

Emmanuel Prayer Page

Praises

Mercy's Well shared some inspiring songs in their concert last Sunday. The **J Dollar Breakfast** offering raised \$925. Last Sunday we had **two stars in our Red Books...** keep looking for opportunities to share Jesus with others. We praise God that **Syrenity Medford** and **Courtney Brooks** completed the Youth Leader Core Training. **Will Sawyer**, a friend of the Busieks, got a report that his lung cancer is in remission. **Evan & Margaret Frees** celebrating 50 years of marriage on April 5.

New Prayer Concerns:

Joyce Ault will have a knee replacement on 4/9. (3/23)
Cheryl Burnem is doing ongoing PT after neck/ back surgery; pray for healing. (3/30)
Marie Butler, friend of Donna Marchinko, is living with a rare, progressive brain disorder; pray for healing. (3/30)
Kevin Cottrell, a friend of Ed and Susie Davis, has liver issues and is awaiting a liver transplant. (3/23)
Mike Eschbacher, Edna McVay's cousin, has been in CC for medical tests. (3/16)
Bill Gainer is doing rehab at Eaglepoint. (3/16)
Diane Huffman had an MRI on her shoulder for a possible torn rotator cuff; on-going pain management. (3/30)
Eileen Mayer is recovering at home after having medical tests at Marietta Memorial. (3/30)
Rich Shawver had a back procedure in Cleveland soon. (3/30)
Jean VanWay is doing rehab at Belpre Landing. (3/16)
Carole Woody is at Ohio Valley; on-going pain management and physical therapy. (3/30)

Cancer Prayer Concerns:

Patty Ball, friend of Donna Marcinko, is receiving ongoing radiation to treat breast cancer. (1/26)
Sara LeMasters-Buck-41, friend of Robbi Leonard, had serious complications due to oral cancer. (2/9)
Tara Cox, Karen's daughter-in-law, on-going chemo. (11/3)
Denise, Maria Keen's daughter, had colon surgery and will begin chemo soon. (3/2)
Christie Gaydac is recovering from cancer surgery she had on 3/7. (2/23)

Frank Gephardt, Donna Marcinko's niece's husband, is being treated for intestinal cancer. He is beginning a promising new treatment. (2/23)

Jeannette, Eileen Mayer's sister, is battling advanced stage 4 breast cancer. (1/26)

Adam Johnston-53 is battling kidney cancer. (1/26)

Barbara Looney, Kim Matheny's sister, is having on-going cancer treatments. (2/9)

Ethel Mason is dealing with a reoccurrence of cancer. She started 24 weeks of chemo on 1/15. (1/19)

Dianna Wagoner is having on-going tests for cancer and kidney function. (12/29)

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Cathy Compton is waiting on treatment options for her situation. (3/2)

Jane Hulce is recovering from hip replacement surgery on March 19. (3/16)

Jeff Manning, Pat Smith's nephew, is on life support at Grant Hospital in Columbus. (3/9)

Kim Matheny is dealing with pain management as she waits for a procedure to help diagnose her neck and spine pain.

Connie Perry is getting eye shots to address her macular degeneration. Her son **Paul Wigal** is under hospice care at Cedar Grove. Her son **David** had a lung biopsy. (3/16)

For those **in our community** who are dealing with **job changes and unemployment.**

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

To the friends & family of **Harold Junior Holmes**, a friend of Brenda Wheeler, who passed away on March 20.

To the friends & family of **Ed Huffman** who passed away on March 26. Cards of sympathy can be sent to Shirley Huffman and family at 2600 Newbanks Rd. Parkersburg, WV 26104

To the friends & family of **Michael Smith**, neighbor of JoAnn Boggs, who passed away on March 18. Cards of sympathy can be sent to Morgan Smith, Michael's wife, at 311 Captain Ames Dr. Parkersburg, WV 26104



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March 30, 2025

"God is Faithful in Times of Temptation"

"So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

"This is the day the LORD has made;
 Let us rejoice and be glad in it." ~ Psalm 118:24

Announcements and Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship "More Like Jesus" by Kristian Stanfill
"Cornerstone" by Hillsong Praise Team

Musical Meditation "God Leads Us Along"
David Enoch, Organ

Introit "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"
Chancel Choir

*Responsive Reading – Psalm 1

Leader: "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night."

People: "That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers."

Leader: "Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous."

People: "For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction."

***Hymn of Praise No. 116**
"Take the Name of Jesus with You"

***Opening Prayer with Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)**
Greeting One Another ("Great is the Lord" p. 31)

Children's Moment Courtney Johnson

Ministry Moment Marriage Course & Kairos Ministry: Steve Hannah

Offertory Marriage Course Review

***Doxology**

Praises and Pastoral Prayer

Choir Anthem "Love Will Rise" Chancel Choir

Sermon "The Temptation of Jesus"
Pastor Kurt Busiek

Scripture Passage: Luke 4:1-12:
"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted [a] by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" ⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹² Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time."

Hymn No. 428 "I Need Thee Every Hour"
 ~ A deacon will be available at the front of the church if you have a question or need prayer. ~

Benediction "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."
 Numbers 6: 24-26

~ Before you leave, greet someone you do not know. ~

Postlude Voluntary in C David Enoch, Organ



If you are a Guest at Emmanuel,
we want to welcome you
to our church!

If you're a Guest with us today: If you would like to know more about Emmanuel or if you have questions about the Christian faith, please contact our Guest Coordinator, Terry Ash at 910.547.4474 or Pastor Kurt Busiek 304.485.5171 or kurt@ebcwv.com. If you are a guest, please fill out a guest card then pass the card along to the Pastor, or place the card in the offering plate. Pastor Busiek offers a LIFE Sunday School class (Sundays at 9:40 am) for guests who want to know more about Emmanuel and the Christian faith.

Last Week

Stewardship Report - March 23

Does Not Include On-Line Giving

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| General | \$ 2,581.92 |
| Missions | 293.40 |
| Maint. Fund | <u>58.68</u> |
| Total | \$ 2,934.00 |
| Miscellaneous: | |
| “J” Dollar Breakfast | 927.26 |
| Kroger Rewards | 165.26 |
| Designated Funds: | |
| Building Fund | \$ 120.00 |
| Benevolence Fund | 125.00 |

Benevolence Help Fund

Next Sunday we collect a special offering for our Benevolence Help Fund. All loose offering will be added to this fund.

Giving Options

To give on-line, you can go to our Website (www.ebcwv.com). Or you can mail your check to: EBC, 1710 23rd Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Attendance - March 23

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| 8:30 a.m. Service In-Person | 28 |
| 10:45 a.m. Service In-Person | 133 |
| On-Line Attendance | 481 |

Lawn Schedule:

April 6 ~ Brian Lallemond & Davey Brooks
April 13 ~ Bob & Judy Langkamer

Greeters:

Bob & Judy Langkamer,
Phil & Cynda O'Brien,
Sarah Stephens, Melissa Davis,
Rick & Tammy Cline, and Deanie Kendall

This Week Church Calendar:

Today - March 30

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services in the Sanctuary, FB or You Tube Live at 10:45 a.m. Find service links at www.ebcwv.com
9:30 a.m. Sunday School - LIFE Class in the Parlor, Seekers: Room 201 (studying Daniel), Encouragers: Room 224, Youth Sunday School: Room 203
12:00 p.m. Marriage Course Vol. Lunch: Conference Room
2:30 p.m. Celebration Ringers Rehearsal

Monday - March 31

12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study: Conference Room
6:00 p.m. Facilities Team Meeting: Conference Room
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - April 1

10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study: Conf. Room & Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/87185860738, Code 087181) 1 Peter 2: 13-25 - God and Government
5:15 p.m. Temple Challenge: Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Divorce Care: Parlor
6:00 p.m. Board of Ministry Meeting: Conference Room

Wednesday - April 2

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting: Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Youth Family Cookout: Hope House
6:00 p.m. Bible Study: Conference Room and via Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/87185860738, Code 087181, 1 Peter 2: 13-25 - God and Government Choir & GriefShare

Thursday - April 3

5:15 p.m. Temple Challenge: Fellowship Hall

Birthdays:

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| March | 31 | Bill Ott Carolyn Ross |
| April | 1 | Jon Cox |
| | 2 | Bill Gainer |
| | 5 | Millicent Richards |
| | 7 | Barbara Nichols, Sandy Myers |



Service Leader Today:

Keith Mayer

Deacon of the Month for March:

Sarah Stephens

Salvation Army Meal Schedule:

March 30 ~ MOV Fellowship Home

Announcements

Children's Ministry (PreK-5th):

- Mark Your Calendars:
 - April 6: Children's Team Meeting
 - Week of July 7: VBS at First Lutheran Church

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12):

- Mark your calendar for two big events in April! Great Friday will be **April 18**, and our trip to Magic Mountain in Columbus will be the next day, **April 19!**
- Don't forget Youth on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Upside Down (basement of the Hope House across the street) and Sunday School at 9:45am on Sundays.

General Announcements:

- Operation Christmas Child - Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoebox packing party/lunch **Nov. 9**. Look for the OCC collection bin in the narthex. In **March**, we'll be collecting **personal care items** (hair brushes, tooth brushes, washcloths, etc). **Please note:** we are no longer able to accept bar soap. All soap we get will be given to the Necessity Closet. Questions? Text Joe 304-893-2992 or Sarah Stephens 740-629-5434.
- WV Flood Relief - If you would like to know about how to help with the ongoing response efforts to the flooding in southern WV, send your questions to: disasterrelief@wvbc.org. You can send a check to the WVBC, PO Box 1019, Parkersburg, WV 26102 or give online; memo the gift "WV Flood Relief."
- DivorceCare - DivorceCare continues through **April 22** on **Tuesday nights at 6 p.m.** in the church parlor. Contact the church office or Melanie Whited at 304-834-8637 for more information.
- Tuesday Fellowship - **April 8** at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up using the insert in the bulletin or call the church office by Monday April 7th.
- Lenten Life Prayer Partners - Pray about challenging one other person to be a Lenten Life Prayer Partner. Lent begins this Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday. Lent is the 40-day period leading up to Easter, that starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. The 40 days of Lent traditionally involve fasting, prayer, confession, repentance and personal reflection to prepare your heart and mind for Good Friday and Easter. Challenge one other person to journey through Lent with you. You can share prayer concerns and encouragement and maybe plan a Table of Life meal before Easter.
- Baptism Service - There will be a service of baptism on **Easter Sunday, April 20**. If you're interested in baptism, talk to Pastor Kurt.
- Bring a Friend Sunday - Be praying about inviting a friend to our worship services on **Sunday April 6** or **Palm**

Sunday, April 13. The number one reason why people start attending a church is through a personal invitation from a friend.

- Necessity Closet - On **March 25**, we helped 14 families and gave out 24 emergency bags, for a **total of 49 people helped**. Donations for the month of **March is large adult toothpaste**.
- Guest Lunch - A Guest Lunch has been scheduled for **Sunday, April 6** at noon in our conference room. If you would like to know more about Emmanuel and its ministries, let us know that you would like to attend.
- Easter Shoeboxes - All the shoeboxes have been taken to be filled. **Please return by Palm Sunday, April 13th** for dedication.
- Women's Care Center Annual Dinner - The dinner is on Thursday, **April 10** at 6 p.m. at Grand Pointe. Emmanuel has a reserved table. Let Pastor Kurt know if you'd like join us at the Emmanuel table for this event.
- Calling All Cookie Bakers - Dr. Hanna will be involved in a Kairos Prison ministry in April that requires each participant to provide 72 dozen cookies as part of the event. If you are able to help bake some cookies, please call the church office or fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate. See insert for special instructions regarding types of cookies allowed and packaging. Cookie donations are due by Wed. **April 9**.
- Marriage Course Volunteer Appreciation Lunch - will be held **today** at noon in the Conference Room. This lunch is for all those who volunteered to make the Marriage Course a success. It was a wonderful year! We will take time to share our thoughts and feedback from the couples who attended.
- Happy 50th Anniversary - **Evan and Margaret Frees** are celebrating 50 years of marriage on **April 5th**. Over highs and lows, laughter and tears, feast and famine God has been faithful and near. The flowers on the altar are from their daughters, Lori & Melissa, in honor of their example.
- Canceled this Wednesday due to spring break are Voice Lessons by Donna, Orff Ensemble, AWANA, & Wednesday Dinner. *Pastor Kurt's Bible study and the choir will meet at 6.*
- Youth Family Cookout Wednesday! The teens & families are invited to a cookout at the Hope House. We'll have hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, dessert, and drinks. **Dinner will be about 6pm**. But feel free to come starting at 5pm and stay as late as the Brooks' will let you. Please let Joe/Sarah Stephens or David/Bekah Brooks know you're coming and how many from your family will be there, so we can know how many to shop for. If you would like to bring a side dish, that would be great, but not required.