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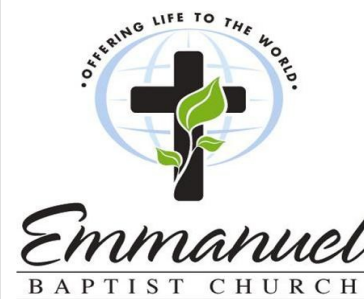
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	Carol Braband
	Emily Hardbarger
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Emmanuel Life & Times

October & November 2025

3 / 65: GOSPEL, GRACE, & GRATITUDE

Pastor Kurt



Blaine Hess is part of our church search team. They are in the process of developing a church profile that can be presented to potential candidates that gives an overview of our church history, ministry and mission. One comment he made recently stuck with me. He said, "Emmanuel is unique in that it has had only three pastors in 65 years." When the average time a pastor stays at a church in America is only 3-4 years, Emmanuel is different. Dr. John Keck was at Emmanuel for 25 years. Dr. Bill Thomas was at Emmanuel for 13 years, and 2026 will make my 25th year at Emmanuel; add 2 years of interim pastors and you get 65. **I think there are three qualities that have been part of these long pastorates that have become part of the church's identity: gospel, grace and gratitude.**

Emmanuel is a church where the Bible is held up as the inspired word of God and the simple gospel has been shared faithfully by our pastors and leaders over the years. The gospel is found in **John 3:16-17**, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." May God continue to use us to share the gospel with the world.



Emmanuel is a church where grace is shared and lived out. I know this from personal experience. I came to Emmanuel at a low time in my life and have struggled at various times over the years; and my family has had some struggles that have played out in the public life of our church. Emmanuel shared grace with me and my family. You came alongside us when you could have stood over us in judgement. When other churches might have been calling a meeting to discuss the "problem," Emmanuel showed me and my family love and extended grace. Grace is central to the gospel and a key to living out our faith. Paul in **Philippians 2:3-4** gives a good summary of how grace can be lived out: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."



Emmanuel is a church where gratitude is part of our DNA. Every week, we list praises on our prayer page. These praises are an expression of gratitude for people and ministry events that have blessed our church and community. In our Newsletter, we collect and share two months worth of praises from the life of our church. These are print heavy, single-spaced pages, but take some time to read this praise list; it's a practical way we express gratitude.

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Russel Moore just did a podcast called “30 things I’ve learned in 30 years of ministry.” One of his suggestions was: Save the thank you notes you’ve received; there will be down days when you’ll need to re-read them. I have boxes, not files, but boxes of thank you notes from various people over my 40 years of ministry... it’s always good to take some time to read where God used your life and words to help someone. This is an area where I think you reap what you sow. I have made it a priority in my ministry to send notes of gratitude to anyone that the Lord brings to my mind who is using their gift to bring God glory at Emmanuel. These notes are short expressions of gratitude but I think God has used them to make gratitude a central part of our church life and fellowship.

Three pastors in 65 years; that is unique, but what is more important is what these pastors have shared that has become a part of Emmanuel’s ministry identity: **gospel, grace and gratitude.** Paul provides a helpful challenge: **"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus."** 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18.

Serving with you, Pastor Kurt

Gratitude Reminder

Years ago, as **Debby Jamison** was dying of pancreatic cancer, she took some time to write down what she called “**My Litany of Thanksgiving.**” It’s a simple, but powerful expression of gratitude during a difficult time in her life:

“For wonderful, ordinary parents who knew the difference between right and wrong and taught their children its values: I thank you, Lord.

For being in love and having that love returned: I thank you, Lord.

For children: I thank you, Lord.

For being a member of a wonderful family: I thank you, Lord.

For all my friends: I thank you, Lord.

For the privilege and freedom of living in a great country: I thank you, Lord.

For my church and faith: I thank you, Lord.

For creating me and giving me eternal life: I thank you, Lord.”



Baptism Service Sunday, Oct. 26th

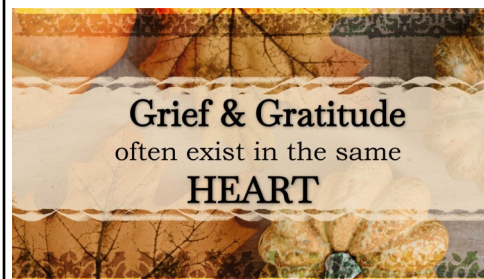
If you are
interested in
baptism, please
contact Pastor Kurt



Updates From our Staff:

From Gail Samolitis - GriefShare

Why gratitude & grief can, and do coexist!



The holiday season with its messages of **thankfulness** and **joy** is quickly approaching. This is an especially difficult time for those who are in a season of grief. The world tells us to “count our blessings” but when our heart is aching from loss that message can feel more like a burden than a comfort. How can we possibly be grateful when we feel so broken?

God’s Word does not ask us to be thankful for our grief, but to be **thankful in all circumstances** (1 Thessalonians 5:18). This is not a command to deny our pain but rather an **invitation to hold our grief in one hand** and our **gratitude in the other**, trusting that **God is present** in both.

Grief Share offers a path forward. This 13- week program offers a safe, welcoming, Christ centered space to navigate the journey of grief with others who understand. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, you are not alone.



Through weekly videos, small group discussion, and a personal workbook, Grief Share provides a supportive community where you can process your emotions honestly while rediscovering hope.



After our regular fall session of Grief Share, **Emmanuel will host a SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS seminar on Saturday, November 8th at 10 a.m.** This seminar will close our GRIEF SHARE cycle for the winter, but we will resume again on **February 7, 2026 with a LOSS OF SPOUSE seminar.** Our next Grief Share group will begin on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

If you are **interested in Grief Share** or have questions or want to sign up for GRIEF SHARE please call EBC at 304-485-5171 or go online to www.griefshare.org. If you need or choose to talk to me **one-on-one** about your grief, **individual grief counseling is available.** Call me at 304-485-5171 or 304-588-7632 to leave a message.



SENIORS 55+ JOIN US!
Tuesday, October 14th &
November 11th
11:30am
Fellowship Hall
for Lunch & Activities TBA
Call the church office to sign up.



Updates From our Staff:

From Gail Samolitis - New Life Counseling



New Life Counseling Ministry supports thankfulness and gratefulness as fundamental to heling. Recognizing blessings, even small ones, help shift focus from what is lacking toward abundance. This perspective is a powerful tool to overcome negativity, addiction, anxiety and depression. Individuals will be guided to practice gratitude through journaling, focusing on positive experiences, and appreciating God’s grace.

By cultivating a **heart of thanks**, clients can build resilience and strengthen relationships and experience great joy. New Life Ministry emphasizes that gratitude is not simply a feeling but rather a transformative, life-giving discipline.

During this season of upcoming holidays is a great time to begin to focus on positives and the high points in your life. **Start and/or conclude your day by examining what you are grateful for that day.** Write it down, contemplate on it and thank God for the circumstance.

If you have difficulty beginning this practice or if you are struggling in this season, then give me a call at New Life Counseling 304-588-7632 or 304-485-5171.





Thanksgiving Church Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 23rd
6pm
Fellowship Hall

Those with last name beginning with
A-M please bring a large side dish
N-Z please bring a dessert.

CHESS CLUB

3rd Monday every month at 12pm

Monday, October 20th
Monday, November 17th

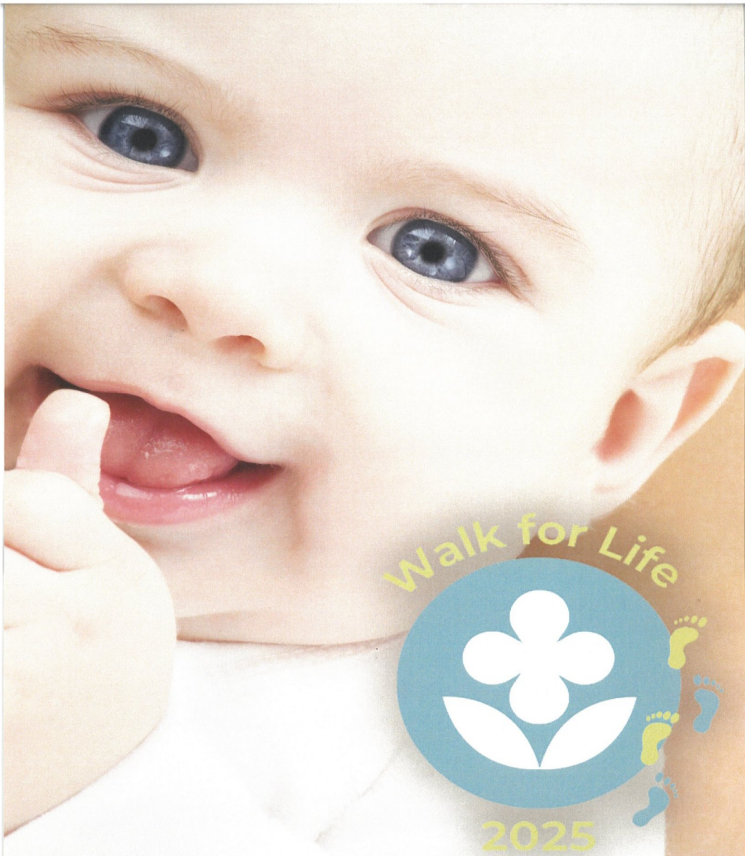


ALL AGES & SKILLS LEVELS WELCOME

Gratitude Reminder

Sometimes, in our disappointment over what we don't have, we fail to appreciate the significance of what God has given us. Fleming Rutledge writes: “The life of thankfulness—biblically speaking—is lived in view of the hard things of existence. As the life of thanksgiving deepens, we discover that the more mature prayers of thanksgiving are not those offered for the obvious blessings, but those spoken in gratitude for obstacles overcome, for insights gained, for lessons learned, for increased humility, for help received in time of need, for strength to persevere, for opportunities to serve others.”





Walk for Life 2025

Sunday, October 19, 2025
Women's Care Center • Parkersburg City Park
Check-In & Lunch - 12:30 p.m. • Walk Activities - 1:15 p.m.

Sunday, October 19 • Parkersburg City Park

Check-In & Lunch - 12:30 p.m. • Walk Activities - 1:15 p.m.



Walk for the Unborn!

- Collect no money!
- Only a 2 mile walk.
- Come rain or shine.
- Free T-shirt for \$250 in pledges.
- Free Long sleeved T-shirt for \$400 in pledges.
- Free Long sleeved T-shirt and Hat for \$600 in pledges.

Services

We offer the following FREE services:

- Free Pregnancy Testing and STD Testing
- Confidential Peer Coaching
- Support for Family Members
- Educational Ultrasounds
- Medical and Community Resources
- Accurate Information
- Clothing, Diapers, and Baby Furniture
- Post-Abortion Support

All services are confidential and provided at NO COST.

Step 1

Pre-register online at: yourwcc.com, use the QR code or complete and mail the attached registration form, or call us by Friday, October 3rd.

Step 2

Ask EVERYONE you know to sponsor you. You will be amazed by how many will say YES.

Step 3

Please be sure all names and addresses are complete and easy to read. Bring your completed Pledge Form(s) the day of the Walk (or walk on your own and mail it in). Don't collect any money. We'll handle the billing. See a sample way to raise money below with your own fundraising page.

Questions? 304.485.7122 or yourwcc.com

Consider taking pledges and donations online with your own fundraising page (See the example of our Executive Director's Page here) which will also be connected to your church/organization team page. This will automatically add your total to your walk team (church/organization).

You can then share via text, email or even social media to ask your friends and family to financially sponsor your walk. They can use the "Give" button and donate directly to you and your team. You can enter your financial pledges too and we will bill them after the walk!

Register today with this QR code!





Your Personal Fundraising Page for Women's Care Center that will add your total to your team (church/organization).

Register from our main fundraising page by using the QR code. After the registration step you will have created your own page (shown above).

women's care center

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From the Organ Bench - David Enoch

The Organ—A Powerful Worship Tool!

Talk to nearly anyone today who has any sort of opinion about church music and they'll tell you that the organist is a rare asset.



A church organist's role is to provide skilled musical accompaniment that enhances the worship experience and helps the congregation connect with their faith. By supporting hymns, choirs, and soloists, they use their musical talent and knowledge of Christian tradition to create a prayerful and reflective atmosphere. By **skillfully using the organ's pedals and stops**, the organist provides a **strong, warm, and confident sound** that supports the entire congregation's singing. Music is a powerful tool for expressing emotion in worship, ranging from joyous celebration to somber contemplation. The organist draws upon this emotional aspect of music to help worshippers connect more deeply with the message of the service.

If you are interested in **seeing how the organ works or in lessons to learn how to play**, then let David know by calling the church office.

Updates From our Staff:

From Donna Marcinko - Chancel Choir Director

EBC Chancel Choir Director
EBC Children's Orff Ensembles
Email: donna@ebcwv.com



The **EBC Chancel Choir** has begun rehearsing again after summer break and is now singing in the 10:45 church service. The choir is excited to be back together to rehearse and to enjoy a time to: praise God through singing, fellowship with one another, be creative, and to lift up each other in prayer.

The choir has much to celebrate. We are growing in number and talent and are so thankful for those who are coming to rehearse and sing each Sunday. We reflect upon the lyrics and words of the first anthem we have sung. "Celebrate the Day", by Pepper Choplin, which expresses our gratefulness to God for Christ, the "indescribable gift."

Celebrate the Day

Celebrate the day, celebrate the life.
Celebrate the joy of our faith in Christ.
Celebrate the day, celebrate the life.
Celebrate the joy our faith in Christ.

Remember all the blessings, the blessings of the Lord.
Be thankful for the very gift of breath of life.
Remember all the goodness, and mercies of the Lord
And fill the morning with the sounds of praise and joy!

We'll bless you name forever, for great are You Lord,
And every generation will declare Your mighty works.
We sing of Your goodness, Your holy righteousness.
Your glory of Your Kingdom reigns forever.

All members of the choir are loved, respected, and appreciated. We will be praying for one such member, **Judy Prater**, as she transitions to live in Greensboro, NC. Judy was a conductor of the EBC Chancel choir for 33 years and has continued to bless us with her talents for many years since. We are grateful to her for establishing the choral traditions at Emmanuel, as well as the Celebration Ringers. She has been a faithful steward, mentor to so many and we wish her God's blessings as she relocates to NC.



On a personal note, Judy taught school for many years here in Wood County and my first wonderful encounter with her was in my 8th grade year when she was my Conversational French teacher! I loved her as a teacher then, and I love her now!

We will look forward to talking with Judy, moving forward, and we will anticipate seeing her again!
We love You Judy!



The EBC Orff Ensemble is rehearsing on **Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:00**. We have grown to include children, youth, and adults and we have fun learning how to read music and preparing to play in the 10:45 church service.

The Ensemble is preparing to play on **Sunday, Nov. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 21**, and if you would like to join us in the fun, please contact me

here at church or send me an email. But, wait too long because we are moving along! This is a unique ensemble for a church setting and provides opportunities to learn how to read music, play in an ensemble, and praise God with our talents.

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IT'S ALL
ABOUT
JESUS!



Pack a Shoebox



PACKING PARTY & LUNCH

SUN. NOV. 9TH

12PM-3PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

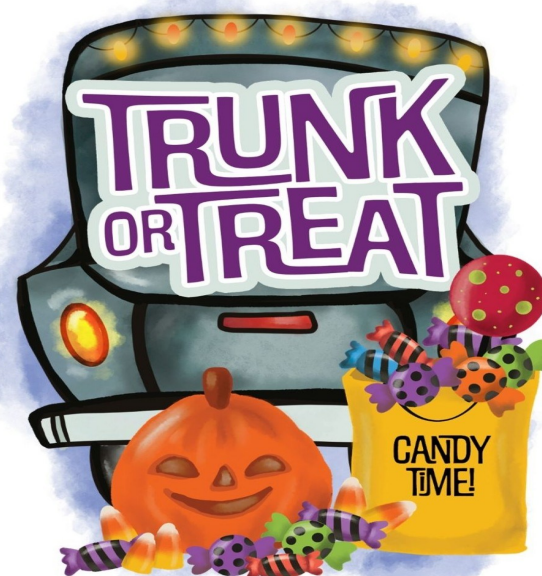
Questions? Contact Joe or Sarah Stephens

October Donation

\$10 to help with shipping costs

Checks payable to: EBC

Memo: OCC



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

WED. OCT 29TH

6PM - 7:30PM

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BRING THE HEAT AND THE SWEET!

**Sunday, October 12th at 12pm
Fellowship Hall**

SIGN UP BY OCT. 8

NAME: _____

CHILI: ____ TRADITIONAL SPICY ____ TRADITIONAL MILD
____ VEGETARIAN ____ WHITE/NON-TRADITIONAL

DESSERT: ____ CAKE ____ PIE ____ COOKIES

Updates From our Staff:

From Jenny Hannan - Children's Ministry Director

*"The Lord has done great things for us and
we are filled with joy."
~ Psalm 126:3*



This scripture (as well as the article's closing line) is used in the book, Between a Rock and a Grace Place by Carol Kent. My sweet friend and fellow children's team member, **Donna Shawver** loaned me the book a few weeks back, and it was truly a blessing. The book contains so many **examples of gratitude**, especially in tough times. It also reminded me to be **thankful for the many blessings in my life** and to not take any of them for granted.



One of the greatest blessings I've received since I started as the children's director has been getting to know and work alongside the many faithful volunteers on the children's team. I've only been attending Emmanuel since 2015 and didn't get involved with the children's ministry until 2022. I had no idea how many of our volunteers have given a good portion of their adult lives to this ministry until **Rhonda Johnston** was counting the number of years that certain volunteers had put in. One of my upcoming projects is to collect that information from our team members so we can recognize them for their dedication.

I'm also grateful that God seems to answer my ministry needs without me even having to voice them in prayer! We needed another listener for the T&T Awana class this year, and **Jo Ann Boggs** graciously volunteered to join our group! We also needed two shepherds for the Grades 1-5 Sunday School class. Of course it had been on my heart and I knew that God would provide, but I hadn't physically prayed out loud about it. But on the afternoon of the ministry fair, both **Mona Busiek** and **Kathy Leavitt** stepped up to the plate (not even one hour apart!) to answer the call on their hearts. And just recently, we've needed to fill some Sunday teaching spots due to various reasons. Without hesitation, our teachers graciously filled in where needed! We have the most selfless group of volunteers, and I love them and thank them for that.



Writing notes is not my forte unfortunately, so I don't express my gratitude in writing enough to the volunteers (unless you count texts, but I don't feel that's the same!). I try to tell them personally how much I **appreciate them**, but I do want to **thank them** in this article.

And thanks to those volunteers and our amazing **EBC youth**, we'll be able to provide the kids with more opportunities for growth, learning, and fun this fall. Our **indoor "Trunk or Treat"** will be held **October 29**, and the state **Children's Fall Rally** will be held **November 1 at Parchment Valley**. A big thank you goes out to **Brian and Dee Lallemon** for agreeing to accompany us to that!

I am grateful to every single one of our **volunteers** for all they do as individuals and as a group to minister to our precious children.

With a grateful heart,
Jenny



Updates From our Staff:

From Donna Marcinko - Chancel Choir Director

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The **Chancel Choir** will continue to rehearse on Wednesdays and will soon begin to prepare for the Advent Season. To prepare for the Christmas season, the choir will be rehearsing on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 8:00 October 15. The **Chancel Choir, Celebration Ringers, and Orff Ensemble** will sing and play to celebrate the season during 10:45 worship service on **Sunday, Dec. 21**.

We are blessed to be able to hear a choir each Sunday and we still have openings in the soprano, alto, tenor, and bass sections. If you have choral experience and if you love to sing, please contact me here at church or send me an email. Our goal is to glorify God with our many voices!

Voice Lessons are continuing for youth and adults who wish to improve personal singing skills and who would like to sing in the choir. Lessons begin at 4:30 and end at 5:00. Please contact me here at church or send me an email.



The **Celebration Ringers** are continuing to rehearse, under the direction of Blaine Hess, on Sundays from 2:30 - 3:30. They will be a play at the 10:45 worship service on **Sunday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Dec. 21**. Please plan to attend to hear the lovely sound of the newly refurbished handbells!

In addition to the Chancel Choir, Celebration Ringers, and Orff Ensemble, the **Children's Church Choir** will begin singing during Children's Church on Sunday, Oct. 26 to prepare to sing during the Advent Season. More information about the children's singing, as well as the traditional **Live Nativity** will be published in the December newsletter.



The Music Ministry at Emmanuel is blessed:

by the grace of God,
all who participate in it,
Pastor Kurt,
and members of the congregation who pray for it's continued success!

Thank you to:

Rod Marcinko and **Blaine Hess** for supplying water to the choir,
Blaine Hess for making sure our favorite mint container is filled,
Susan Moellendick for doing some sewing repair to Jim's robe,
Karen VanOster for taking care of the choir donation box,
Kathy Leavitt for supplying pencils,
and to **all the choir members** who help me keep things going each time we meet.

Yours in Christ,
Donna Marcinko



Gratitude Reminder:

"Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,
especially to those who belong to the family of believers."
~ Galatians 6:9-10

Updates from our Staff:

From Eileen Mayer - Missions & Ministry Development

Mission Team Members: Edy Jones, Brian Brown, Keith Mayer, Jacob Filozof, Ruth Wharton, Cindy and Khloe Blouir, Melissa Blakely and Kim Fowler.



Missionary Visits and Luncheons/Dinner:



The end of summer was a very busy time for the Missions Team! On Aug 13, we hosted **Carlos Bonilla and Mayra Giovanetti** who serve with International Ministries in Iberomerica and the Caribbean. They visited on a Wednesday to join us for dinner and presentation of their work, particularly in Chile! Mayra and Carlos have assumed some of the work of Madeline Flores upon her passing. EBC **raised \$1,500 toward supporting their mission work.**

On Aug 31, we hosted **Mike and Marcy Brown** from South American Missions SAM Academy in Pucallpa, Peru. Our **mission lunch raised \$1,300** toward supporting their mission work as they serve at a school for children of missionaries serving in the Amazon jungle area. Because

of the SAM Academy, missionaries can ensure their children continue their normal studies while they travel to serve in remote and at times dangerous areas. Please keep their important work in your prayers!

On Sept 4, we hosted **Tara Henderson**, daughter of Lyndall and Judy Jones and a missionary serving with International Friendships Inc near Tiffin Ohio. IFI has a goal of reaching international young people while they study in the USA. Their goal is to disciple students who return to their country to share God's Word! The mission lunch **raised \$2,000** in support of Tara's work. Please continue to pray for her important work!

On Sept 16, we hosted during the Tuesday morning Bible Study, another of our supported International Ministries missionary: **David Reed**. David and his wife Joyce serve as spiritual care for all IM missionaries. . Please come to hear updates on David and Joyce's important work supporting our missionaries.

Ministry Development:

Ballroom Dance Lessons for Couples: You're invited to Ballroom Dance lessons on **Sunday, October 12th and Sunday, November 9th from 4pm-7pm in the Fellowship Hall.** These lessons make a great "date" night for couples! Not only will you get a bit of gentle exercise, you will enjoy the **togetherness** of dance. Besides, you'll **look great** on the dance floor at the next wedding! Only \$10 for the lesson and free practice after. The first half hour of each night is for beginners. The second half hour builds on the first! Bring your own (alcohol-free) beverage to enjoy. Snacks provided.



Harmony Ridge Rehabilitation Center Bible Study

Each Monday, Keith Mayer, John Terosky, Ron Hannah and Pastor Kurt go to Mountwood Park to do an evening Bible Study with people at the HRRC. This is a powerful experience as they have been reflecting during treatment on the effects of their addiction. Their openness to the Lord is inspiring. Please join these men as a guest some Monday.

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Updates From our Staff:

From Sally Beckwith - Necessity Closet



Do you remember Glenn Campbell's song

"Try a Little Kindness"?

"Don't walk around the down and out.

Lend a helping hand instead of doubt and the kindness that you show everyday will help someone along their way,

You got to try a little kindness.

Yes, show a little kindness,
just shine your light for everyone to see...."

I have learned so much about people and compassion since I began volunteering for the necessity closet. I expected to "give" to people but I didn't realize how much I would "receive" from them. I have had to **step out of my comfort zone** to witness to and **pray for people** I don't know. And I have had very few clients reject the opportunity for us to pray together. Although our circumstances maybe different, we are all just humans trying to do our best.

In addition to the **personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies** and **paper products**, we also have a **"bonus" selection** of items from which our community friends can choose. These are items that are not part of the normal items that we give. These are just little things that may not be necessities, but add a little fun to the experience. **Donations of** items for

our "bonus box" such as **Band-Aids, hair ties, socks, gloves, batteries, nail clippers, scented candles, glasses cleaners, pretty dish towels, etc.** would also be appreciated. They may just be small things from dollar stores but they really



enjoy choosing from these bonus items.



The Necessity Closet is open every **2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 10:00 to noon** and welcome anyone in our community that is **in need of necessity items** to come by and receive not only those items but also **words of care, encouragement and prayer.**

Thank you for making all this possible. We are so grateful for your monetary and product donations each month!



Every Sunday 9:30am

Seekers: Room 201 - Studying Colossians facilitated by Margaret Frees
Encouragers: Room 224 - Studying Acts facilitated by Randy Halterman
LIFE Class: Parlor - Studying the "Believe" series facilitated by Pastor Kurt
Youth: Room 203 facilitated by Joe Stephens

Updates From our Staff:

From Joe Stephens - Youth Ministry

It's autumn—my favorite time of year! The heat of summer has finally subsided, and the dreary cold of winter hasn't yet set in. Additionally, there are so many fun events and observances associated with October and November. From leaf peeping to football to Thanksgiving, I'm here for all of it.



One of my favorite November events is National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child. Sarah and I love working with volunteers from EBC to collect shoeboxes from churches, organizations, and individuals from all around our neighborhood the week before Thanksgiving. As I hope you know, those shoeboxes are shipped by Samaritan's Purse all over the globe to be given to impoverished children. For many, this is the only gift they've ever received. But more importantly, those children are invited to a 12-week program entitled The Greatest Journey, in which they are taught the story of the Gospel. They are also taught how to share that Good News with their family and friends. This ministry is deeply important to me, and I'm doubly grateful for the fact that Sarah and I get to share in it.



The youth will, as always, be busy during this time of year. In addition to our regular programs—Sunday School and Wednesday evenings in the Upside Down—we will have several big events in October and November. Here's a quick list:



October 5: Lunch and Scohy Brothers Arcade after morning worship

October 12: Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Bake-Off
(Funds help cover the cost of our retreat)

October 26: Salvation Army Lunch

October 29: Help with children's department's Trunk-or-Treat

November 7-9: Fall Retreat at Wood County 4H Camp at Butcher Bend



One note about the retreat: we'll be heading back on the 9th in time to participate in the OCC shoebox packing party at church, so you can definitely do both. If you have any questions about any of these activities, or you know of a teen who'd enjoy them, contact me, Sarah or David or Bekah Brooks. All young people in grades 6 to 12 are welcome!

In His service,
Joe Stephens



Updates From our Staff:

From Eileen Mayer - Missions & Ministry Development (continued from previous page)



MOMCO

Mom Co: Last year, MOPS transitioned to Mom Co under the excellent leadership of Brittany Titlow. This year, the new leaders are Ashley Cheuvront and Elissa Filozof. This ministry is to support all mothers of children up through elementary school age. They meet the first Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall starting at 9:30. They also host playgroups throughout the year in partnership with the Williamstown Mom Co. Each meeting, the ladies enjoy a nice cup of coffee and breakfast, a guest speaker on a variety of topics, and complete a lovely craft. Child care can be arranged. Please invite moms to attend and also continue to lift up this unique and important ministry to the Lord for guidance and growth!

Women's Care Center: Walk for Life

Let us make this our most well attended Walk ever on October 19th at City Park. Walk to support the work of the WCC! Please register at yourwcc.com or call 304.485.7122. Gifts are given for various levels of pledged support. Remember, you do NOT need to collect money. The Center will do that for you! You can pick up a sponsor form from Walk Coordinator, Cindy Blouir or in the Narthex. The free lunch starts at 12:30 and the walk begins at 1:15.



Kairos Prison Ministry Cookie Guidelines

- The **ONLY** acceptable cookies are: chocolate chip, peanut butter, molasses, ginger, sugar, oatmeal, & cake mix cookies. Consider healthy recipes.
- NO fruit (including raisins), nuts, candy, icing, or sprinkles.
- Cookies should be round, fairly plain, and 2 - 2.5 inches in diameter and 1/2 inch thick.
- Let them cool completely before placing in QUART size zip lock freezer bags, 1 dozen per bag.
- Label the type of cookies in the bag.
- Freeze the cookies if they will not be used within 3 days of baking.

Bagged & labeled cookies can be dropped off at the church or Cornerstone Healthcare 1907 Ann St. by **WED. OCTOBER 8th**



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A Review of our Praises from August & September:



The Deacons had a **Table of Life** hosted by **Blaine & Radonna Hess**. **Eileen Mayer**, her sister, **Judy, Jane Hulce, Judy Prater, Elissa & Rachel Filozof & Kathy Leavitt** who volunteered for SewFest & made “**Dignity Bags**”.

Jonathan Delgado and his family were with us in worship. **Brian and Dee Lallemont** hosted them while they were in Parkersburg. **Brodie Battin** graduated from **basic training** on Aug. 1st. **Steve and Leslie Hanna** celebrated their **29th anniversary** on 7/27. **David Stephens, Sue McCue, Ruth Wharton, Donna Shawver** who served the AA dinner. The **Facilities Team, Sue McCue, and Tammy Hays** who **cleaned the water** out of the Fellowship Hall after a storm. The **Facilities Team** for **painting the curbs** around the church parking lot and for getting **new gutters installed** around the church. For the **Sunday pastries** and refreshments that are made by **Ruth Wharton**. The second **Boost Your Health** session was well attended and very informative. Thanks to **Michelle Miller, Eileen Mayer and Elissa Filozof**. The **Visitation Team, led by Barbara Kirsch**, had a nice lunch and meeting with the following members: **Robbi Wade, Lynn Palmer, Karen Vanoster, Debbie**

Boyd, Pam Wharton, Donna Marcinko, Judy Prater and Pastor Kurt. **Michelle Busiek** was home from Alaska visiting both Parkersburg and Charlotte.

Visitation Team, led by **Barbara Kirsch**, made 100 contacts with church members in July. Established in 2000, **Brothers’ Keeper (BK)** reaches out every year to the community surrounding Parchment Valley Conference Center for **mission projects**. Most are construction projects for low-income families or families with a disability in Jackson Co. This year at BK, they welcomed **110 youth and adult leaders from three different states**. They **completed 37 projects** around the area. It was an incredible week of ministry highlighted by **10 youth who gave their lives to Christ**, as well as **three homeowners!** Parchment Valley’s mission is to be a place “where lives are changed.” This year, BK once again fulfilled that mission. The **Boost Your Health** series was very helpful & challenging. Thanks to **Michelle Miller, Eileen Mayer and Elissa Filozof**. **Michelle Busiek** had a nice visit in Parkersburg. She is **very thankful** for all the help and support of EBC. **Ashley Clark** shared a beautiful **violin solo**. **Lola Simonton** donated flowers for the communion table. In July, we gave **\$2,400** to the **Help Fund**, **\$3,200** to the **Necessity Closet**, **\$4,600** to the **Sanctuary Renovation Loan** (now at \$158,000) and **\$43,000 overall**.

The flowers on the communion table are **in loving memory of Bill Woody's 89th birthday** given by Carole and her family. The **four stars** in the Guest Books last week represent members **engaging other people with the gospel and prayer**. **Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovanetti** gave a positive update on their mission work with ABC/USA **International Ministries**. **Susan Moellendick** had a positive mission trip to Nicaragua. **Diane Huffman, John Alfred and Betsy Jefferson** were with us in worship. Thanks to **Brittany Titlow** for her time & leadership of Mom Co. as she steps back & **Ashley Cheuvront** steps into that position. Thanks to **Randy and Suzanne Halterman** for their ministry of stocking the necessity closet with items ordered from the Dollar Tree. The Halterman's are stepping back from this ministry for a season and **Rob & Rhonda Johnston** will fill in. So far this year, we have helped **181 people** with **\$23,869** in utility/unmet needs assistance through the **Benevolent/Help Fund**.

The **six stars** in the Red Books represent members engaging other people with the gospel and prayer. Pastor Kurt sent **six boxes full of stuffed animals and school supplies** to **Kozibue** to help **Michelle** in her work with the children there. To the **Facilities Team** for installing new automatic paper towel dispensers in the restrooms. **DivorceCare** had a positive first session. **Jane Graham** shared this note: "I feel God's presence all ALL times. He is in charge. Praise Him!!!"

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**. **Adam Evans** produced **40 ministry fair videos** that we watched during the Ministry Fair and will see in the weeks to come. **Our Chancel Choir** began their Wednesday 6 p.m. practices again. We praise God for our **school teachers, administrators and staff** that work hard to provide a positive learning environment for our children. The **18 stars** in the **Red Books** represent members engaging other people with the gospel and prayer. **Michelle Busiek** sent us thank you notes from her clients in **Alaska**. **DivorceCare and GriefShare** both had positive sessions.

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A Review of our Praises from August & September (continued from previous page)



Our Board of Ministry had a positive meeting. The **Chancel Choir** is back practicing and will return to worship. **Milt Nuzum** shared his testimony about how God's love has guided & directed his life through the years. **The Browns** were with us & shared about their ministry in Peru. The mission lunch **raised \$1300**. We praise God for our **school teachers, administrators & staff** that work hard to provide a positive learning environment for our children. **10 stars in the Red Books** represent members engaging other people with the gospel & prayer. **Total Giving** for the month of **August** was **\$53,000** which included: Help Fund 2,000, Necessity Closet 735, Mountain State Mission Offering 1,385, Missionaries Bonillas 1,518, Missionaries Browns 1,300 and Sanctuary Loan 11,000. The generous giving to our **Sanctuary Renovation Loan** continues. Our balance is \$143,000 down from our starting amount of \$377,000 in 2023.

Pastor Kurt was in MO celebrating his **Dad's 97th birthday** on 9/15 with a family barbeque and homemade ice cream. **Tara Jones Henderson** shared a message. Tara was employed as a youth leader at Emmanuel; she has been a pastor, has a doctorate in Marriage and Family Counseling from Palmer, and is currently on staff with Friends International. The **Chancel Choir** is back. We praise God for **Donna Marcinko, David Enoch** and for the ministry of our **Chancel Choir**. Our **children's AWANA program** had a good Fall kick off. Our **Youth Group** is growing with new youth attending recent meetings. The **7 stars in the Red Books** represent members engaging other people with the gospel and prayer. **Syrenity Medford** is on the Youth Ministry Planning Team, which plans and runs the youth programs for the state, and **Khloe Blouir** 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. Our **Tuesday Fellowship Senior Group** and our **Men's Lunch group** had good meetings.

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**.

Syrenity Metz did a good job leading our worship service. **The Deacons** had a positive meeting. **Jewel Lusk** was in Beckley with her family for their **annual reunion**. The **7 stars in the Red Books** represent members engaging other people with the gospel and prayer. **See You at the Pole Preview** at The Escape was well attended by **our Youth** and youth across the MOV. **Our Youth** participated in **See You at the Pole** events at their respective schools, as well. The **Facilities Team** facilitated the parking lot cracks being sealed before winter and the narthex carpet being professionally cleaned.

Thank You

Thank you from Earl Johnson: 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.



Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family & Friends of: **Daniel Calin**, friend of Gail Samolitis / **Marge Raitz**, Brian Raitz’ mother / **Lowell Bonnette**, friend of Mary Nuzum / **Bobbie Leavitt**, cousin of Kathy Leavitt / **Ruby “Marie” Lee**, grandmother of Jessica Johnson / **Matt Lowe**, friend of Jenny Hannan / **Bertha Stone**, grandmother of Sarah Stephens / **Tom Jarrell**, life partner of Linda Robinson/ **Richard Mason**, brother of Ethel Mason