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Pastoral Ponderings

Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front



*Love the quick profit, the annual raise,
vacation with pay. Want more
of everything ready-made. Be afraid
to know your neighbors and to die.
And you will have a window in your head.
Not even your future will be a mystery
any more. Your mind will be punched in a card
and shut away in a little drawer.
When they want you to buy something
they will call you. When they want you
to die for profit they will let you know.*

*So, friends, every day do something
that won't compute. Love the Lord.
Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it.
Denounce the government and embrace
the flag. Hope to live in that free
republic for which it stands.
Give your approval to all you cannot
understand. Praise ignorance, for what man
has not encountered he has not destroyed.*

*Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias.
Say that your main crop is the forest
that you did not plant,
that you will not live to harvest.
Say that the leaves are harvested
when they have rotted into the mold.
Call that profit. Prophecy such returns.*

*Put your faith in the two inches of humus
that will build under the trees
every thousand years.
Listen to carrion – put your ear
close, and hear the faint chattering
of the songs that are to come.
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts.
So long as women do not go cheap
for power, please women more than men.
Ask yourself: Will this satisfy
a woman satisfied to bear a child?
Will this disturb the sleep
of a woman near to giving birth?*

*Go with your love to the fields.
Lie down in the shade. Rest your head
in her lap. Swear allegiance
to what is nighest your thoughts.
As soon as the generals and the politicians
can predict the motions of your mind,
lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go. Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection.*

from *The Country of Marriage*,
by Wendell Berry, © 1973



We are still in the church season called Eastertide. In his commentary on the book of Acts, William Wilimon writes, “The most eloquent testimony to the reality of the resurrection is . . . a group of people whose life together is so completely changed from the way the world builds a community, that there can be no explanation other than that something decisive has happened in history.” How is our life together shaped by resurrection? In what ways do we bear witness to the transforming power of God in Christ? I would love to hear about your favorite ways to practice resurrection.

Peace,

Kathy

Celebrating Our Children

Sundays in May

Don't miss these special worship services!

*During May, we celebrate the life of Emmanuel's children.
They will be providing leadership for various aspects of worship.*

- **May 6:** After several conversations about the windows in the sanctuary, the Junior Class worked together to create a mock stained glass window of their own. A special part of worship on May 6 will include a class presentation explaining the Bible stories and ideas which informed their creation.
- **May 13:** Children will join the Emmanuel Singers to provide the morning anthem.
- **May 20:** The Godly Play class will tell the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in story, action and song. You are invited to wear red – the traditional color for the Spirit.



Mark your Calendar...

Pulpit Guests Scheduled for two Sundays

May 13: Heather Kirk-Davidoff is a new neighbor of Emmanuel Baptist Church. She and her husband Dan moved to Albany in June 2017 and purchased a house on Dove Street. Heather began volunteering at the FOCUS Breakfast Express program in the fall and went on to become the Wednesday Chaplain for the Winter Breakfast program. Heather was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1994 and has served congregations in Massachusetts and Maryland as well as led an interfaith organization and a non-profit devoted to ending homelessness in Howard County, MD. She and Dan are the parents of three college students (twins Paul and Isaac and daughter Rosa) and an adult foster daughter (Kara).



May 20: Joe Paparone is the Lead Organizer with the Labor-Religion Coalition of NYS and a statewide coordinating committee member with the NYS Poor Peoples Campaign. Formerly the Advocacy Coordinator with the FOCUS Churches of Albany, Joe's vocation is to develop and support people of faith in their pursuit of justice and liberation for all. He is currently an ordination candidate with the Mennonite Church, USA. He lives in Albany with his wife Lesley, and in their free time they enjoy walking their dogs and finding well-reviewed vegan restaurants in various cities.

Last Men In Aleppo

Sunday, May 27

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Winner, 2017 Sundance World Cinema
Grand Jury Prize for Documentary*

Film Synopsis: After five years of war in Syria, the remaining citizens of Aleppo are getting ready for a siege. Through the eyes of volunteer rescue workers called the White Helmets, *Last Men in Aleppo* allows viewers to experience the daily life, death, and struggle in the streets, where they are fighting for sanity in a city where war has become the norm.

From the director, Feras Fayyad: "This film is a story about hope, and it is an attempt to study our humanity and shared responsibility when faced with mindless, irrational killing," said Fayyad. "I saw this with the White Helmets, whose heroism did not discriminate between civilians and aggressors. Covering their efforts also allows us to show the world the devastating toll of the Syrian civil war. The White Helmets' rescue efforts cannot be a permanent solution to this crisis. It is our hope that this film motivates people to stop this tragedy altogether, begin peace talks in Syria and help those civilians out of these disaster zones."

Join us in the parlor for our final adult educational opportunity of the Sunday School year. The film is an hour and a half and we might want to talk about it afterwards, so class will last longer than usual. Bring a sack lunch or a snack.



From Service to Others...



CROP WALK – MAY 6

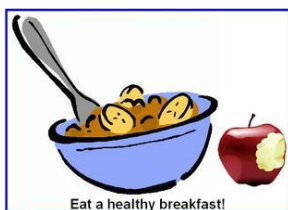
The 38th Annual Albany CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th. 25% of all funds raised by the Capital Region CROP Hunger Walks goes to local food pantries and soup kitchens. More than 40,000 people in our region use local free meal programs to provide adequate food for their families. 75% of the funds help support the work of Church World Service (CWS) and its partners for hunger relief and development projects around the world.

The walk begins and ends at First Lutheran Church (on Western Avenue between Quail and Lake). Registration starts at 12:30 pm, and the walk officially steps off at 1:30pm. You can choose the 3 mile loop with rest stops, or the "Golden Mile".

There is still time to sign up to walk or to sponsor one of the Emmanuel team. Speak with Nancy Horan. NOTE: Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP.

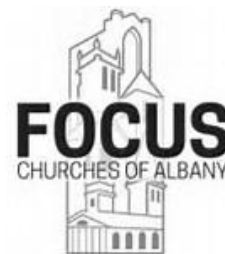


The Service to Others Commission supports meal programs of both the Overflow Shelter and Interfaith Shelter during the winter months. Special thanks is extended to all who have generously donated food, time and financial support to this ministry.



Volunteers Needed

In the spring and summer months, FOCUS operates **Breakfast Express** at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 a.m. This a simpler meal than what is offered during Winter Breakfast. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in serving, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Belinda in the FOCUS office, 443-0460 or belindaq@focuschurches.net



Remember the Food Pantry...

May: razors & conditioner



CELEBRATE PRIDE...

SUNDAY, JUNE 10



Parade Line-up at 11 a.m.

*EBC representatives will be there to hold a place;
Come and join us after church!*

Parade Steps off at Noon

Festival continues (music, food, vendors, people-watching) until 5 pm

Speak with Andrea Carver or Ruth Pushee for more information.



Open House at Pathfinder Lodge

June 2, 10:00 to 3:00

Rain or Shine

Free lunch, tours, crafts, campfire, fun and fellowship

Questions? Speak with Marilyn Malone or other member of CGD

**Pathfinder is in Cooperstown, NY on County Route 31, East Lake Rd. between 20 & 28
(607) 547-2300**



**TRAINING FOR CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION
TRAINERS**

Central Baptist Theological Seminary

Shawnee, Kansas, USA

August 7-16, 2018

With Dan and Sharon Buttry

Inaugural program of the Buttry Center for Peace and Nonviolence at CBTS

Dan and Sharon share their toolkit of conflict transformation and peace-making skills in this 10-day intensive training, focusing on the following topics: conflict analysis, conflict resolution, personal conflict styles, dealing with diversity in conflict, power issues, nonviolent struggle, strategizing for campaigns, trauma and trauma healing, reconciliation, practical issues for peacemaking over the long-haul, and experiential education principles, methodologies and practices.

The training will have a specifically Christian focus, utilizing Bible studies for many of the topics. The TCTT is what we call the “grad school of the university of the streets.” The registration fee is \$700, which includes double room accommodations in nearby Overland Park, meals for the ten days of the training, training materials, local transportation to and from the airport, group activities, and other training-related expenses. Registration deadline is June 1. Space is limited. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Kathy for more information and a registration form.



PATHFINDER CAMP WISH LIST

HEALTH LODGE

Medical or sport tape
Shower curtains
Rubber or latex gloves
Hand sanitizer
4×4 gauze
large bandaids

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Life jackets – vest style (any size)
Canoe paddles
Canoes, kayaks
Rope
Tents
Volleyballs
Kick balls
Water shoes (all sizes)
Dive-quality masks & fins (adult sizes)

FOOD ITEMS

Cake & brownie mixes
Bisquick
Minute rice
Pasta
Peanut butter & jelly/Nutella
Peanuts
Chocolate chips
Raisins
Flour
Salt
Sugar
Kool-Aid mix (lg containers)
Bottled water (Gallon)

FURNITURE

Sturdy dressers
End tables/night stands
Card tables (folding)

PAPER GOODS

Paper towels
Toilet paper (white, single ply)
Napkins
Paper plates (heavy duty)
Cups cold (7-9 oz)
Paper muffin cups
Plastic forks
Zip lock bags – all sizes

MAINTENANCE

Paint brushes (including disposable)**
Brooms**
Rakes & shovels
Sponge mops**
Dehumidifiers**
Indoor Lightbubs

OTHER KITCHEN ITEMS

Liquid dish soap
Liquid hand soap

CRAFTS & PROGRAM

Construction paper, card stock
Beading thread or wire, esp. elastic cord
Glitter, sequins, ribbons, trims
Tape: masking, cellophane, duct **
Colored sand
Fabric dye
White T-shirts
Clay
Boondoggle
Ink pads
Old candles
Tulip Tie Dye

Unused birthday or note cards, with envelopes
Gift Cards to: Price Chopper, Stewarts Shops,
Home Depot, Lowe's Tops, Ace Hardware,
Hannaford, Walmart

Join us for...

**Interfaith Center
Closing Event
Saturday, May 19
6:00-9:00 pm**

Please join us as we share the end of an era, as we honor the work that has been done and mark the closing of the building. Rev. Sandy J. Damhof
518-489-8573 x 26 (office) 518-495-0029 (cell)



**Work Day Scheduled
May 19**

9 to Noon

light lunch provided

A variety of tasks will be tackled.

Won't you come and lend a hand?



Please Note...

Congregational Informational

Session &

Commission Meetings

May 20 after worship

Coordinating Council

May 21, 5:30

Music at Emmanuel Presents

BAROQUE PEARLS

May 19, 5 pm

Rose Hunsberger, soprano

Irina Tikhonenko, mezzo-soprano

Michael Clement, piano



Music of Purcell, Vivaldi, Handel Monteverdi
Admission free / Donations appreciated
Information: mclement14@nycap.rr.com

A Note from Tammy Skinner...

"I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for your kindness and thoughtful words as well as all the prayers for myself and my daughter, Tiffany through the good and the bad. Prayers work, and I always believed very much in them. I now, by the grace of God, have a healthy daughter and a very healthy grandson. I'm sincerely thankful to everyone and proud to be a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church."

Looking Ahead

**PEACE LAB
AN EMMANUEL
RETREAT AT
PATHFINDER**

Thursday, August 2 to

Sunday, August 5

For all ages!! Bring your friends!

Registration fee of \$55 includes all meals. Housing is available starting at \$50 per night for a cabin that sleeps 8 people. More information and registration forms are available on the Pathfinder Camping display in fellowship hall.

Happy Birthday

Kaw Gay Hei

1st

Laeh Paw

5th

Sydney Klope

10th

Beth Malone

11th

Neeqa Din

15th

Ericka Silverman

21st

Noah Silverman

22nd

David Malone

23rd



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

**Deadline for the June issue
of the MOSAIC: May 18
Church Office Closed
May 28**

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