

Emmanuel Prayer Page

Praises:

Visitation Team, led by **Barbara Kirsch**, made 100 contacts to church members in July. Established in 2000, **Brothers’ Keeper (BK)** reaches out every year to the community surrounding Parchment Valley Conference Center for **mission projects**. Most are construction projects for low-income families or families with a disability in Jackson Co. This year at BK, they welcomed **110 youth and adult leaders from three different states**. They **completed 37 projects** around the area. It was an incredible week of ministry highlighted by **10 youth who gave their lives to Christ**, as well as **three homeowners!** Parchment Valley’s mission is to be a place “where lives are changed.” This year, BK once again fulfilled that mission. The **Boost Your Health** series was very helpful & challenging. Thanks to **Michelle Miller, Eileen Mayer and Elissa Filozof. Michelle Busiek** had a nice visit in Parkersburg. She was home from Alaska on Aug. 1-9. She is **very thankful** for all the help and support of EBC. **Ashley Clark** shared a beautiful **violin solo** last Sunday. In July, we gave **\$2,400** to the **Help Fund**, **\$3,200** to the **Necessity Closet**, **\$4,600** to the **Sanctuary Renovation Loan** (now at \$158,000) and **\$43,000 overall**.

New Prayer Concerns:

For the important spiritual decisions that have been made at Camp Cowen and Parchment Valley this summer.

Steve Archer, Sue McCue’s brother, is recovering from a heart attack in NC. (7/27)

Brynlee Bayles, Becca Busiek Bayles' baby, will have surgery to remove a small growth near her ribcage on 8/15 at Ruby. (8/10)

Jeff Burns, friend of Jenny Hannan, was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia that has spread to his brain & other parts of his body. He hopes to begin treatment at the Mayo Clinic. (8/10)

Wandalene Drake, Lyndall Jones' sister, is recovering from a fall and will have kidney cancer surgery soon at Ruby. (8/10)

Randy Halterman recently had some mini-strokes. He is taking some new meds, doing heart tests and will have vascular surgery at Ruby after meeting with his neurologist. (8/10)

Ayla Kilbarger, Eva Martin’s grandson’s fiancé, is battling serious on-going health issues after a recent hospital stay. (8/10)

Cancer Prayer Concerns:

Sara LeMasters Buck, a friend of Robbi Leonard, is struggling with complications from oral cancer. (4/13)

Tara Cox, Karen's daughter-in-law, on-going chemo.

Frank Gephardt, Donna Marcinko's niece's husband, had surgery on 7/21 to remove two tumors from his liver; ongoing chemo. (7/6)

Jeannette, Eileen Mayer's sister, is battling advanced stage 4 breast cancer. She had surgery recently and has been growing spiritually despite her struggles. (1/26)

Adam Johnston-53 is battling kidney cancer. He now has a pacemaker; on-going tests and treatment. (7/27)

Ethel Mason got a good cancer report. No cancer was found. She will have on-going immunotherapy. (5/18)

Brian Samples, Josh Titlow’s uncle, ongoing cancer treatment. (4/20)

Kayvonne Settle, cousin of Kim Matheny, is battling pancreatic cancer. Her tumor markers were down after her recent chemo treatment. (7/6)

Dianna Wagoner is having cancer and kidney tests. (12/29)

On-Going Prayer Concerns:

Our pastoral search team: David Brooks, John Nicholson, Rich Shawver, Blaine Hess, Christa Raitz and Joe Stephens.

Carolyn Duncan is recovering from knee replacement surgery on 7/28 at New Albany. Pray for a successful rehab. (7/20)

Bill Gainer is recovering at home with care. Pray for Linda as she helps provide care. Send them a card at: 1953 Foley Dr. Parkersburg, WV 26104 (7/13)

Diane Huffman had three plasma treatments at Ruby & ongoing swallowing tests. She is recovering at home. (8/10)

Susan Moellendick will be in Nicaragua through early August. Pray for safety & positive ministry opportunities.

Phil Morris is doing radiation treatments at Marietta Memorial to address his prostate cancer. (7/20)

Pat Smith will continue to have pain treatments for her back with doctor appointment follow ups through August. (7/20)

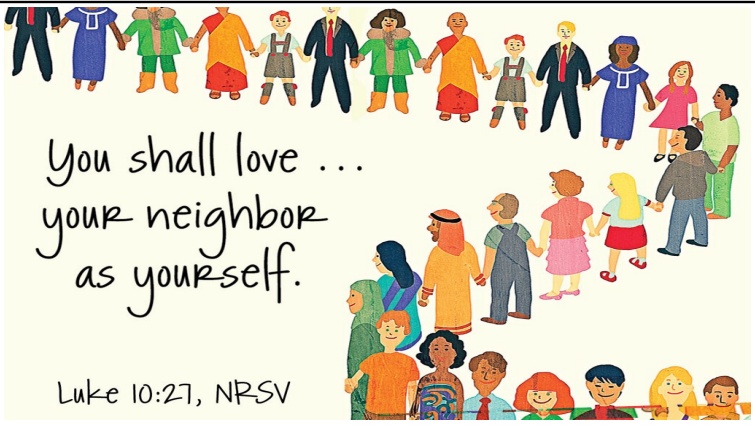
Sara Taylor will see her neurologist in January for more input on her treatment plan. (8/3)

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

The family & friends of **Marge Raitz**, Brian Raitz’ mother, who passed away on July 29th. Cards can be sent to Brian & Christa Raitz at: 1301 Lakewood Circle Washington, WV 26181.

Greeters:

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



August 10, 2025

“God Calls Us to Care for the Weak”

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. 7 Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!” ~Matthew 18:6-7

“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 “Goodness of God”
“There’s Something About That Name”
Praise Team

Musical Meditation “Just As I Am”
David Enoch, Organ
***Responsive Reading: Psalm 100**
Leader: "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."

People: "Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture."

Leader: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

People: "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

***Hymn No. 125 “Joy to the World”**

***Opening Prayer with Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)**
Greeting One Another “To Be God’s People” p. 312

Children’s Moment
Joe Stephens



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Ministry Moment **Ministry Fair & GriefShare**

Offertory **Ministry Video: “To Serve & Restore”**

***Doxology**

Praises & Pastoral Prayer

Special Music “It Is Well with My Soul”
Duet: David Enoch, Organ & Donna Marcinko, Piano

Message: “Gambling and the Common Good”
Pastor Kurt Busiek

Scripture Passage: Luke 10:25-37
“On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” 27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” 28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead...”

Hymn No. 505 “Love Lifted Me”

~ 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

Postlude “Now Thank We All Our God”
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 - August 3

Does Not Include On-Line Giving

General	\$ 9,136.16
Missions	1,038.20
Maintenance Fund	<u>207.64</u>
Total	\$ 10,382.00
Designated Funds:	
Sanctuary Renovation Loan	\$ 917.00
Necessity Closet	600.00
Benevolent Fund	380.00
Mountain State Missions	400.00
Missionaries	100.00

Stewardship Report-Month of July

Does Include On-Line Giving

General Fund	\$ 26,660.46
Missions	3,029.60
Maint. Fund	<u>605.92</u>
Total	\$ 30,295.98

Designated Funds:	
Sanctuary Renovation Loan	\$ 4,663.69
Benevolence Fund	2,112.04
Necessity Closet	3,211.38
Kroger Rewards	159.14
Scholarship	880.32
Operation Christmas Child	250.00
Missions	260.11

Giving Options

You can give online at www.ebcwv.com or
you can mail your check to:
EBC, 1710 23rd Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Attendance - August 3

8:30 a.m. Service In-Person	33
10:45 a.m. Service In-Person	136
On-Line Attendance	364

Deacon of the Month for August:

Rich Shawver



Today - August 10

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: Parlor
Seekers: Room 201 (studying Daniel)
Encouragers: Room 224
Youth Sunday School: Room 203
4:00 p.m. Ballroom Dance: Fellowship Hall

Monday - August 11

2:00 p.m. Caregiver Support Group: Parlor
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - August 12

10:00 a.m. Necessity Closet open until noon
10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study: Conf. Room & Zoom
(<https://zoom.us/j/87185860738>, Code 087181)
1 Peter 5:8-14 Resisting the Devil by Standing Firm
5:15 p.m. Temple Challenge: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday - August 13

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting: Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Mission Dinner to benefit Bonilla/Giovanetti:
Fellowship Hall
(menu and sign-up in today's bulletin insert)
6:00 p.m. Mission Focus: Carols Bonilla & Mya Giovanni
Conference Room (replaces Bible Study)
GriefShare: Seeker's Classroom

Thursday - August 14

12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch: Olive Garden
2:00 p.m. Deacon Visitation
5:15 p.m. Temple Challenge: Fellowship Hall

Friday - August 15

6:30 p.m. Teen Girl's Bible Study: Hope House

Happy Birthday to:

Aug	12	Airika Gainer, Rodney Turner
	13	Lauren Casto, Deena Deem
	14	Cody Alfred, Rachel Filozof, Michael Prater
	15	Francine Bauer, Abigail Davis
	16	Lyla Nuzum, Miles Powell

Lawn Schedule:

August 17 ~ Brandon, Hendrix, & Kingston Geer
August 24 ~ Brian Lallemon & Davey Brooks

Salvation Army Meal Schedule:

August 10 ~ Rhonda Johnston & Circle
August 17 ~ MOV Fellowship Home

Service Leader Today:

John Nicholson

Announcements

Children's Ministry (PreK-5th):

- There will be **NO Wednesday Night Kids' Lesson** for the remainder of August!
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**
9/3: AWANA Begins
10/5: Children's Team Meeting
11/1: Children's Fall Rally @ Parchment Valley

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12):

- Teen Girl's Bible Study: The next session is **Friday August 15th 6:30pm-8pm** in the Upside Down. Due to changes to the schedule, there will be **two more sessions** that have not been scheduled yet. Join us! Invite friends! Questions? Text Bekah 304.588.6407 or Sarah 740.629.5434.
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Youth Wednesdays begins with a Back-to-School Party on **Aug. 27th at 6pm**

General Announcements:

- Operation Christmas Child: Our collection item for the month of **August is School Supplies** - think loose leaf notebook paper, crayons, markers, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, simple calculators, rulers, etc. Remember: Nov. 9th is our soup lunch and packing party! Questions? Text Sarah 740.629.5434
- Necessity Closet: Donations for the month of **August is Bar Soap**.
- Ballroom Dance Lessons: The next lesson is **TODAY** in the Fellowship Hall. 4pm-4:30pm Beginner Lesson; 4:30pm-5pm Intermediate Lesson; 5pm-7pm Dance Practice/Social *Dress is casual Cost is \$20 per couple.
- Mission Dinner & Update: Join us this **Wednesday, August 13th at 5pm** for a fundraiser dinner to support the mission work of Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovanetti. At **6pm**, they will share an update regarding their mission work through International Ministries. See insert for more information & reserve your spot for dinner.
- GriefShare: Begins **Wednesday, August 13th at 6pm** in the Seeker's Classroom. This support group is open to the community. To register contact Gail Samolitis.
- Men's Lunch - Join us for good food & fellowship at the Olive Garden on **Thursday, August 14th at 12pm**.
- New Home Group Study: Join the Mayers & Clines for a Bible study based on "Revelations: Where Do We Go From Here?" by Max Lucado. This group will meet on the **2nd & 4th Thursdays at 5:30pm** each month **beginning Aug. 14th** for a pot luck dinner followed by an insightful & hopeful discussion. Contact Keith & Eileen or Rick & Tammy if you are interested in joining.

- Half Marathon Volunteers Needed: The Parkersburg News & Sentinel is **looking for volunteers** to help direct traffic at intersections along the half marathon course on **Saturday, August 16th**. If you are interesting in knowing more, please contact Sarah Watson, 304-485-1891, ext. 459, or halfmarathon@newsandsentinel.com Perks include: Free T-shirt & admission to the pasta dinner.

- Guest Lunch: If you would like to know more about Emmanuel, our ministries, leadership and membership, plan to join Pastor Kurt and some of our staff for a brief Guest Lunch on **Sunday, August 17th at 12pm** following the worship service. RSVP by filling out a pew card or call the office at 304.485.5171.

- Finance Team Meeting: The next Finance Team Meeting will be held **Tuesday, August 19th at 12pm** in the Conference Room. This meeting will begin the 2026 budget process. Lunch provided.

- DivorceCare: The next session, open to the community, begins on **Tuesday, August 19th at 6pm** in the Parlor. To register contact Melanie Whited at 304.834.8637 or visit divorcecare.org/groups/266209

- Ministry Fair: Looking for ways to use your gifts & talents, meet new people, and make meaningful connections... Join us in the **Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 24th** after worship service for a light lunch and information about all the AMAZING ministries EBC has to offer and ways you can get involved!

- Chancel Choir Update: The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing on **Wednesday, August 27th at 6pm**. **NEW CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!!!** Contact Donna Marcinko if you are interested in joining.

- Upcoming Church Survey: The **Pastoral Search Committee** is building a church profile about our church, mission, & needs to share with prospective pastoral candidates. To build an accurate profile, **we need input from YOU!** In a few weeks, an email with a link to a survey will be sent to those on Pastor Kurt's weekly email bulletin. If you prefer a written survey those will be available for pick up in the Narthex. We are asking each household member to complete their own survey **before Wednesday, Sept. 10th**, so we get the most accurate information possible.

- Fall Church Picnic: The Fall Church Picnic will be **Sunday, Sept. 28th at 5 p.m.** at Emmanuel. The picnic will feature chicken made by Lyndal Jones and a special concert by Mark Cable beginning at 6:30pm.

- Hymns for Worship Service: All the hymns selected for the worship services in August & September are favorites of and requested by church members.