



## **Emmanuel United Methodist Church**

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Web Site: [WWW.FleetwoodUMC.org](http://WWW.FleetwoodUMC.org)

### **Happening in February 2019**

Sunday **February 3 - Worship** 10 am

Sunday **February 10 - Worship** 10 am

Wednesday **February 13<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm** Trustee Meeting

Thursday **February 14 - Youth to Winter Jam at the Santander**

Sunday **February 17 - Worship** 10 am, **SPRC meeting after worship**

Monday **February 19 - 6:30 pm** Administrative Board Meeting  
*Note new time!*

Sunday **February 24<sup>th</sup> - Worship** 10 am / **Noisy Can Offering**

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# **When Snow and/or Ice Happens on Sunday**

In the event of snow or ice, a decision to cancel worship will be made between 7-8 am on Sunday morning. Glenn Sanders, a trustee who lives in town will be in touch with the pastor and will notify Julie Knabb if travel is too risky. Julie will then post the information on **Channel 69 News on TV and send an email to all members on the list.** The closing information can also be accessed on the internet

at <http://www.wfmz.com/weather/stormcenter>. **Look under "E" for Emmanuel UMC Fleetwood**

If you do not see any closing information, you are welcome to call 610-944-8901 or text 610-733-9468 Julie directly.

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## **Pastor's Corner**

### **Our Eternal Salvation**

Our soul is worth more than the whole world and everything in it. Jesus says in Matthew 16:26, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his own soul?" Our soul is the part of us that is going to live on forever and ever throughout all eternity. Jesus says concerning eternity, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Matthew 25:46). This earthly life is so short, but eternity is forever and ever without end. God's word says, "Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even as a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14).

If you were to die today do you know for certain, without a doubt, that you

would go to Heaven? We will not accidentally go to Heaven. This is a question about which we cannot afford to be wrong. One day each of us will know the true answer to this question, "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Romans 14:10). Everyone of us have two appointments that have already been made for us and that we will definitely keep, whether we want to or not. They are, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). These two appointments: death and judgment cannot be canceled. We are told in Amos 4:12, "Prepare to meet your God". On Judgment Day we will be either prepared or unprepared. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. Let's make sure we are prepared to go to Heaven.

*Pastor Mark*

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***Repeat Information***

**Camp Innabah Summer Camp Info is Here!**

Registration for the summer camping season at Innabah starts January 1, 2019. They offer camping options for *ages 5yrs. - adults*. **They have family camping, grandparents camp, sports, music, drama, dance, fishing, science camps and so much more.** You can go online at <https://www.innabah.org/> or call #610-469-6111 for additional information. A brochure is posted on the church bulletin board or speak to our camp representative Ruth Fluharty.

Also **a woman's retreat is also planned** for the weekend of **March 15-17, 2019**, to be held at Camp Innabah in Spring City, PA in Chester County. Please see the bulletin board for details.

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## February Birthdays

February 10 – Catherine Lenhart

February 22 – Wayne Krueger

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## Prayer Concerns for January

Please remember the following members in prayer

**Bob Fluharty, Betty Homan, Jeff Knapp, Tammy Krueger, Catherine Lenhart, Dan & Sue Miller, Nancy O'Rourke, Eleanor Wolf**

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## SMILES FOR FEBRUARY

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

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There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

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While driving in Pennsylvania , a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"  
A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.  
"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.  
"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven.."

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

## **Time Gets Better With Age**

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**I've learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing "Silent Night." Age 5**

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**I've learned that our dog doesn't want to eat my broccoli either. Age 7**

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**I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. Age 9**

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**I've learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up again. Age 12**

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**I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. Age 14**

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**I've learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me. Age 15**

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**I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice. Age 24**

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**I've learned that brushing my child's hair is one of life's great pleasures. Age 26**

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**I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there. Age 29**

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**I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. Age 30**

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**I've learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it. Age 42**

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**I've learned that you can make someone's day by simply sending them a little note. Age 44**

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**I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others. Age 46**

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**I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies. Age 47**

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**I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on and it will be better tomorrow. Age 48**

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**I've learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours. Age 49**

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**I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone. Age 50**

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**I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. Age 51**

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**I've learned that keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of pills. Age 52**

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**I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die. Age 53**

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**I've learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life. Age 58**

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**I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. Age 62**

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**I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. Age 64**

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**I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. Age 65**

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**I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. Age 66**

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I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. Age 74

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I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch - holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. Age 76

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I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. Age 78

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I've learned that life is what you make it, and your life is much better when you make someone happy. Age 80+

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**Reminder:** The last Sunday of every month is Noisy Collection Day. Save your pocket change to make a joyful noise (in our cans.) The money goes into the Trustee's fund to offset minor repairs or purchases needed for the building. Thanks to all who contribute!

**Reminder - Newsletter Deadline**— If you have **articles or humor items for March's** Newsletter be sure to email them to Dick Tracy at [dtracy@ptd.net](mailto:dtracy@ptd.net) or call him at 610-207-2016 **not later than Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup>** . **I am always looking for articles/photos stories or jokes to include so PLEASE email me with anything you feel appropriate to share!**