

Emmanuel Praises and Prayer Page

Praises:

The flowers on the communion table last Sunday were in **loving memory of Bill Woody's 89th birthday** given by Carole and her family. The **six stars** in the Red Books last week represent members engaging other people with the gospel and prayer. Pastor Kurt sent **six boxes full of stuffed animals and school supplies to Kozibue** to help **Michelle** in her work with the children there. Thanks to **Brittany Titlow** for her time & leadership of Mom Co. as she steps back & **Ashley Cheuvront** steps into that position. Mom Co.'s first meeting is Oct.7th. Through July we have helped **181 people with \$23,869** with rent, utilities and other needs through our **Help Fund**. To the **Facilities Team** for installing new automatic paper towel dispensers in the restrooms. **DivorceCare** had a positive first session this past week. **Jane Graham** shared this note: "I feel God's presence all ALL times. He is in charge. Praise Him!!!"

New Prayer Concerns:

Peg Ahlborn was treated on 8/12 for a mini-stoke. She is on some new meds and wearing a heart monitor. (8/17)

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

Gary Barr is asking for prayers for his family during a difficult time. (8/24)

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)

Missy Pinkerton Christy, friend of Mary Nuzum is receiving treatment in Pittsburgh for an aggressive cancer diagnosis. (8/24)

David Cronin, friend of Gail Samolitis is fighting a stage 4 brain tumor. Cards of encouragement can be sent to: 135 Morningside Ave. Parkersburg, WV 26101. (8/24)

Wandalene Drake, Leslie Sims’ mother & Lyndall Jones' sister, will have kidney cancer surgery on 9/9 at Ruby. (8/10)

Bill Edmonds, friend of Rodney & Pam Wharton was hospitalized & treated for trigeminal neuralgia, a painful nerve condition affecting his face. (8/24)

Jean Farrah is having on-going pain management treatments to address neck and back pain. (8/17)

Jane Graham will have a bone marrow test on 8/25.

Randy Halterman is recovering from a mini-stroke. He is on new meds and will have a follow up with his doctor in November. (8/24)

Ayla Kilbarger, Eva Martin’s grandson’s fiancé, is

having open heart surgery at Cleveland Clinic on 8/25. (8/10)

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

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

Bonnie Nester is in MM being treated for a fracture in her back.

Shirley Ruckman, sister of JoAnn Boggs and Sharon Beall, is doing rehab at Encompass. (8/24)

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 is having 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 will see doctors in Cleveland on 9/18 for cancer found on her other kidney. (12/29)

On-Going Prayer Concerns:

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)

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

*The family & friends of **Lowell Bonnette**, friend of Mary Nuzum who passed away on August 19th*

*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 24, 2025

“God Calls Us to Use our Gifts in Service of Others”

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms." ~ 1 Peter 4:8-10

“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 “Gratitude”
“How Great is Our God” Praise Team

Prelude “Grace Greater Than All Our Sin”
David Enoch, Organ

***Responsive Reading: Psalm 145**
Leader: "I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever."
People: "Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever."

Leader: "Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom."
People: "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works."

Leader: "They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds."
People: "They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness."

Leader: “The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.”
People: "All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you."

***Hymn No. 271 “Standing on the Promises”**



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

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Children’s Moment Jenny Hannan

Ministry Moment Ministry Fair Videos

Offertory Ministry Fair Videos

***Doxology**

Praises & Pastoral Prayer

Special Music “The Prayer”
Holly Martin & Stephanie Mills, Vocal Duet

Message: “Testimonies & Ministry Fair Videos”
Pastor Kurt Busiek

Scripture Passage: Ephesian 2:4-10
"... because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Hymn No. 202 “Amazing Grace”

~ 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 “Trompette Brillante”
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 17

Does Not Include On-Line Giving

General	\$ 2,111.12
Missions	239.90
Maintenance Fund	47.98
Total	\$ 2,399.00

Designated Funds:	
Sanctuary Renovation Loan	\$ 45.00
Benevolent Fund	220.00
Necessity Closet	70.00
Mountain State Missions	175.00
Mission Dinner: Mayra & Carlos	1,518.00

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 17

8:30 a.m. Service In-Person	36
10:45 a.m. Service In-Person	125
On-Line Attendance	405

Service Leader Today:

Sally Beckwith

Deacon of the Month for August:

Rich Shawver

Greeters:

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



Today - August 24

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
12:00 p.m. Ministry Fair & Lunch: Fellowship Hall

Monday - August 25

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - August 26

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)
The Prodigal God video series by Tim Keller
5:15 p.m. Temple Challenge: Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. DivorceCare: Parlor

Wednesday - August 27

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
Choir, GriefShare, & Youth

Thursday - August 28

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

Happy Birthday to:

24 Emilia Filozof
Alvin Phillips
26 Candy Lindstrom
27 Nick Day
Aaliyah Wofe
29 Ed Hofmann
30 Betsy Jefferson
Roxie Sprague



Lawn Schedule:

August 31 ~ Bob & Judy Langkamer
September 7 ~ John Nicholson & Brian Lallemon

Salvation Army Meal Schedule:

August 24 ~ Salvation Army
August 31 ~ Youth: EBC
September 7 ~ Mayer/Filozof Team

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:** The next girls' Bible study will be **Tuesday, Sept. 30th at 6:00pm**. Future dates to be added. If you have any questions or would like to join, contact Bekah 304-588-6407 or Sarah 740-629-5434.
- **Youth Back-to-School Party:** The teens will kick off the fall season this **Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 6:30pm** in the backyard of the Hope House. There will be games, refreshments, music, and a devotion. We'll move to the Upside Down if the weather doesn't cooperate.

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:** The Necessity Closet will be open on **Tuesday, August 26th 10am-12pm**. 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.
- **Hymns for Worship Service:** All the hymns selected for the worship services in August have been favorites of and requested by church members. If you have a favorite hymn, call the office or leave a note on the pew card.
- **Stars in the Red Books:** If you were able to speak to someone about your faith, offer a word of hope, or pray with someone this past week, put a STAR in the red book. Last week we had 6 stars!
- **Ministry Fair:** Looking for ways to use your gifts & talents, meet new people, and make meaningful connections... Join us **TODAY in the Fellowship Hall**

after worship service for a light lunch and information about all the AMAZING ministries EBC has to offer and ways you can get involved!

- **DivorceCare:** The next session, open to the community, meets on **Tuesday, August 26th at 6pm** in the Parlor. To register contact Melanie Whited at 304.834.8637 or visit divorcecare.org/groups/266209
- **GriefShare: Wednesday, August 27th at 6pm** in the Seeker's Classroom. This support group is open to the community. To register contact Gail Samolitis.
- **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.
- **Mission Lunch for The Browns:** On **Sunday, August 31st**, Mike & Marcy Brown (brother of Brian) will be visiting us from Peru! They serve in Pucallpa with SAM Academy: a school for children of missionaries who work in that region of the world. The Browns will provide an update during Sunday services on their ministry. Join us at **12pm in the Fellowship Hall** for a fundraiser lunch. See insert for details.
- **Voice Lessons & Orff Ensemble Kick Off:** On **Wednesday, Sept. 3rd** Voice Lessons begin at 4:30pm and Orff Ensemble rehearsal begins at 5:15pm. New Members Welcome Ages 6 & up!
- **Tuesday Fellowship:** Join us **Tuesday, Sept. 9th at 11:30am** for Pizza & Chair Yoga in the Fellowship Hall. See insert to sign up!
- **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!** If you prefer a written survey those will be available for pick up in the Narthex. Surveys were emailed on Thursday, Aug. 21. Call the church office if you did not receive an emailed link and want one. Please complete the survey **before Wednesday, Sept. 10th**, so we get the most accurate information possible.
- **Mark Your Calendar:** Mission Lunch **Sunday, Sept. 14th at 12pm** to benefit Tara Henderson, daughter of Lyndall & Judy Jones.
- **Ballroom Dance Lessons:** The next lesson **Sunday, Sept. 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.