



Emmanuel United Methodist Church

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Sunday Worship 10 AM; Sunday School 10 AM

Web Site: WWW.FleetwoodUMC.org

March 2017

This month's Schedule at Emmanuel

- Sunday, March 5 –** **Worship 10 AM**
Fellowship Following Worship
Youth B.L.A.S.T. In 11-1 Devotions,
Fellowship...
- Wednesday March 8 -** **Trustees Meeting 7 pm**
- Sunday, March 12-** **Worship 10 AM**
- Tuesday, March 21 -** **Administrative Council Meeting 7 pm**
- Sunday, March 19 -** **Worship 10 AM**
Chile Cook Off – 4 PM
- Sunday, March 26-** **Worship 10 AM**

Are You Ready to Say “I DO” Again

Apr 23 – Sunday afternoon.... *We're saying "I DO" again!* ... We are having a special event for those who would like to renew their Wedding Vows... It's a Sunday afternoon with light refreshments following the ceremony.... Please see Annette or Ruth Fluharty if you would like participate in this lovely event..

Pastor's Corner

Our Forgiving Of Others

Jesus in His teaching on prayer and in asking God to forgive us of our sins says, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15). Our forgiving others may be difficult, but it is essential if we want God to forgive us of our sins. If we aren't forgiven of God then our sins will separate us from God and we will be eternally lost.

In our striving to be Christ-like we are to try to have the same mind-set that Christ has. Philippians 2:5 says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." According to Jesus, how are we to think of others? "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). Jesus demonstrated this forgiving attitude as He was being nailed to the cross, "Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do'" (Luke 23:34). Many of these people were later forgiven of God when they repented and were baptized (Acts 2:38, 41). And also Stephen had a forgiving attitude as he was being stoned to death in Acts 7:60, "Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord do not charge them with this sin'. And when he said this he fell asleep".

We must not hold grudges and have hatred in our hearts for the wrongs others have done to us. God's word says to us "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you must also do" (Colossians 3:12-13). We must be forgiving of others if we want God to forgive us so we can go to Heaven.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

Youth Activities **March 2017**

Sunday, March 5 – Youth B.L.A.S.T. In 11-1 Devotions, Fellowship...

Women's Springtime Retreat

Women's Springtime Retreat at Camp Innabah, March 17 -19,2017. The theme is , " Celebrating God's Colorful World". Using Biblical references we will explore creative ways to enhance our prayers, Bible study and worship. For more information you can contact Innabah at #61469-6111 or at www.innabah.org. Also, there is a flier posted on the church bulletin board or please speak to Ruth Fluharty for additional details.

2017 Summer Camp Opportunities

Summer camp registration has begun. Camping opportunities include 1/2 week and full week sessions, themed and age related activities, special needs camps, family camps, sports camps, music and arts camp and so much more.

There are programs for all ages from young children, youth, adults and even grandparents. For information, you can contact each camp location directly at the following:

Innabah, phone # 61469-6111 or www.innabah.org

Carson Simpson Farm, phone # 215-659-0232 or www.csfarm.org

Gretna Glen, phone #717-273-6525 or www.gretnaglennn.org

Pocono Plateau, phone # 570-676-3665 or www.poconoplateau.org

March Birthdays

March 3rd – Ron Frey
March 10th – Kathy Stetka
March 18th – Eleanor Wolf
March 21st – Paul Werley
March 23rd - RuthFluharty

March Anniversaries

No March Anniversaries

Plan Now for Items for Church Yard Sale June 3rd

Our Yard sale- the 1st Saturday in June. As you are doing your spring house cleaning, remember to save any items that could be sold at the yard sale. If you don't have a storage area, you may put things in the church basement. Any questions: see Deanne or Kathy.

We Asked and the Bishop Listened Our Voices Were Heard!

On February 7th, we received an email from District Superintendent Joe Tyson showing that the Bishop and Cabinet listened to our request!!! **Effective July 1, our Emmanuel Church will now be in the new East district in the Reading cluster of churches**, with the current district office in Norristown (which may or may not change.) But it's a half hour less than travel to Huntingdon Valley for our previous district assignment and an easy commute down 422. Hopefully better for us in the long run, a small victory for a small church! Our new District Superintendent is Dawn Taylor-Storm.

Thoughts and Smiles for March

Children Are Quick

TEACHER: Why are you late? STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor? JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?' GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L' TEACHER: No, that's wrong. GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it. (I Love this child)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water? DONALD: H I J K L M N O. TEACHER: What are you talking about? DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago. WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty? GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him? LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating? SIMON : No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's... Did you copy his? CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog. (I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested? HAROLD: A teacher

Guardian Angel

A woman is walking on the road and a voice shouts out, “don’t take a step further.” She obeys and suddenly a ton of bricks fell on the place where she would have otherwise been. She thinks she imagined it and keeps on walking until suddenly the voice calls out again. “Don’t take a step Further.” She stops and a car skids past. Then suddenly she hears the voice saying. “I am your guardian angel and I will warn you before something bad happens to you. Now do you have any questions to ask me?” “Yes”, Shouts the woman. “Just where were you on my wedding day.!”

Reminder - Newsletter Deadline– If you have **articles or humor items for April’s** Newsletter be sure to email them to Dick Tracy at dtracy@ptd.net or call him at 610-207-2016 **not later than Friday March 24th** . **I am always looking for articles to share so please feel free to email me with anything you feel appropriate to share!**
