



# 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:

**Sausage Penne Casserole**  
**Broccoli & Cranberry Salad**  
**Green Beans**  
**Hot Rolls**  
**Dessert**

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## *Lectionary Readings for this Week*

To encourage your personal study and growth,  
here is the list of Lectionary Scripture Readings for  
**October 26, 2025, Proper 25 ~ Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65**  
**Sirach 35:12-17; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;**  
**Luke 18:9-14**



**Sermon Notes: October 26, 2025**

**Title: "The Radical, Irrational Love of Jesus"**

**Speaker: Pastor Kurt Busiek**

**Scripture: Luke 6: 27-36** "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."



**Thanksgiving Church Dinner**  
**Sunday, Nov. 23rd**  
**6pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
 EBC will provide: Turkey, Ham, Stuffing, Gravy and Rolls.  
**SIGN UP BY WED. NOV. 19TH**



**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.



**SIGN UP!**  
**MDSF\* SOUPER SATURDAY**  
**SATURDAY NOV. 1ST**  
**10AM-12PM**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW MANY?** \_\_\_\_\_



JOIN US FOR OUR  
**INDOOR TRUNK OR TREAT!**

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

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

• KID FRIENDLY  
COSTUMES ONLY

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# Choral Anthem

## “As the Deer”

As the Deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a King.  
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

You, alone, are my strength, my shield; Oh spirit yield.  
You, alone, are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver, and the apple of my eye!

You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone, may my spirit yield.  
You, alone, are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.  
I long to worship Thee.

# 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 109<sup>th</sup> 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** 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 8<sup>th</sup> St. Vienna, WV 26105] (10/12)

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

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

[2807 Soyer St. Parkersburg, WV 260101]

**Bonnie Nestor** had a recent PET scan. On-going tests and treatments. [4906 6<sup>th</sup> 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; on-going chemo.

[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 36<sup>th</sup> St. Parkersburg, WV 26104] (12/29)

# IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!



Pack a Shoebox



## PACKING PARTY & LUNCH

SUN. NOV. 9TH

12PM-3PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Questions? Contact Joe or Sarah Stephens

## October Donation

\$10 to help with shipping costs

Checks payable to: EBC

Memo: OCC

OCC Volunteer Opportunity: Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is Nov. 17 thru Nov. 24, and we need your help!

EBC will again be a drop-off location and we'll be open to receive

GO (Gospel Opportunity) boxes from all over our community

during the following times that week:

- Nov. 17, 18, 20, and 21 - 6pm to 8pm
- Nov. 19 - 8am to 10:30am
- Nov. 22 - 9am to 1pm
- Nov. 23 - 2pm to 6 pm - *many hands needed on this day especially - we'll even provide a lovely dinner after - ha!*
- Nov. 24 - 6:30am - 8:30am - *many hands needed and your truck/trailer/dolly on this day!*

Let us know when you'd like to help out! If you have any questions about what you'll do as a volunteer - ask us!

Text Joe (304.893.2992) or Sarah (740.629.5434)

# WARM HEARTS, WARM CLOTHES

Michelle Busiek is working with a family in Alaska in desperate need of winter clothes. Please consider helping!

## 14 YR OLD BOY

- Coat & Snow Pants (Men's Large)
- Snow Boots (Men's 10.5)
- Wool Socks
- Hat
- Gloves (Men's Large)

## 12 YR OLD BOY

*Favorite Color: Green*

- Coat & Snow Pants (Youth 10/12)
- Snow Boots (Youth 4)
- Wool Socks
- Hat & Scarf
- Snow Gloves (Y Large)

## 11 YR OLD GIRL

*Favorite Color: Blue*

- Coat & Snow Pants (Girls 14)
- Wool Socks
- Hat
- Mittens

## TODDLER GIRL

- Hat
- Mittens
- MOM**
- Snow Boots (W8)
- Coat (W Large)



Donated items can be placed in the narthex wooden box.

# Church Survey Results

**EBC Pastoral Search Committee** conducted a church survey as a means of capturing a snapshot of the demographics of those who engage regularly with our church and to gather their input regarding important traits desired in our new pastor. Results from the **101 survey respondents** are as follows:

How long have you attended EBC?	
Less than one year	1%
1-2 years	6.9%
3-5 years	7.9%
6-10 years	21.8%
11-15 years	13.9%
More than 15 years	48.5%

Age Range	
0-12	3%
13-18	2%
19-29	1%
30-45	5%
46-55	5.9%
56-65	18.8%
66-75	43.6%
76+	20.8%

Are you a member?	
Yes	76.2%
No	23.8%

How do you attend services?	
In-person	82.2%
Online	17.8%

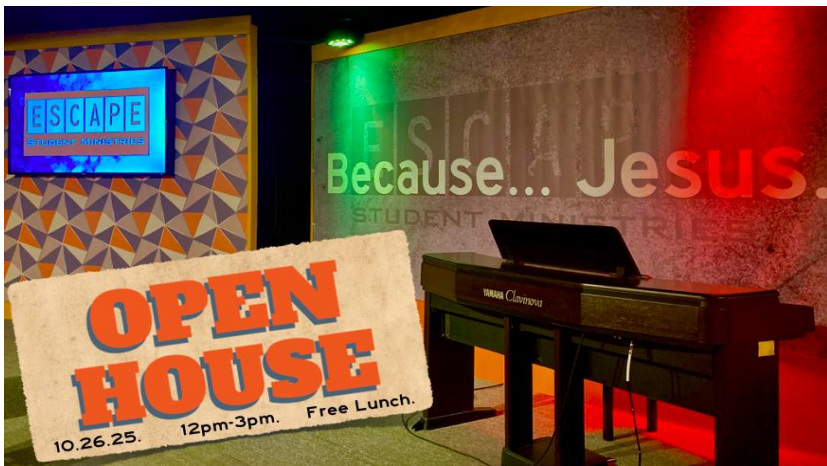
Gender	
Male	39.6%
Female	60.4%

The following description represents my household.	
Married with no children at home	59.4%
Married with 1 or more children at home	9.8%
Separated/divorced with 1 or more children at home	1%
Separated/divorced living alone	4%
Single adult living with parent(s)	2%
Single adult not living with parent(s)	3%
Widowed living alone	11.8%
Widowed living with 1 or more children at home	2%
Child living with parent(s)/guardian(s)	4%
Other	3%

Employment Status	
Employed full-time	17.8%
Employed part-time	6.9%
Homemaker full-time	1%
Retired	67.3%
Student (minor child under 18 years of age)	4%
Other	3%

Employment Category	
Clerical, office, finance, etc	8.9%
Artisan	1%
Education	16.7%
Engineering	4% <sup>1</sup>
Health Care	7.9%
Hospitality/Food Service	1%
IT Professional	1%
Laborer	4%
Manager, Proprietor, Executive	4%
Mental Healthcare Provider/Social Worker	2%
Ministry	1%
Not Currently Employed	5.9%
Sales	2%
Stay at Home Parent	1%
Retired	35.6%
Student (minor child under 18 years of age)	4%

Which of the following skills and/or tasks (traits) do you believe are important for our new pastor?	
% Respondents	Skills/Task/Trait
81.2%	Communicates well with congregation members.
78.2%	Provides impactful teaching based on sound Biblical doctrine.
76.2%	Provides a strong preaching ministry based on God's Holy Word and sharing the implications for the body of Christ, our community, and the world.
67.3%	Creates an atmosphere in which people feel accepted, included, cared for and can identify with the church body.
66.3%	Provides compassion and empathy for people in crises, life transitions, joys and routine life and giving assistance, when feasible.
65.4%	Leads individuals to a saving faith in Christ and then encourages them to actively live out their faith through service to the church and community.
65.3%	Communicates the Bible and Christian theology in terms relevant to a person's lives.
57.4%	Resolves conflicts in a way that maintains church unity and represents Christ faithfully.
56.4%	Develops and maintains ministry and vision that encourages church growth.
49.5%	Supports and enables church staff to accomplish their responsibilities and encourages their personal, professional and spiritual growth.
49.5%	Encourages people to develop and use their spiritual gifts, skills and finances to the glory of God.
42.6%	Actively participates in creating an atmosphere that encourages authentic worship.



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

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

**What:** **OPEN HOUSE** with a pulled pork lunch, tours of the Escape building, and meet-and-greet with staff and volunteers.

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

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.

You're Not Alone! **GriefShare** Join Us!

**Surviving the Holidays**

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm  
Emmanuel Baptist Church  
1710 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Parkersburg, WV 26101  
Call us to reserve your spot (304) 485-5171



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).

**JOIN IN GIVING** to the World Mission Offering through your church or online at [worldmissionoffering.org](http://worldmissionoffering.org). Thank you!

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