

Emmanuel Praises and Prayer Page

Praises:

The flowers on the communion table last Sunday were supplied by **Lola Simonton**. The flowers on the communion table today are **in loving memory of Bill Woody's 89th birthday** given by Carole and her family. The **four stars** in the Guest Books last week represent members **engaging other people with the gospel and prayer**. **Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovanetti** gave a positive update on their mission work with ABC/USA **International Ministries**. **Michelle Busiek** had a nice visit in Parkersburg and Charlotte. She is now back in Alaska. The **Sanctuary Renovation Loan is now \$158,000**. **Susan Mollendick** had a positive mission trip to Nicaragua. **Diane Huffman, John Alfred and Betsy Jefferson** were with us in worship this past week. Thanks to **Brittany Titlow** for her time & leadership of Mom Co. as she steps back & **Ashley Cheuvront** steps into that position. Thanks to **Randy and Suzanne Halterman** for their ministry of stocking the necessity closet with items ordered from the Dollar Tree. The Haltermans are stepping back from this ministry for a season and **Rob & Rhonda Johnston** will fill in. So far this year, we have helped **181 people** with **\$23,869** in utility/unmet needs assistance through the **Benevolent Fund**.

New Prayer Concerns:

Peg Ahlborn was treated on 8/12 at CC for a mini-stroke. She is on some new meds and wearing a heart monitor through mid-September. (8/17)

Steve Archer, Sue McCue's brother, will have open heart surgery in NC on 8/27. (7/27)

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, Leslie Sims' mother & Lyndall Jones' sister, is preparing for kidney cancer surgery. (8/10)

Nancy Duty will see her doctor on 8/19 to address a mass that was found on her thyroid. (8/17)

Jean Farrah is dealing with back and leg pain. She will see her doctor for pain management on 8/21. (8/17)

Evan Frees was taken to Ruby on 8/11 and tested for an aortic dissection. The scan did not reveal this condition. Pray for an accurate diagnosis . (8/17)

Ayla Kilbarger, Eva Martin's grandson's fiancé, is at Cleveland Clinic for possible heart surgery. (8/10)

Kimberly, Bonnie Nestor's daughter, had a kidney transplant in Columbus on 8/13. (8/17)

Leslie McHenry will have an MRI on 8/20 to determine a path forward for treatment of double vision. (8/17)

Jim Ross will have an eye procedure on 8/22. (8/17)

Dale Sargent, friend of Charles Whitehouse is at CAMC with a serious cancer diagnosis. (8/17)

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. (7/6)

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

On-Going Prayer Concerns:

Carolyn Duncan is recovering from her 3rd knee surgery. She writes: "Thank you so much for all the prayers. I am making good progress. God Bless all of you." (8/17)

Bill Gainer is recovering at home with in-home care. (7/13)

Diane Huffman is doing speech therapy and is on new meds that leave her very tired. (8/10)

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

Pat Smith had a pain treatment for her back on 8/14. (8/17)

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

The family & friends of **Daniel Calin**, who died on the front line of the Russian/Ukraine war spreading the gospel and witnessing to Ukrainian soldiers. Daniel is son of Stefan & Sandra Calin, friends of Gail Samolitis. Cards can be sent to: Stefan & Sandra Calin, Rua das Palmeiras 36, Mata da Curia, 3780-548 Tamengos, Portugal.



August 17, 2025

“God Calls Us to Love One Another”

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” ~ John 13:34-35

“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 “Forever”
“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”
Praise Team

Musical Meditation “Ave Verum”
David Enoch, Organ

***Responsive Reading: Psalm 136**
Leader: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good... Give thanks to the God of gods... Give thanks to the Lord of lords."
People: "His love endures forever."

Leader: "...to him who alone does great wonders, who by his understanding made the heavens, who spread out the earth upon the waters."
People: "His love endures forever."

Leader: "...to him who divided the Red Sea asunder and brought Israel through the midst of it; to him who led his people through the wilderness;"
People: "His love endures forever."

Leader: "He remembered us in our low estate and freed us from our enemies. He gives food to every creature."
People: "His love endures forever."

Leader: "Give thanks to the God of heaven."
People: "His love endures forever."

***Hymn No. 198 “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”**

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



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Children’s Moment **Joe Stephens**

Ministry Moment **Ministry Fair**

Offertory **Ministry Video: “Ministry Fair Video”**

***Doxology**

Praises & Pastoral Prayer

Special Music “Open My Eyes”
Karen Cox, Vocals

Message: “Love, LIFE and Happiness”
Pastor Kurt Busiek

Scripture Passage: 1 John 3:14-18

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. 16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

Hymn No. 380 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

~ 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 “A Joyful Trumpet”
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 10

Does Not Include On-Line Giving

General	\$ 5,963.76
Missions	677.70
Maintenance Fund	<u>135.54</u>
Total	\$ 6,777.00
Designated Funds:	
Sanctuary Renovation Loan	\$ 515.00
Mountain State Missions	325.00

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 10

8:30 a.m. Service In-Person	30
10:45 a.m. Service In-Person	115
On-Line Attendance	520

Service Leader Today:

Charlie Matthews

Deacon of the Month for August:

Rich Shawver

Greeters:

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

Salvation Army Meal Schedule:

August 17 ~ MOV Fellowship Home
August 24 ~ Salvation Army



Today - August 17

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
Encouragers: Room 224
Youth Sunday School: Room 203

12:30 p.m. Youth Picnic & Pool Party

Monday - August 18

12:00 p.m. Chess Club: Parlor
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - August 19

10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study: Conf. Room & Zoom
(<https://zoom.us/j/87185860738>, Code 087181)
The Prodigal God video series by Tim Keller
12:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting: Conference Room
5:15 p.m. Temple Challenge: Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. DivorceCare: Parlor

Wednesday - August 20

9:00 a.m. Men's "J" Dollar Breakfast:
Stout Memorial United Methodist
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting: Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Dinner: Fellowship Hall (menu & sign-up in
today's bulletin insert)
6:00 p.m. Bible Study: Conference Room & Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/87185860738> Code: 087181
The Prodigal God video series by Tim Keller
GriefShare: Seeker's Classroom

Thursday - August 21

2:00 p.m. Deacon Visitation
5:15 p.m. Temple Challenge: Fellowship Hall

Saturday- August 23

11:00 a.m. Betty Wiseman Memorial Service: Sanctuary
(See insert for details)
12:30 p.m. Fellowship Lunch for Betty Wiseman
Memorial: Fellowship Hall

Happy Birthday to:

18	Eva Martin
19	Elena Baquet
20	Terri Day, Helen Hill
21	Karen Cox, Earl Hulce, Charlie Matthews
22	Lena Beatty, Brock Jones
24	Emilia Filozof, Alvin Phillips

Lawn Schedule:

August 24 ~ Brian Lallemon & Davey Brooks
August 31 ~ Bob & Judy Langkamer

Announcements

Children's Ministry (PreK–5th):

- **NO Wednesday Night Kids' Lesson** for the remainder of August!
- **HELP WANTED:** We are in **need of one or two shepherds to assist the teacher & students**, as needed for grade school (grades 1-5) Sunday School. Bonus - we feed you every other month when you're on the Children's Team!
- **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):

- **Girl's Bible Study:** Three new dates will be added, but those dates have not been determined yet. If you have questions or would like to come for the last three sessions, please text Bekah 304-588-6407 or Sarah 740-629-5434.
- **End of Summer Pool Party: TODAY at 12:30pm**, we will have a picnic lunch & pool party! We'll leave here at 12:30pm, so you still have time to run home to get your swimwear.
- **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:** On August 12th, we helped **19 families** (3 new) and gave out **31 emergency bags** for a total of **73 people helped**. Donations for the month of **August is Bar Soap**.
- **Blessing Bags:** Given the excessive heat this summer, please give away Blessing Bags in a timely fashion. If you take a bag or 2 maybe look for someone in need who is not necessarily holding a sign. We also ask that you only take 2 bags at a time.
- **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

- **Men's "J" Dollar Breakfast: Wednesday, August 20th at 9am** at Stout Memorial United Methodist Church. Bring your "J" dollars and enjoy fellowship!

- **GriefShare: Wednesday, August 20th at 6pm** in the Seeker's Classroom. This support group is open to the community. To register contact Gail Samolitis.

- **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 for a potluck dinner followed by an insightful & hopeful discussion. Contact Keith & Eileen or Rick & Tammy if you are interested in joining.

- **Betty Wiseman Memorial Service:** A memorial service for Betty Jo Wiseman is scheduled for **Saturday, August 23rd at 11am** in the Sanctuary. A luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. See insert for details.

- **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. **We need input from YOU!** Look for an email with a link to a survey to 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 ask that each household member complete their own survey **before Wednesday, Sept. 10th**, so we get the most accurate information possible.

- **Ballroom Dance Lessons:** The next lesson **Sunday, September 14th** 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.

- **Fall Church Picnic:** The Fall Church Picnic will be **Sunday, Sept. 28th at 5 pm** 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.