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And the Table Will Be Wide

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And the table
will be wide.
And the welcome
will be wide.
And the arms
will open wide
to gather us in.
And our hearts
will open wide
to receive.

And we will come
as children who trust
there is enough.
And we will come
unhindered and free.
And our aching
will be met
with bread.
And our sorrow
will be met
with wine.

And we will open our hands
to the feast
without shame.
And we will turn
toward each other
without fear.
And we will give up
our appetite
for despair.
And we will taste
and know
of delight.

And we will become bread
for a hungering world.
And we will become drink
for those who thirst.
And the blessed
will become the blessing.
And everywhere
will be the feast.

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Pastoral Ponderings

The front of this newsletter contains words we used in worship on World Communion Sunday. To this church season, which includes the work of building a budget and inviting people into places of service for 2014, may we come as children who trust there is enough. This month as we welcome guests to worship, may we turn toward each other without fear. In this community, may the blessed become the blessing. And everywhere will be the feast.

Blessings,

Kathy

Pledge Sunday is November 3!

You will receive an Estimate Of Giving card and a reminder about various ways to direct your giving in the mail. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to what God is doing in and through Emmanuel and bring your completed card to worship on November 3.

Celebration Lunch Planned

Let us celebrate! Join us for a potluck lunch following worship on November 10. Bring a dish to share as we enjoy table fellowship, learn about our progress on giving for 2014, and reflect on the good things happening in our faith community. If you plan to attend the lunch, please sign up in fellowship hall.

Do you miss seeing fresh flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings? If so, you are invited to donate money toward arrangements that will be ordered from Danker Florist or you may bring in your own bouquets. After service, flowers are delivered to our homebound friends. Betty Mallory coordinates our flower ministry. Please contact her to indicate how you wish to participate. Thank you.

Daylight Saving Time ends

"fall back"

November 3

Pledging to Emmanuel Baptist Church

Overview of the Funds

Current Expense	Benevolence	Fellowship/ Communion	Room for Grace
The Current Expense (CE) budget is the main fund for the support of Emmanuel Baptist Church. All ministry, salaries, and heat & light bills are paid out of the CE budget.	The Benevolence budget is managed by Service to Others Commission, and sends support to other organizations. These include FOCUS, ABC NYS, ABC USA, Springbrook, Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists, etc.	The Fellowship Fund is an account managed by the Caring & Fellowship Commission and the Pastor. This fund makes it possible to assist Emmanuel members with monetary support in times of financial trouble.	Room for Grace is the building renovation fund, undertaken by Emmanuel Baptist Church in 2012. Pledges were made at that point, but additional gifts are always welcome.

Ways to Give

Loose Offering	Envelopes	Check	Direct from Bank
Anytime we receive cash in the offering plate, not enclosed in an envelope, it is designated as Loose Offering. All loose offering is split 90% to Current Expense and 10% to Benevolence.	EBC provides numbered envelopes to those who desire them. Any cash or checks in an envelope is credited to that person's giving record and is split as indicated on the pledge card. If no pledge was made, then it will be split 90% to CE and 10% to Benevolence.	Any time we receive a check in the offering plate, we keep record of that and credit it to the accounts of regular givers, split as indicated on the pledge card. If no pledge was made then the check is split 90% to CE and 10% to Benevolence.	Several members do the bulk of their banking on the Internet. The bank mails Emmanuel a check, which is handled the same way a check in the offering plate would be handled.

Filling out the Pledge Card

1) Include your name(s) and address
2) Decide HOW MUCH you can give
3) Decide how you want your gift SPLIT between Current Expense and Benevolence
4) Decide what interval you plan to give by, i.e. weekly, monthly, or annually
5) Sign your Pledge Card

Envelopes Anyone?

In order to save money and minimize unused envelopes, we are changing the way we purchase and provide envelopes to the congregation.

1) Do you WANT envelopes? If so, you will receive envelopes based on the interval marked on your Pledge Card. For example, if you pledge on a weekly basis, you will receive 52 dated envelopes. If you pledge on a monthly basis, you will receive 12 dated envelopes. Etc. You will also receive 12 envelopes labeled Fellowship Fund/Communion.
2) Do you NOT WANT envelopes? If your bank mails a check to the church, or you always give by check, then you may choose to NOT receive envelopes. We will assign you an NE number (No Envelope) and will closely track your giving that way. Any departures from your normal split can be noted on your check or an attached note.

From Service to Others…

Five Rivers Outing

Join us for an autumn walk/hike on Saturday, November 9 at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar. We will meet at the Center at 1:00 pm. There are trails for all levels and ages, and related displays in the Visitor Center. Service to Others Commission will provide a hot beverage and snack. Directions are on the website (www.dec.ny.gov/education/1835.html) and brochures will be by the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. (NH)

An Opportunity to Serve

If you have recently arrived in this country, have limited English skills, and you don't have a car, how do you get your family out to the Homeland Security office in Latham to complete necessary documents? This is one of the problems facing several of our brothers and sisters in the Karen Baptist Church. There are also the issues of navigating through the Social Service system and medical appointments.

You can help! If you have any times when you can be available to drive people (even if it's only one afternoon a week), would you be willing to join the pool of possible drivers/companions?

ALSO we will also need one person who can coordinate volunteers with needs. This person would keep a list of each volunteer's availability. When someone calls with a need, he/she can match them up with a volunteer.

If you are willing to be the coordinator (you never have to leave your home!), or if you can be on call as a driver, please call the church office (465-5161) or speak to Marilyn Malone or Kathy Donley for more information. (MM)

A Message from the Benevolence Treasurer

The total received to date for the World Mission Offering is $744.15. Last year the total at the end of the year was $797, which included a December contribution of $100. Thank you to all who contributed. (KM)

Remember the Food Pantry

November: toothpaste

Deadline for the December issue of *the MOSAIC* is November 18.

NOVEMBER 17 -- A DAY FULL OF MISSION!

Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Buttry is the Global Consultant for Peace and Justice with International Ministries of the American Baptist Churches. He has pastored two churches in the United States and for nine years directed the Peace Program for the ABC. Since 2003 he has served in his current position helping Christians around the world to be more effective peacemakers, including in inter-religious conflicts. He has conducted conflict transformation trainings around the world, including **Karen refugee camps in Thailand**, and in a few situations has been part of mediation teams between armed groups. He has written a number of books on topics such as church renewal, preaching and peacemaking, including *Blessed Are the Peacemakers* and *Peace Warrior: A Memoir from the Front.* His wife Sharon Buttry is an urban minister with Acts 29 Fellowship in Hamtramck, Michigan where they live and part-time Global Consultant for Community Transformation with International Ministries. They were co-founding members of Hamtramck's interfaith group, The Common Word Alliance. Dan and Sharon have 3 adult children.

Join us for any or all these events on Sunday, November 17:

10:00 a.m. Worship -- We will be joined in worship by the Karen Baptist Church of Albany. The congregation will sing hymns together in both Karen and English at the same time. We will enjoy music by both the Karen choir and Emmanuel's choir. Dan will preach in English and be translated into Karen.

11:30 a.m. Adult Education -- Dan will share stories of his work as an ABC missionary and be available for conversation and our questions. in the parlor.

3:30 p.m. CABA Meeting -- This is the annual meeting of the Capital Area Baptist Association which is the smallest unit of our denominational life. Come to hear what CABA is doing and their possibilities for a new sense of mission and vision. This is a significant way to meet sisters and brothers from ABC churches in our area and to offer hospitality. This time will include business and worship. Three of our members, Mark Chaffin, Tony Malone, and Kathy Moore, serve on the CABA Advisory Board. Speak to one of them for more information.

5:00 p.m. Dinner. 5:00 p.m. Dinner Entree choice of chicken casserole or a vegetarian option. Cost is $10 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Sandy Rogers in the CABA office at 518-374-0288 or email abcnyseast@yahoo.com The registration deadline is November 8.

6:00 p.m. Dan Buttry speaking on **"Living Well With Our Diversity"** He will explore the conflict dynamics related to our differences and how we can act transformatively with those differences so as to make more peaceful and just communities.

The Capital Area Council of Churches
35th Annual Ecumenical Musical Celebration
November 3, 3:00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Church
391 Delaware Ave., Albany 12209
Everyone welcome!
Free will offering to benefit CACC ministries
Refreshments served after the program
Call 462-5450 for information or directions.

Unplug the Christmas Machine
November 2, from 1:00-5:00
at Pastor Kathy's home

This half-day workshop is designed to help participants create a more joyful, less stressful holiday season. It addresses questions like *How can I reduce the stress of preparing for Christmas? How can I make my celebration more spiritual and less materialistic? How can I help my children see that Christmas is about more than just presents?* The workshop will include individual exercises to clarify personal values and to make a Christmas plan, as well as time to pool insights and share wisdom. *Unplug the Christmas Machine* will be offered on

Autumn Concert
7:30 p.m. Saturday, November 9th
Heidi Skok, Teressa Mannix, mezzo-sopranos
with Deborah Rocco, soprano
Will Hayes, cello
Michael Clement, piano
at Emmanuel Baptist Church
Admission Free/Donations Appreciated
Information: 518-377-0930

Felix Mendelssohn's Oratorio *Elijah*
A story of one man's faith and God's faithfulness
The Emmanuel Baptist Church Choir
and
Guest Artists
Directed by Michael Clement
Sunday, November 24th at 1:30 pm
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Albany
(518) 465-5161
Admission Free/Donations Appreciated

The Family of Ed Wong is grateful to God for his life and for your friendship and your kindness and prayers. ~ Lucy Wong

Emmanuel would like to thank Lucy Wong for her donation of a transportation chair and walker to the church. These items are available for use during the time you are at church, or for short term loan if you need them for your personal use. Contact a member of the Caring and Fellowship Commission if you need more information. (BL)

Another Note of Appreciation

My deep gratitude for the unanticipated and most appreciated surprise (9/29) in the congregation's honoring my 15th anniversary of ordained ministry. This complements a similar period of unordained ministry for some 25yrs of following God's ongoing call to serve in a variety of ministry settings. Thank you for your continuing support as my fellow ministers and friends at Emmanuel.

~ Mark Chaffin

Men's Gathering Scheduled

Emmanuel men are invited to meet for lunch at the Latham 76 Diner at 11:45 on Wednesday, Nov. 6 . If you plan to attend, please contact Bob Hunziker or Roy Mallory so adequate seating can be arranged. Hope to see you there!

Church Office Closed:
November 28 & 29

Notice of Meetings…

November 5 ~ Coordinating Council @ church: 5:30 pm
10 ~ Diaconate & Celebration Lunch
17 ~ Mission Day: Dan Buttry, guest preacher and CABA Meeting at EBC

Choir Vistis Nursing Homes

The Choir will share their gift of music at Delmar Place on Saturday, November 9; rehearsal at 9:30, program at 10:00. This special ministry brings joy to residents and staff alike. If you have questions, you may contact Michael Clement or Pat Hunziker.

Entertainment Books are Here!

The cost this year is only $25 per book and profits will be used for "Span the Gap" (to lessen the budget deficit). Speak with Marilyn Malone if you are interested.

Happy Birthday…

November

Elaine Bird	5th
Judith Henningson	8th
Jon Stroebel	13th
Heather LaBarge	14th
Deb Jameson	15th
Bowden Wise	20th
Roy Mallory	21st
Pat Campbell	22nd
Amy Palmer	26th
Walter Spoor	28th

If your birthday is not published in our monthly listing, please notify Dorothy at 465-5161.

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