena, Maria and I so well, and for providing us the opportunity to grow in our ministry and faith. You will always be in our hearts and in our prayers!

***"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."
Philippians 1:3-5***

Updates From our Staff:

From Sarah Stephens (Children’s Ministry)

Gracious! We are well into the second half of 2021 already! Another change of season is upon us – a comforting reminder that God’s creation continues as He designed it, regardless of what else might be going on in our world.



Awana has been meeting through these summer months as an alternative to a traditional week of VBS in an effort to: (1) provide a bit of consistency to kiddos and their families after the crazies brought on by over a year of Covid, and (2) offer an opportunity to work through at least some of the Awana materials that was missed because of Covid before kids move-up to their next level of studies. The first official Wednesday of the new Awana year will be September 8th, with Wednesday, September 1st, being a family-fun evening.

Other activities planned for the late summer and fall include an outside movie night at the church on September 4th, a skating party on October 9th at Skate Country, and the WVBC children’s rally on November 6th at Parchment Valley.

Also, we are looking forward to a volunteer luncheon after church on October 24th. If you are a current volunteer or are interested in joining our team, please plan to attend! We want to encourage you in the very important work of discipling kids, and get to know you, and each other, better!

Interested in joining our team now? Wonderful! We need you! We have a need for more folks willing to be leaders/teachers on Sunday mornings once or twice monthly (curriculum is provided), as well as a need for folks willing to be on a rotating substitute list to be called on when there are last minute volunteer schedule conflicts. What we do truly has eternal value. Get in touch with me with your questions, concerns, and/or suggestions! sarah@ebcwv.com / text: 740.629.5434



Being part of this church family is a blessing to me, and I’m grateful God has placed me here at this time to be a part of what He’s doing now.

Sarah Stephens

Other Ministry Opportunities



- Faith Stories - If you would be willing to share your faith story/ testimony, talk to Pastor Kurt. We would like to have a segment on our new website of "Faith Stories" videos where church members tell how they came to faith and got connected to a church fellowship.
- Visitation and Care Calls - Every **Thursday at 2 p.m.**, Pastor Kurt will be visiting people in our church. If you're interested in joining Pastor Kurt in this ministry, plan to show up at the church Thursday at 2:00 p.m. This is also a good time for anyone in the church to make a "care call or contact" to someone else who may be in need of support or encouragement.
- Bus Ministry - Rich Shawver has restarted our Sunday morning Bus service. If you, or someone you know, needs a ride to church on Sundays, please call the church office, 304 485 5171. We are looking for drivers to help Rich with this important ministry. If you'd like to know more about our bus ministry, call the office or talk to Rich Shawver: 304 375 9928.
- Red Cross Volunteer Recruitment Event - The Red Cross will have a Disaster Action Team Volunteer Recruitment Event on Friday, **August 6** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 220 8th Street, Parkersburg, WV. This will introduce attendees to the American Red Cross and its disaster response efforts. For questions or to register, contact Todd Wines at (304)-966-2317.
- Women’s Bible Study - The Women’s Bible Study will start the David Jeremiah study “Overcomer: 8 Ways to Live a Life of Unstoppable Strength, Unmovable Faith, and Unbelievable Power” on **August 9**. Until then, we will meet at noon for a brown bag lunch, prayer and fellowship.

Updates From our Staff:

From Gail Samolitis (New Life Counseling Center)



Summer is far from over, but our Newsletter is focusing on Fall activities and ministries starting back up. After more than a year of attending church, Bible study, Sunday school and yes, even counseling/therapy online or through Zoom, we are beginning to see one another face to face again.

I understand there is still an increase in cases in most states, but prayerfully those will be decreasing soon. I believe we yearn for “the way things used to be.” Hugs to greet one another or to show someone comfort cannot be a thing of the past. Studies show humans need 7 hugs a day to be emotionally healthy. We are on our way back to being a hugging people and society.



This Fall NEW LIFE COUNSELING CENTER is available to counsel those who continue to struggle with pandemic fatigue, anxiety, and stress. These are real issues that many are struggling with each day. If you are uncertain whether you are among those affected, please stop by the office for a brief assessment.

September is also National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Facts about suicide:

- 47,511 people lost their lives to suicide in 2019.
- 1 person dies by suicide every 11.1 minutes.
- There are 3.6x more male suicide deaths than female suicide deaths.
- 1.2 million attempted suicides in 2018.
- 135 people are affected by each suicide death.
- 40-50% of the population have been exposed to suicide in their lifetime.



NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-talk (8255)

From Gail Samolitis (Grief Share)



Until Tim and I started attending Emmanuel, I had not heard of GRIEF SHARE. Many of my church family know that my beloved nephew Tyler completed suicide in July 2016, and we began attending Emmanuel in January 2017. Pastor Kurt knew I was a Professional Counselor and I think I began praying that I could/would plug my counseling vocation somehow into Emmanuel’s ministries. In August, I began facilitating GRIEF SHARE. I was uncertain whether I was ready: had I dealt with my own grief since Tyler died? I did not know the answer to that but through much prayer and with faith in God, I facilitated my first session of GRIEF SHARE. It was a blessing to me and helped me begin my healing journey and I can only pray it was a blessing to others.

GRIEF SHARE is a 13-week Faith Based support/encouragement group for those who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. GRIEF SHARE is comprised of three components, viewing videos, group discussion and workbook reading and assignments. You will be encouraged throughout your journey from mourning to joy by others who are experiencing similar emotions and feelings.



Please join us if you have recently experienced the death of a family member or friend OR tell someone you know who might benefit from attending.

GRIEF SHARE will begin on **Wednesday, August 18th** from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. You can register online at griefshare.org OR by calling the church office at 304-485-5171.

Also, if anyone is interested in joining the GRIEF SHARE team, please contact me at 304-588-7632. Thanks and may God bless all of you.

~ Gail Samolitis

Updates From our Staff:

From Eileen Mayer (Missions & Ministry Development)



Thank you for the warm welcome and support of our recent visitor: Leslie Turley of International Ministries. Leslie inspired us with her guest sermon on fulfilling our calling to serve others. She also shared with us the terrible plight of the Karen Refugees who live in and near camps on the Thailand and Myanmar border. She served as a voice for the weak. Thank you also for your donations - directly or via the luncheon - to International Ministries for their work with the refugees. Over \$1000 was raised! I pray the Lord blesses you ten times over for your generosity.

The Mission Team is currently planning a special collection for the new West Virginia AWANA Missionary: Gary Wood. Gary has a special connection to our church as he is the brother of Rose Wood! He is tasked not only with his new position but also to raising funds to do so. Please consider meeting him on Sept 11 during service and making a donation to support his work.



Sincerely,
Eileen Mayer

From Carol Fryfogle (Tuesday Fellowship)



Tuesday Fellowship gatherings will resume September 14 at 12:00 with a “Welcome Back” Luncheon. Save-the-Date and bring a friend. Contact me by leaving a message at the Church office OR email me directly at: ucnbankonit@mail.com. Looking forward to a new season of Fellowship.

~ Carol Fryfogle

Thank You

From Pat Sayre - Thank you church family for all the cards and prayers during my recent surgery. You don’t realize how much cards mean until you are the one receiving them. Each one means so much. THANK YOU! Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I recover from my heart valve replacement.



Thank You from the Mission Team - Thank you for all your support for our Guest Reverend Leslie Turley and the Mission Benefit Lunch for the Karen Refugees! Reverend Turley gave an inspiring sermon. Your generosity will go directly to support the International Ministries efforts in the refugee camps along the Thailand and Myanmar border.

Thank You from Leslie Turley - Thank you so much for your warm hospitality as I visited this past weekend. I am always amazed at the ministry of Emmanuel BC and so thankful for the commitment of the members of the church to the work of Jesus. I especially want to thank Eileen and the mission committee for all you did to make my visit possible. I am so thankful for all you are doing for the kingdom around the world. I neglected to thank you in the second service, but please know that I am much appreciative. I will leave information in the church office regarding ways that people can advocate for the refugees in Myanmar. I believe several folks were interested in doing so. They are always welcome to contact me if they have questions using this email address: leslie.turley@internationalministries.org. I would appreciate your prayers as I advocate for the Burmese in DC. Blessings to you all, Leslie Turley

Updates From our Staff:

From Pam McClain (Music Ministry)

“He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Psalm 40:3

“WE'RE BAAAAAAAACK!”

After a year and a half pandemic hiatus... The EBC Chancel Choir will begin singing in the 10:45 a.m. Sunday worship on September 19, 2021. Despite the choir's absence, we have been blessed by weekly special music since March of 2020. THANK YOU to the following singers and musicians...



Cortney Brooks, Davey Brooks, Sophie Coffman, Will Cosby, Elena Delgado, Alexandra DeShetler, David Enoch, John Florence, Ron Hannon, Blaine Hess, Katelyn Hess, Brady Hunt, Karly Hunt, Lindsay Loncala, Calista Mace, Mercy's Well, Lauren Modesitt, Christa Raitz, Paul Ross, The EBC Celebration Ringers, The EBC Praise Team, The Puls String Trio, Olivia Wilson and Emma Withrow.



As our choir begins rehearsing again, we will safely distance and limit our rehearsal time. Prospective NEW PARTICIPANTS! THIS COULD BE AN OPPORTUNE TIME FOR YOU TO SING. Understanding that we're all beginning to recommit to activities, clubs, committees and events, the Chancel Choir commitment is now more flexible. REHEARSALS will BEGIN on WEDNESDAY, **SEPTEMBER 1** from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. We will MEET in the CHAPEL AT 5:50 p.m. and rehearse 2/3 anthems. If you need to miss a Wednesday night rehearsal, then periodically, a Saturday catch-up rehearsal will be offered between 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Choir feature Sundays... October 3rd World Communion Sunday and December 19th Christmas Music Presentation.

Our chancel choir has scheduled a “Worship/Workshop/Tailgate Party” on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 from 10 a.m.– 3 p.m.



Bring your favorite tailgate food, wear your favorite team colors, and meet us in the sanctuary for a brief worship of rededication. Following the worship, the group will meet in the choir room (chapel) to sing through music we are preparing through December. A mini voice workshop will also be taught. We'll wrap up our time by doing what we do best...eat. Come one, Come All! It's never too late to sing in the choir!

The EBC Celebration Ringers will also be returning this season. Director, Judy Prater, will soon be announcing a rehearsal and Sunday ringing schedule. If you have questions, please contact the church office and I will return your call as soon as possible.



In Christian Love,
Pam McClain, Director of Music Ministry

Music Team Members: Pat Barnes, Ken Barton, Jeannie Boyd, David Enoch, Maria Keen, Judy Prater, Jan Reed

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Updates From our Staff:

From Judy Prater (Adult Ministry)

Our annual Ministry Fair will be adjusted this year. We will emphasize a different ministry each Sunday with a Ministry Moment during morning worship. We also plan to have a display in the narthex giving more details, photos, and general information about the ministry of the week.

Be watching to learn how God is using our church family to further His Kingdom. Perhaps you will see a new way to use your spiritual gifts.

SCHEDULE of Ministry Moments:

August 1	Health Ministry	Eileen Mayer
August 8	AV Team	Jerry Hamilton
August 15	GriefShare	Gail Samolitis
August 22	Children's Ministry	Sarah Stephens
August 29	Music Ministry	Pam McClain
September 5	Exercise Ministry	Linda McClead
September 12	Youth Ministry	Joe Stephens
September 19	DivorceCare	Melanie Whited
September 26	Tuesday Fellowship	Carol Fryfogle



GOLDENEERS CONFERENCE

Are you over the age of 55? Join us for our annual Fall Goldeneers Conference at Parchment Valley Conference Center. For questions or to register, see Steve or Laraine Metheny or call the WVBC State Office at 304.422.6449.



Theme:	“GRANDPARENTING MATTERS.”
Dates & Times:	Monday, Sept 13, noon until Wednesday, Sept 15, 11:00 am.
Bible study leaders:	Koreen Villers & Jerry Losh.
Music Leaders:	Judy Prater & Mary Ann Pethel
Task Force Members:	Steve & Laraine Metheny

Sunday School Class Update

⇒ Pastor Kurt is now offering his **LIFE Sunday School class**. The LIFE class will begin at 9:40 in the old choir room (Room 108/110). We will be studying the basics of the Christian life using the video series called Believe by Randy Frazee. The LIFE class will be also be offered via zoom: via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/83382135500>)

⇒ **The Encouragers Class**, taught by Randy Halterman, meets in room Room 203. They are studying the book of Genesis.

⇒ **The Seekers Class**, taught by Margaret Frees, meets in Room 201. They are watching and discussing parts of the new video series called The Chosen.

⇒ **The Conquerors Class** meets in Room 204, taught by Joe Stephens and Keith Schoenhut. They are looking at Christian discipleship.





A Review of our Praises from June and July:

Elisabeth Palmer joined our staff as a summer ministry intern. Elisabeth worked with Pastor Jonathan and Sarah Stephens in our children and youth ministries. She was hosted this summer by **Debbie Boyd**. **Dee Lallemont** returned to Parkersburg after caring for unaccompanied children at the US border for the month of May. **The Benevolence/ Help Fund** has been able to help many people both inside and outside our church. **Ben Singleton**, nephew of Jo Ann Boggs and Sharon and Gary Beall was part of a Court of Honor for Eagle Scouts. Ben's project was 7 flag poles and flags and a wall for the Korean War Memorial at East Marion Park in Fairmont, WV. **Derek McClung** retired from Chemours with 35 years service. **Jack Johnson**, grandson of Earl and Diana Johnson, graduated with honors with a BS in Health Sciences from Duquesne University. He will continue his education at Duquesne pursuing a Doctorate Degree in Occupational Therapy. **Tim Samolitis** retired from his second career as a CRNA (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist) with 27 years of service. **Brandon Taylor**, Brenda Wheeler's grandson-in-law, is home after a year in Kuwait with the Army National Guard. Our **Memorial Day Rose Ceremony** honored over 90 members and their family who have passed over the last two years. **Jewel and Co.** prepared a very nice Memorial Lunch after church. **Barb Kirsch** took one of the memorial roses to Jack's oldest sister, Evelyn who lives at Stoneridge Care Home. Evelyn is 95. **Meredith McClain** recently passed her Music Therapy National Board Exam. **Ed Berry**, who is battling pancreatic cancer, recently had a clear PET scan. We praise God for the **new/ familiar faces** we are seeing every week as people are slowly returning to in-person worship. The church **Youth and Family Day** (picnic, hiking, fishing) to North Bend Park went well with about 25 adults and children participating. **Rich Shawver** got our new church bus registered with a WV license. Pray for people who will consider being drivers in our transportation ministry. **Lyndall and Judy Jones** celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 11. The **AV and Sound Team** had a good lunch. We will be making training videos to help people learn about this important ministry. **Pastor Jonathan Delgado** was the teaching pastor at Camp Cowen for one week this summer. **Awana**, a ministry for K-5th grade, meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. The Awana Shop opened and children got a chance to spend the "bucks" they've earned by being in attendance, memorizing verses, completing their lessons, bringing their bibles, and bringing friends. We praise God for **Kim Jackson and Debbie Fenton** who stock and run our Awana Shop. **Rich Shawver** has restarted our Sunday bus transportation ministry. If you need a ride to church, call the church office. **Judy Prater** is excited about getting to see her family (especially her grandchildren) in NY in June. **Tammy Hayes** and her crew (Seth, Braydon, Sarah and Elisabeth) pulled up the Awana tape on the Fellowship Hall floor, and cleaned and mopped the floor so a new Awana game circle could be put down. **Pastor Kurt** is very thankful for the many cards, calls, and food during his sinus surgery recovery. **Wade Leonard** doesn't have to go back to Morgantown for 4 months for his eye. That is the longest stretch he has gone in 3-1/2 years. We praise God for the safe and healthy arrival of baby **Theo**, born on 6/23 to **Bobby and Meghan Striker**, Terri Fielder's daughter. We praise God for the **fathers and grandfathers** in our church. All men are welcome to take a roll of duct tape from the table in the narthex. Duct tape is said to be able to fix anything. Fathers are often the family fixers. We thank you fathers for being there for your family and friends when they needed help. **Mona Busiek's** foot is healing well after surgery. We had a good **Safety Team Meeting**; **Ruth Wharton** prepared a great lunch. We discussed our current safety procedures and made some plans for new safety policies we will discuss and implement in the future. **Rachele Barton** was home in WV with family for the month of July. **Kristina Moneypenny** was able to stand this week at Encompass with the help of a new standing/walking machine. **Randy and Suzanne Halterman** recently celebrated their wedding anniversary. **John and Lynn Nicholson** had a nice trip to CO recently to see their children, Kelly and Alex. **Will Cosby**, sang an inspirational solo entitled, "Reach the World". Our **Chess group** met; we had a great lunch and some chess instruction from **Tim Samolitis**. **Paul Ross**-trumpet, **Pam McClain**-piano and **David Enoch**-organ all shared inspirational, patriotic music on Sunday, July 4. **David & Linda Carpenter** will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 7. Send them a card: 63 Wakefield Place, Washington, WV 26181. Our Sunday School ministry now has nursery coverage. We're grateful to **Brittany Titlow, Becca Busiek, and Mona Busiek** for offering to serve their church family by volunteering their time to make this ministry possible. **Pastor Jonathan** took six junior high students to Cowen: **Davey Brooks, Cortney Brooks, Addie Oakes, Kayla Atwell, Seth DePriest & Elena Delgado**. **Kimberly Samolitis** graduated from OU on July 17 with a BSN in nursing. **Sallie Samolitis** was recently promoted to Corporal on her Marine base in AZ. **Becca Busiek** is now employed as Administrative Assistant for the City of Parkersburg. **Noah Craig Young** came into the world on July 10. **Val and Alyssa (Roberts) Young** are the parents. **Keith and Lori Roberts** are the grandparents. Send a card c/o the Roberts: 1219 30th Street, Parkersburg, WV 26104. **Kristina Moneypenny** was able to go home from Encompass. When she got home, she met the man who saved her from her car wreck back in April. The children's team is so happy to welcome back **Debbie Boyd** to both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings! We love her and how she loves on our kids! **Bob Byers** attended worship Sunday. He was joined by six members of his family. **Chris Redmond** was with us in church and shared a greeting during the service.

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Pray for: Walter Breaux, Verona Cumberledge, Beth Davenport, Joyce Parsons Drake, Bill Edmonds, Fred and Debbie Fenton and Kim Jackson, Calvin Florence, Jennifer Furr, Jason George, Regina Goodwin, Kathy Harrison, Shirley Huffman, Henry Long, Tim Miller, Kristina Moneypenny, Bonnie Nestor, Barb Nichols, Chris Reed, Jan Reed, Chuck Stutler, Debra Taylor, Cheryl Winkler. Church families going through difficult times; the First Responders at Surfside, FL and the families that lost loved ones in the condo buildings collapse.

Homebound: *Jean Beatty, Beverly Boggs, Jack Buskirk, Kathy Harrison, Diane Hays, Shirley Huffman, Maridor Keck, Lu McVay, Edelen Wood, Glenola Woodyard.*

Assisted Living:
Belpre Landing: *Ruth Carder;* **Colonial House:** *Betty Jo Wiseman;* **Stonerise/Eagle Pointe:** *Nancy Duty, Joe Hays, Betty Matthews, Bud Varner;* **The Pines:** *Claude Denton;* **Waterview Pointe:** *Naomi Couch;* **Worthington:** *Jean Lawrence, Ada Turner;* **Wyngate:** *Sam Bolian, Joan Stutler*

Out of Town: *Imogene Buckley, Phyllis Crone, Allenetta Kaufman, Margaret Norris, Mel Williams*

Our Deepest Sympathy to: *The family and friends of Tonda Blair, friend of Brenda Wheeler / The family and friends of Dwight Woofier, Judy Jones' brother / The family and friends of Dan Borquin, a friend of Pam McClain and long time musician at the Green Lake Conference Center / The family and friends of Mark Powell Jr., Clay Powell's nephew / The family and friends of Jerry Gains, Jean Van Way's brother / Andrew and Rachel Lore on the loss of their baby boy Hunter / Cheryl Barker at the passing of her husband Michael Barker / The family and friends of Butch Powell, friend of Mike and Cheryl Hayden.*

A Review of our Praises from June and July (Contd.):

Cynthia Puls-cello and **Pam McClain**-piano shared an inspiring instrumental special music. **Allenetta Kaufman** sends her love to her Emmanuel church family. She is 88 and doing well. Send her a card: 6000 Riverside Dr., Apt. B358, Dublin, OH 43017. **Lyndall Jones** led a work crew to trim the shrubs around the church. We were blessed to have **Leslie Turley** share with us about her work as a mission leader in the ABC/ USA. The mission lunch that followed the service raised over \$1,000 for the Karen Refugees who are struggling in refugee camps on the Thailand border. **Eileen Mayer** used the extra food from the mission lunch to make a lunch for the people staying at the Latrobe St. Mission. **We received many positive comments about our testimony service.** If you missed it, go to our website and click on Video Services in the header. **Sophie Coffman** shared an inspirational solo called "Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated". **Debbie Fenton, Cheryl Winkler and Donna Shawver** recently provided a nice family reception after the Michael Barker funeral. **Tim and Mallory Jamison** are expecting another child in November. **Ellie Raitz** is on staff at Camp Cowen this summer. Residents of the Colonial House enjoyed a musical performance by **Lauren Modesitt, Olivia Wilson and Emma Withrow**, students of **Pam McClain**. **Bob Langkamer, Evan Frees, and Lyndall Jones** trimmed the shrubs and pulled the weeds around the parking lot. Emmanuel hosted the **Wood Country Minister's Alliance** and the **Combating Addition with Grace** community groups. Our **Safety Team** had a good meeting. **Heather Gibson & Nick Day** gave birth to a baby girl on July 23.



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