



WEDNESDAY DINNER

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION:

Place this filled out flyer in the offering plate or
Call the church office **BEFORE 2pm on Tuesday.**

Wednesday Night Dinner
5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Name _____

Number: **Adults** _____ **Children** _____ **Carry-Out** _____

Adults: **\$5.00**

Children 12 & under: **\$2.50**

Max. cost per immediate family: **\$13**

MENU:

Jewel's Famous Spaghetti
Caesar Salad
Garlic Toast
Cupcake Parfaits



Lectionary Readings for this Week

To encourage your personal study and growth,
here is the list of Lectionary Scripture Readings for
October 19, 2025, Proper 24 ~ Jeremiah 31:27-34;
Psalm 119:97-104; Genesis 32:23-31 and
Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Sermon Notes: October 19, 2025

Title: "God is Our Refuge and Strength"

Speaker: Pastor Kurt Busiek

Scripture: Psalm 46 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. 5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. 7 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress..."



TALENT SHOW SIGN UP!

Sunday, October 26th @ 6pm

Fellowship Hall

NAME: _____

TALENT: _____

SIGN UP!

MDSF* SOUPER SATURDAY

SATURDAY NOV. 1ST

10AM-12PM

NAME: _____

HOW MANY? _____

Thanksgiving Dinner SIGN UP

NAME: _____

How Many? _____

A-M please bring a large side dish

N-Z please bring a dessert

You're invited!

MDSF* SOUPER SATURDAY

Saturday, November 1st

10am-2pm

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

**Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, & Friends!*

Join us for a casual time to get together with
other women/girls from Emmanuel,
to make new friends, make a craft,
work a puzzle, or just chat &
enjoy homemade soup.

Contact Sally Beckwith for more information.

Thanksgiving Church Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 23rd
6pm

Fellowship Hall

EBC will provide: Turkey, Ham,
Stuffing, Gravy and Rolls.

SIGN UP BY WED. NOV. 19TH



JUDY PRATER: A TRIBUTE TO SERVICE & LEADERSHIP!

My husband, Gary, and I came to Emmanuel Baptist Church in 1973 when Dr. John Keck served as minister and Hal Parker taught Sunday School. Gary and I were expecting Jason and we

wanted to bring him up in a Christian home, so, we joined the church, Chancel Choir, and the Crusaders Class, where we found community, support, and Christian love.

Years later, in 1983, when our children, Jason and Michael were 9 and 7, our choir needed a director, and I felt called to help out on an interim basis. I was learning how to conduct a choir by practicing on our teens, and with the patient guidance of skilled pianists and organist, David Nuss and Scott Hobson, I bluffed my conducting until I figured it out!

During that time as conductor, Dr. John Keck gave me complete freedom to develop a music ministry according to the Holy Spirit's leading. I remember in those early years, Emmanuel Baptist hosted the Annual Meeting of the WV Baptist Convention and the EBC Chancel Choir was the Convention Choir. That experience opened up many opportunities for me to lead the singing at state events, including events for American Baptist Women.

It's hard to put into words the feeling that I get when leading God's people in song. I believe I serve as a conduit, connecting the worshippers together into one great voice praising and communing with their God. I feel as though I am the humble and thrilled conductor.

What a great experience it was to work with talented and dedicated accompanists. I was able to work with: Brian VanNoy, Kathy Dowler, Jan Corrothers, and Abby Woods Haake who were all high school students, but had already immeasurable skills above me. God knew

what I needed and He sent those talented and dedicated young people to me.

And just as God sent those to help me, we, as a collective Music Ministry, were able to help others. We were blessed by assisting Kathy Harrison, Courtney Jones, and Dan Hylbert who had impairments with lack of mobility, breathing, hearing, blindness. What a privilege to have been able to provide an opportunity for all God's children to praise Him in song.

We had faithful choir members who showed up week in and week out. Whether they were full of energy or exhausted, they considered singing in the choir their gift to the Lord. Several of them are still singing in the choir today under Donna's inspiring leadership.

Not only was I privileged to work with the excellent musicians that I have mentioned already, but I also found friendships which have made a powerful impact on my life. Candy Lindstrom & Chris Redmond. Donna Marcinko & Dave Enoch. Bill Thomas & Jan Corrothers, Gerald Morgan, and of course, Kurt Busiek. Can you imagine the gift that each one of these people have been in my life? It's indescribable!

I'm so grateful for the huge opportunities that my beloved church has given me. The limitless love and support, encouragement and approval to initiate some wild and crazy programs, approving many trips to the church music conference at Green Lake, WI, where I would come back with knowledge and inspiration and unusual ideas such as a Colonial Williamsburg Christmas celebration.

Undoubtedly, God led me to Emmanuel, and God led us to each other. I have come to love my church, and love each of you, and I will take many memories with me to Greensburg. I may find another church home, but I will never be able to find another church that is more of a family than our precious EBC. May we never take us for granted. Thank you, Lord.

Amen,
Judy



JOIN US FOR OUR INDOOR TRUNK OR TREAT!

WED. OCT 29TH
6PM - 7:30PM

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

• KID FRIENDLY
COSTUMES ONLY

1710 23RD ST | PARKERSBURG, WV 26101 | 304-485-5171 | WWW.EBCWV.COM

Choral Anthem

“God is Our Refuge”

God is our refuge and strength;
A present help in time of trouble.
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord,
awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people,
in all the earth.

He is the Word, we are His hands,
He will lead us.
He is the air, we are his song.
We will celebrate His presence all the day long.

God is our refuge and strength.
A present help in time of trouble.
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam,
we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord,
the awesome acts of God.
He is the midst of His people, in all the earth.

He is the rain, we are the stones,
He will cleanse us.
He is the air, we are His song,
We will celebrate His presence all the day long.

God is our refuge and strength.
A present help in time of trouble.
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam,
we will not fear.
We will not fear. We will not fear. We will not fear.

Cancer Prayer Concerns

EBC encourages mailing a card of support to anyone with an address listed below. A simple message can boost mental resilience, provide comfort, and increase overall well-being and quality of life during a difficult journey. Cards are available in the narthex and can be dropped off in the church office for postage and mailing after they are signed and addressed.

Jeannette Bauer, Eileen Mayer's sister, is battling advanced stage 4 breast cancer. [10770 109th St. N Largo, FL 33778] (1/26)

Sara LeMasters Buck, a friend of Robbi Leonard, is struggling with complications from oral cancer.
[1302 Myrtle St. Parkersburg, WV 26101] (4/13)

Missy Pinkerton Christy, friend of Mary Nuzum and mother of two young children, is having aggressive cancer treatments in Pittsburgh.
[20 Banbury Dr. Youngstown, OH 44511] (8/24)

Tara Cox, Karen's daughter-in-law, on-going chemo. (4/20)

David Cronin, friend of Gail Samolitis is fighting a stage 4 brain tumor. [135 Morningside Ave. Parkersburg, WV 26101] (8/24)

Wandalene Drake, Leslie Sim's mom/ Lyndall Jones' sister, is recovering well from her 9/9 kidney cancer surgery which appears to have gotten all the cancer. She will see her oncologist mid-October and a follow up scan in January. [4732 US Hwy 33E Glenville, WV 26351]

Eric, Evelyn, & Nancy, family of Judy Florence, are receiving treatment for cancer. (10/12)

Michele Farnsworth, cousin of Keith Mayer, is dealing with cancer throughout his body. [19546 Dyson Way Valler Lee, MD 20692] (9/21)

Frank Gephardt, Donna Marcinko's niece's husband, ongoing chemo. (7/6)

Nancy Johnson, Buck Johnson's sister-in-law, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer; on-going chemo.
[503 N. Dry Run Rd. Williamstown, WV 26187] (9/14)

Adam Johnston-54 is battling kidney cancer. [512 Paddock Green Dr. Parkersburg, WV 26104] (7/27)

Pastor Tom Lancaster, friend of Gail Samolitis, is recovering after cancer surgery, on-going treatment.
[P.O. Box 28167 Chattanooga, TN 37424] (9/14)

Susie Lattea, cousin of Robbie Leonard, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. [1402 8th St. Vienna, WV 26105] (10/12)

Ethel Mason is having on-going immunotherapy. [1601 Spring St. Parkersburg, WV 26101] (5/18)

Bonnie Nestor will have a cancer PET scan on 10/20 & will see her doctor on 10/21. [4906 6th Ave. Vienna, WV 26105]

Brian Samples, Josh Titlow's uncle, ongoing cancer treatment. [4702 Spring Hill Ave. South Charleston, WV 25309] (4/20)

Kayvonne Settle, cousin of Kim Matheny, is battling pancreatic cancer. [150 Camelot Rd. Unit 2, Belpre, OH 45714] (7/6)

Lil Underwood, Amber Busiek's mother, is recovering from surgery to remove cancer from her spine.
[324 Casey Lane Washington, WV 26181] (10/12)

Dianna Wagoner is dealing with cancer on her other kidney. Doctors will watch the situation until 3/26.
[1508 36th St. Parkersburg, WV 26104] (12/29)



When: October 26, 2025 from 12pm-3pm

Where: The Escape at 1406 13th Street, Parkersburg, WV

What: A come-and-go **OPEN HOUSE** event with a pulled pork lunch, tours of the Escape building, and meet-and-greet with staff and volunteers. Feel free to stick around for our Sunday Student program that starts at 3pm. It will be a fun evening to be there because that's **HALLOWEIRD!**

Halloweird has been a tradition for many years now, and it always proves to be a crazy, wild evening. Teens (and adults) are invited to dress up in their whackiest costumes, and food, games, and crafts are provided to make the event complete.

HALLOWEIRD kicks off at the Escape at 3pm and wraps up at 5:30pm.



See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up;
do you not perceive it?

ISAIAH 43:19

SERVING THE Karen People in Thailand

ERIC AND YUREE LEMBKE

Eric and Yuree Lembke serve at the Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Bible School and College (KKBBSC) located in Mae La Refugee Camp near Mae Sot, Thailand. Young adults, mainly from the Karen ethnic group, attend the school to pursue a degree in ministry to serve as Christian leaders within the refugee camps and to internally displaced persons in the areas along the Thai/Myanmar border. Eric and Yuree's ministry focuses on working with refugees through education, discipleship and evangelism. At the school, they teach English and ministry classes. They also travel with KKBBSC students and staff to villages in Karen State, Myanmar, to teach and conduct Bible classes.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1** Pray for the Karen people, as they continue to face oppression.
- 2** Pray for our students who have decided to serve our Lord by first preparing with theological education and for the educators preparing them.
- 3** Pray for the ongoing turmoil that is occurring in Myanmar (Burma).

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