

THE MOSAIC

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Pastoral Ponderings



After several years as a minister, I finally realized that October was often the busiest month of my year. It took me a long time to see that because I expected that Advent or Lent would be busy, and they are, but somehow October tops even December. After I realized this, at first I started to dread the hustle of October. Now I finally have learned to embrace it.

Autumn has long been my favorite season. I delight in crisp days, the ever-changing beauty of fall foliage, orange pumpkins in fields, and apples, apples, apples here in upstate New York. Even as the earth gives up fruit for harvest and readies herself for a long winter's nap, we at Emmanuel are moving forward, recharged after a summer slow-down.

As this newsletter goes to press, we are anticipating the start of a Homework Helpers ministry at the beginning of October. This is in response to a concern from Karen parents who cannot read English and feel limited in the academic help they can provide for their children. Jim Wilkerson has been asked to coordinate this effort which will take place two afternoons per week in our fellowship hall. If you have not yet volunteered and want to help, talk with Jim or call the church office.

We launched the children's Sunday School program on September 7. We have classes for every age from the nursery to high school. Two of our classes (Juniors and Youth) are using new-to-us curricula which the Christian Growth Commission found after an intensive search. In every age group, at least one adult who was not previously teaching has stepped forward to volunteer. Children from the Karen Baptist Church have also accepted our invitation to participate in Sunday School at EBC. This is an exciting part of our discipleship journey. Those who are called teachers and those who are called students will learn a lot from each other.

Adult Education will resume with Bible study at 1:00 on Wednesdays and classes at 11:30 every Sunday except the Sunday when diaconate is meeting. The Contemporary Christian Concerns Class meets in the parlor. Sessions in the works now include a study on Jesus

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parables within Matthew's gospel, a guest speaker on prison justice, and Christian practices around community, worship and money and several other possibilities. The Family Matters class, led by Tony and Marilyn Malone will meet in the library at 11:30 on October 5, November 2 and November 30.

A first for me is an October vacation. I will be taking a week off to visit college campuses around the Northeast as Erin decides whether to transfer next year. I'm looking forward to enjoying the fall beauty in various places on that trip. October is a great month at Emmanuel. Keep reading to find more opportunities for joy.



Blessings,
Kathy



Saints Alive! Living Generously will be our stewardship theme for the month of October. Through personal stories, scripture, and sermons, we will remind ourselves that spiritual growth often comes as we respond with gratitude to God's work in our lives. We will celebrate the ministries at Emmanuel that offer healing and hope and transformation in the love of Jesus Christ. Those ministries happen to the extent that we share our gifts – investing our personal energy, time and our tithes and offerings. We will explore reasons to give for the future, ways to give in the present, and gratitude for gifts from those saints who've gone on before us. Watch your mail and weekly bulletins for more ways to participate.

Service of Installation

*You are cordially invited to a Service of Worship celebrating
the Installation of Peter John Bodden Carman*

as Pastor of

Emmanuel Baptist/Friedens United Church of Christ

218 Nott Terrace, Schenectady NY 12307

4:00 PM Sunday, October 12, 2014

Reception following

This is an opportunity to renew our relationship with Emmanuel-Friedens and celebrate the beginning of a new chapter there. Pastor Kathy will offer the charge to Rev. Peter Carman and the congregation during this installation.

From Service to Others...



World Mission Offering to be Received

“Come over to Macedonia and help us!” This was the plea to the apostle Paul. Acts 16:9-10 tells the story of how Paul saw a vision of a man saying just those words, and immediately set out for Macedonia. He didn’t know what would happen when he got there, but the call was strong and Paul followed it.

Today, there are still many people crying, “come over and help us!” Whether it is Asia, Central America, India, or other places, American Baptists are responding, “we’re coming!” ABC International Ministries have sent missionaries into more than seventy countries, where they do everything from improving agricultural practices to establishing schools, all the while proclaiming the Good News.

But, these dedicated people can’t do it alone...and that’s where we come in. Donations to the World Mission Offering help run all these projects and retain missionaries where they are most needed. Your donation, big or small, will enable ABC International Ministries to continue the good work of sending and keeping missionaries in the field.

We will receive the World Mission Offering on October 5, 12 and 19. “Come over and help us!” is the cry, missionaries are responding, and we have the opportunity to help. Please consider how you will answer this call.



WANTED: 18 to 29 year olds

Hungry for Justice Meet-Ups

Sponsored by FOCUS

Want to raise your voice on the issue of hunger in the community? Join us for a series of 4 “Meet Ups” framed by the issue of hunger. This is an opportunity to network, learn about what’s happening in anti-hunger advocacy and how you can participate. The series of “meet ups” will include an open platform for discussion and group-directed activities. If you wish to plug into this work, mark your calendar for the following meet-ups:

September 25, 6:30-7:30: Networking Meet-Up (Dinner provided)

October 9, 6:30-7:30: “A Place at the Table”, film viewing and discussion (dinner provided)

October 23, 6:30-7:30: The Front Lines ~ Anti-Hunger Advocacy 101 (dinner provided)

November 6, 6:30-7:30: Dinner Provided To RSVP contact Beth at FOCUS 443-0460

Winter Breakfast Volunteer Orientation

Are you ready? The FOCUS Winter Breakfast Volunteer orientation is set for October 28, 2014, 5:30-7:30pm. All current, past, and prospective volunteers who plan to volunteer in this program are asked to attend this important training and info-session. It will include news on the upcoming season from staff, a light dinner, and a presentation on nonviolent communication. We hope that you will join us.

The first day of Winter Breakfast will be November 4, 2014. Please RSVP to Beth to let us know if you will be attending the dinner and/or the training. Thank you! (518) 463-0460



Mission from the Gospels

What if the gospels were written primarily as instructional manuals for the early church? What if each gospel was written in an interesting story-telling form to teach the early church, not only who Jesus was and what he did, but also what the church is and what it is called to do? In other words...

What if the gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, each set about to teach early Christians, what it means to be the church on mission with God? If that were the case, we also might learn what it means to be on mission with God in our own communities and beyond!

ABC/NYS is offering a new learning experience that will equip us to bring together what we hear in scripture and what we do in our lives. It is called "Mission from the Gospels." An introductory session is being offered at the Region office in Jamesville on October 24-25. Emmanuel has funds available to help with the \$60 registration fee if needed. Registration forms are on the table in fellowship hall. Marilyn Malone has already indicated that she will be attending.

FAMILY MATTERS – 2014-2015

The Faith of Our Children: We All Have a Role

Every generation brings important components to each individual's faith development. How do we share our Christian experience and learn from each other? And how do we, as parents, grandparents, friends and fellow Christians disciple the children in our congregation?

Resources: Generations Together by Amidei, Merhaut, & Roberto; Confident Teens by Gael Lindenfield; Deuteronomy 11:20

All sessions take place at 11:30-12:30 in the Church Library or the Choir room.

October 5, 2014

Faith development from generation to generation

Review the rule book jointly and frequently (moral code)

November 2, 2014

Be a Leader (all adults are leaders)

Model; Envision future; Challenge; Enable; Encourage

November 30, 2014

Listen three times as much as you talk

Give honest & focused feedback

January 4, 2015

Intergenerational session: Questions from our kids

March 1, 2015

Be a safety net not a security blanket

Be a predictable parent rather than a best friend

March 29, 2015

Go for your own goals & dreams

May 3, 2015 - TBD

May 31, 2015 – TBD





Harvest Costume Festival Saturday, October 25

Come join us as we celebrate Fall with costumes, food, games, and fun!

Dinner of 'Mini Mummy Dogs' and juice will be at 5:30 with a costume parade to follow. Then, let the games and activities begin! All of the fun will end by 7:30.

We ask that each family attending bring an item to be a part of dinner (and if it is "Halloween-themed", it just adds to the fun!) There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall so that we can plan to have enough "mummies" for everyone. All children and adults are invited to come and be a part of ALL of the activities! See you there!

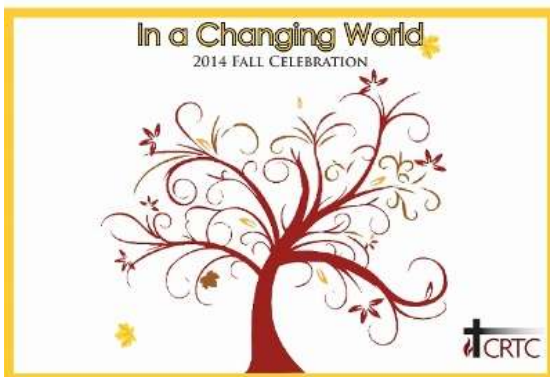
Deadline for the November issue of the MOSAIC is October 18.

From the Church Office

As we begin a new program year, it seems a good time to remind you of our printing schedules so that activities, meetings and news can be disseminated in a timely fashion.

The bulletin is done early in the week, and the announcement sheets are generally run mid-week. Information should be submitted to Dorothy by noon on Wednesdays.

Some time ago, Coordinating Council determined that the deadline for the *MOSAIC* would be the 18th of each month. We implemented that plan, and it works well, allowing ample time for editing and mailing. (Yes, some people still enjoy the "snail" mailed copy!) Our goal is to utilize these communication tools to their best advantage so that everyone is well informed. Your cooperation is appreciated.



It's that time of year again! The time has arrived for Capital Region Theological Center 12th Annual Anniversary Dinner and Fall Celebration. Guest Speaker: Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

Join us for great Music, Food, Fellowship & Fun! We'll enjoy hor d'oeuvres, a silent auction, dinner and a short program as we greet long-standing friends and colleagues and make new acquaintances.

The event will be hosted at the Glen Sanders Mansion on October 6th, 2014 from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. Come individually or host a table and bring your friends, family, colleagues, and congregation members. Individual: \$90.00 Table Host (includes 8-person table): \$500

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 in the church parlor. Join us as we explore the lectionary passage for each week. If you have any questions, you may contact Marilyn Malone. Hope to see you there!

Notice of Meetings...

October 7 ~ Coordinating Council @ church
19 ~ Diaconate & Quarterly Congregational Mtg.

Next **Work Day** will be **Saturday October 25th** from 9 to Noon. Corporate Management would like to have Emmanuel 'buttoned down' for the cold weather to come. Many hands make the work easier. Lunch to follow! (TL)



Dear Pastor Kathy and Members of Emmanuel Baptist Church:

Thank you so much for allowing us to use the space in your fellowship hall to host a First Friday dance performance. We were so grateful to still be able to go forward with the show after a last minute scheduling issue at Westminster. The beautiful space and very modern facilities were a great place to be.

The attendance was 100 people, and we handed out flyers about the church in the program. Hopefully, you will have some guests at the event as visitors!

Please especially thank Tom Lahut for his gracious hosting.

Emmanuel is a very special place. Thanks for letting us get to know you more.

Warmly,
Leah Bojnouski and the
Westminster First Friday Committee

Women's Lunch Planned

The Emmanuel Women's lunch will be held on Thursday, October 9 at Normanside Country Club. We will gather at 11:45 a.m. If you can join us, please call Gail Hill or Betty Mallory by October 7 so that adequate seating can be arranged.



**Church Office Closed:
October 13**

Entertainment Books are here again. The cost is \$25, and profits will help to "span the gap". Remember, the books make great gifts! See Marilyn Malone to purchase a copy.

**Remember the
Food Pantry**

**October:
deodorant**

Happy Birthday...

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| Chris Moaton | | 1 st |
| MarilynMalone | | 6 th |
| Jim Woodard | | 6 th |
| Warren Burton | | 6 th |
| Bien Baez | | 11 th |
| Adam Barelski | | 14 th |
| Taylor Stroebel | | 16 th |
| Bernie Kennedy | | 20 th |
| Madeline Green | | 23 rd |
| Heather Green | | 28 th |

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



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