

Good News

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**Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Emanuel's mission is to witness
to the good news of salvation through Christ to individuals, the community
and the world through discipleship and service.**

My walk in faith is totally different than yours!

I began my childhood by being baptized, attending Sunday School and church services each week...oh, so did you?

I have the greatest parents, children and grandchildren that all live in the same town...oh, so do you?

I love to sing hymns that I have memorized...oh, so do you?

The music in our church captivates my heart and at times brings me to tears because it is wonderful...oh, it does yours too?

I witness to people I work with and discuss the importance of religion in my life...oh, you have too?

I can sing and play an instrument...oh, you do too?

I can sit in church on Sunday and think to myself, "Wow, that wonderful sermon was just for me"...oh, so do you?

I am blessed to have memories of my siblings that I would fight with, share with and love...oh, so do you?

I have had good days and bad days, good things happen and bad things happen in my life, only to find that God is right beside me...oh, you have too?

I have walked down many roads, only to find a fork in the road and asked God to show me the way...oh, you have too?

I have given to the poor, the hungry and the homeless...oh, so have you?

It is nice to share a handshake, a smile or a tear with someone in the next pew...oh, you did too?

I am thankful that I am able to contribute financially to our beautiful church...oh, so are you?

I pray for the sick, the troubled and the blessings in families...oh, so do you?

I have given my time and my talent to better the church, and I know I need to do more...oh, so do you?

I am proud to be a Lutheran and what we stand for, and I love the freedom to have my own opinion on controversial or non-controversial issues...oh, so are you?

I am not afraid to pray in public, or recite the Pledge of Allegiance to God...oh, neither are you?

I depend on the power of prayer and reading the Bible...oh, so do you?

I am proud to be a member of our congregation. It is my home, my steadfast, my daily bread.

So are we different? We look different, we think different, we work different jobs, we have different families, but we are all children of God. Let's walk in faith together and take the road that leads us home.

I thank you members of Emanuel for sharing the love of God with me!!

Peggy Syde

Would you like to receive your newsletter earlier than having it delivered by the post office? Would you also like to help the church save some money on paper and postage?

Then sign up to receive your newsletter by email. You will need Adobe Reader to do this (available free for download at adobe.com).

If you would like to join our many members who already receive their monthly mail in this way, just leave your request and your email address in the church office.

Also...did you know the newsletter is also available on our website: www.emanuelpoleon.org. Check it out sometime!

from the Congregational Life Board

Coffee Hour/Fellowship

Thank you to all who participated in our fellowship hour following our Sunday services this summer. It's always fun to chat with our Emanuel "family" members and of course, we REALLY liked the goodies so many volunteers helped provide!

5th Sunday Gathering

We will observe our 5th Sunday Gathering by participating with the Board of Education in the Rally Day celebration on August 29. Be ready to sing some of the familiar Sunday School songs we all sang, young and old! Kids, bring your back packs for the "Back Pack Blessing"! Installation of Sunday School teachers will be held. And, EVERYONE! Be ready for the "make your own sundae" bar to be held in the basement following the Sunday church service! LET'S RALLY!

Fair Float

Thanks to all who helped with the Fair Float this year. Special kudos to Carol Castello for her tireless energy in planning, building, and making it all happen! (We received the 3rd place ribbon this year! Congratulations!)

Nativity Walk

Please mark your calendars for the first Sunday of Advent, November 28. And be thinking about your contribution for helping make this event a great success. We will need nativity scenes, ornaments, pictures, books – anything depicting the nativity for display. We will need these items by October 31 in order to plan the displays accordingly. More info to come!

Caring Corner

Thank you to all for your generous school supply donations. These items are greatly needed and appreciated.

During September we will be collecting items for the Lutheran Home. Items requested include nail polish (rose, pink, red), polish remover, scented lotions, stationery, bingo prizes (cheezy crackers, gum, puff popcorn, Little Debbie's, body spray, candy, sugar-free items, jello and pudding cups).

Financial Update from Church Council

Our roof loan will be paid off by early September, so Emanuel is now debt free! For those who wish to continue contributing to the building fund, you may continue to do so, and those funds will be segregated from general operating funds and earmarked for future capital needs.

Council would also like to make everyone aware that over the last 18 months, contributions to the general operating fund have not been able to keep up with our operating expenses, and our operating fund balance in turn has slowly been reduced. We ask that you prayerfully consider assisting in improving and maintaining our operating fund balance.

Special dates

- Labor Day, September 6, 2010
- Patriot Day (remembrance of Sept. 11), September 11, 2010
- National Grandparents Day, September 12, 2010
- First Day of Autumn, September 23, 2010

Only today

There are two days in every week about which we shouldn't worry.

One is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

The other day is tomorrow, with its possible adversities and blunders. Until its sun rises, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

That leaves only one day — today. Anyone can fight the battle of just one day. It is only when we add the burden of those two eternities — yesterday and tomorrow — that contentment will escape us.

Membership News

Birth Congratulations to Thomas Zwiebel and Malory Skiver on the birth of a son, Zachary Thomas Zwiebel on July 19. We look forward to Zachary's baptism in October.

Baptism Carmen Ann Rupp, born February 10, 2010, and the daughter of Chad & Tiffany Rupp, was baptized at Emanuel on August 6. Carmen's sponsors are Sydney Nofziger and Alex Nafziger.

Joshua Thomas Jenny, son of Christopher & Jennifer Jenny was baptized at Emanuel on August 15. Joshua's sponsors are Stan & Konnie George and Lisa Thayer.

Wedding Congratulations and God's blessings to Chad Rupp & Tiffany Ruby were married at Emanuel on August 7. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Transfer Welcome to Jennifer Snyder and children, Grace & Emma Rowland, who became new members of Emanuel on August 16.

Funerals Pastor Castello officiated at the funeral of Betty Cooper from Deshler on August 3.

✿ ✿ Jacob Dennis Fletcher was born on August 15, 2010 to Eric & Jamie Fletcher. Congratulations to them and to the proud grandmother, Deb Fletcher, and great grandmother, Mildred Miller!

WE APPRECIATE HEARING ABOUT YOUR FAMILY NEWS (BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, ETC.).

We would like to include your family's birthdays in our birthday prayers on Sundays, in which case we would need those names and dates. We would also like to know the names of all those family members serving in the military.

WELCA News

Rita Schweinhagen for the Board

ATENTION: Women of Emanuel
Hi ladies...there's a lot of stuff going on that you should know about. Our new Bible Study starts in September with the first Session being "Reading the Bible". The very first session objectives are to establish what make the Bible special. Check your calendars to see when you might be able to attend a circle meeting. We have one in the morning, one in the afternoon, and two in the evening. There's something for everyone. Please come join us.

On Thursday September 2, we will be having our General Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as this is the time to speak up and let us know what you expect of the Women of Emanuel...and what would make you want to attend our meetings. We will also be having our election of officers. If you don't attend our meetings, you can't complain about what we do, or what we spend our money on. Besides that we will have a program by Dora, "Laughter is Good Medicine", and great refreshments by the Martha Circle, our hostess circle.

On Saturday, September 25, we'll have our 12th Annual Filling Guild Decorated Table Luncheon. We'll be signing up people who wish to attend. St. Paul's will be providing the food (I hear they're planning on Baked Steak). Yum!

The Retreat this year will be on Saturday, October 9 at St. John's – Deshler. This is a nice casual meeting with all your friends in the Conference.

On Saturday, November 6, the Filling Fall Fling will be held from 11 to 4. Emanuel will be asked to help with the snacks. They will be having a Silent Auction, Live Auction, lots of wonderful food, and all kinds of wonderful surprises. Mark this on your calendars now so you won't forget.

Ladies, this is you organization...don't let it fall by the wayside like so many other things. Please join us for our General Meetings and also our Circle Meetings (you can never learn too much about the Bible).

And remember...God loves you and so do we.
-Rita Schweinhagen, for the Board

Thank you!

- Logan Brubaker from Boy Scout Troop 345 in Bowling Green would like to thank all members of the congregation for their generous donations of tattered and torn flags for his Eagle Scout Project. All flags will be given a proper retirement. Thanks again for our help and support.
- A special thanks to Pastor Castello for his many visits, comforting words and prayers during Don's battle with cancer. Thank you to Don Mitchell for his many visits, as my Don looked forward to them. Thank you for all the cards and prayers from our congregational family and friends.
-Carolyn Schmidlin
- Thank you for the Camp Mowana scholarship. I had so much fun again this year. I can't wait to go back next year.
-Ryan Kruse
- My week at camp Mowana was one of the best week of my life. From the Horseback riding to the challenge courses and crazy meal themes. I made a lot of freinds, we learned a bunch of alsome songs, camp mowana is an all around great place. Thank you, Emanuel, for helping me with a camp scholarship.
-Ryan Kohout
- The family members of Hildegarde K. Reiser would like to thank Pastor Castello for his visits and comforting prayers and the beautiful service for Mom. We also would like to thank the ladies of the church for the delicious lunch served; this was greatly appreciated and know would be pleased. It was nice to be back to our home church.
-Sincerely, Becky Stauffer
- "We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces afar beyond our capabilities..."

This is an excerpt from a prayer attributed to Archbishop Oscar Romero. These words describe what the SOLT Haiti Mission is about. We have, by the grace of The Lord and with your support, fed the hungry, housed the homeless and clothed the naked.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your support that helps our work bear much fruit. Your commitment to strengthening our community is sincerely appreciated. Your charity is a sign of your love that wants to heal the wounds of the poor.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1652.19...

-With a Blessing from My Heart, Fr. Glenn Meaux, SOLT, Priest-Servant-Director
www.solthaitimission.org

Back to School means Back to “Soul Food”!

With the start of another school year, it's time to start our weekly Wednesday “Soul Food” suppers, too, the first of which will be on Wednesday, September 8 with serving from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. There is no sign-up required, and everyone is welcome. This serves as your open and ongoing invitation to come and enjoy! We are STILL and always in need of help with this weekly gathering. We will need salads and desserts each week to “fill out” the menus (and fill up hungry stomachs!), and we will need help weekly with shopping or cooking or clean-up.

The weekly menus will be posted and on the bulletin board by the church office and by the kitchen, but are, as always, subject to change (sometimes things just don't work out, and plans have to be changed!).

Again, in case you've wondered, “Soul Food” is for everyone. You don't need to have kids in After-School Club or confirmation or be in the choir; you don't even need to be a member of Emanuel--you simply need an appetite on Wednesday evening. It is always our hope that we are feeding body and soul with the food and fellowship of these weekly meals. We are reaching out more to the community this year to welcome all who are in need. If you see someone you don't know, please greet them and welcome them. Offer to help them through the line and with the “routine” of the meal.

Ending Hunger, One Step at a Time Step up! We need you!

The 6th Annual Henry County CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 3, at Oakwood Park in Napoleon again this year. What's the point of walking? Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water, and fuel, and to take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence.

CROP Hunger Walks help fight hunger and poverty around the world, including the United States, and including here in Henry County. Up to 25% of what a CROP Hunger Walk raises can assist food banks, pantries, community gardens, and other local hunger-fighting initiatives. In the last 20 years, Walks have raised over \$264 million to assist those struggling to feed their families.

To become a Walker or to sponsor our Walkers, please contact Carol Castello (419) 592-0847.

News from around the Synod and the Community

12th Annual Festival of Tables

The annual Festival of Tables, sponsored by the Filling Home of Mercy Women's Guild, will be held on Saturday, September 25, at 12:00 noon (table preview - 11 a.m.) in the Filling Home Therapy Center. Lunch will be prepared and served by the women of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township. For information on becoming a hostess for the luncheon, please call Merna Homier (419.653.4473) or Kathleen Wiemken (419.758.3507) or the Filling Home (419-592-6451 ext. 1226). Deadline for hostessing a table is Friday, September 10.

6th Annual Filling Fall Fling

Mark your calendars now for the annual Filling Fall Fling which will be held on Saturday, November 6 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the campus of the Filling Home. There will be the usual menu of brats, hot dogs and hot chicken sandwiches, and homemade pies. Featured will be a bake sale, raffle, silent and live auction (which begins at 2 p.m.) and live entertainment (polka music). There will be also several vendors present. As the date nears, there will be a need for baked goods for the bake sale and pies for the luncheon. Watch for more details.

Turtle Fest

Come join the fun at the 12th Annual St. Augustine Turtle Fest, September 11 and 12 at the Henry County Fairgrounds in Napoleon. It all starts with a Poker Run during the day and mass at 4:30 on Saturday followed by an evening of Turtle Races and college football on the big screen along with casino games, kid's activities, plenty of burgers, brats and dogs. Sunday will feature mass at 10 a.m. BBQ Pork Loin and Swiss Steak dinners, kids activities, raffles, the Big Ticket Raffle drawing and, of course, Turtle Races until 4 p.m. Admission is free and the general public is welcome.

Camp Mowana Fall Festival and Benefit Auction

Sunday, October 3 is your opportunity to bring the entire family to Camp Mowana to enjoy autumn at its festive best! Enjoy live music, great food, hayrides, crafts and more. The Benefit Auction will feature handmade quilts, fine handcrafts, theme baskets and many other unique items. There will also be pony rides, a petting zoo, face-painting and pumpkin-carving for the kids. All proceeds will benefit summer camperships for deserving youth. Come out and enjoy the fun. Hours are from 12:30-5:30 p.m., with the Benefit Auction starting at 3:00 p.m. Mowana is located just north of Mansfield off US 42 on Fleming Falls Rd.

Divorce Care Seminar/Support Group and

DC4K program for Children of Families Experiencing Divorce and Separation

Divorce Care is a video seminar series featuring some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on divorce and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video. DC4K is designed to give children the tools to develop healthier relationships within their own families and to give each child of divorce hope for the future. Childcare is provided for children four and under. Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, September 15 - December 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Crossroads Evangelical Church, 845 E. Leggett Street, Wauseon, OH. Registration fee is \$15 (scholarships are available). Call 419-337-4776 with questions or to register.

Remember our members in nursing homes and assisted living facilities with prayers, cards, visits.

Lutheran Home (1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon)
Marge Gathman Paul Panning (Norma Strayer has returned home.)
Alfred "Petey" Ruetz Ted Titgemeyer
Alpine Village Assisted Living (1032 S. Perry, Napoleon)
Ruth M. Eickhoff (#410) Minnie Meineke (#306)
Country View Haven (R858 Co Rd 15, Napoleon)
Julia Arps (mailing address: 8271 Co Rd T Liberty Center, OH 43532)

Church Office Hours

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Friday

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Altar Guild Chairman - Barbara Hoffman
Custodian - Jack Robbins

Thursday night services

Thursday evening services (7:30 p.m.) will be held through
November 18. Holy Communion will be offered the 3rd Thursday
of the month.

Worship participants in September

Acolytes

(Sept. 5 - Taryn Conklin & Austin Damman)
8:00 - Taryn Conklin & Austin Damman
10:30 Hannah Plummer & Stephen Yunker

Lay Assistant

(Sept. 5 - Karri Ashbaugh)
8:00 Terry Hershberger
10:30 Karri Ashbaugh

Ushers

8:00 Ron Wiechers, Casey Callaway,
Doug Schwab, Terry Hershberger
10:30 Mark Tonjes, Ken Lange
Marv Mt.Castle, Karl Yunker

Altar Guild

Esther Dennie & Nancy Lange

Altar Flowers

September 5 - In celebration of the 12th birthday of Ryan Kohout
September 12 - In celebration of the 87th birthday of Larry Wiechers
September 19 - Terry & Ruth Hershberger in celebration of their 13th wedding anniversary
September 26 - Laura & Mike Kruse in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary
- Sosebee family in loving memory of Jim Sosebee

To reserve altar flowers...

Simply sign up on the flower chart in the narthex or call the church office. Our flowers are done by Ivy League Floral & Design Studio on West Washington Street. The cost is \$20. If you have *special* orders for your flowers (certain colors, a larger arrangement, etc.), they will be happy to serve you. Please contact Cori Ratliff at Ivy League for these special orders. If your order is beyond the \$20, please pay the shop directly.

***** We are recycling the used plastic containers that the altar flowers come in. They can be put in Angela's office. *****

Statistics

Thursdays

7/22 47 8/5 58
7/29 45 8/12 45

Sunday, July 25

attendance 160
\$3987
95 Bldg Fd
65 mem to Bldg Fd:
25 K.Yaney; 40 J.Damman
97 World Hunger
50 Good Sam Fd

Sunday August 1

attendance 160 communed 149
\$4735
310 Bldg Fd
25 World Hunger
100 mem to Video System: K.Yaney

Sunday, August 8

attendance 146 communed 126
\$5165
310 Bldg Fd
145 mem to Bldg Fd:
120 D.Schmidlin; 10 M.Dennis;
15 K.Yaney
32 World Hunger

Sunday, August 15

attendance 156
\$4158.05
75 Bldg Fd
35 mem to Bldg Fd: H.Reiser
50 Good Sam Fd
5 World Hunger

Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

Choir

A reminder to all choir members, we are having an end-of-the-summer party on Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the home of Douglas and Judy Hoffman located at O934 Co Rd 6A, near Napoleon. We will eat, play games, and practice some songs. Please bring your spouse or a friend and a dish to share.

Choir Practices

Choir practices will resume on Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. with a one-hour rehearsal in the sanctuary. Thinking of joining us? (We have a great time together!!) You can talk to Angela or just show up.

Worship Reminder

We will be back to two services each Sunday beginning on Sunday, September 12. Join us at 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. with communion at late church only. If you cannot join us on Sunday morning, Thursday evening worship will continue at 7:30 p.m. until Thanksgiving.

After School Club

Be watching the bulletin for information about After School Club. We will be meeting on Wednesdays beginning in October.

Video Taping

We are continuing to videotape the service each Sunday. You can get a copy from the box on the table in the overflow (no charge). We always need volunteers to run the camera!

Website Videos to Check Out

Go to youtube.com and search "Mommy Rhapsody" for a cute video about the joys of motherhood. For the dads, search for "Dad Life."

Closing thought...

Music is the art of thinking with sound. -Jules Combarieu