

Emmanuel Praises and Prayer Page

Praises:

Last Sunday's service was a celebration of Christmas with musical offerings by our Praise Team, the Chancel Choir, the Children's Choir, the Orff Ensemble and the Celebration Ringers. Thanks to Jo Ann Boggs, Sarah Stephens, Suzanne Halterman, Dee Lallemon, & Mona Busiek who got the children ready to share a live nativity at the end of the service. Special thanks to Becca Bayles and Myles Johnson for playing Mary and Joseph and for Brynlee who was our baby Jesus. We had 15 people who went out caroling after the worship service. We got to sing to Clara Howard, the Colonial House residents, Nancy Duty and Delores Chipps and the residents of Eaglepoint, Jean Farrah and her family, Deanie Kendall at Milestone and Maridor Keck. We had 10 stars in the Red Books last week, which represents members engaging other people with the gospel and prayer. This past week, David Stephens and his helpers served a Christmas Dinner for the AA Group that meets at Emmanuel and for some women from the Genesis Shelter. We had a nice Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with lots of special musical offerings from David Enoch, Donna Marcinko, the Chancel Choir, Brodie & Lauren Battin, Cortney Brooks, Tyler Brooks, & Jonathan Brooks. Diane Hays had a successful eye treatment last week.

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)
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 visit in December. (11/30)
Tara Jones Henderson is asking for prayer for IFI'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. (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. (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.
Rachel Water, Sara Taylor's cousin, has been having some medical tests. Pray for healing and peace. (12/21)
Brenda Wheeler has been diagnosed with macular degeneration. She is having on-going eye tests. (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



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Jesus Calls Us to Go & Share

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28: 16-20

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 Great is Our God Lord I Need You Praise Team
Musical Meditation We Three Kings Duet: Cortney & Matthew Brooks, Piano
Introit Gloria in Excelsis Deo Chancel Choir

Responsive Reading: Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Leader: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn No. 133 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Opening Prayer with Lord's Prayer debts/debtors
Greeting One Another The Birthday of a King
Children's Moment Joe Stephens
Ministry Moment WVBC Annual Training Event
Offertory Ministry Video
Doxology
Praises & Pastoral Prayer
Choir Anthem Glory to God Chancel Choir
Message: The Power of a Testimony Pastor Kurt Busiek
Scripture Passage: Acts 22:1-21

Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense. Then Paul said: 3 I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today. 4 I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison, 5 as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify. I even obtained letters from them to their associates in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished. 6 About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. 7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me? ...

Hymn No. 143 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
~ A deacon will be available at the front of the church if you have a question or need prayer. ~
Postlude It Came Upon a Midnight Clear 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 - December 21

Does Not Include On-Line Giving

General	\$ 3,057.12
Missions	347.40
Maintenance Fund	<u>69.48</u>
Total	\$ 3,474.00

Designated Funds:

Benevolence Help Fund	250.00
RMMO	275.00
Staff Gift	975.00
Latrobe St. Mission	300.00
Old Man Rivers	200.00
Salvation Army	200.00
House to Home	200.00

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 21

8:30 a.m. Service In-Person	32
10:45 a.m. Service In-Person	157
On-Line Attendance	784

Deacon of the Month for December

Rick Cline

Service Leader Today:

Susie Davis

Greeters:

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



Calendar

Today - December 28

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 (The Purpose Driven Life)
Seekers: Rm 201 (Psalms)
Encouragers: Rm 224 (Acts)
Youth Sunday School: Rm 203

Monday - December 29

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - December 30

10:00 a.m. No Tuesday Bible Study this Week

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

Wednesday - December 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

~Office Closed~

6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Dance: Fellowship Hall

Thursday - January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

~Office Closed~

Happy Birthday to:

Dec. 28	Lori Roberts
29	Keith Roberts
31	Joe Bolian
Jan. 1	Kathi Alfred
	Kim Fowler
	Brandon Geer



Salvation Army Meal Schedule:

December 28 ~ Salvation Army
January 4 ~ MOV Fellowship Home



What's Your Prayer for the New Year?

Announcements

Children's Ministry (PreK-5th):

- AWANA: Wednesdays at 6pm
- Mark Your Calendar:
- NO AWANA on December 31

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12):

- NO YOUTH on 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 Jan. is **Disinfectant Wipes**.
- 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.
- 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.
- Right Now Media: Emmanuel subscribes to the Right Now Media Video library which has 1000s of helpful Christian speakers and Bible studies. You can access this library using the church log in. Call the office for information. Right Now also many good seasonal studies for Easter and Christmas.
- January LIFE Series: In January we'll look at our LIFE mission statement combined with the four "G"s of our identity: Emmanuel seeks to offer LIFE to the world: Loving God: gospel. Including others: grace. Finding Connection: gratitude. Engaging Community: generosity.

- 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.
- 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.
- Annual Planning Seminar: On **Saturday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m.**, our Executive Board, Deacons and any interested members are invited to gather in the Conference Room for a time of prayer and planning of the main ministry events for 2026.
- 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**.
- The Marriage Course: Begins on **Friday, Jan. 23** and runs for 7 weeks. The team still needs anchor couples and childcare volunteers. Contact Eileen Mayer at 304.834.2563 for details or see the insert.
- WVBC Annual Training Event: Please consider attending this annual training event sponsored by the WV Baptist Convention on **Saturday, Feb. 7** if you serve in a leadership role or are considering a leadership role at Emmanuel. **Registration is due by Jan. 24** and forms can be found in the narthex. See insert for details.