

Emmanuel Praises and Prayer Page

Praises:

**Holly Martin and Stephanie Mills** shared a beautiful song called "The Prayer" to honor their mother, **Pat Barnes. Judy Prater, Gail Samolitis and the Adult Ministry team** led us through a positive **Ministry Fair and Fellowship Lunch** last Sunday. **Adam Evans** produced **40 ministry fair videos** that we watched last Sunday and will see in the weeks to come. **Our Chancel Choir** began their Wednesday 6 p.m. practices again this past week. We praise God for our **school teachers, administrators and staff** that work hard to provide a positive learning environment for our children... see our Teacher Insert. The **18 stars** in the **Red Books** last week represent members engaging other people with the gospel and prayer. **Michelle Busiek** sent us a PowerPoint with thank you notes from her clients in **Alaska. DivorceCare and GriefShare** both had positive sessions this past week. The generous giving to our **Sanctuary Renovation Loan** continues. Our balance is \$150,000 down from our starting amount of \$377,000 in 2023.

New Prayer Concerns:

**Steve Archer**, Sue McCue’s brother, is recovering from bypass 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. (8/10)

**Missy Pinkerton Christy**, friend of Mary Nuzum is having aggressive cancer treatments in Pittsburgh. She has three young children. Send her a card: 20 Banbury Dr. Youngstown, OH 44511. (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)

**Yuvhon Dotson** is recovering from a fall and blood pressure issues. Pray for Frank as he provides care. Send her a card: 1392 Boulevard Dr. Belpre, OH 45714. (8/31)

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

**Bill Edmonds**, friend of Rodney & Pam Wharton is recovering from a facial nerve issue at Encompass. (8/24)

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

**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)

**Tom Jarrell**, Linda Robinson's life partner, is on life support at CC. (8/31)

**Ayla Kilbarger**, Eva Martin’s grandson’s fiancé, is recovering from open heart surgery at Cleveland Clinic on 8/25. (8/10)

**Trina Kuipers**, the Salvation Army cook, is doing physical therapy at Belmont Health Care Center. She needs both knees replaced. (8/31)

**Bonnie Nestor** is at Belpre Landing where she is doing radiation treatments and starting an oral chemo to address bone cancer. (8/31)

**Dale Sargent**, friend of Charles Whitehouse is dealing 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)

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

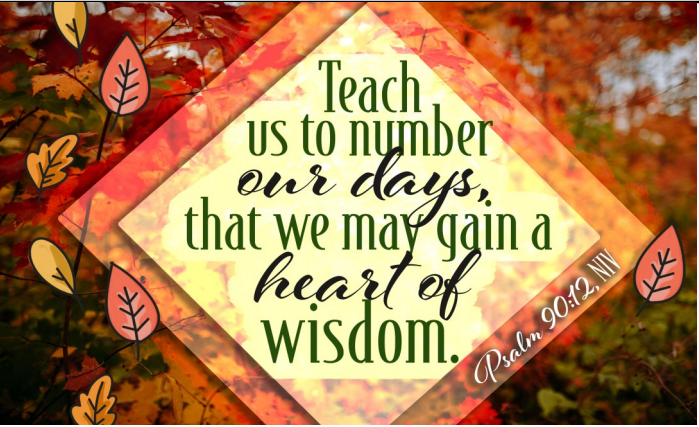
*The family & friends of **Bobbie Leavitt**, cousin of Kathy Leavitt, who passed away on August 24th. Cards can be sent to Kathy at: 1000 31st St. Parkersburg, WV 26104.*

*The family & friends of **Ruby “Marie” Lee**, grandmother of Jessica Johnson, who passed away on 8/20. Cards can be sent to Jessica at: 3015 23rd St. Parkersburg, WV 26101.*

*The family & friends of **Matt Lowe**, friend of Jenny Hannan, who passed away on 8/14. Cards can be sent to Jenny at: 2606 Highland Ave. Parkersburg, WV 26101.*

*The family & friends of **Bertha Stone**, grandmother of Sarah Stephens , who passed away on 8/23. Cards can be sent to Sarah at: 516 1/2 Fifth St. Marietta, OH 45750.*

*The families of the children who lost their lives and were injured in the church/school shooting in Minnesota.*



August 31, 2025

“Learning to Number Our Days”

*“Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away... Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” ~Psalm 90: 10-12*

*“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”**  
**“I Saw the Light” Praise Team**

**Musical Meditation:**  
**“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”**  
**David Enoch, Organ**

\*Responsive Reading: Psalm 90

Leader: "Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

**People: "A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night."**

Leader: "You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence."

**People: "Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away."**

Leader: "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

**People: "Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days."**

Leader: "Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble."



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Phone: (304)-485-5171 ~ Fax: (304)-485-5194  
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\*Hymn No. 473 “Victory in Jesus”

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

Greeting One Another “To Be God’s People” p. 312

Children’s Moment Courtney Johnson

Ministry Moment Mike & Marcy Brown: Peru Update

Offertory Ministry Videos

\*Doxology

Praises & Pastoral Prayer Thank You from Alaska

Special Music “Psalm 139”  
MOV Ringers Handbell Video

Message: “Seeing God’s Work in Our Lives”  
Pastor Kurt Busiek & Milt Nuzum

**Scripture Passage: Philippians 1:2-6**  
*“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

Hymn No. 342 “Just As I Am”

~ 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 “Give Thanks Unto 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](mailto: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 24**

Does Not Include On-Line Giving

General	\$ 2,643.52
Missions	300.40
Maintenance Fund	<u>60.08</u>
Total	\$ 3,004.00

Designated Funds:	
Sanctuary Renovation Loan	\$ 5,100.00
Benevolent Fund	150.00
Mountain State Missions	320.00

### *Giving Options*

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

### **Attendance – August 24**

8:30 a.m. Service In-Person	37
10:45 a.m. Service In-Person	147
On-Line Attendance	728

### **Service Leader Today:**

Rich Shawver

### **Deacon of the Month for August:**

Rich Shawver

### **Greeters:**

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

### **Lawn Schedule:**

September 7 ~ John Nicholson & Brian Lallemond  
September 14 ~ Rob Johnston



#### **Today - August 31**

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](http://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. Mission Fundraiser Lunch for The Browns:  
Fellowship Hall

#### **Monday - September 1 LABOR DAY: OFFICE CLOSED**

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

#### **Tuesday - September 2**

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

6:30 p.m. Board of Ministry Meeting: Conference Room

#### **Wednesday - September 3**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting: Conference Room

4:30 p.m. Voice Lesson by Donna

5:00 p.m. Dinner: Fellowship Hall (menu & sign-up in  
today's bulletin insert)

5:15 p.m. Orff Ensemble Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Bible Study: Conference Room & Zoom  
<https://zoom.us/j/87185860738> Code: 087181  
The Prodigal God video series by Tim Keller  
Awana, Choir, GriefShare, & Youth

#### **Thursday - September 4**

2:00 p.m. Deacon Visitation

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

### **Happy Birthday to:**

- 1 Mona Busiek
- 3 Daniel Argabrite
- 4 Tonya Cunningham
- 5 Donna Bishop
- Dave McCue
- Jennifer Bolian
- 7 Glen Patterson



### **Salvation Army Meal Schedule:**

August 31 ~ Youth: EBC

September 7 ~ Westbrook Group

September 14 ~ Gospel Mission Team

## *Announcements*

### **Children's Ministry (PreK–5th):**

- **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.

### **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 26th, we helped **11 families (4 new)** and gave out **20 emergency bags** for a total of **49 people helped**. Donations for the month of **September is Disinfecting Wipes**.
- **Blessing Bags:** If you take a bag or 2 maybe look for someone in need who is not necessarily holding a sign.
- **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 18 stars!
- **DivorceCare: Tuesdays at 6pm** in the Parlor. This support group is open to the community. Contact the office for more information or visit [divorcecare.org/groups/266209](http://divorcecare.org/groups/266209)
- **GriefShare: Wednesdays at 6pm** in the Seeker's Classroom. This support group is open to the community. For more information contact Gail Samolitis at [viking.gail@yahoo.com](mailto:viking.gail@yahoo.com)
- **Chancel Choir Update:** The Chancel Choir rehearses on **Wednesdays at 6pm. NEW CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!** Contact Donna Marcinko if you are interested in joining.

- **Mission Lunch for The Browns: TODAY**, 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.

- **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 or call the church office!

- **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. Tara works with International Fellowship Inc., a ministry that partners with local churches & universities to provide life changing hospitality and friendship to international student. See insert for the menu & to sign up.

- **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.

- **Master Gardener Program:** WVU Extension is offering their Master Gardener Program this fall for **10-weeks beginning Tuesday, Sept. 16th from 6pm-9pm** in the Seeker's Classroom. Limit 20. Register by contacting JJ Barrett at 304-424-1960 or [jj.barrett@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:jj.barrett@mail.wvu.edu)

- **Fall Church Picnic:** The Fall Church Picnic will be **Sunday, Sept. 28th at 5 pm** at Emmanuel. We ask that those attending bring a side dish and/or dessert. The picnic will feature chicken made by Lyndall Jones and a **special concert by Mark Cable beginning at 6:30pm**.

- **Save the Date:** The Women's Care Center Walk 4 Life is **Sunday, October 19th**. This annual lunch and walk raises awareness & funds for WCC's mission. For more information contact Eileen Mayer, Cindy Blouir or call the church office.