



EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
1710 23RD STREET
PARKERSBURG, WV 26101

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Parkersburg, WV
Permit No. 68

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

Senior PastorDr. Kurt W. Busiek
Interim Youth DirectorMr. Joe Stephens
Director of Children's MinistriesMrs. Sarah Stephens
Choir DirectorMrs. Donna Marcinko
Organist/AccompanistMr. David Enoch
SecretariesMs. Terri Fielder, Mrs. Susan Stout
Church CookMrs. Jewel Lusk
Visual Worship CoordinatorMrs. Bekah Brooks
TreasurerMr. Gary Beall
Assistant TreasurerMrs. Sara Taylor
CustodianMs. Tammy Hayes
Office Number(304)-485-5171
Fax Number(304)-485-5194
Website:www.ebcwv.com
Office Hours8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Facebook PagesEmmanuel Baptist Church (public)
Emmanuel Baptist Church WV Family Ministry (private)

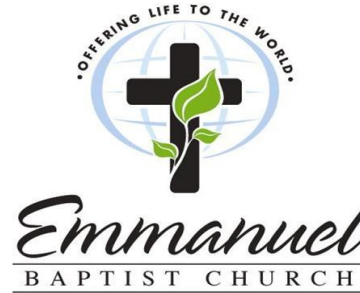
Pray for those listed below on their birthdays. Contact the church with any corrections.



1. Jon Cox
2. Bill Gainer, Edelen Wood
3. Analeigh Bennett
5. Millicent Richards, Elijah Schoenhet
6. River Garrison, Lakin Hardbarger
7. Barbara Nichols
11. Sue Casto, Zeke Coble, Olive Nahley
12. Andee Ewing
13. Verona Enoch, John Kitson
15. David Sims
16. Eric Fitzer
18. Gary Barr, Kim Jackson, Brendan Jefferson, Gail Samolitis
19. Deborah Huffman, Peter Ianniciello
20. Carly Brooks
22. Dan Decker
23. Paul Ross
24. Seth DePriest
25. Baylee Cline, Phyllis Crone, Jim Sayre
26. Stuart Bennett, Connie Childress
28. Destiny Duncan, Gabriel Hissam
29. Jean Farrah
30. Laura Jean Swearingen



2. John Mulcay
3. Elissa Filozof, Randy Halterman, Audrey McPherson
4. Abby Hendershot
7. Robin Barton-Thompson
8. Maria Keen, Eileen Mayer, Linda Mitchell
9. Erin Turner
11. Jim McGinnis
13. Tristen Beha, Kelsey Cline
15. Margaret Norris
16. Rowen Sizemore
18. Elena Delgado, Brittany Titlow
19. Kristen Bolian, Joan Stutler
20. Elijah Duncan
22. Amy Dutton, R. Keith Lusk
23. Ainsley Hudnall-Bolian
24. Mary Malson, Rose Wood
25. Jeremy Jones, Emma Richards
26. Rosemary Decker, Sue McCue
27. Maridor Keck
28. Dale Lowther
30. Daley Wofe
31. Sam Bolian, Cathy Compton



Emmanuel Life & Times

April-May 2022

Light Shining in the Darkness...



Here's an excerpt from Philip Yancey's recent article about Ukraine called, "We Have No More Tears Left." Democracy got off to a rough start in Ukraine. If you think US elections are dirty, consider that in 2004, when the Ukrainian reformer Viktor Yushchenko dared to challenge Viktor Yanukovich—the party backed by Russia—he nearly died from a suspicious case of dioxin poisoning. Ignoring the warning, Yushchenko remained in the race, his body weakened and his face permanently disfigured by the poison. On election day, an exit poll survey showed him with an 11 percent lead, and yet the incumbent government managed to reverse those results through outright fraud.

In one of the little-known twists of history, deaf people sparked a peaceful revolution. On election night, the state-run television station reported, “Ladies and gentlemen, we announce that the challenger Viktor Yushchenko has been decisively defeated.” However, government authorities had not taken into account one feature of Ukrainian television: the translation it provides for the hearing-impaired. On the picture-in-picture inset in the lower right-hand corner of the television screen, a brave woman raised by deaf-mute parents gave a very different message in sign language. “I am addressing all the deaf citizens of Ukraine,” she signed. “Don’t believe what they [the authorities] say. They are lying and I am ashamed to translate these lies. Yushchenko is our President!” Inspired by their translator, Natalya Dmitruk, deaf people texted and emailed their friends about the fraudulent elections. Soon other journalists took courage from Dmitruk’s act of defiance and likewise refused to broadcast the party line. Spontaneous protests broke out in major cities, and the Orange Revolution was born. In Kyiv, 500,000 flooded Independence Square, many of them camping out in frigid weather and wearing orange in support of Yushchenko’s campaign colors. Over the next few weeks, the crowd swelled to a million at times. When outside observers proved election fraud had occurred, courts ordered a new election—and this time, Yushchenko emerged as the undisputed winner."



Yancey concludes: "Our society is hardly unique... like the sign language translator in the lower right-hand corner of the screen, along comes a person named Jesus who says in effect, "Don't believe the big screen—they're lying. It's the poor who are blessed, not the rich. Mourners are blessed too, as well as those who hunger and thirst, and the persecuted. Those who go through life thinking they're on top will end up on the bottom. And those who go through life feeling they're at the very bottom will end up on top. After all, what does it profit a person to gain the whole world and lose his soul?"



This April brings us to Easter Sunday on April 17... we've come through the darkness and death of Covid into the light of Jesus' resurrection. It's easy to give into darkness and despair of the Covid moment: almost one million Americans have died and over six million have died worldwide...but the message of Easter is: "Keep looking up. God is good. God is real. God is forever bringing light into our darkness." I see many signs of life and light at Emmanuel: our weekly FB/ Zoom livestreams, people returning to in-person worship, our Capital Campaign, great staff, children's ministry, youth ministry, choir ministry, support groups and counseling ministries, exercise classes, healthy eating dinners, Tables of Life, a Red Cross Blood Drive... Plan to join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate how Emmanuel is offering LIFE to the world. The sermons in April and May will focus on the seven “I am” statements of Jesus in John: “bread of life”... the light of the world”... "the door”... "the good shepherd” ... "the resurrection and the life”... "the way and the truth and the life”... "the true vine.”

There will be a **Maundy Thursday Service** on April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a **Good Friday Service** at St. Frances Xavier at noon.

Remember to support our **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Looking up with you, Pastor Kurt Busiek

Updates From our Staff:

From Gail Samolitis (New Life Counseling)

“Spring: A reminder of how beautiful change can truly be.” ~ Unknown
“When flowers bloom so does hope.” ~ Lady Bird Johnson

NEW LIFE COUNSELING MINISTRY is excited to begin another Spring at Emmanuel. NLC ministry began at EBC in 2017 and we have been blessed over the past four years. Over the past two years we have learned a completely new vocabulary to explain and to deal with the pandemic. Spring 2022 arrived March 20, 2022 and the first full day of Spring held much promise for new life and new beginnings.



New beginnings are possible for all of us. It is time to shed the pandemic anxiety and fear and focus on ALL the blessings of Christ and His Resurrection! Change can be and typically is beautiful! A change or new beginning may be just what you need. NLC ministry can help you lay aside any fears and anxieties you may have about your future. A new beginning may involve a new job, relationship, or other life decisions that may be causing you some anxiety and stress. NLC ministry can help you find answers to any questions you may have about starting anew.

Can you benefit from Christian counseling? How do you know if Christian counseling would help improve your life? If you are finding it difficult to start over, accomplish goals, to lay your fears at the feet of Jesus, or to find your life’s purpose or passion, then Christian counseling may be helpful to you. A Christian counselor can help you gain a new perspective and equip you to find and pursue a new life path. Christian counseling also helps clients achieve a better understanding of self and of your relationship with God through the use of counseling tools, techniques, and concepts to help overcome depression, grief, anxiety, and loneliness. Counseling is not a lifelong endeavor for most people. Many clients will begin to see changes and life improvement in as few as 6-8 sessions.



If you have any questions about Christian counseling, fear, grief, anxiety depression or anything else that may concern you, please give me, Gail Samolitis, a call at 304-485-5171. I am a WV Licensed Professional Counselor and have been practicing for 32 years. Therapy is simply someone to come alongside you and share your burden. Galatians 6:2-Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

From Gail Samolitis (GriefShare)

Spring has arrived and with it a new cycle of GRIEF SHARE! A new cycle began in February but you can join us any time. I am blessed to facilitate this support group once again. I began Grief Share in 2017 and this is my 9th cycle.

Grief Share is a 13-week support group which consists of three components: videos, small group discussion and workbook assignments. Grief Share is open to our community so if you know someone who has lost a loved one, family member or friend to death recently please tell them of our group. If you do not want to start GS in the middle of the cycle but feel you need some assistance to move forward after loss please call NEW LIFE COUNSELING ministry to ask about one on one therapy until you can begin a GS support group.



If you are interested in GRIEF SHARE or therapy, please call 304-485-5171 or call/text Gail at 304-588-7632.



He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ~ Matthew 28:6

Updates From our Staff:

From Sarah Stephens (Children’s Ministry)



Spring has sprung! Yay! In the children’s ministries area, we’re looking forward to a new season full of opportunities to learn about Jesus, serve Him, and grow in relationship with Him.

Donna Marcinko has been working each Sunday with our kiddos rehearsing both some spoken lines and some singing for their presentation on Easter Sunday. They are excited about this, and so are we! Attendance on Sunday mornings is very important for those participating in order to be well-prepared. Be on the lookout in the near future of news regarding our kids singing on Sundays on a regular schedule – also exciting!



The Awana year will be winding down soon, with the last Awana Wednesday before summer break being May 18th. We are planning to invite our Awana families on that last Wednesday evening to a simple year-end awards ceremony, some easy picnic style food, bounce-house fun, and the Kona Ice truck!



It’s been over two years now since Emmanuel has held a traditional VBS, so we’re excited to be doing just that this summer! The date has been set for the week of July 11th thru the 15th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. each evening. We are teaming up with both First Lutheran Church and Trinity Episcopal Church. We look forward to seeing how God is going to use this partnership to bless our community! We have chosen Group’s Rocky Railway VBS – a faith-filled adventure where kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life’s ups and downs. Be on the look-out soon for ways you can get involved in what is going to be a ton of fun!

Be on the lookout also for another “kids in/parent’s out’ opportunity coming soon! Similar to our ‘PJ’s, Pancakes, and a Movie’ event, where parents had a free morning while kiddos came to church for some food and fun, we are planning a kid’s night in/parent’s night out for next time.

Finally, if you have been thinking about joining our team of disciple makers, now is a good time! We have a few different opportunities we’d love to share with you! You can call or text Sarah at: 740.629.5434 or email her at: Sarah@ebcww.com. I can’t think of many better ways to spend a few hours a month than investing in kids as they develop their faith. Our kids are such an important part of the church! They are vital to Christ’s church not only right now, but also long into the future.



Donna teaching music to our kids



Playing Awana games




Allie shopping at the Awana store



PJ's Pancakes, and a Movie

Updates From our Staff:

From Donna Marcinko (Chancel Choir Director)


 After a long winter, we are excited to celebrate the coming of Spring and the newness it brings to life. As the scripture says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, “We are new creations in Christ; the Old has passed away, the new has come.”

The choir began rehearsing in November and did so wearing masks due to Covid. Since the CDC lifted the mask mandate for public places in most areas and believes the Pandemic is moving toward becoming endemic, choir members are now making personal decisions about masking. Thanks be to God for his unfailing love and guidance!

The Chancel Choir has been rehearsing for Lent and Easter on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. The choir is rejoicing over the return of Jan Ashwell, Susan Moellendick, Jim Ross and Karen Cox to the choir! Thank you to them and to all the choir members who are sharing their talents in praising God through singing! An invitation is extended to all who would like to join the choir in singing, having fun, and fellowship on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.



Thank you to Cortney and Davey Brooks for accompanying the choir on the Alto Metallophone and Alto Glockenspiel during the choral introit. David is also preparing to accompany the Children’s Choir on the Alto Metallophone on Easter morning. Well done!

 I have had an opportunity to rehearse with the children on Sunday mornings during the last 20 minutes of the worship hour each Sunday to prepare them for singing on Easter Sunday! They are rehearsing some spoken lines as well as learning a song, including some basic techniques of singing. They are looking forward to this opportunity and it is my hope that all the children involved attend Sunday morning to prepare for Easter morning. Thank you to Sarah Stephens for assisting in this effort and to all those who help with the children on Sunday mornings! It is my prayer that we can continue to sing during the worship hour so that we can sing on other Sundays of the year as well. Please pray for this ministry as we move forward.


Thank you to Cortney and Davey Brooks for rehearsing with me on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. to prepare for singing with the adult choir on Palm Sunday. Cortney and Davey will join a small group from the choir to sing an antiphonal choral introit.



Thank you to Emma Richards for spending some time with me on Sunday mornings to learn how to sing a song for the church service.

A thank you to Pat Barnes for caring for the robes and changing the stoles in a timely manner and to Pat Smith for donating bottles of water for the choir! It is much appreciated!

Thank you to David Enoch for accompanying the choir and playing during worship services!

 The Music Ministry Team met on Sunday, March 20 at 12:00 and enjoyed a delicious lunch provided to all by the Missions ministry. The Music Team discussed ways in which to support our EBC Chancel Choir, as well as the Children’s Choir, implementation of a youth instrumental ensemble, and the EBC Celebrations Ringers. More information on these programs will be forthcoming. Thank you to: David Enoch, Pat Barnes, Judy Prater, Maria Keen and Jan Reed for attending and supporting the music ministry at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Pastor Kurt is a member of this team, but was enjoying his family in North Carolina for a week. Congratulations to the Busiek family on the birth of their granddaughter, Olivia!

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”. Romans 15:13

~ Donna Marcinko, Emmanuel Baptist Chancel Choir Director

Updates From our Staff:


From Judy Prater (Adult Ministry)



Our Adult ministry includes the following:

- DivorceCare meets on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- The Marriage Course was completed by 12 couples, thanks to the leadership of Keith and Eileen Mayer.
- Healthy Living and Exercise classes are ongoing Tuesday and Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- GriefShare meets weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- Senior Singles - Senior Singles With Available Time & Talent (SSWATT team) has met monthly. Next meeting for lunch and fellowship will be on May 7 at the home of Kathy Leavitt. Call the church to RSVP.
- Caregivers Support Group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the conference room.
- Chess Group meets Mondays at noon for lunch and playing chess.
- College & Career Group meet for lunch after church on the 2nd Sunday of the month. If interested, see Kim Jackson or Jordan Lallemon or call the church for details.
- Life Groups are currently meeting on different days and times. Call the church for more details about attending.
- Jacob Filozof's Arthritis movement classes meet every Wednesday and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Tables of LIFE will begin meeting soon. Sign up to attend or to host in the bulletin or by calling the church.

Ministry moments for April and May:

	April 3 - Tuesday Fellowship	May 1 - Mission Ministry
	April 10 - Childrens Ministry	May 8 - Adult Ministry
	April 17 - Life Groups	May 15 - Visitation Ministry
	April 24 - Sunday School Classes	May 22 - Finance Ministry
		May 29 - Card Ministry

Women’s Spring Rally

The Parkersburg Association’s American Baptist Women’s Spring Rally is planned for Thursday, April 21 at Vienna Baptist Church. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. A brief Business Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program. Light refreshments will be available following the program. A representative from the Family Crisis Intervention Center of Region V will share about the Center’s programs. An information sheet and shelter needs list are available on the Ministry Table in the new narthex. If you have questions, call Leslie Sims at (304)-834-5454.



Church Rummage Sale - May 7



As it warms up and you start your spring cleaning, keep in mind that our church Yard Sale will be on May 7. You may bring your items now and put them on the stage. One man’s trash is another man’s treasure! No TV’s or computers accepted. If you have any questions, call Debbie Fenton at (304)-295-4175.

Blood Drive—April 16

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive at our church in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You may call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment or visit RedCrossBlood.org or download the Blood Donor App.



Updates From our Staff:

From Joe Stephens (Youth Ministry)




The weather is getting better, and flowers are beginning to bloom, so it’s time for the hibernating teenagers to step outside! The youth group has several activities planned to help with just that. Here’s a rundown of our plans for April and May.

On Sundays, in addition to Sunday School, we are still having recreation and fellowship times. Except where noted, these take place at 6:00 p.m. Here’s what we have planned:

- 4/3: Movie Night in (we hope) the Hope House basement, which we have officially dubbed THE UPSIDE DOWN, based on the idea of Christ’s model of the upside-down kingdom.
- 4/10: Hang out night. Assuming the weather is decent, we’ll play volleyball, badminton, cornhole, frisbee, and roast some marshmallows. In the event of rain, the games will move inside.
- 4/17: Easter, so we won’t meet in the evening.
- 4/24: Picnic and paint guns at McDonough Wildlife Refuge off Rosemar Road.
- 5/1: Blennerhassett Island! This day will be different, in that we’ll be heading over right after morning services and coming back about 4:30. We’ll ride over on the sternwheeler, have a picnic, and then just enjoy the island. It’s sponsored by the youth group, but everyone is welcome!
- 5/8: Bob Ross painting night. Yes, it’s exactly what it sounds like. We’re going to watch an episode of Bob Ross and try to recreate the painting from the show. We’ll have canvasses and all the supplies you need. We’re fresh out of talent, though, so you need to bring your own—or a good sense of humor.
- 5/15: Hiking at McDonough with a picnic in the middle.
- 5/22: Bonfire, complete with marshmallows, camp songs, and games.
- 5/29: Memorial Day, so there won’t be youth in the evening.

We also will be continuing our Wednesday meetings, where we have some snacks, a little recreation, and a time to study the Bible. Starting sometime in April, we’re excited to have this time led by Ellie Raitz for a while. I’m sure the youth will be excited to hear from someone other than me, and this also gives me time to concentrate on some of the other areas of the youth ministry.



 In the meantime, we’ll also have an activity a month outside of Sundays and Wednesdays. Our April plan is to have a cookout on April 8 with the Delgados. We’re all so stoked to spend time with our beloved former Family Life Minister and his amazing family, who are visiting from Georgia that week. Like the trip to Blennerhassett Island, it’s sponsored by the youth group, but everyone is welcome to stop by.

Next up, we’re shooting (pardon the pun) to go to the Rage Room on May 6. In case you’ve never heard of it, the Rage Room has three fun things to do. You can go into a room and just get all your aggression out by destroying things with a ball bat or golf club. If that seems too violent for you, you can go into a giant nerf gun battle room. Lots of shooting, but the ammo is all foam. If even that is over the top for you, there’s always the splatter paint room. This is where you can get your abstract expressionism on.



As you can see, the teens of EBC are quite busy, and things aren’t going to slow down when school lets out. Not to give too much away, but mission week, Camps at Cowen, and a trip to Georgia are all in the planning stages for summer. Want to join in the fun? Have questions? Call or text me at 304-893-2992, or email me at joe@ebcwv.com.

~ Joe Stephens

Updates From our Staff:

From Eileen Mayer (Missions & Ministry Development)

Mission Lunches



March 20: The entire Missions Team would like to thank you all for your amazing support of our International Ministries missionary, Madeline Flores-Lopez. Ms. Flores is based in the Dominican Republic. We raised over \$1,500 for her ministry for which she is deeply appreciative. God allowed us an opportunity to be generous! This fall, we will be planning another Mission Lunch for Keith and Debbie Myers who will be on home leave. Details will be set soon!

Wednesday Evening Meet and Greet

In mid-August, the Brown Family will be visiting us from Pucalpa, Peru where they serve at the SAM Academy school for children of missionaries. Please remember that Mike Brown is the brother of Brian Brown ... so we have an extra special relationship with the family! They will join us for a Wednesday evening Meet and Greet to spend time together! Details will follow.



Offering to One Great Hour of Sharing

The men who attended the recent “J” Dollar Breakfast gave a very generous donation this year. Thanks to the Hulces for coordinating this event and to Jewel and her team for cooking. Part of this donation was sent to One Great Hour of Sharing for Ukranian relief efforts.

Special Offering

On Sunday, April 3, Jonathon Delgado will join us for a Ministry Moment to share a new ministry which he feels called: Ignite 316. He will explain the nature of this ministry and his planned role. Please consider making a special donation to this cause! Besides, it will be wonderful to have an opportunity to visit with our beloved previous Family Life Pastor as he travels from Atlanta!



Ministry Development

The Ministry Development "arm" of the Missions Team has also been quite busy!

Fitness Classes by Jacob

Jacob Filozof has recently graduated from WVU School of Medicine with a degree in Exercise Physiology. He recently also earned his certification in Arthritis Foundation Exercise Instructor and as a nationally Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist. He is using this expertise and his love of teaching to start a twice weekly fitness class in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. His classes will be 50 minutes of exercise (which can easily be adapted to chair-based) followed by relaxation and refreshments. All for only \$5 (with waivers available) per class. For less money than a fast food meal ... who is ready to get in shape for spring? We hope you will come and support one of our younger members while getting stronger yourself!



The Marriage Course Weekend Retreat

The Marriage Course Team (Keith & Eileen Mayer, Brian & Christa Raitz, Joe & Sarah Stephens, Rhonda & Leah Johnston) have recently met to consider designing a version of TMC to offer as a weekend retreat. Please keep this effort in your prayers. We will keep you posted! Anyone interested in joining our team, please let us know!



Tables of Life

We have partnered with Adult Ministry to initiate the Tables of Life ministry. The purpose of this ministry is for members to deepen connections between people who have attended Emmanuel Baptist Church by inviting them to dinner! Please stay tuned to your bulletin for details and pray about hosting a fellowship dinner soon!



Sincerely, Eileen Mayer



A Review of our Praises from February and March:

Rebecca Lyons and her daughter **Deidra Lyons** came forward to join our church fellowship. The new Caregiver Support group met for the first time; it was an informative and encouraging time. High School students **Nate McPeak and Jackson Simmons** were both highlighted in our local paper. Thank you to **Jeff and Adam Evans** for installing the handrail and lighting in the choir room, as well as moving and repairing furniture in the music library/office. Thank you to **Tammy Hayes** for assisting! Thank you to **Donna Shawver** for all the time, energy and hard work she has spent getting the large room on the 2nd floor cleaned out! The **SSWATT Team** (The Senior Singles with Available Time and Talent) had their first meeting at Bonnie Nestor's on February 6. Our **Tuesday Fellowship** ministry met in February for lunch and their annual Blizzard Bingo. The **Table of Life** ministry has some people ready to host a dinner in their homes; stay tuned for more information. **Deidra Lyons** had baby "**Willow**" on Tuesday, February 8. Our **Deacons** are committed to following up and praying for everyone in our church in 2022. The **Loss of a Spouse Seminar** at Emmanuel on February 12 had twelve people attend. **Liam Nuzum** performed in the Midwestern American Choral Directors' Conference Honor Choir on February 16-19 in Chicago, Illinois. **Rebecca Lyons** was baptized and her daughter **Deidra** was in church with her new baby **Willow**. The **Chancel Choir** had a beautiful anthem called, "People Need the Lord." Pastor Kurt got a nice Valentine's Day card from **Amy Dutton**. **Debbie Fenton** shared about the Necessity Pantry that has helped over 200 people over the last year with cleaning supplies, paper products and other household basics. The following people help run the Necessity Pantry: **Debbie Fenton, Betty Hunt, Robbi Leonard, Donna Shawver, Rose Wood, Jeff Evans and Edy Jones**. The **Fellowship Hall heater** has been fixed after the part we needed was back ordered for over two months. Thanks to **Jeff Evans** for his work keeping the church running. The **Marriage Course** had 24 adults and 12 children involved; Eileen said God has been blessing this ministry. Pastor Kurt showed the **white Church offering container** that the pre-school children use every Sunday to take their offering. The church had over \$50 in it. The church was given by **Ann Beck** to help the children learn about giving. **Lauren Modesitt and Davey Brooks** performed at the state Solo and Ensemble Recital that was held in the Charleston Civic Center Theater on March 4. Their vocal and piano solos were featured at the West Virginia Music Educators Conference. We had beautiful flowers on our communion table to remember **Debby Jamison**. **Eileen Mayer and Linda McCleod** shared about our weekly exercise classes and monthly Healthy Meal potlucks. Our **Chancel Choir** shared a beautiful anthem called, "Here I am, Lord." **Randy Halterman** shared a sermon about ministry of the Holy Spirit from Romans 8. The **Adult Ministry Team** had a lunch meeting to plan more ministry opportunities at Emmanuel. The **Youth** had a good event at the J & M Bookstore "Escape" Room. Our **Children's Ministry** had 10 children attend the PJ's, Pancakes and Movie event. The **Chess Club** met for a pizza lunch and some games of chess. The **Women's Bible Study** met for lunch and a time of fellowship. The new **GriefShare** group started meeting on February 23. We received positive updates from our **Audio Visual ministry by Jerry Hamilton** and from our **Lawn Ministry by Lyndall Jones**. The **choir** had a nice anthem called, "Sweet Hour of Prayer". The **Brooks Family** is now in the Hope House. They are selling their home and will be in the Hope House while they look for a new one. **Olivia Rose Green**, daughter of Blake and Stephanie (Busiek) Green, arrived on February 27 and weighed 7 lbs., 7 ounces. **Mona Busiek** visited NC and enjoyed visiting their granddaughter. **Calvin and Judy Florence** have a great-granddaughter named Amelia who will be 1 on April 13. **Jerry and JoAnn Backus** have been spending time visiting their new grandson, Noah. **Elissa Filozof's baby Emilia** continues to grow up beautiful and strong. **Becca Reid** gave us a positive update on our MOPS ministry. Our **chancel choir** shared a beautiful anthem called "The Prayer." **Tuesday Fellowship** had a nice St. Patrick's Day themed lunch and the largest attendance in two years. **Kennedy Hamrick**-18 mo. old, daughter of Hunter and Heather is the great granddaughter of Carole Morgan. **Jacob Filozof** has started his arthritis movement improvement classes. **Cheryl Wons** is making good progress after her second knee replacement surgery. **Lori Frees** has friends from Cambodia who are now in Hungary helping with Ukrainian refugees with transportation. A group has gathered over several Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m. to **pray for Ukraine**; some joined via Zoom. The **chancel choir** shared a beautiful anthem called, "Give Us a Vision". The **Healthy Eating for Life** shared a nice dinner. The **Women's Bible Study** had a positive study. The **"J Dollar" Breakfast** went well with Jewel Lusk and Co. cooking and **Earl Hulce** organizing volunteers. The offering was \$1200. The **Caregiver Support group** met this past month. **Kim Fowler** made pocket crosses for people to take home to help them reflect on the focus of Lent. **Pastor Kurt** is thankful for the many birthday cards and kind words of encouragement. **Rhonda Johnston** and her crafting crew have made beautiful Easter cards that are now displayed in the narthex to be signed. **Patricia Brown** had an excellent chemo report. The PET scan came back all clear! She is thankful for all the prayers. **Pastor Kurt and Mona** had a nice time in NC visiting family. Mona flew to MO for a few days to see her family. **Susan Stout** created a new church floor plan with escape routes that **Dave McCue** put in every room in the church to guide people to safety in case of an emergency. **Gary Woods**, our Awana missionary in WV, shared a challenging message. The **Mission Lunch for Madeline Flores** raised over \$1,500 for her ministry. **Eileen Mayer and the Mission Team** prepared and served the meal. **Rodney and Pam Wharton's** 52nd anniversary was on March 27. The flowers in the sanctuary are from the memorial service for **Joe Hays** on March 26.



Pray for: Dave Bollinger, Michelle Busiek, Olivia Camilo, Crystal, Ann Davis, Zach Dobbins, Monica Fowler, Jason George, Regina Goodwin, Max Kappel, Maria Keen, Freda Kimsley, Dee Lallemon, Rebecca Lyons, Bernie Marshall, Joyce McMullen, Bill Niday, Dave Nicholson, Rich Shawver, Steve Shiver, Susie Tracewell, Lisa Whirtley, the people of Ukraine, the Capital Campaign letter that was sent to the church.

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

Assisted Living:
Belpre Landing: Ruth Carder; **Milestone Senior Living:** Mary Southall, Betty Wiseman; **Stonerise/Eagle Pointe:** Nancy Duty, Betty Matthews, Bud Varner; **The Pines:** Claude Denton; **Waterview Pointe:** Naomi Couch; **Worthington:** Ada Turner; **Wyngate:** Sam Bolian, Joan Stutler

Out of Town: Imogene Buckley, Phyllis Crone, Allenetta Kaufman, Margaret Norris, Bill Ott, Mel Williams.

The family of **Margaret Norris** would like everyone to know that her new mailing is now: 523 Sunrise Circle, Muscatine, IA 52761.

Our Deepest Sympathy to: The family and friends of **Pat Tomaszewski**, Brendan and Meghan Jefferson's grandmother / **Peggy Mace**, friend of Jane Graham, whose 17-year old grandson passed away / The family and friends of **Bruce Goody** / The family and friends of **Nancy Rupert**, Rhonda Johnston's aunt / The family and friends of **Veldra Parsons-95**, Phil Parson's father / The family and friends of **Mary Hilbert**, Jane Graham's sister / The family and friends of **Darlene Zwick**, Angie Yoho's mother / The family and friends of **Betty Downard**, Becky Martin's mother / **Matt Michael** at the passing of his father, **Gary Michael** / The friends and family of **Larry Clarke-98**, Carole Morgan's uncle / **Jerry and Carolyn Robinson** at the passing of their daughter, Lisa / **Diane Hays** and family at the passing of **Joe Hays** / The friends and family of **Greg Ganoe-51**, nephew of Jane Hulce / **Pastor Kurt and Mona Busiek**, at the passing of Mona's Father, **Wadi Abdo**.

Thank You

From Karen Cox - David, Chris and I would like to express our deepest appreciation for all of the cards, prayers and phone calls that we received while Steve was ill and after his passing. It has been a difficult journey, but he is no longer suffering and in the arms of our heavenly father. Steve and I both are so thankful that the Lord granted us 50 years of wonderful marriage, and together we were truly "One Heart". A special thank you to Pastor Kurt for being there for us, praying and visiting with him and holding me up while I shed my tears. I will take each day as it comes, and will trust in time the Lord will grant us peace.



From Betsy Jefferson - I would like to thank each and every one of you that has reached out to me for your prayers, cards, phone calls and meals. This church has been absolutely amazing and I thank you all for your care and support.

From Karen Cox - David and I would like to thank Pastor Kurt and the church for their financial gift to help us in some much needed house repairs. It is truly a blessing to have a church family that cares about others and helps them in their time of need. We truly appreciate the love and support from all of you.

Kroger Community Rewards



If you would like to support Emmanuel through your Kroger purchases, you can call 1-800-853-3033 and a customer service person will help you. Or you can go to Kroger.com. If you don't have a Kroger account, create an account. Then sign into your account. Find "Community" on the bottom of the website and click on "Kroger Community Rewards" which is directly underneath. Then click on "View Details." If you do not have an organization designated, click on "Enroll". In the search bar, type "Emmanuel Baptist Parkersburg", it should be the first organization you see, click on the "Enroll" button. Emmanuel's organization number is: HR910. If you are enrolled and it is not Emmanuel, you can click on "Change Organization" and follow the previous instructions to select.