

Emmanuel Praises and Prayer Page

Praises:

Tara Jones Henderson shared a message about her college mission ministry with International Friendship. We raised \$2,000 for Tara's mission work at our fundraiser luncheon last Sunday. The **21 stars in the Red Books** last week represent members engaging other people with the gospel and prayer. **Syrenity Metz** is on the **Youth Ministry Planning Team**, which plans and runs the youth programs for the state, and **Khloe Blouir** just finished her first weekend of **Youth Leader Core**, which trains teens to be more godly, effective leaders in their youth groups and the church as a whole. **Carter**, Terri Ash's cousin's son, recently had a stem cell transplant and has been found now to be **cancer free**. **Ethel Mason** had a recent cancer test that revealed her **cancer is gone**.

Frank Gephardt, Donna Marcinko's niece's husband, ongoing chemo. (7/6)
Jeannette, Eileen Mayer's sister, is battling advanced stage 4 breast cancer. (1/26)
Adam Johnston-54 is battling kidney cancer. (7/27)
Pastor Tom Lancaster, friend of Gail Samolitis, is recovering after cancer surgery; on-going treatment. (9/14)
Ethel Mason is having on-going immunotherapy. (5/18)
Bonnie Nestor rang the bell to end her chemo this week. Send her a card at 4906 6th Ave. Vienna, WV 26105.
Brian Samples, Josh Titlow's uncle, ongoing cancer treatment.
Dale Sargent, friend of Charles Whitehouse is fighting aggressive cancer in Charleston. (8/17)

New Prayer Concerns:

Richard Blouir, Mark's dad, was in CC this week for heart tests. (9/21)
Frieda Dolde, John Terosky's 89 yr old aunt, is struggling with poor health. (9/21)
Michele Farnsworth, cousin of Keith Mayer, is dealing with cancer throughout his body. (9/21)
Rebecca Galbearth is recovering from a broken arm and seeking God's peace. (9/21)
Nancy Johnson, Buck Johnson's sister in law, has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer; on-going chemo. (9/14)
Trina Kuipers, the Salvation Army cook, is doing physical therapy at Belmont. She will return home 9/24. She will see a surgeon about knee replacement surgery on 10/2. (8/31)
Sherry Smith has been fighting infection. Pray for healing. (9/21)
Everett Stevens, friend of Rebecca Galbearth, was hospitalized now at home with respiratory issues. (9/21)
Peggy Stevens, friend of Rebecca Galbearth, is struggling with health concerns. (9/21)

Kayvonne Settle, cousin of Kim Matheny, is battling pancreatic cancer. (7/6)
Dianna Wagoner saw doctors in Cleveland on 9/18 for cancer found on her other kidney. (12/29)

On-Going Prayer Concerns:

Gary Barr is asking for prayers for his family during a difficult time. (8/24)
Yuvhon Dotson is recovering from a fall, blood pressure issues, and shingles. She is improving. (8/31)
Bill Gainer is recovering at home with in-home care. Send Bill & Linda a card at: 1953 Foley Dr. Parkersburg, WV 26104. (7/13)
Diane Huffman is doing speech therapy to help swallowing & eating. She has Myasthenia gravis, is doing PT, and will see an oncologist on 9/24 about a tumor found on her kidney. (8/10)
Ayla Kilbarger, Eva Martin's grandson's fiancé, is recovering at home after having open heart surgery at Cleveland Clinic on 8/25. (9/14)
Pat Smith will have a femoral nerve block procedure on 10/8; on-going pain management. (9/7)

Cancer Prayer Concerns:

Sara LeMasters Buck, a friend of Robbi Leonard, is struggling with complications from oral cancer. (4/13)
Missy Pinkerton Christy, friend of Mary Nuzum is having aggressive cancer treatments in Pittsburgh. (8/24)
Tara Cox, Karen's daughter-in-law, on-going chemo.
David Cronin, friend of Gail Samolitis is fighting a stage 4 brain tumor. (8/24)
Wandalene Drake, Leslie Sims' mother & Lyndall Jones' sister, is recovering from kidney cancer surgery on 9/9. (9/7)

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

The family & friends of **Richard Mason**, brother of **Ethel Mason** who passed away in Indiana. Cards can be sent to **Ethel** at: 1601 Spring St. Parkersburg, WV 26101.

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, cards, hospital visits, flowers, telephone calls and texts over the past few weeks while I was hospitalized and while I have been recovering at home. Your love and concern for me and my family during this time were greatly appreciated. ~ Earl Johnson



September 21, 2025

"God Calls Us to Overcome Evil with Good"

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone... "If your enemy is hungry, feed him"... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." ~ Romans 12: 17-21

"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 "Hymn of Heaven"
 "When We All Get to Heaven" Praise Team
Prelude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
 David Enoch, Organ
Introit "Praise the Lord" Chancel Choir
***Responsive Reading: Psalm 1**

Leader: "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers..."

People: ..."but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night."

Leader: "That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers."

People: "Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous."

Leader: "For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction."

***Hymn No. 8 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

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

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Children's Moment Courtney Johnson

Ministry Moment Ministry Video: Mom Co.

Offertory Video: Mark Cable Concert

***Doxology**

Praises & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response "Amen" Chancel Choir

Choir Anthem "By His Grace" Chancel Choir

Message:
 "Wheat & Weeds: Christians in an Evil World"
 Pastor Kurt Busiek

Scripture Passage: Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-43
"Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' ²⁸ "An enemy did this," he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' ²⁹ "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."

Hymn No. 381 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

~ 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 "Joyous Praise Unending"
 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 - September 14

Does Not Include On-Line Giving

General	\$ 2,164.80
Missions	246.00
Maintenance Fund	49.20
Total	\$ 2,460.00
Designated Funds:	
Sanctuary Renovation Loan	\$ 120.00
Benevolence Fund	20.00
Necessity Closet	70.00
Henderson Mission Lunch	1,910.00

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 - September 14

8:30 a.m. Service In-Person	28
10:45 a.m. Service In-Person	119
On-Line Attendance	539

Deacon of the Month for Sept.

Melissa Davis

Service Leader Today:

Syrenity Metz

Greeters:

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

Lawn Schedule:

September 28 ~ Brandon, Hendrix, & Kingston Geer
October 5 ~ Jeff & Gene Beatty



Today - September 21

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 ("Believe" series)
Seekers: Rm 201 (studying Colossians)
Encouragers: Rm 224
Youth Sunday School: Rm 203
12:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting: Conference Room
2:30 p.m. Celebration Ringers Rehearsal: Sanctuary
5:45 p.m. See You at the Pole Preview: The Escape

Monday - September 22

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

Tuesday - September 23

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
Master Gardeners: Seeker's Classroom
Wednesday - September 24
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting: Conference Room
4:30 p.m. Voice Lessons 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 25

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

Saturday - September 27

10:00 a.m. Golf Outing: Minibel Par 3 Vienna, WV

Happy Birthday to:

- 21 Cheryl Adams, Charles Alltop, Archer Hissam, Barbara Smith, & Sarah Wells
- 23 Rowena Sizemore & Ruth Wharton
- 24 Debbie Boyd, Suzanne Halterman, & Tammy Hayes
- 25 Brenda Bolian & Jeffery Lusk
- 26 Billie Turner
- 28 Eric Argabrite, Jonathan Delgado, & Jerry Hamilton

Salvation Army Meal Schedule:

September 21 ~ Mayer/Filozof Team
September 28 ~ Encouragers Class

Announcements

Children's Ministry (PreK-5th):

- AWANA: Wednesdays at 6pm
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
10/5: Children's Team Meeting 12pm Conference Room
10/29: Trunk or Treat: Kid Friendly Costumes, Please
11/1: Children's Fall Rally @ Parchment Valley

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12):

- Youth Group: Wednesdays at 6pm in the Upside Down (Hope House) for recreation, snacks, games, and a lesson. This fall we'll be looking at names we associate with God and what they can teach us about Him.
- See You Preview at The Escape: TODAY at 5:45pm
- Golf Outing: The teens invite YOU for a morning on the links! We'll meet at Minibel Par 3 on **Saturday, Sept. 27th at 10am** for 9 holes of fun. See insert for details.

General Announcements:

- Operation Christmas Child: Our collection item for the month of **September** is "WOW" Gifts - think nicer dolls/stuffies, soccer ball with pump, etc. Remember: **Nov. 9th** is our soup lunch and packing party! Questions? Text Sarah 740.629.5434
- Necessity Closet: Donations for the month of **September** are **Disinfecting Wipes**.
- Artwork in the Narthex was created by Mary Gillespie.
- Daily Bread Devotionals: Devotionals for the months of Sept., Oct., & Nov. are available in the Narthex.
- WANTED!: The **Praise Team** is in search of singers & musicians (bass player, etc.) to help us lead worship. If you have some musical talent and are interested talk to Pastor Kurt, Ron Hannan, or Rich Shawver!
- Women's Bible Study: Mondays from 12pm-2pm in the Conference Room. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy good conversation. Contact Kim Constantino for more info.
- Master Gardener Program: WVU Extension is offering their Master Gardener Program this fall on **Tuesdays 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
- Deacon's Meeting: TODAY at 12pm in the Conf. Room.
- Fall Church Picnic: The Fall Church Picnic will be **Sunday, Sept. 28th at 5 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The courtyard will be available for activities. Bring a lawn chair if you prefer to sit outside. Lyndall Jones will be making his famous chicken. The church will provide chicken, ham, & dinner rolls. Those with last names that begin with A-M please bring a large side dish (salad/

vegetable, etc.); N-Z please bring a dessert; **Special concert at 6:30pm with Mark Cable.**

- Safety & Security Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 1st at 7pm in the Conference Room. Discussion will focus on overall safety issues and medical safety updates.
- Church Hymn Sing: Colonial House: We will gather together on **Sunday, Oct. 5th at 6pm** at the Colonial House to sing hymns with the residents. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Contact Pastor Kurt with questions.
- Mom Co. (formerly MOPS): Begins on **Tuesday, Oct. 7th @ 9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. The goal of Mom Co. is to support & empower mothers of young children. We are looking Moms to join us! Meetings are the first Tuesday each month during the school year. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with childcare. For more info contact Ashley Cheuvront 304-210-4922.
- Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Bake-Off: The Youth will host their Annual Chili Cook-Off with the bonus of a Dessert Bake-Off on **Sunday, Oct. 12th at 12pm** in the Fellowship Hall. A champion will be crowned in each category. Proceeds help defray the cost of the Fall Youth Retreat. See insert for categories and to sign up. Questions? Contact Joe or Sarah Stephens or David or Bekah Brooks
- Ballroom Dance Lessons: Sunday, October 12th 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.
- Tuesday Fellowship: Seniors 55+, join us for a homemade lunch in the Fellowship Hall and a TBD outing on **Tuesday, Oct. 14th at 11:30am**. Sign up by Oct. 10th using the insert or call the church office.
- Reception for Judy Prater: Help us say Thank You & Farewell to Judy Prater on **Sunday, Oct. 19th at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Enjoy lunch and fellowship with Judy before she takes off on her new adventure in North Carolina.
- Women's Care Center Walk 4 Life is **Sunday, October 19th at the PKB City Park**. This annual lunch and walk raises awareness & funds for WCC's mission. See insert or display in the narthex for more information.
- Baptism Service: We will offer a baptism service on **Sunday, October 26**. Contact Pastor Kurt if you or someone you know is interested in baptism.
- Emmanuel Talent Show: Let's get together for some fun this fall. On **Sunday, Oct. 26 at 6pm** we will showcase some of the amazing talents in our fellowship. Possible offerings could include: music, magic, reading something you've written, sharing something you've made, etc. Be creative. Be bold. Desserts made by Ruth Wharton. See insert to sign up or call the church office.