

Emmanuel Praises and Prayer Page

Praises:

Blaine & Radonna Hess celebrate the arrival of their grandson, Thorne David Lancaster, born on 12/13 to their daughter & son-in-law Ashton & Camaron. Adam Evans made a promo video highlighting Michael Mueller and his ministry as directory of The Key Sober Living Ministry at the Latrobe St. Mission. Adam Evans, Jerry Hamilton & Randy Nutter built the simple triangle shed that outlines our Christmas scene in front of the church. Earl and Jane Hulce took Deanie Kendall a small tree for Christmas. We had 2 stars in the Red Books last week, which represents members engaging other people with the gospel and prayer. Last week, we delivered Christmas gifts to Westbrook Health Services for 60 people who receive services there. Their annual Christmas party was made more special because of the gifts you helped provide. On 12/10, we approved our 2026 ministry leaders and 2026 Ministry Budget of \$423,000. Please keep our church leaders in your prayers as we move into a new year. Emmanuel is a generous church, through November we have given the following: Sanctuary Loan 62,000 (loan balance 133,000), Help Fund 30,000, Necessity Closet 14,000, Missions and Ministry 102,000, Total giving: \$522,000. We had over 1,100 views of our service last Sunday on our Facebook live stream.

New Prayer Concerns:

Kim Flowers is having thyroid tests and requesting prayer for her friend Shelia Duley. (12/21)
Tony Lopez, friend of Jane Graham, will have a heart cath on 12/28. (12/14)
Michelle Miller will have foot surgery on 1/16.
Nancy Richmond, friend of Evan Bevin, is waiting on test results. Pray for a positive outcome. (12/21)
Rachel Water, Sara Taylor’s cousin, has been having some medical tests. Pray for healing and peace. (12/21)
Susan West, Ruth Wharton’s sister, is doing rehab at Encompass for back issues. Pray for healing. (12/21)
Pam Wharton will have a heart cath on 1/5 at CC.

On-Going Prayer Concerns:

Our Search Team (John Nicholson, Blaine Hess, Rich Shawver, Christa Raitz, David Brooks & Joe Stephens) as they seek an interim pastor and continue their search for a full time pastor.
Wandalene Drake began a year long immunotherapy treatment program to address her cancer on 12/17 at Ruby. (11/30)
Jane Graham is having some on-going tests and a doctor visits in December. Send her a card at: 21 Woodland Park Dr. Parkersburg, WV 26104. (11/30)

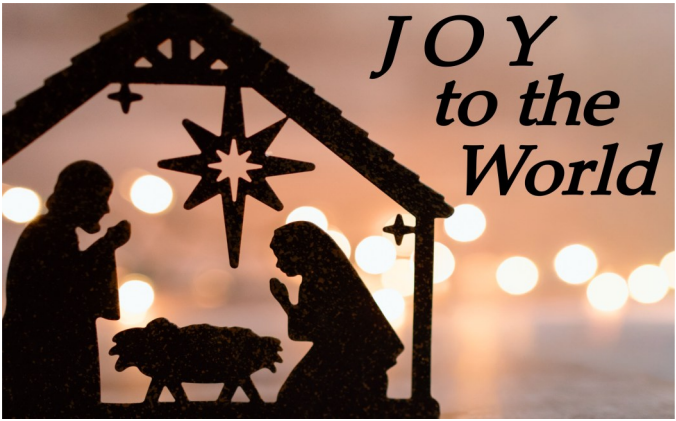
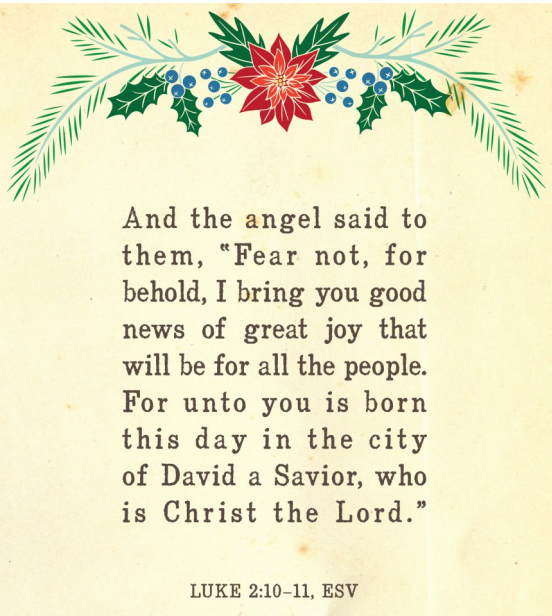
Tara Jones Henderson is asking for prayer for IFT's Tiffin Tuesdays as she connects with more international college students through this holiday season. (11/23)
Diane Huffman is doing therapy to help her speech and swallowing. She will be having on-going infusions. Pray for continued healing. Send her a card: 804 Hillcrest St. Parkersburg, WV 26101 (8/10)
Maridor Keck for a sense of God's presence and peace.
Trina Kuipers, the Salvation Army cook, will have knee replacement surgery on 1/5. Send her a card: 418 Avery St., Apt 403, Parkersburg, WV 26101 (8/31)
Brianna Laas, Cheryl Wons step-granddaughter, is facing a legal decision on 2/5 that will greatly impact her life.
Connie Perry is being treated for macular degeneration and will have hip replacement surgery early in 2026. (12/7)
Brian Raitz is recovering from knee replacement surgery on 12/10.
Brenda Wheeler has been diagnosed with macular degeneration. She is having on-going eye tests. Send her a card at: 1250 31st St., Apt. 804 Parkersburg, WV 26104 (11/2)

Cancer Prayer Concerns:

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

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

The family & friends of Kathy Johnston, mother of Dylan Johnston, who passed away on 12/2 in Buffalo, NY. Dylan is the grandson of Richard & Sandra Johnston and the son of Michael Johnston. Cards can be sent to Dylan at: 83 Suzette Dr. Cheektowaga, NY 14227



December 21, 2025

“Fourth Sunday of Advent:
The Joy of Christmas ”

“There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord...” ~ Luke 2:8-11
“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 “Noel” Praise Team
Musical Meditation “Carol of the Bells”
Duet: David Enoch, Organ & Donna Marcinko, Piano
Introit “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
Chancel Choir w/t Jonathan & Tyler Brooks
Choir Anthem “He Is Here”
Chancel Choir w/t Orff Ensemble

*Responsive Reading: Luke 1:46-55

Leader: "And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant."

People: "From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name."

Leader: "His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts."

People: "He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty."

Leader: "He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."



Emmanuel Baptist Church

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*Hymn No. 145 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
*Opening Prayer with Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)
Greeting One Another “The Birthday of a King” pg. 162
Special Music “Deck the Halls” Orff Ensemble
Special Music “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
Children’s Choir & Orff Ensemble
Children’s Moment/Advent Candle Lighting:
The Gift of Joy
Insert: Responsive Reading, Devotion &
Choral Response Joe Stephens
Ministry Moment Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Offertory “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”
Celebration Ringers
*Doxology
Praises & Pastoral Prayer
Choir Anthem “Glory to God” Chancel Choir
Message: “The Simple Faith of Mary & Joseph”
Pastor Kurt Busiek
Scripture Passage: Luke 1.26-38 and Matthew 1:18-25

“In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ...35 The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail.” 38 “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her. “

*Hymn No. 137 "What Child is This?" (vs. 1 & 3)

Live Nativity

Benediction/Choir Anthem “The Hallelujah Chorus”

~ A deacon will be available at the front of the church if you have a question or need prayer. ~

~ 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 - December 14

Does Not Include On-Line Giving

General	\$ 3,194.40
Missions	363.00
Maintenance Fund	<u>72.60</u>
Total	\$ 3,630.00

Designated Funds:

Benevolence Help Fund	140.00
RMMO	90.00
Staff Gift	1,110.00
Misc. Missions	110.00

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 - December 14

8:30 a.m. Service In-Person	11
10:45 a.m. Service In-Person	35
On-Line Attendance	1,139

Deacon of the Month for December

Rick Cline

Service Leader Today:

Tammy Cline

Greeters:

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



Today - December 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 (Christmas Devotion)
Seekers: Rm 201 (Colossians)
Encouragers: Rm 224 (Acts)
Youth Sunday School: Rm 203
12:00 p.m. Lunch & Caroling: Fellowship Hall
Pastoral Search Team Meeting: Conference Rm
6:00 p.m. Church Christmas Dinner: Fellowship Hall

Monday - December 22

6:00 p.m. AA Christmas Dinner: Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - December 23

9:00 a.m. Gustke Shelter Christmas Party: Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Necessity Closet until noon
Tuesday Bible Study: Conf. Room & Zoom
(<https://zoom.us/j/87185860738>, Code 087181)
Reflections on Mary & Joseph
5:15 p.m. Temple Challenge: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday - December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

~Office Closed~

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Thursday - December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

~Office Closed~

Friday - December 26

~Office Closed~

Happy Birthday to:

Dec. 22 Lynn Nicholson
Peggy Phillips
27 Robbie Barton
Randy Beatty
Kylie Lallemon
Wade Leonard
28 Lori Roberts



Salvation Army Meal Schedule:

December 21 ~ Salvation Army
January 4 ~ MOV Fellowship Home



Announcements

Children's Ministry (PreK-5th):

- AWANA: Wednesdays at 6pm
- Mark Your Calendar:
- TODAY: Children's Live Nativity -10:45a service
- NO AWANA on December 24 or December 31

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12):

- NO YOUTH on December 24 & December 31
- Youth Group: Wednesdays at 6pm in the Upside Down (Hope House) for recreation, snacks, games, and a lesson.
- Snow Camp January 16-18: Registration is open! If you want the church to cover your registration, let Joe know you're planning to go.

General Announcements:

- Necessity Closet: Donations for the month of Dec. is **Body Lotion**.
- 2026 EBC Calendars: Extra calendars are available to be picked up in the narthex.
- Help the A/V Team: Do you have any smart phones you are not using anymore? Donate them to the EBC A/V Ministry. Drop off in the church office. Please put your name on the devices you donate.
- Power Lift Chair: A power lift chair was donated to the church and needs a new home. Call the office if interested.
- Childcare Coordinator Needed: The 2026 Marriage Course is looking for a childcare coordinator for 7 Fridays beginning Jan. 23rd. Interested? Contact Eileen Mayer.
- Baptism Service: If you or someone you know is interested in baptism, then please contact Pastor Kurt.
- December is Bring a Friend Month: Who do you know that might be interested in joining us for Sunday Christmas service or the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service? Pray about asking someone and let God guide you.
- RMMO: During the month of December, we will be collecting for the Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering (RMMO). There is an RMMO insert today and there are offering envelopes in the pews and narthex.
- Giving Envelopes - If you use giving envelopes and would like to have some made, email: jessica@ebcwv.com or call the office at (304) 485-5171. We can make them weekly, monthly, with or without monthly capital campaign and/or special mission offerings. Stamps are available if you prefer to mail in your offerings.
- Special Christmas Manger Video Series: The Nativity Series shown during Sunday worship is available to watch by following the link: <https://u.pcloud.link/publink/show?code=kZk5px5ZAGxqzOMfwx7af3pPl9AsCki7tOo7> Email info@ebcwv.com or call the office to get the link emailed to you.
- Christmas Poinsettias: If you purchased poinsettias, **please take them home today** after worship service or stop by

the church Monday from 9am-2pm to them pick up.

- Lunch & Caroling: Join us after church **TODAY** for lunch in the Fellowship Hall and then to area care facilities and homes to spread the joy of Christmas with carols.
- Church Christmas Dinner: Join us on **TODAY, Dec. 21 at 6pm!** Turkey, Ham, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, & Drinks Provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- Christmas Eve Service - The church will have their Christmas Eve candlelight service on **Wednesday December 24 at 7:00 p.m.**
- Christmas Day Dinner: First Presbyterian Church **Thursday, Dec. 25 from 12pm-1:30pm.** Meal delivery is available for people who are homebound. See insert for details and how you can help.
- 100th Birthday Card Shower: **Helen Rumburg**, mother of Kim Constantino, celebrates her 100th birthday on **Saturday, Dec. 27th.** Let's shower her with birthday cards. Cards can be mailed to Helen at: Rockland Ridge 2511 Washington Blvd. Belpre, OH 45714
- End-of-Year Giving: For anyone wishing to give an end-of-year donation, please make sure it is in the offering no later than **Sunday morning, Dec. 28.** For donations **online**, please make them **no later than Dec. 25** to allow for the delay that it takes for them to show up in ICON.
- Annual Reports - We are asking for your annual reports no later than **Wednesday, December 31.** Address and phone number changes are also needed for the directory, which is included with the report. Board of Ministry members, Sunday School Classes, Staff, Life Groups, Choirs, EBWM, etc. should turn in reports to Jessica at jessica@ebcwv.com. Thank you very much.
- New Years Eve Dance - Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Ballroom Dancing from **6:30-9:30 p.m. on Wed. December 31st.** (Good way to burn off some of those extra holiday pounds!) This event is open to all who participated in the Couple's Dance Lesson Series AND all others. There will be a short refresher lesson 7:00-7:30. Only \$10/couple. You are welcome to bring a snack/treat to share. If you are interested, call/text Keith or Eileen Mayer at (304)-834-2563.
- Life Line Health Screening: EBC is once again hosting this low cost community health screening. See the insert for information on scheduling your appt. on **Thursday, Jan. 22 9am-4:30pm.**
- Mark Your Calendars:
 - Sun, Dec. 21: 6pm - Church Christmas Dinner
 - Tues, Dec. 23: 9am Gustke Christmas Party
 - Wed, Dec. 24: 7pm Christmas Eve Service
 - Wed-Thurs-Fri, Dec. 24-26: Office Closed
 - Wed & Thurs, Dec. 31 - Jan. 1: Office Closed