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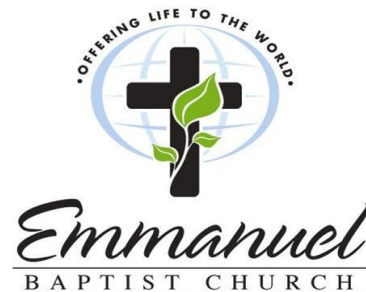
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# Emmanuel Life & Times

## October & November 2021

### Ministry Updates and Opportunities

#### “Showing Gratitude in the Midst of Change”



Our August /September newsletter had the theme, “Yes, We’re Open...” Our October/ November newsletter theme could be “Ooops... Not so fast...” Covid infections and hospitalizations and deaths have increased significantly in WV over the last two months but there are signs that as we move into October and November that the covid crisis may have peaked in WV; as I write this, the newspaper headline says, “WV Covid Infections Are Declining.” So, we’ll see. Every day we are talking and praying and planning and trusting that God will show us a safe and clear path forward in our ministry. Our theme for our October/ November Newsletter is: “**Showing Gratitude in the Midst of Change.**” Covid has brought us many changes and at times we’ve all felt overwhelmed but let’s pull back, count our many blessings and speak this verse from **Psalm 118:1, “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”**

**September was Heroes’ Month.** We celebrated the following vocations: **Policemen/** First Responders, **Grandparents** and older adults, **Teachers** and Educational Staff, and **Health Care Workers:** doctors, nurses and hospital staff. Make a point to share a word of thanksgiving to one of these “heroes” in your life. Give them a call or write them a note of appreciation.



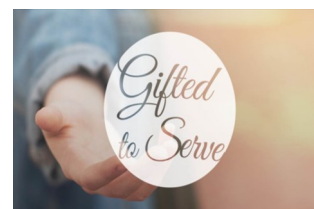
**Special Speakers and Concerts.** I plan to begin take off the first Sunday of every month. On these Sundays, I’ll get someone to speak or share and I’ll focus on leading communion . **Here’s the upcoming schedule:** October 3: Randy Halterman, November 7: Mercy’s Well in Concert, and December 5: Brent and Destiny Duncan will bring an update from Kenya and share a message.

#### Some information about our upcoming Concerts:

**On Sunday, October 10, Matt and Josie Minikus will be with us in concert.** They are a husband and wife team based in Michigan. Since beginning their ministry as full-time touring musicians in 2010, they have had the opportunity to travel and sing extensively throughout North America, Europe, and Australia. Their music is a contemporary-folk blend of vocals, guitar, piano, and a variety of other instruments. Through music and stories, the Minikus’ seek to help others look a little deeper into the unfathomable love of God. Invite your friends to join you in Church or on Facebook.



**On Sunday, November 7, we will host the gospel group Mercy's Well.** They have been well-received in their previous concerts at Emmanuel. Mercy's Well was organized in 1998 under the leadership of group founder, Brad Strider. The trio shares a variety of gospel songs, contemporary music and traditional hymns. Their home base is Greensboro, NC. Invite your friends to join you in Church or on Facebook.



**Our Ministry Fair weekly presentations for August and September have included:** **Health Ministry-** Eileen Mayer, **AV Team-** Jerry Hamilton, **Griefshare-** Gail Samolitis, **Children's Ministry-** Sarah Stephens, **Exercise Ministry-** Linda McClead, **Tuesday Fellowship-** Carol Fryfogle, **DivorceCare-** Melanie Whited and **Youth Ministry-** Joe Stephens. **Continue to pray about where the Lord is leading you to get involved in ministry at Emmanuel. Questions? Talk to Pastor Kurt or call the church office at (304)-485-5171.**

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Ministry Updates and Opportunities from Pastor Kurt (continued)



**2022 Stewardship Letter and Update.** In early November, you’ll be receiving our annual stewardship letter and financial update. Like last year, we’ll be mailing everyone a 2022 Calendar. If you use giving envelopes, we will send you a personalized packet for 2022. And we’re getting close to rolling out our Capital Campaign which includes a full renovation of our sanctuary. Stay tuned for more details about a church dinner and capital Kick Off event.

**Facebook/ On-line Service Scam...** On Sunday, September 26, I was made aware that some people were using our Facebook Live to request money from our viewers by mentioning their needs and then posting a PayPal link. Another person was asking viewers of the Emmanuel on-line service to send them a friend request. Please do not respond to these requests for help/ money or friend requests during our on-line services. If you do, just have them email me (kurt@ebcwv.com) or direct them to call the church office. Thanks.



Some other upcoming ministry events:



- The Church Picnic will be Sunday, October 3 at 5 p.m. at the City Park.
- Our Men’s Group has planned a Hike at Mountwood Park on Monday, October 11. Ron Hannan will be our hiking guide. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. Bring a bag lunch.
- The next Men’s Lunch will be at the Olive Garden on Thursday, Oct. 14 at noon.
- Life Line Screening will be at EBC on Thursday, October 14. Call 1-888-653-6450 to register for various tests. Pre-registration is required.

The chess group will meet on Mon., Oct. 25 at noon in the parlor. Lunch is provided.

Emmanuel will have an All Church Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 21 and a Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 19. Both dinners will begin at 6 p.m. and both will be organized by our cook, Jewel Lusk.

Serving with you, Pastor Kurt Busiek

“Are You Ready?”

A poem in memory of Poopa

By Hollis Holbert  
(in honor of her grandfather, Bill Holbert, and read by her at his memorial service)

Before someone passes, the Lord always asks  
“Are you ready to go?”  
The sight of His face is just so great  
That nobody can say “no”.

I saw Poopa packing his bags  
Many times throughout his life,  
But eventually, he realized  
It was time to meet his Lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

He walked with Christ no matter what,  
So we know he went to Heaven.  
Though he loved his fishing here on earth  
There’s no doubt he was a fisher of men.

And when he reached those gates of Heaven,  
There’s not a single doubt in me  
When he heard “Well done my faithful servant”  
He knew that this was his destiny.

As we mourn the loss of his life on earth,  
At least we are able to know  
No matter how much we loved him  
He was, in fact, ready to go.



Updates From our Staff:

From Sarah Stephens (Children’s Ministry)



Fall has most definitely arrived, and it’s my favorite season of the year! The only thing I don’t like about this season is the need to start wearing socks again, but I do put that off as long as possible! As we head into this season, and into the season of Thanksgiving that isn’t too far behind, many of us may look around and wonder what there is to be thankful for. Circumstances in our area right now are still uncertain and concerning with regard to Covid. We might wonder when it’s going to end, when it’s going to get better, and how the situation will finally be resolved. We may be worried about loved ones, or even mourning loved ones. When I find myself in a place where there seems to be nothing to be grateful for, I try to keep at the forefront of my thoughts scripture such as 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. I’m sure to many or most of you, these verses are very familiar. In them, God (via Paul) tells the Thessalonians (and us) to “rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Now, I’m the first to admit that this can be easier said than done, but – I love that God tells us in this verse straight-up that this is His will for us. Many of us have found ourselves at one time or another wondering what God’s will for us is, and here, in black and white, God lays a bit of that out. I take comfort in that. If we can keep our eyes on Christ and put this verse (along with others) on repeat in our minds, I’m confident we’ll always be able to find a reason to be thankful, even in the hardest seasons.



EBC’s children’s ministry is alive and well, despite the current challenges. We continue to have a volunteer team of folks who love to share God with any kiddos He sends our way, and I’m super grateful for each one of them! If you would like to join our team of disciple makers, there is a need for you to fill! Don’t hesitate to get in touch with me, and we’ll talk!



A few upcoming events in the children’s area include: (1) a skating party at Skate Country on Saturday, **October 9th** from 3 p.m. to 4:30, (2) an indoor “Trunk or Treat” on Wednesday, **October 27th** during Awana, and (3) the West Virginia Baptist Convention children’s rally on Saturday, **November 6th** at Parchment Valley. The theme of the rally this year is: “It’s a Zoo Out There!”, with theme verse being Jeremiah 29:13 – “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Look for more details on the rally soon!

~ Sarah Stephens

From Gail Samolitis (GriefShare)



August 18th began my 7th cycle of Grief Share. We have 6-9 members and at printing of this newsletter we will be at the mid-way point of the 13-session support group. Grief share is a faith-based support, encouragement group for individuals who have lost a family member or dear friend to death. The three components to Grief Share are viewing videos, group discussion and workbook entries.

On Saturday November 13th at 10:00 a.m. Emmanuel Baptist Church will sponsor the annual Surviving the Holidays seminar. It is a stand alone 2 hour seminar that will address adjusting to the holiday season without your loved one.

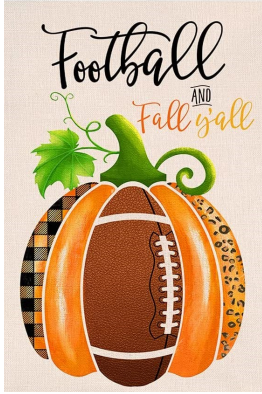
If you want more information or details please contact Gail Samolitis at 304-588-7632 or call the church at 304-485-5171.





Updates From our Staff:

From Gail Samolitis (New Life Counseling Center)



Fall is my favorite time of year! I love the masterpiece of color and beauty the Master creates for us as the temperatures cool, the leaves turn to vibrant oranges, reds, yellows, and purples. The “Boys of Fall” will take the field as the fans fill the stadiums each week to cheer their favorite team. The baker in us all emerges to create delectable treats like Apple Cinnamon Walnut Muffins and Pumpkin Spice Cookies. The crisp, foggy mornings give way to crystal blue skies while the lights of evening come on just a little earlier each day. I am grateful for “All things Fall!”

The beginning of Fall is a reminder to me to be thankful to my Creator for ALL I have, especially during this challenging time of a pandemic. It is a time for me to take a moment and count my blessings, and to learn to be willing to share with others the bounty God has bestowed on me.



Fall is also the time of year to attend the American Association of Christian Counselors World Conference. It is a time to gain insights, receive education, and strengthen my therapeutic character through intensive, professional development. In September, Tim and I attended the American Association of Christian Counselors World Conference in Orlando, FL. We were joined by over 7,000 other professionals for this four-day learning event. Over 300 workshops were offered, ranging from loss and grief to COVID anxiety and addiction to digital devices and data.



The theme for this year’s conference was Waymaker, meaning precursor or one that “goes before.” During this time of pandemic, we are feeling an overwhelming burden of living, sometimes just opening our eyes in the morning or taking a breath seems like too much. Christ is THE Waymaker, the ONE that goes before me, before us. I was relieved to hear from the speakers, throughout our four days, that we are not alone on this post pandemic path. It is God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit who are with us. We walk daily through this pandemic, but He is on this path with us, for us. No, life doesn’t get easier when we profess Christ. But we come to realize and rely upon the fact (the fact, not the feeling) that Christ is with us. Though there have been many days of isolation, sheltering in place and quarantine have faith in knowing God’s character and who He is. “The LORD himself goes before you....” (Deut. 31:8)

I was able to find meaning through attending workshops, discussing current topics and events and sharing thoughts and ideas with other Christian counselors and community leaders. It is refreshing to realize that I am not the only one serving clients in this capacity because many days the pathway does feel dark and lonely. The AACC also serves to boost counselor morale through guest speakers like Dr. Ben Carson, Darryl Strawberry, Lysa TerKeurst and Lt General Gerry Boykin (ret) and Christian musicians like Danny Gokey and Jeremy Camp and Christian comedian Ted Cunningham.



I will incorporate all I have learned and experienced during this 2021 AACC conference into Grief Share, New Life Counseling and to all I am honored and privileged to serve. I am grateful to be a Christian Counselor and believe God called me to do so very early in life.

If anyone feels lost, anxious, alone, depressed, isolated or has lost a loved one or friend to death please give me a call at 304-588-7632. New Life Counseling is a professional and confidential counseling service, a ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Cards for Pam McClain

Although Pam McClain has stepped down as Director of Music Ministry, she plans to still be at the church from time to time, and for that reason she does not wish to have a church-wide going-away party. The choir will be hosting a get together for Pam for their members at a later date. We do suggest if you would like to thank Pam and offer words of appreciation for her time as Choir Director at EBC, please send a card with a note of thanks and gratitude. Pam’s address is: 17 Greenview Drive, Parkersburg, WV 26104.



# Thank You

**From Debbie Boyd** - Dear Church Family, This simple card cannot express how grateful I am for the donation that you made to Gum Springs Baptist Church in the name of my son, Jeremy Preast. He grew up with close ties to his family's home church. As they build their new classrooms, I hope others will find the sanctuary and the healing within the walls and remember my son.

**From Jan Reed** - 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. I feel truly blessed! THANK YOU!

**From Cheryl Winkler** - Thank you to my church family for all the prayers, cards, texts, and dinners following my surgery! Emmanuel has been a true blessing to Bob and me.

**From the Johnston Family** - Thank you for your thoughts and prayers as we grieve the loss of Sandra. We know she was an active part of this church and touched many lives. She would be humbled by your many acts of kindness.

**From Judy and Calvin Florence** - I want to thank each and every one of you for the cards, phone calls, and prayers. Calvin’s stroke was a light one and his physical therapy is going well. We are with all of you each Sunday, even though you don’t see us. We see you! Miss you all and hope to get back soon.

**From the Colonial House Residents and Director Missi Stanley** - Thank you! Our first trip of the year was a huge success thanks to you! Your church van was such a delight to travel in. We especially enjoyed the company of our chauffeur, Earl Johnson and his wife.

**From Peter and Susan Ianniciello** - Thank you to everyone who prayed for us during our ordeal with Covid. A special thank you goes out to those special angels of mercy who brought us food and medication during our quarantine period. We could not have made it through this without you.

**Thank You from Cheryl Barker** - Thank you so much for your generous donation! Also thanks so much to those whom have sent cards, emails, texts or have called. It means so much! Thank you to the ladies who prepared and served. Your kindness was very much appreciated. You took a very big responsibility off my shoulders. Thank you, The Barker Family, Cheryl, Rusty, Jessalynn, Isabella and Michaelyn.

**Thank You from Gail Samolitis** - I want to take this opportunity to thank Emmanuel Baptist Church for your true generosity. I greatly appreciate your generous donation and your support that helps me further my Christian Counseling training and education by attending the American Association for Christian Counselors Waymaker World Conference. Attending this conference means attending presentations from world renown Christian counselors, educators, authors and government leaders. This conference will allow me to stay current in counseling techniques, tools and technology so I may continue the counseling ministry at EBC. EBC and AACC has afforded me the privilege to meet the creators, presenters and contributors of the Grief Share program that I have been blessed to facilitate the last four years at EBC. Your support and your prayers are invaluable to me, may God continue to bless all of you.



**Thank You note from the Bartons:** Ken and I would like to thank you for all you have done and meant to us over the past 13 years. You have been such an important part of all of our lives and we have been so blessed by your love and friendship. We will miss you all more than words can say. We will be back to visit. May God continue to bless all of you! With much love, Ken & Rachele Barton





## **We Thank God for Teachers**

God promises us in Psalm 32:8: “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.” God promises to teach everyone who calls out to him by faith and approaches Him with an open heart. Jesus' ministry involved teaching. In Mark 6:34 we read: “When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.” Emmanuel is blessed with both active and retired teachers and school staff who followed in the path of Jesus as they taught and loved their students and served their schools.



### Current Teachers, Administrators or Staff:

*Rachele Barton*  
*Ashlee Beatty*  
*Kathy Beatty*  
*Joe Britton*  
*Bekah Brooks*  
*Mona Busiek*  
*Will Cosby*  
*Maria Delgado*  
*Suzanne Halterman*

*Sherry Hamilton*  
*Blaine Hess*  
*Katelyn Hess*  
*Courtney Johnson*  
*Michelle Johnston*  
*Eileen Mayer*  
*Jane Powell*  
*Cody Ratliff*  
*Jennifer Ratliff*

*Keith Schoenhut*  
*Beth Simperts*  
*Leslie Sims*  
*Mackenzie Sims*  
*Carl Sizemore*  
*Jay Sprague*  
*Joe Stephens*  
*Abby Taylor*  
*Karen Vanoster*

### Retired Teachers, Administrators or Staff:

*Peg Ahlborn*  
*Ann Beck*  
*Joe Bolian*  
*Debbie Boyd*  
*Jeannie Boyd*  
*Robert Butler*  
*Carol Durnell*  
*Verona Enoch*  
*Margaret Frees*  
*Bill Gainer*  
*Linda Gainer*  
*Bruce Goody*  
*Jane Graham*  
*Cheryl Hayden*

*Mike Hayden*  
*Radonna Hess*  
*Joyce Hines*  
*Carolyn Holbert*  
*Jane Hulce*  
*Judy Jones*  
*Maridor Keck*  
*Dee Lallemon*  
*Judy Langkamer*  
*Robbi Leonard*  
*Wade Leonard*  
*Dale Lowther*  
*Pam McClain*  
*Roger McCune*

*Laraine Metheny*  
*Linda Mitchell*  
*Mary Nuzum*  
*Lynn Palmer*  
*Judy Prater*  
*Chris Redmond*  
*Jan Reed*  
*Carolyn Ross*  
*Mary Southall*  
*Sharalyn Terosky*  
*Mary Thomas*  
*Pam Wharton*

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**



Imagine you are a child and after never receiving a Christmas present, you are handed a shoebox. You slowly open your box and inside you find a ball, school supplies, a stuffed animal, and hygiene items. You can't believe your luck and that YOU get to keep all of the items. You also get to take classes to learn how Jesus loves you. This scenario happens all over the world thanks to Samaritan's Purse and people like us who pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. YOU can bring joy and hope to a child across the globe! Emmanuel will provide empty shoeboxes starting at the end of October and will be collecting filled boxes until Sunday, **November 21**, 2021. If you have any questions, you can call or

text Dee Lallemon at 304-482-2976.

## **Updates From our Staff:**

### **From Judy Prater (Adult Ministry)**

Folliott Pierpoint, an Englishman, wrote these inspiring words in 1864:

“For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
 For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies,  
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.”



May we always remember to express our gratitude for the gifts which God has given. Autumn is my favorite season, and I love the vivid colors in nature. Both at eye level and as I look up, I love the rich hues of red, green, gold, and brown. Then there are the sunsets, magnificent especially at this time of year. Thank you God, for the feast for our eyes!

It's our plan to highlight a different ministry each Sunday with a Ministry Moment during morning worship, and with a display in the narthex. 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:

October 3	Life Groups	Various
October 10	Sunday School Classes	Various
October 17	Mission Ministry	Eileen Mayer
October 24	Adult Ministry	Judy Prater
October 31	Guest Ministry	Barb Kirsch
November 7	Finance Team	Charlie Matthews
November 14	Cards/Crafting	Rhonda Johnston
November 21	Diaconate	Rich Shawver
November 28	Fellowship & Meal Ministry	Debbie Fenton

### “GRANDPARENTING ON PURPOSE” SEMINAR



This seminar will affirm the good things you are already doing with your grandkids. Or it may shake your world and give you a brand new perspective on what it means to be a grandparent. You will go away filled with inspiration, ideas, and tools to help you realize your potential to help you grandparent successfully. Most importantly those grandkids of yours will benefit because you will have listened, learned, and grown yourself.

It is sponsored by the WV Baptist Convention, and it will be offered in our area on November 20 at Vienna Baptist Church. Registration begins at 9 AM, and the seminar will conclude at 3:30. Cost of \$30 (single) or \$50 (couple) includes workbook, lunch, and snacks. To register, call the WV Baptist Convention Office at 304-422-6449.

### REGULAR PROGRAMMING

Our regular adult Sunday school classes continue to meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings, and there are opportunities for Bible Studies by zoom or in person, during the week. Women's Bible Study will begin again when Covid concerns begin to lessen, hopefully in October. Tuesday Fellowship is also hoping to meet again soon. Keep watch for announcements.

~ Judy Prater







*A Review of our Praises from August & September:*

**Elisabeth Palmer** has been our summer ministry intern and has returned home and to her college. We were blessed with beautiful special violin music by **David and Rachel Puls**. **Keith Schoenhut** shared a great children's moment that helped our children understand the idea of forgiveness. **Pastor Jonathan** spent one week with students doing service projects around the church and community. **Kelsey Cline** received a promotion to Supervisor of the Gustke Shelter as of August 1. She has been a Social Worker there for over 7 years since graduating from Ohio University. **Clara Howard** recently celebrated her 85th birthday with her family who came in to celebrate with her. The **Visitation Team** had a nice celebration and planning lunch. **Ron Hannan, Ken Barton and Rich Shawver** shared their excellent rendition of "I'll Fly Away". **Jerry Hamilton** has been working with the church to upgrade and improve our internet service and phone system. **Amy Dutton**, Robert and Mary Anne's daughter, recently blessed Pastor Kurt with a nice note and picture. **Jeff Evans** hired a carpet cleaning service to clean the carpet in every first floor room and hallway. **Donna Shawver and Bonnie Nestor** are going to begin offering a weekly Sunday morning prayer time from 10:25-10:35 a.m. in the receptionist's office. **Adam Teter** is working at the Seventh Street Wendy's. Look for him and say hi. **Pastor Kurt recently visited Maridor Keck**. She is doing well and sends her love to everyone at Emmanuel. **The Youth** had a great trip to Cedar Point. **Kathy Leavitt** did a nice job as our service leader. **Blaine Hess** shared a beautiful solo called, "Give Me Jesus". **Deb Bunch** joined us for worship one Sunday along with her children: Madisyn and Ryan. **Jerry Hamilton** shared a helpful video that gave an overview of our AV ministry. **Bob Naylor** shared an update from the Gideons. **The Men's Fishing** outing to North Bend park went well. **Davey Brooks** shared a beautiful piano solo called, "This Little Light of Mine." **Jan Ashwell** shared about how our GriefShare program helped her after Lee passed. **The memorial service for Bill Holbert** was a real celebration of his life and faith. **Jan Ashwell, Gary and Sharon Beall, Earl and Diana Johnson, Beverly Hensley, Joyce Ault, Beth Simpers and Tammy Hayes** organized a nice family lunch reception for Carolyn Holbert and her family after the funeral for Bill. Pastor Kurt spoke with **Bob Butler** at the Holbert funeral. He is doing well and sends greetings to everyone at Emmanuel. **Fred and Deb Fenton** returned safely from Kenya on Sunday, August 15. **Dave Marino** is excited to be back at Emmanuel and is hoping to grow in his faith in the days to come. **Joe Hays** is at Stonerise/ Eagle Pointe; he loves Emmanuel and appreciates our love and support for him. **Helen Howell** is doing well and sends her love to the Emmanuel family and Harvester friends. **Bill Woody** celebrated his 85th birthday on August 20. **Cortney Brooks** blessed us with her piano solo called "He is Exalted". **Sarah Stephens** gave us a challenging reminder of the importance of our children's ministry. **Elissa Filozof** had a healthy baby girl, Emilia Marie on Tuesday, 8/24 in Columbus. **Bodey Samuel Taylor** was born 8/23 to Charlie and Morgan Taylor. This is Sara Taylor's grandson, and Jean Farrah's great grandson. **The chess group** enjoyed a good lunch and some time of chess instruction and play led by **Tim Samolitis**. **Jerry Hamilton and Adam Evans** have expanded our wifi system throughout the church and Adam has filmed a tutorial for anyone who would like to help with our FB/zoom video ministry. **Maria and Elena Delgado** shared a good final children's moment using Elena's puppet; it was funny and engaging. **Elena Delgado** shared a beautiful solo, "Bow the Knee" in our service. **Keith Schoenhut** shared a helpful faith story last Sunday. **Bekah Brooks** made a video review of the Delgados' ministry at Emmanuel. **Jewel and Co.** made a wonderful farewell lunch and many people shared a word of blessing to the Delgado family. **Ruth Wharton** makes our weekly refreshments and now she will be making our monthly communion bread. **Mike Hayden** did the football play-by-play for a Williamstown HS game. **Gail Samolitis** is thankful for the financial help from Emmanuel that helps her attend her annual counseling training conference. **Pastor Kurt, Rich Shawver and Jeff Beatty** have been going out visiting every Thursday afternoon. Our **Awana and youth** groups had a great time enjoying flavored iced slushies after their program. **Mona Busiek** was blessed on her birthday with all her Awana students bringing her a rose provided by Lynn Nicholson. **Ken Barton** and the praise team shared a farewell song that Ken requested and sang "Get Together." Rich Shawver presented **Pastor Kurt and Mona** with a card and a generous gift to honor their 20th year of ministry at Emmanuel. **Margaret Frees** was back in church after having a heart attack, a cath procedure and stents put in. We had a nice farewell lunch for the **Bartons**. **Bekah Brooks** made a video tribute that included pictures from their time at Emmanuel. There was a memorial service at EBC for Sarah Goines and Roger McDonald mother and brother of **Nathan Goines**, who has been attending Emmanuel. **Steve Metheny** got a clear/benign cancer result from his recent biopsy. **Monica Fowler**, cousin of Cheryl Burnem, got an all clear cancer scan. **Bob and Sandra Butler** are Red Cross volunteers helping families struggling after Hurricane Ida. **Pam McClain and David Enoch** shared a piano/organ duet in our service based on the song, "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled my Soul." **Bonnie Nestor** helped lead the worship service. **Gary and Kristine Wood** (Gary is Rose Wood's brother) challenged us to get involved in children's ministry and gave us an update on their new ministry as Awana Missionaries in WV.

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**Pray for:** Gene Beatty, Kim Bollinger, Kim Constantino, Joann Davis, Mike Davis, Carolyn Duncan, Mike Elam, Jason George, Regina Goodwin, Jerry Hamilton, Joe Hays, Charlie Kiefer, Barb Malcomb, Pam McClain, Maria McKinney, Cynda O'Brien, Michael Power, Ellen Quick, Pat Smith, Amy Stemple, Terri Wehl, Jim and Judy Wilson. Sick or recovering from Covid: Dave Drennon, Peter and Susan (Stout) Ianniciello, Lois Meadows, Clay Powell, Carol Ann Sampson. Pray for teachers, students and all administrative and service staff as our schools deal with on-going covid safety issues. Pray for the situation in Afghanistan as Americans and Afghan nationals are trying to exit the country and for the Christians there who are being persecuted. Pray for people struggling in the southern and northeast states after Hurricane Ida. Pray that God will give our leaders wisdom as they make difficult decisions regarding Covid safety as infections have been increasing in the MOV.

**Homebound:** *Jean Beatty, Beverly Boggs, Jack Buskirk, Kathy Harrison, Diane Hays, Shirley Huffman, Maridor Keck, Lu McVay, Mary Southall, Edelene 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 Bobby Palmer, Kathy Leavitt's cousin / Suzanne Halterman and family at the passing of her mother Edythe McDonald / Carolyn Holbert and family at the passing of her husband, Bill Holbert / The family and friends of Sandra Johnston, Rob and Rhonda Johnston's mother / The family and friends of Dee Campbell, a friend of Blaine Hess / The family and friends of Elva Evans-104, Kim Constantino's aunt / Dave Drennon and family at the passing of his wife, Jan Drennon / The family and friends of Kim Brewton, Carole Morgan's niece / The family and friends of Randy Mitchell, local pastor and friend of Pam McClain / The family and friends of Bill Fox, a friend of Brenda Wheeler / The family and friends of Linda Mitchell, a friend of the Nicholsons / The family and friends of Michelle Reck, a friend of Kim Bollinger / The family and friends of Mike Carpenter, step-brother of Gail Samolitis, who was killed in a tractor rollover / The family and friends of Peggy Moore, a friend of Brenda Wheeler / The family and friends of José Ramos, a close friend of Susan Moellendick.*

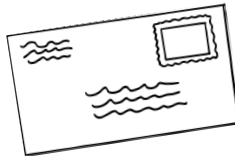
*A Review of our Praises from August & September (Contd.):*



The **Healthy Eating for Life** had their first potluck dinner on Sept. 5. **Joe Stephens** took some of our youth bowling at Emerson Lanes. The **Men's Ministry** had a positive golf event at the Golf Club of WV... out of the 8 golfers, Pastor Kurt had the highest score. . **Gail Samolitis** had a positive experience at a Counselor's World Conference in FL. **Meghan Striker**, Terri Fielder's daughter, was commended in a recent CC Newsletter for her personal care for a woman who died in CVICU as the family was on their way to see her. **Blaine Hess** shared a beautiful solo called, "The Wonder of It All." **Melanie Whited** shared about the importance of her DivorceCare ministry in providing hope for people who are struggling with hopelessness. DivorceCare meets on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. **Judy Prater, Ann Beck and Courtney Johnson** all shared reflections on their vocation as teachers. Every Sunday, groups from our church, along with some community groups, **serve a lunch at the Salvation Army**. **Terri Fielder** attended the Parkersburg Baptist Association meeting and dinner on 9/21 in Williamstown, WV and was inducted as the Association's Secretary/ Clerk for 2022. **Cynda O'Brien** provided the beautiful flowers on the communion table.

*New Giving Envelopes*

The church is changing the way that we provide giving envelopes to the congregation. We are going to custom make the envelopes in the office and have them ready for you before the first of the year. If you use giving envelopes and would like to have some made, just email: [Terri@ebcwv.com](mailto:Terri@ebcwv.com) or call the office at (304)-485-5171. We can make them weekly, monthly, with or without monthly capital campaign envelopes and with or without special mission offerings. We can even provide stamps if you prefer to mail in your offerings. Just let Terri know!!





**Updates From our Staff:**

**From Joe Stephens (Youth Ministry)**



Greetings! The youth here at EBC are looking forward to a fun and full fall. On Wednesdays, we'll be continuing a series of lessons on the fruit of the Spirit. In October, we're looking at the aspects of patience, kindness, and goodness. On the last Wednesday, though, we'll be helping with the children's department's Trunk-or-Treat and will take a week off from our regular youth meeting. We'll continue with further aspects into November. If you have a child or grandchild or even a neighbor who is in grades 6 through 12, they are more than welcome. We meet at 6pm on the second floor.

Sundays are our fun nights. Each week, we'll have another recreational activity lined up. Sometimes it will involve meeting here and heading off somewhere; other times, we'll hang around at church. Here's the schedule for October:

- October 3: Campfire with wiener roast, s'mores, and outdoor games
- October 10: Movie night—October Sky
- October 17: Bowling at Emerson Lanes
- October 24: Giant hide and seek!
- October 31: Intergenerational fun night—we'd love for youngsters of all ages to join us for fun and fellowship. More information to come on this one.

We are still working out the schedule for November, but whatever we decide to do, I want to say I'm thankful for being given the opportunity to take on the mission of pouring into the hearts of our young people. I'm excited to see what God has in store for us in the coming months. And I'm all the more thankful to be ministering alongside Sarah. God is good.

~ Joe Stephens



**From Carol Fryfogle (Tuesday Fellowship)**

Tuesday Fellowship will meet October 12 at 12noon for our "Welcome to our new Season" Luncheon. Lunch will be catered. I will send an invite to all who attended last season...IF you wish to join us in October, please contact me directly by email at: [ucnbankonit@mail.com](mailto:ucnbankonit@mail.com) OR contact the EBC office and leave a message for me through Terri.



Hope to see you soon! Carol Fryfogle

**Emmanuel Support Groups Have Resumed**



**DivorceCare** has resumed and is meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. For more info, please call Melanie Whited at (304)-834-8637 or call the church office.

**GriefShare** has resumed and is meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. For more info, please call Gail Samolitis at (304)-588-7632 or call the church office.



**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** resumed in September. They currently meet the first and third Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Becca Reid at (304)-966-6430.

**Updates From our Staff:**

**From Eileen Mayer (Missions & Ministry Development)**



Well, our church has lost some beloved members recently and the tenacious grip of COVID has continued. Despite these hardships, we still have so much that is good. The time of increased solitude has given us time to deepen our relationships with loved ones and better appreciate when our health is good! The circumstances have also affected the missionaries we support. For example, Madeline Flores had time to strengthen relationships with the people she serves locally. The Gutierrez in S. Africa used the time to learn how to make health education animated videos. These videos are easily translated into other languages and disseminated in the community. We have been able to continue many of our Emmanuel mission activities as well, such as our collection for the Mountain State Missions, a visit from the new WV AWANA Missionary Gary Wood, and continuing the - well attended - Monday night Bible Study at Harmony Ridge Recovery Center!

The "Ministry Development" part of our team has also remained active. We have coordinated with Adult Ministry to develop and implement two new programs to benefit the health of our church and community: one for physical fitness, the other for social and nutritional health. The Tuesday and Thursday evening "Temple Challenge" fitness classes at 5:15 p.m. have kicked off to a great start with about 20 participants. These classes are ongoing. So, come comfortably dressed with \$5 to get one of the best workouts in the Mid Ohio Valley! The other new health ministry is the Healthy Eating for Life Potluck Series. One Sunday each month, at 4:30, Coach Linda McClead and I host a potluck dinner and education night. Everyone brings \$5 and a healthy dish to enjoy together. While we eat, Linda or I briefly talk on a healthy eating topic. Next we all share tips on that topic to benefit each other. It is a relaxed, fun evening. We leave full of encouragement and a delicious, nutritious meal. We hope you can join us for the next one on October 17.



Mark Oct 17th on your calendars now for our next Mission Fundraising lunch to benefit the Latrobe Street Mission and Shelter. This mission provides a very needed service in our town: housing for the homeless! We will have a speaker during service to apprise you of their efforts. After, there will be a delicious lunch. Dee Lallemon is coordinating this event. Details will soon be in the bulletin.

Stay tuned for upcoming details for the Marriage Course and Pre-Marriage Course being offered in late January/early February 2022. The plans are to offer the Marriage Course on-line again next year too! Details and more information will follow in the bulletin and the next newsletter!

The Marriage Course

Finally, I am concerned about the increase in hostility towards many of our Christian brothers and sisters. Open Doors is an organization that tracks persecution of Christians. They report that the number of people in the world who are persecuted is higher now than ever before in history! Their vulnerability has been exacerbated by devastation of COVID, decreases in religious freedom, and some applications of advancements in surveillance/technology. Please pray with me about whether there is something more our church can do to help. The Missions Team will discuss this at our next meeting. We would love to have you join us in this conversation. Let me know if you are interested.



In closing, I read a great quote from Billy Graham that I wanted to share. It helps me - and I hope you - to prepare for the Season of Thanksgiving. "Nothing turns us into bitter, selfish, dissatisfied people more quickly than an ungrateful heart. And nothing will do more to restore contentment than a spirit of thankfulness".

God Bless you all,  
Eileen Mayer