

Emmanuel Prayer Page

Praises:

Deena Deen is praising God that her husband Steve is experiencing better health. The **Marriage Course** had a positive ministry season; **Adam Evans** made a video review of the sessions and there was a nice appreciation lunch last Sunday. **Mike Eschbacher**, Edna McVay's cousin, is home from CC and they thank everyone for their prayers. We praise God that **Syrenity Medford** and **Cortney Brooks** completed the Youth Leader Core Training. **Evan & Margaret Frees** celebrated 50 years of marriage on 4/5. **Verona Enoch** will turn 100 on 4/13. Birthday cards can be sent to: Verona Enoch 3101 9th Ave. Vienna, WV 26105. This week the **Board of Ministry** appointed our pastoral search team. The team includes: David Brooks, John Nicholson, Rich Shawver, Blaine Hess and Christa Raitz. Joe Stephens, our church Moderator, will join the team as a non voting member.

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)
Freida Causey, friend of Gail Samolitis, is a Mayo Clinic in FL with a heart valve infections and congestive heart failure. (4/6)
Cathy Compton will begin infusions on 4/11; her husband **George** will have a throat/ swallow procedure on 4/18. (4/6)
Kevin Cottrell, a friend of Ed and Susie Davis, has liver issues and is awaiting a liver transplant. (3/23)
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)
Brian Raitz will have knee surgery on 4/7. (4/6)
Rich Shawver had a back procedure in Cleveland. Pray for good results. (3/30)
Sara Taylor is having some tests at Cleveland Clinic on 4/24. (4/6)
Jean VanWay is home after 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:

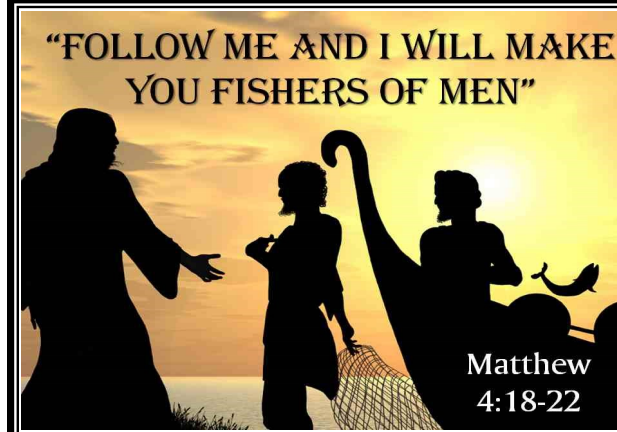
Jane Hulce is recovering from hip replacement surgery on March 19. (3/16)
Jeff Manning, Pat Smith's nephew, is on life support at Grant Hospital in Columbus. (3/9)
Kim Matheny is dealing with pain management as she waits for a procedure to help diagnose her neck and spine pain.
Connie Perry is getting eye shots to address macular degeneration. Her son **Paul Wigal** is under hospice care at Cedar Grove. Her son **David** is beginning lung cancer treatments. (3/16)

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

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

To the family & friends 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 family & friends of **Marsha Whitlatch**, sister of Jim Ross who passed away on March 29. Cards of sympathy can be sent to James Whitlatch 1301 11th St. Vienna, WV 26105 and Jim & Carolyn Ross 81 Worthington Creek Rd. Parkersburg, WV 26104.




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April 6, 2025

"We are Called to Follow Jesus"

"As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him." Matthew 4:18-20

"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 "This is Amazing Grace"
 "He Knows My Name" Praise Team
Musical Meditation "Jesus Is All the Word to Me"
 David Enoch, Organ
Introit "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"
 Chancel Choir

***Responsive Reading – Luke 9:**
 Leader: "Jesus said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected and killed and on the third day be raised to life."

People: "Jesus said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Leader: "For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it."

People: "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?"

Leader: "Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."

***Hymn of Praise No. 271 "Standing on the Promises"**
 Verses 1, 2, & 3

***Opening Prayer with Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)**

Greeting One Another ("Great is the Lord" p. 31)

Children's Moment Joe Stephens
Ministry Moment Youth Leader Core:
 Syrenity Medford/ Cortney Brooks
Offertory Video: The Way of Cross Lenten Series
***Doxology**
Praises and Pastoral Prayer
Prayer Response "Amen" Chancel Choir
Choir Anthem "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"
 Chancel Choir
Sermon "The Challenge of Jesus' Baptism"
 Pastor Kurt Busiek

Scripture Passage: Luke 3:21-38:
"When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."²³ Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry..."

Hymn No. 274 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"
 Verses 1, 2, & 3

Celebration of Communion Apostle's Creed
 (All who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ are invited to receive the Lord's Supper)

***Benediction Hymn No. 286**
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
 The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above

~ A deacon will be available at the front of the church if you have a question or need prayer. ~

Postlude "Give Me Strength, O Lord"
 David Enoch, Organ

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



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 30

Does Not Include On-Line Giving

General	\$ 5,314.32
Missions	603.90
Maint. Fund	<u>120.78</u>
Total	\$ 6,039.00

Designated Funds:	
America for Christ	\$ 105.00
Benevolence Fund	50.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	150.00

Benevolence Help Fund

Today 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 30

8:30 a.m. Service In-Person	36
10:45 a.m. Service In-Person	124
On-Line Attendance	468

Deacon of the Month for April:

Kim Constantino

Service Leader Today:

Tammy Cline

Greeters:

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

Lawn Schedule:

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

This Week Church Calendar:

Today - April 6

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. Children's Team Meeting: Conference Room
2:30 p.m. Celebration Ringers Rehearsal

Monday - April 7

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

Tuesday - April 8

10:00 a.m. Necessity Closet until noon
10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study: Conf. Room & Zoom
(https://zoom.us/j/87185860738, Code 087181)
1 Peter 2: 16-25- Slaves in the Early Church

11:30 a.m. Tuesday Fellowship: Fellowship Hall
5:15 p.m. Temple Challenge: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday - April 9

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting: Conference Room
4:30 p.m. Voice Lessons by Donna
5:00 p.m. Dinner in the Fellowship Hall (menu and
sign-up in today's bulletin insert)
5:15 p.m. Orff Ensemble
6:00 p.m. Bible Study: Conference Room and via Zoom
(https://zoom.us/j/87185860738, Code 087181,
1 Peter 2: 16-25- Slaves in the Early Church
AWANA, Youth, Choir, & GriefShare

Thursday - April 10

12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch: Olive Garden
5:15 p.m. Temple Challenge: Fellowship Hall

Saturday - April 12

10:00 a.m. Scrapbooking: Conference Room

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: April 13 @ 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday: April 17 @ 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday ~ Stations of the Cross Walk & Cross Walk:

April 18 @ 12:00 p.m. St. Francis Xavier/Market St.

Easter Sunday: April 20 @ 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Birthdays:

April 7 Sandy Myers
11 Sue Casto
12 Andee Ewing
13 Verona Enoch



Salvation Army Meal Schedule:

April 6 ~ Youth (EBC)
April 13 ~ Salvation Army

Announcements

Children's Ministry (PreK-5th):

- Mark Your Calendars:
 - TODAY @ NOON Children's Team Meeting
 - Children's Easter Party in the Fellowship Hall
Wed. April 16th 6:15 p.m.
 - 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 - Our collection item for the month of **April is "wow gifts"** - think (deflated) soccer balls (with needle for pumping), "nicer" doll babies/stuffies, or whatever your heart desires (as long as it fits in a shoebox). This is the "big gift" that a kiddo will find when opening their box. Remember to mark November 9 on your calendar for the soup lunch and packing party! 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."
- 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.
- Easter Shoeboxes - All the shoeboxes have been taken to be filled. **Please return by Palm Sunday, April 13th** for dedication.

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

• Necessity Closet - Donations for the month of **April is liquid body wash**.

• Women's Care Center Annual Dinner - The dinner is on Thursday, **April 10** at 6:00 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**.

• Men's Lunch - will be held this week at Olive Garden on Thursday **April 10** at noon.

• Scholarship & Loan Applications - Scholarship & loan applications for the 2025-2026 school year are available in the church office. Applications must be received by **May 31**; awards will be announced in June.

• Women's Spring Rally - The Parkersburg Association's American Baptist Women's Spring Rally is planned for **Thursday, April 24** 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. See insert or info sheet on the Ministry Table in the new narthex. for mission project details. If you have questions, call Joan Hall at (304)-558-1087.

• Easter Flowers - TODAY is the last day to order Easter flowers to honor or remember a loved one. See insert for ordering information.

• Update for Deanie Kendall: Deanie has moved to Milestone Senior Living 2301 Kennedy Ave. Parkersburg, WV 26104. Pray for her during this transition. Cards of care can be sent to her new address.

• Missions: The WVBC recently published their "**Top 50 Giving Churches in the WVBC for 2024**". Of all churches listed, EBC was the 3rd most generous to World Mission Offering; the 4th most generous to Retired Ministries and Missionaries Fund; and the 7th most generous to the WVBC Convention. May the Lord bless those who gave so generously to these important funds!