

Emmanuel Praises and Prayer Page

Praises:

Last Sunday **Joe Stephens**, our youth and youth leaders did a great job leading the worship service: we are the body of Christ and each person is an important part of it. The **Chili Lunch Fundraiser** for our youth ministry **raised \$780**. Today we **celebrate** the life and ministry of **Judy Prater** who has been active in the ministry of Emmanuel for many years. **Pastor Kurt, Dr. Stephen Hanna and Ed Davis** had a very meaningful and inspiring experience at the **Kairos Prison ministry** event at St. Mary's Correctional Center. Many prisoners shared testimonies of receiving Christ and dedicating their lives to serve God. The homemade cookies were very appreciated. **Thank you to all those who made 120 dozen cookies for this event**. **Sally Beckwith** has scheduled a **fellowship event** for Emmanuel's women and girls on Saturday, Nov. 1. See insert for details. The **Emmanuel Talent Show** on 10/26 has around **12 different people** willing to share their talent. The **2 stars in the Red Books** last week represent members engaging other people with the gospel and prayer. **Bob & Sandy Myers** for organizing a **meal train** for Tim & Gail Samolitis as she recovers from surgery. **Carolyn Holbert** had a **great grandson** that was dedicated this Sunday in their church in OH. Over the past year, **Karen Vanoster** has **stitched 110 little swaddled baby dolls** for the upcoming **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party**.

New Prayer Concerns:

Erwin Busiek, Pastor Kurt's dad in MO, is recovering from weakness and some mini strokes. Send him a card at: 2900 Jefferson St, Apt. 118, Springfield, MO 65807 (10/5)

Caroline, Alli Waters’ infant daughter, was born with a rare condition and had surgery to amputate her right foot on 10/15. Alli is Becca Bayles’ friend. (10/12)

Cathy Compton is looking at treatment options and having some eye tests. (10/19)

Dave, a friend of Pastor Kurt who works at the radio station, is under hospice care for cancer. (10/5)

Rebecca Galbearth is recovering from a broken arm and dealing with some health issues and seeking God's peace. (9/21)

Cheryl Hayden had some heart tests this week. Pray for healing. (10/19)

Betsy Jefferson will have surgery on 10/22 at Cleveland. Pray it goes well. (10/19)

Jess, friend of Ed & Judy Davis, is being treated for sepsis. Pray for healing and peace. (10/12)

Phil Morris has completed his prostate cancer treatments. On 11/5 he will have some tests to show how effective the

treatments were. Send him a card at: 2807 Soyer St. Parkersburg, WV 26101. (10/5)

Christa Raitz is dealing with Lyme disease and Bell’s Palsy; on-going tests & meds. Pray for healing and peace. Send her a card at: 1301 Lakewood Circle Washington, WV 26181 (10/12)

Fred Redpath, Ethel Mason's friend, was in CC this week for tests. (10/19)

Gail Samolitis is recovering from rotator cuff surgery on 10/7. Send her a card at: 736 Garrison Lane Waverly, WV 26184. (10/5)

Rich Shawver is recovering from back fusion surgery on 10/8 in Cleveland. Send him a card at: 811 Victoria Ave. Williamstown, WV 26187. (9/28)

Pat Smith is dealing with on-going pain management. (9/7)

On-Going Prayer Concerns:

Renee Bailey, friend of Randy Nutter, is having 3 surgeries to treat blood clots in her lungs. (9/28)

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 is doing infusions to treat her Myasthenia gravis over this coming year. Pray for strength and energy. Send her a card: 804 Hillcrest St. Parkersburg, WV 26101 (8/10)

Trina Kuipers, the Salvation Army cook, is recovering at home in a wheelchair. She is consulting with a surgeon about knee replacement surgery. Send her a card: 418 Avery St., Apt 403, Parkersburg, WV 26101 (8/31)

Sherry Smith is finally infection free, but continues to have medical tests & treatments. Pray for healing. Send her a card at: PO Box 760 Elizabeth, WV 26143. (9/21)

Cancer Prayer Concerns:

Cancer prayer concerns can be found as an insert in the bulletin. Please consider sending a card of support and prayer to anyone with an address listed.

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

The family & friends of **Dave St. Peter**, a friend of Pastor Kurt who worked at the radio station, who passed this past week after a struggle with cancer. Card can be sent to his wife, Darlene at: 220 Smith Street, Belmont, WV 26134.



October 19, 2025

“God is our Refuge and Strength”

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea... There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.”
Psalm 46: 1-4

*“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 “How Can I Keep from Singing”
“Living Waters”
Praise Team

Musical Meditation “Trusting Jesus”
David Enoch, Organ

Introit “Sing & Rejoice” Chancel Choir

*Responsive Reading: Psalm 42

Leader: "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God."

People: "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, “Where is your God?"

Leader: "These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng."

People: "Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God."

Leader: "By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life."

*Hymn No. 275 "How Firm a Foundation"

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



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Special Music “Abide with Me” Celebration Ringers

Children’s Moment Courtney Johnson

Ministry Moment Music Ministry / Choir

Offertory “Wondrous Love” Celebration Ringers

*Doxology

Praises & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response “Amen” Chancel Choir

Choir Anthem “God is Our Refuge” Chancel Choir

Message: “God is With Us When the World Falls Apart”
Pastor Kurt Busiek

Scripture Passage: 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... ."

Hymn No. 493 “It is Well With My Soul”

~ 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 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
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 - October 12

Does Not Include On-Line Giving

General	\$ 3,973.20
Missions	451.50
Maintenance Fund	<u>90.30</u>
Total	\$ 4,515.00

Designated Funds:

Sanctuary Renovation Loan	\$ 200.00
Youth Chili Cook Off	780.00

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 – October 12

8:30 a.m. Service In-Person	37
10:45 a.m. Service In-Person	134
On-Line Attendance	629

Deacon of the Month for October

Blaine Hess

Service Leader Today:

Tammy Cline

Greeters:

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



Today - October 19

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 (A Purpose Driven Life)
Seekers: Rm 201 (Colossians)
Encouragers: Rm 224 (Acts)
Youth Sunday School: Rm 203
12:00 p.m. Judy Prater Reception Lunch: Fellowship Hall
12:30 p.m. WCC Walk for Life: City Park
2:30 p.m. Celebration Ringers Rehearsal: Sanctuary
Monday - October 20
12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study: Conference Room
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting: Fellowship Hall
Tuesday - October 21
10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study: Conf. Room & Zoom
(<https://zoom.us/j/87185860738>, Code 087181)
Parables Study: An Overview
12:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting: Conference Room
5:15 p.m. Temple Challenge: Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. DivorceCare: Parlor
Master Gardeners: Seeker's Classroom

Wednesday - October 22

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
Parables Study: An Overview
Awana, Choir, GriefShare, & Youth

Thursday - October 23

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

Happy Birthday to:

Oct. 19	Frank Dotson
20	Lisa Beatty
	Mike Ferrell
23	Keith Wharton
25	Carole Morgan
26	Susan West



Salvation Army Meal Schedule:

October 19 ~ Parkersburg Catholic High School
October 26 ~ EBC Youth

Lawn Schedule:

October 26 ~ Tim Jones
November 2 ~ Brian Lallemon & Davey Brooks

Announcements

Children's Ministry (PreK–5th):

- AWANA: Wednesdays at 6pm
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
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.
- October 26: **Salvation Army Lunch**--we'll have lunch after church if you want to stay.
- October 29: Helping with the children's Trunk or Treat--we'd love it if you plan to wear a non-scary costume.
- November 7-9: Fall Retreat! See Joe to sign up.

General Announcements:

- Operation Christmas Child: Item for the month of **October is a \$10 donation** to help defray the cost of shipping. Make checks payable to: EBC with "OCC" in the memo. Remember: **Nov. 9th** is our soup lunch and packing party! Questions? Text Sarah 740.629.5434
- Operation Christmas Child Charlotte Trip: We have spots available for volunteers at the Operation Christmas Child shoebox processing center in Charlotte, NC **Dec. 4-6**. The tentative plan is to leave around 7:30am Thursday and arrive in time for the 3:00-7:00 shift. Our Friday shift is 9:00-1:00. Afternoon/evening activities TBD. We'll return to EBC Saturday afternoon. Costs would be the hotel rooms, meals & transportation. We need to know by **Sunday, November 2** who is going and when so we can work on travel/lodging arrangements. All volunteers must be at least 13 years old due to the warehouse environment. Interested? Questions? Contact Brian Brown at bjbrown3@hotmail.com or 304-494-1895.
- Necessity Closet: On October 14, we helped **17 families (7 new)** and gave out **27 emergency bags** for a total of **71 people helped**. Donations for the month of **October is Body Wash**. The next N.C. is Tues. Oct. 28th 10a-12p.
- Meal Train for Tim & Gail Samolitis: Join us in a Meal Train to provide/organize meal deliveries for Tim & Gail Samolitis as Gail recovers. The link to sign up to provide a meal is: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/zg2gme>
- Artwork in the Narthex was created by a prison inmate that has been contacting Pastor Kurt over the past two yrs. Contact Pastor Kurt if you are interested in purchasing any of the artwork. All proceeds allow the prisoner to buy items from their store.
- Baptism Service: If you or someone you know is interested in baptism, then please contact Pastor Kurt.

- Life Questionnaire Packets: Available in the narthex or request a digital copy by calling the church office.
- New Bible Study on Jesus' Parables: Pastor Kurt is starting a new study from a book by John McArthur called: **Parables: The Mysteries of God's Kingdom Revealed Through the Stories Jesus Told**. The study will last 10 weeks. We'll cover the same parable in both the Tuesday 10 a.m. and Wednesday 6 p.m. studies with a different emphasis and video presentation in each study. Our classes this week will give an overview of how Jesus used parables in his teaching ministry.
- Life Class: In Pastor Kurt's Life Sunday School class, we will be looking at the Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren.
- Reception for Judy Prater: Help us say Thank You & Farewell to Judy Prater **TODAY 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 **TODAY at the City Park**. This annual **lunch at 12:30pm** and **walk beginning at 1:15pm** raises awareness & funds for WCC's mission. See insert or display in the narthex for more information.
- Chess Club: is **CANCELED** for October, November, & December. Chess Club will resume Monday, Jan. 19th.
- Finance Team Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 21st at 12pm in the Conference Room. 2026 budget planning continues.
- 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.
- MDSF* Souper Saturday: Saturday, Nov. 1st 10am-2pm Ladies/girls of Emmanuel are invited for a casual time to get together for crafts, puzzles, & making new friends. See the insert for details and to sign up.
- New Member/Guest Lunch: If you joined the church this year or are a visitor/guest, then you are invited to join us for lunch on **Sunday, Nov. 2nd at 12pm in the Conference Room**. Please let Pastor Kurt know if you are coming by Oct. 27th.
- Board of Ministry Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 4th at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. Please have your agenda items to Jane Hulce by Thurs. Oct. 30th.