



Noteworthy News December 2011/January 2012 Roy Stetler, Pastor Faith United Lutheran Parish

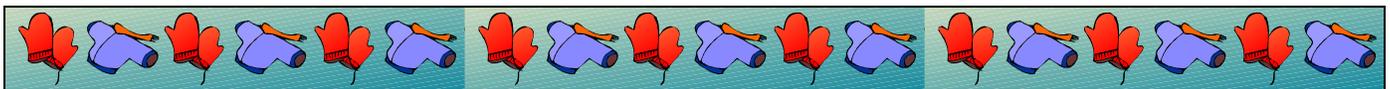
Every once in a while I must pull off the road and decide where I am going before I drive myself in circles, in the wrong direction, or into an accident. The same is true of our lives as Christians. If we go, go, go, do, do, do, and fail to pause to be mindful of where we are going and what we are doing, we will inevitably get lost and waste time; or worse, we may hurt ourselves or someone else. Advent is one of the two seasons of the church year in which we pause to get our bearings. Advent is our opportunity to read the directions. --Only the directions in this case are both written and inward. The Spirit within us waits for us to seek as we feast on the Word and listen to Wisdom's gracious voice.

Do we not live our lives in one of two minds? --Impulse and thoughtfulness. We live impulsively when we react to either what happens around us or what we fear will happen. We act mindfully when we remember God's grace and prayerfully live our lives within its freedom.

In this season of waiting with Jesus, let us be mindful of grace working around us. As we try to accomplish many things these days, may our thoughts and actions grow out of our sitting with Jesus' lessons of love and justice. We easily forget this peace in the moment, but the Spirit is nudging us in His direction. God is with us. God is good. Let us take time to be still. God is visiting us now. What will we learn? How will we grow?

May we all choose an Advent filled with watching and thoughtful action!

Pastor Roy



LOOKING FOR A CLEVER CAPTION!! - The photos, below, of the snapping turtle were taken during the last ABC class in September at Barren's. Submit your most imaginative caption for the picture (turtle in the reserved spot) by placing your suggestion slip in the container in the back of the church...we may even put it on our website to offer those not of the Parish an opportunity to participate. After all, what's not to like about a snapping turtle in a church's reserved parking spot. In the next newsletter, (and possibly website), all the captions offered can be listed and maybe we can give recognition to those who used the gift of the imagination. No "winners" but a celebration of participation in God's creative Spirit.



PARISH NEWS

FALL MUSIC FEST (OCTOBER 1) - The Fall Music Fest is now history; however, it had to be the most enjoyable one to date. The positive comments at the closing seemed almost endless, and the Church was alive with energy, and filled with His spirit. A portion of the closing numbers concluded with all the vocalists and musicians joining together around the Chancel railing and joyfully singing "I'll fly away". No rehearsal mind you, just a decision to do it, and it was so well received that it brought a standing ovation. Those in attendance also enjoyed the many fine refreshments donated and the lively conversations before bidding their good-byes and heading home. A very successful evening indeed. This event also added \$361.00 to New Hope's Treasury. So if you missed this one, keep a watchful eye for the next one, probably the beginning of April.



PASTOR NAOMI'S LAST DAY (SERVICE AND PARTY OCTOBER 2, 2011) – On October 2, a parish service at Emmanuel and a covered dish at Franklinton Firehall was held to thank, honor, and say farewell to our beloved Pastor Naomi Sease Carriker. So many individuals offered their help and support in making this event special for Pastor Naomi...a special thank-you to Wally Foreman who helped organize the day's events and kept the program at the Firehall flowing smoothly. Thanks also to those who set up & decorated the firehall, prepared & brought food...and so many others. While we are certainly sad to see Pastor Naomi leave our Parish, the large turnout this day clearly illustrated how thankful we are to have been recipients of her Pastoral care, support, & love the past 3 years. Best wishes, Pastor Naomi!





Wishing You the Best!

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT at Emmanuel (October 7) – The Parish movie night was again deemed a success with a total of 29 children and adults in attendance. This was the last time they will be shown outdoors until Spring, if they remain successful. The next scheduled date is Friday, December 2 at 7:00PM, indoors. There will not be a date in November due to Emmanuel having the Halloween night stand for the Trick-or-Treaters. Feel free to still bring along your blankets as you may spread them on the floor or bring your chairs if you prefer. There will be free drinks, popcorn, and goodies to eat. Emmanuel would like to express their sincere appreciation to all those that assisted in donating food and drink items for this occasion.

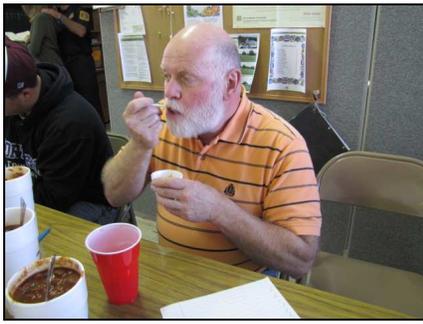
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS (OCTOBER 9, 2011) – Thanks to everyone who brought their pets to the **Blessing of the Animals** service in October. We (25 folks) had a wonderful time celebrating God’s gift of animal companionship (10 dogs, 1 rabbit, & 3 bunnies). The offering of \$120.00 was donated to the Helen O. Krause Animal Foundation, Inc. on behalf of FULP.



PARISH HERITAGE DAY SERVICE AT ST. JOHN’S (OCTOBER 16, 2011) – This was the day we **celebrated our individual heritage**, the heritage of each of our congregations, and the heritage we share with the community and country. The choir did an outstanding job with their anthem and their numbers were reminiscent of years ago, as we celebrated the heritage of all our churches. There were reminders of the past with vintage attire, re-enactors, and out-of-town visitors. And we can’t forget the delicious and plentiful food. Thank you everyone.

PARISH CHILI COOK-OFF (OCTOBER 30, 2011) – What a great afternoon. We started off with the Franklinton Fire Department, fire safety is always good to review. Thank you to the men and women for their service and hope they enjoyed the chili from the 9 contestants: Pastor Roy, Dottie, Norma, Neil, Chris, Doug, Pastor Deb, Heather, Jean. Our brave judges: Gail, Doug, Leil, Dylan, Logan. The winners are,,,, Honorable mention - Doug, and Dottie; Best Classic Chili - Jean; Hottest - Norma; Best Overall - Heather Cressler. If anyone has comments or suggestions let me know, and get working on those recipes and hope to see you next year.





TRICK-OR-TREAT night **October 31** at **Emmanuel** was a great success this year again, with well over 140 hot dogs served. This is in addition to all the usual goodies, so the children in the Franklinton and surrounding area should all have gained a few pounds! Emmanuel would like to take this opportunity to extend a hearty "Thank You" to all the volunteers that helped that evening and to all those who donated food and drinks. This event would not have been possible without your cooperation.

HARVEST HOME (NOVEMBER 13, 2011) – We celebrated **Harvest Home** at all 3 churches November 13. A time to recognize the abundance God provides in this community. Following are pictures of a few display tables. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.



YOUTH LOCK-IN AT BARREN'S (NOVEMBER 18, 2011) – Our "lock in" was a great success. Most of our youth brought friends. We had lots of food, games, movies, and conversations. After at least 2 hours of sleep (!), we awoke to granola bars and leftover snacks (pizza anyone?), cleaning assignments, and a simple prayer service. Our youth are a treasure. Please pray for this vital ministry.





HEIFER PROJECT RESULTS – The children’s Sunday School classes at Barren’s have been collecting their offering the past several months for the Heifer Project to provide **bees and beehives** and all the information to care for them to be provided to families in other countries. Thanks to all who have helped with these special offerings. We are able to send enough money for **9 Bee Hives**. Great job!

FUNDRAISER FOR BARREN’S BELL TOWER – The painting of the Bell Tower at Barren’s is finished and looks beautiful!! But of course the bill has come due. We emptied the spare change jar in the back of the church and so far \$472.00 has been donated. We still need a little more spare change. We will continue to have the spare change jar until the end of December. Thanks for donating!!

POINSETTIA ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS – Those who have placed a poinsettia order to help decorate for our Christmas services...



- St. John’s - Poinsettias are \$4.00. Call Gail Berkheimer after 7:00PM at 432-1405.
- Barren’s - MaryJo Rodriguez has agreed to take over the job of ordering, etc. Barren’s **Christmas and Easter flowers**. Poinsettias are \$7.25 and will have 3-5 blooms in a 6" pot. See or call MaryJo (717) 502-6528 if you have any questions.
- Emmanuel - The poinsettia flower envelopes for payment are on the bulletin board. Any questions, see or call Ron.

SPECIAL TANZANIA COLLECTION DURING ADVENT - During September, an earthquake damaged Itete Hospital which is supported by our companion synod, the Konde Diocese in Tanzania, Africa. The offering from our Bible School two years ago supported this hospital. We will be **taking up a collection during Advent** to provide help for Itete hospital which is the only hospital in its geographic location. Though rural hospitals in Africa like Itete are "no frills," they struggle to provide services at an affordable cost. There is simply no extra funding available to repair the damage. A number of churches in our Synod will be giving toward this project.

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES ("NHM") has designated **Sunday, December 4 as New Hope Sunday!** On this day, NHM will partner with local churches in order to bring about awareness and updates about the services that New Hope provides to the local community. It is also designated as a time to specifically thank the congregations for their support, in addition to ask for individual support through volunteerism, prayer, and financial resources.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS – Mark your calendars!! Annual Congregational Meetings will be held in the sanctuaries immediately following worship as follows:

- Barren’s – **December 4** (decorating sanctuary following meeting).
- Emmanuel’s - **December 4**
- St. John’s Franklin – **December 11**– following the meeting there will be a covered dish lunch while we decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

Every voting member should plan to attend their congregational meeting!

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE BELL RINGERS – Put on your hat and gloves, make some hot chocolate, grab your instrument or CD player, and come join in the fun! 90% of all the money collected during our campaign stays at Dillsburg New Hope Ministries. So please join us at the **Dillsburg Mall** (located along Route 15 with Giant) Friday, **December 9 & Saturday, December 10** in making this a successful year. We are asking people to sign up for two-hour time slots. Please contact Diane Shearer at 432-3106 or 991-4270 to sign up. Hurry, hurry!! to get the time slot that suits you best (10am-12pm, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, or 4-6pm). Thank you all so much.

HOSS'S COMMUNITY NIGHT FUNDRAISER BENEFITING EMMANUEL on Sunday, **December 11**. Please help support them in their effort to raise additional funds. As we all know, there never seems to be an over abundance of money just lying around waiting to be spent. See Ron Henry, Wally Foreman, or Pastor Roy for tickets. If you need more than either of them has, they'll be sure to see that your request is fulfilled. Thank you in advance for your support. (Even though it's called a community night, day time purchases are permitted.)





CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY - Mark your calendars! The Sunday School children’s Christmas Party will be **December 11** at Barren’s Church House from 4:00-6:30PM. We will be exchanging gifts, making a craft, playing games, having snacks, and fun. ALL young children of the Parish are welcome to come. *Please call Ellen Hampton 432-3732 if you plan to come so we have enough craft items for each child.* Hope you can make it!

FITZKEES CANDY - Fitzkee's Candy will be delivered on **December 13**. You may pick up your candy at Barren’s Church House 10:00 - 10:30AM or 6:00 - 6:30PM. Any questions, please call Ellen Hampton 432-3732.

NEW HOPE’S AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM CHRISTMAS PARTY is **December 16** at Barren’s Church House beginning at 6:00PM. We will be serving a full-course meal to them. If you can help serve, wash dishes, or donate any food item, please contact Ellen Hampton 432-3732. The meal is always enjoyed by those who come.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES - Saturday, December 24 - Come celebrate our Savior’s birth!



- Emmanuel with Holy Communion at 7:00PM – Pastor Roy
- St. John’s Franklin/CLC Filey’s with Holy Communion at 7:00PM – Pastor Debbie
- Barren’s with Holy Communion at 10:30PM – Pastor Roy/Pastor Debbie



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 – REMEMBER - 9:00AM Combined Worship at Emmanuel
Casual Christmas: Christmas is on a Sunday! Come on out to Emmanuel at 9:00AM and celebrate our Lord’s birth with a different set of lessons. Come casual! The folks from Filey’s will be joining us for our parish worship. The sermon will be in the form of a skit (and whatever else the pastors dream up) to make it a special and memorable Christmas morning. Christ’s Peace on earth, good will to all!

UPCOMING PARISH SERVICES

- **Dec. 25** – 9:00AM Combined Worship at Emmanuel
- **Jan. 1** – 10:30AM Combined Worship at Barren’s (no Sunday School) with Pork & Sauerkraut covered dish following worship in Church House
- **Jan. 29** – **10:00AM** Parish Worship at Barren’s (200th Anniversary celebration) **NOTE CHANGE IN TIME**
- **April 15** – 9:00AM Parish Worship at Emmanuel (Easter Cantata)
- **May 27** – 9:00AM Parish Worship at Emmanuel (Memorial Day/Pentecost)

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE – Our next **Parish Blood Drive** (Central Pa blood bank) will be held Monday, **December 26**, at Barren’s Church House from 1:00PM – 7:00PM. Mark your calendar and we’ll see you there!!! More information and sign-up sheets will come closer to the event.



END-OF-YEAR-CONTRIBUTIONS - Amber Shearer and Deb Racer will need to switch the computer to the new year (2012) in our Church Windows program so, to help make this transition easier, please remember that all contributions for the 2011 tax year must be in the church office by **December 31, 2011** or mailed and postmarked no later than **December 31, 2011** that way they can perform their End-Of-Year procedures, print reports, giving statements, etc. in a timely fashion. Any questions or concerns, please let us know.

LAY LED WORSHIP - St. John's Franklin has had several Lay Led Worship services. What does that mean? Simply that one or more lay persons conduct the worship service - from start to finish. As we were reminded, this was the norm when our churches were first established. There weren't enough ordained pastors in this country to serve all the churches every Sunday in the 18th and 19th centuries, thus they were called circuit riders who conducted service and offered communion only occasionally, and going from church to church. On other Sundays lay persons led worship and attended to the needs of parishioners. This is a wonderful opportunity for lay persons to volunteer to participate - just speak to one of our council members. Pre-consecrated elements for Holy Communion have been distributed on Sunday's when Vicar Linda Trout conducts our service. All are welcome to worship with us.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 – REMEMBER - 10:30AM Combined Worship at Barren’s (NEW YEAR’S DAY WORSHIP AND PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER) -



Service of Lessons and Carols January 1, 2012: On Sunday, New Year's Day (still the season of Christmas!), we will have another Filey's/Parish worship (no Sunday School) featuring Old and New Testament readings and carols of the season beginning at 10:30AM. Following worship join us for a Pork and Sauerkraut Covered Dish Dinner around 12:00 NOON in the church house.



“Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime”—Chinese proverb.

Many have heard these words and appreciate their reference to dependence and independence. But, the proverb leaves us with “what ifs?” What if the new fisherman passes along the talent to his neighbor so she can also feed her family? What if both are taught the value of protecting the water to ensure it is uncontaminated and the fish are healthy and safe to consume? This idea of “passing on the gift” is fundamental to Heifer International’s approach to providing long-term global assistance to struggling countries.

Through Heifer International, every family and community that receives assistance promises to repay their living loan by donating one or more of their animal's offspring to another family in need. This practice of **"Passing on the Gift"** ensures project sustainability, develops community and enhances self-esteem by allowing project partners to become donors.

This is Heifer's sustainable approach to ending hunger and poverty – one family, one animal at a time. It's not temporary relief. It's not a handout. It's securing a future with generations of people who have hope, health and dignity.

Isaiah: 58:10 If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

On New Year’s Day, Faith United Lutheran Parish will again stand with Heifer International to help pass on the gift by hosting a **Pork and Sauerkraut meal**. As in the past, the meal will include pork, sauerkraut, hot dogs, mashed potatoes, a vegetable, applesauce, dessert and drinks. Everyone is welcome and take-outs will be available.

In an effort to accommodate a wide variety of tastes, pork and hot dogs made separately from sauerkraut will also be offered this year.

As always, the meal is provided on a free-will contribution basis. However, in an effort to be wise and good stewards of the gifts we receive, we are called to be attentive to the costs incurred in preparation of the meal. Based on current food prices and other expenses, the minimum cost to prepare each meal is estimated at \$6.00. While the meal is a celebration of fellowship and a new year, it is also an opportunity to raise funds for Heifer International, an organization dedicated to relieving hunger worldwide. If we gather only what it costs to prepare the meal, or less, it will not fulfill the ministry’s effort and energy. Please consider this in the spirit of your thankful giving.

Sign-up sheets and posters will be placed in each of the churches. Please take advantage of them to help us plan the amount of food needed. It will ensure ample is available for everyone, but over abundance and waste is avoided. If you have questions, or wish to help, please contact Chris Cressler, cell phone 798-4863, Pam Arndt (259-7236 or baddog001@msn.com), or the Parish office @ 432-4802.

Thanks---*Pam Arndt*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - REMINDER: The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is an ongoing project for our parish. Anyone who would like to donate crocheted or knitted shawls to this ministry or have any questions about this ministry, please contact Diane Shearer at 432-3106.



NEW HOPE MINISTRIES – Like past years, the **first Sunday of every month** is still going to be **FISH** Sunday (**F**ood **I**s **S**o **H**elpful) at all 3 churches. Each month of the year there will be a specific item(s) to bring to church for New Hope Ministries. Place the item(s) in your church’s designated area/box. Following are the item(s) for **2012**:

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| January (2012) – Cereals/Hot Chocolate Mix | July (2012) – Vegetable/Potato Mixes |
| February (2012) – Soups/Crackers | August (2012) – Peanut Butter/Jelly |
| March (2012) – Feminine Hygiene Products, Toilet Paper, Dish Soap | September (2012) – Cereals/Baby Food |
| April (2012) – Canned Fruits/Vegetables | October (2012) – Sweet Potatoes |
| May (2012) – Pasta/Sauce | November (2012) – Cranberry Sauce |
| June (2012) – Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Spam) | December (2012) – Sauerkraut |

WINTERFEST REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! - Winterfest, the annual synod-wide senior high and young adult event, will be held **January 6-8, 2012**, at the Lancaster Marriott and Lancaster County Convention Center. Now in its twenty-first year, this event often attracts 700+ youth, young adults, and congregational youth leaders. This year's theme, "GO," is designed to equip young disciples of Christ to go out into their communities and serve in the manner of Jesus.

BARREN’S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – The 200-year Celebration Committee is hard at work putting together a great day for the congregation. Worship service will be held **January 29, 2012** with a light luncheon to be held immediately following the worship service in the basement of the church. All former Pastors, Organists and Choir members will be asked to attend and participate in the service. You may be asked for pictures, memories or to help provide some food for the luncheon. Let's all work together to make this special occasion memorable and successful!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - The season of Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday, February 22**. Our parish Ash Wednesday service of repentance will be at St John’s Franklin at 7:00PM.

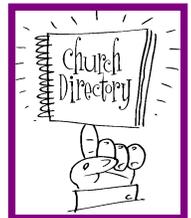
OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- Meetings for 2012: Jan 16, March 19, May 21, July 16, Sept 17, and Nov 19
- At the March meeting we will be making goodie bags for the college students and shut-ins. More info. to follow later.
- Also on March 18 we will be having a Spaghetti dinner to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

GIANT GIFT CARDS – **Giant Gift Cards** are here! All three churches have a supply ready for purchase. See Woody Myers at Barren’s, Ron Henry at Emmanuel, and Nancy Bobb at St. John’s. Woody has extra \$25.00 gift cards for the upcoming Christmas gift-giving season.

PARISH DIRECTORY CHANGES – More changes for your Church Directory:

- Janet Hershey – New address is: **Messiah Village-Special Care Unit, 100 Mt. Allen Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**
- Paige Tamecki and Family – Add: **5 Montaque Drive, Dillsburg, PA 17019 (Barren’s)**



SNOW CANCELLATION INFORMATION - WORSHIP SERVICE – The days are getting shorter, temperatures are falling, and snow has already fallen (which, by the way, was way too early in the season). So, once again it's time to think about Snow Watch. If weather makes travel or parking lots too dangerous to hold services and all three churches choose to cancel services, we will announce it on ABC 27 under the name “**Faith United Luth Dillsbrg.**” If one or two churches cancel we will notify through more internal means (phone calls or email). If you do not feel safe traveling, please stay at home!

2012 LISTINGS/CHARTS/ENVELOPES

- The 2012 flower chart is ready at St. John's Franklin. You may call Martha Slothower at 432-4994 if you are unable to sign up at church. Please indicate if flowers are in "memory" or "honor" of a friend or family member, and if you will be taking them with you after worship. The cost is \$28.00.
- Look for the following at Barren’s ready for pickup: Offering Envelopes, Nursery, Altar Flower Donor/Duty, and Greeters/Ushers lists.



I'm sure the following letter from the presiding bishop of the ELCA will stir different responses from each of us. My experience of Bishop Hanson is that he is much less concerned about politics and political wrangling than about the public witness of our church on issues such as justice, peace, and hospitality to neighbor and stranger alike. Welcoming the stranger was a challenge for Israel and it has always been a challenge in our country as well. Benjamin Franklin wondered why "Palantine Boors [Germans—our ancestors] be suffered to swarm into our settlements, and be herding together [to] establish their languages and manners to exclusion of ours? Why should Pennsylvania, founded by the English, become a colony of Aliens, who will shortly be so numerous as to Germanize us instead of us Anglifying them, and will never adopt our language [or] customs any more than they can acquire our complexion." It wasn't until the late 1800s that children in our area grew up speaking only English. May those of us who have German ancestry not forget our immigrant, alien past. Let us pray for justice. Here is the letter from Bishop Hanson:

Pastor Roy Stetler

Dear President Obama:

As the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and a member of the Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, I write to lift up the support of our national church body for comprehensive immigration reform and the DREAM Act.

We are a church that belongs to Christ, and we believe God calls each of us by name. Therefore, the ELCA has repeatedly affirmed the biblical witness and our shared experience of working with and on behalf of America's newcomers through our ministry with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

The 2011 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA voted overwhelmingly in support of immigration reform and the DREAM Act. The churchwide assembly is the ELCA's highest legislative authority serving on behalf of 4.2 million baptized ELCA members.

The biblical call to hospitality also inspired Lutheran congregations across the country to discuss transforming communities into centers of hospitality through relationship building and advocacy. In addition, congregations are holding DREAM Act Sabbaths to lift up the experiences of undocumented youth and encourage broader public support for the legislation.

The need to overhaul the U.S. immigration system is becoming ever more urgent. In the absence of comprehensive immigration reform, states have felt compelled to write their own immigration laws, which are often shortsighted and misguided. The ELCA needs your leadership. We urge you to continue to speak to Congress and the American public to take action on comprehensive immigration reform and the DREAM Act and to explore other compassionate policy reforms that advance the common good.

As a national church body, the ELCA -- our congregations, bishops, schools and millions of individual members -- continues to preach, teach, advocate and work with and on behalf of America's newcomers. This nation has achieved such greatness due to the resilience, labor and intellect of immigrants. We will roll up our sleeves and work tirelessly until this nation is once again a place of welcome and justice for newcomers.

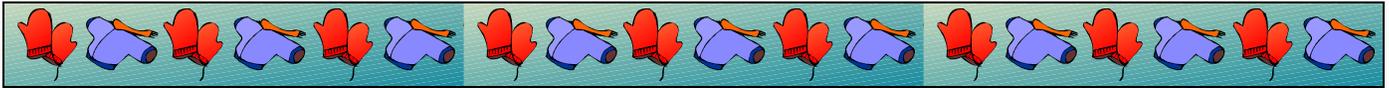
In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

AN INVITATION - I am looking for folks at Emmanuel and Barren's who are willing to **lead the prayers** ("Prayers of the People" after the creed). It is the custom in many churches to have a non pastor lead these prayers as well as to assist in the worship. Sunday morning worship is a participation in worshiping God and celebrating our life together. Naturally pastors play a significant role on Sunday morning, but the more lay leadership we have—the better! Please let me know if you wish to participate in the service in that way. The prayers are best led from the middle of the congregation (you don't have to come up front!)



Please also consider helping to **lead worship as an assisting minister**. It's mostly a matter of praying written prayers and assisting with communion. Wearing a robe is fine, but not necessary! Our worship involves the heart, the mind, and the body, but is hopefully an authentic experience rather than a performance. It becomes easier to be in front of a crowd of people as we begin to let go of the performance mindset. Frankly, that is constantly a point of wrestling for me. It's like life--we muddle through more than we float from mountain peak to peak. When I get over all of that, I find that leading worship helps me to be engaged at a deeper level. I think the same would be true of you if you can give it a chance. Everyone has their gift, but please don't assume that gifts are easily practiced. Every gift comes with an accompanying struggle. If we wait for someone else to do the job, it might not get done. We are not about perfection but about unity and loving service. There is a big difference. That big difference will still involve a good bit of struggle, but it will be honest and real, instead of superficial with much frustration and disillusionment.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Barren's:</u></p> <p>Total income for October \$ 2,851.50 Total expenses for October \$ 9,161.93 Checking account balance \$ 6,846.38</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Emmanuel:</u></p> <p>Total income for October 2011 - \$ 8,561.32 Total expenses for October 2011 - \$ 5,941.52 Balance of the Treasury as of Nov. 1, 2011 - \$ 11,030.56</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. John's Franklin:</u></p> <p>General Giving through October 31, 2011: \$ 23,658.19 General Expenses through October 31, 2011: \$ 25,290.54 General Budget through October 31, 2011: \$ 31,640.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Faith United Lutheran Parish:</u></p> <p>Total income for October: \$ 11,441.58 Total expenses for October \$ 11,345.67 Checking account balance: \$ 17,716.44</p>



St. John's Franklin - Summary of Council Meeting Minutes (Full minutes posted on bulletin board) October 4, 2011 at Barren's

All members present. Discussions and actions taken:

- New Cemetery plots are being laid out and corner markers placed
- Changes will be made for taking subscriptions only from members desiring to continue receiving the Lutheran magazine and making payment.
- Voted to have the piano tuned, and to have the rain gutters cleaned
- Elaine Fettro and Marlene Stiffler attended a Workshop at Trinity in Camp Hill, the topic was Revitalizing Worship. Discussed many good ideas and some are already being practiced at St. John's Franklin, it was a good session.
- Christmas Eve Service will be at 7:00 pm and Filey's is invited to join us with Bill Smith in charge of coordinating the service.
- Publicity for Heritage Day has been arranged with posters and postcards.
- Harvest Home is celebrated on Sunday Nov 13, collection to run through November.

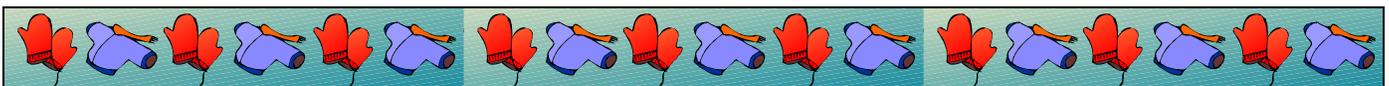
Respectfully Submitted, *Gayle Kolivras, Secretary*

St. John's Franklin - Summary of Council Meeting Minutes (Full minutes posted on bulletin board) November 1, 2011 at Barren's

All members were present. Actions taken or discussions:

- The Lutheran Magazine will continue for those persons who have informed us they wish to receive it.
- The Ingathering collected 54 bars of soap.
- Harvest Home will be accepting items for New Hope during the month of November.
- Participants are asked to volunteer and sign up for various roles in the worship service.
- Filey's congregation will be sharing our facility for their Worship Service at 9:00am during the Advent season, and they have been invited to share in St. John's Christmas Eve service at 7:00pm.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Dec. 11 following worship with a covered dish luncheon.

Respectfully Submitted, *Gayle Kolivras, Secretary*





Barren's Council Meeting Minutes
(Full minutes posted on bulletin board)
October 18, 2011 at Barren's

Old Business

- E-tithing - We haven't rec'd. any completed forms yet. We will make them easily available and also make announcement and hand out during announcements if anyone needs one.
- Refresher course for acolytes, crucifers, other laypersons will be Nov 13th after church. Pastor Roy would like some older youth to be there to help/give hints, ideas, etc.
- 200th Celebration update - Had one meeting and have started working on plans. See Ellen if you are interested in helping, or have information, ideas, etc.

New Business

- Budget meeting will be Nov 7th in the church.
- Pastor Roy asked for the use of the church house for Northern HS Golf club Nov 7th. Council agreed to allow them to use it, if they clean and set back up as found.
- Pastor Roy suggested purchasing of chairs for Filey's. When council agreed to accept the lease amount for the church house, they agreed they would use some of the money to purchase a gift for Filey's when they rebuild. P Roy suggested purchasing cushioned chairs for the church house that they could use now, and take with them when they leave. P Roy will look into the cost, etc. and bring info. to next council meeting.
- Amber received info. on new electricity rates. Amber will look into this further and get back to council with rates, etc.

Respectfully Submitted, *Whitney Trump*, Council Secretary

Barren's Council Meeting Minutes
(Full minutes posted on bulletin board)
November 15, 2011 at Barren's

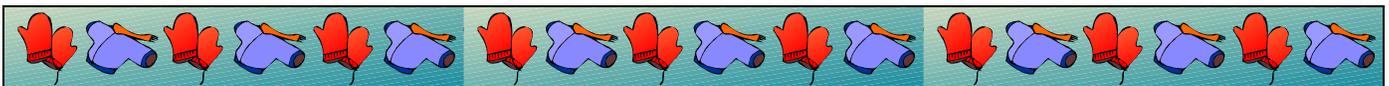
Old Business

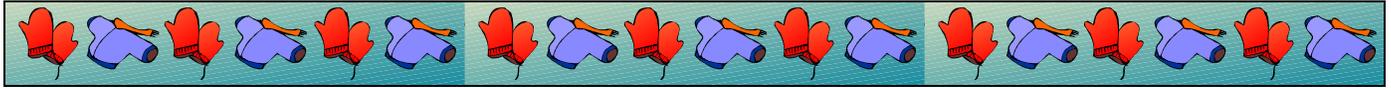
- E-tithing- we haven't received many forms/participation. If more interest is not received we will consider discontinuing. A new/easier form & instructions will be created for any future inquiries.
- Refresher course was held for acolytes, crucifers, & other laypersons on Nov 13th.
- Ellen discussed progress of 200th anniversary celebration. Looking into possibility & cost of a calendar with pictures.

New Business

- Reviewed 2012 budget-motion by Kevin, 2nd by Doris, motion carried, to approve 2012 budget as written.
- Pastor Roy suggested the purchase of chairs for Filey's as a gift as was agreed upon by council when we agreed to accept the rent being rec'd. This will be tabled until Council feels Filey's is more ready, as it's hard to determine how many are needed at this time.
- Amber is continuing to look into better electricity rates for the church/church house.
- Congregational meeting will be held Sunday Dec 4 following service with decorating after the meeting, everyone invited to stay and help.
- Dawn asked to have old hymn boards (downstairs) put up in the back of the church. Motion made by Ellen, 2nd by Linda, motion carried to have council look at the old hymn boards & decide if one or both should be put up on wall.
- Discussion was initiated by Pastor Roy, consideration of consolidating councils between the 3 congregations of the parish. Council agreed this should be taken into consideration, but in "baby steps".
- Motion was made by Ellen, 2nd by Amber to give \$800 to Tanzanian scholarship fund this year, as we have in the past. This funding is coming from the add'l income we are receiving from Filey's rental of church house. Motion carried w/ agreement that council would like a name, age, studies, & other info about the person/people we are supporting.
- Council needs to start seeking out new member's for 2012. Members going off council Dec 31, 2011 are Doris McCauslin, Dustin Mckeever, & Linda Gochenauer.

Respectfully Submitted, *Whitney Trump*, Council Secretary





Emmanuel's Council Meeting Minutes Summary
(Full minutes posted in Church)
October 4, 2011 at Barren's

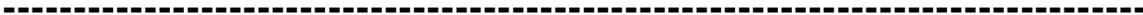
Old Business:

- Dillsburg Sheet metal made repairs to the church roof and the bill was paid.

New Business:

- Thank-you notes were sent to Deb and Butch Starner for their help in the kitchen for Pastor Naomi's farewell luncheon.
- The ELCA Mission investment fund (\$5,212.08) will be renewing soon. Council agreed to let the fund roll over for another term.
- Jane will look into purchasing new candles for Christmas Eve.
- \$361 was donated from the fall music fest to New Hope Ministries.
- Charlie moved that \$50 from the chicken corn soup be given as a donation to St. John's church. Joan seconded with council's approval.
- Filey's church will be joining Emmanuel for Christmas Day and Barren's for New Year's Day.

Respectfully submitted, *Gail Stetler*



Emmanuel's Council Meeting Minutes Summary
(Full minutes posted in Church)
November 1, 2011 at Barren's

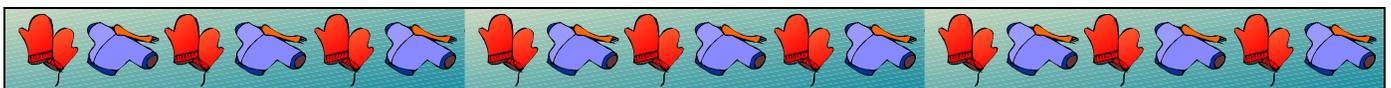
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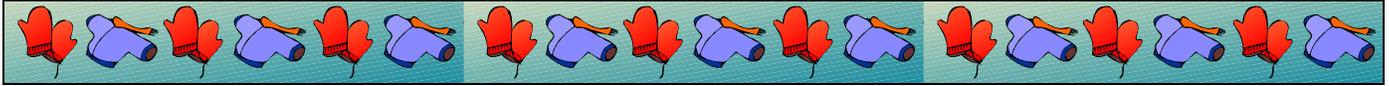
- There was a discussion about working on the sound and projection systems for showing movies. Perhaps we will want to buy a projector, new DVD player and speakers. Might give a donation to St. Paul's for the use of theirs.
- Farmer's Fair sale came to about \$1,400.

New Business:

- The old well beyond the parking lot needed gravel since it was sinking.
- Halloween stand gave away 168 hot dogs—received \$50 in donations.
- Ron suggested a \$100 gift card to Dot, Jane seconded with the motion passing.
- Joan moved to give 10% of Farmers Fair proceeds to St. John's.
- There will be an Advent collection toward earthquake repairs for Itete Hospital in Tanzania.
- Jane got the candles for Christmas Eve.
- There was more discussion about upgrading our movie showing capacity. Ron and Jack are looking into further options.
- Joan has New Hope's Christmas list.

Respectfully Submitted, *Gail Stetler*, Secretary





**FULP Council Abbreviated Meeting Minutes
(Full minutes posted on bulletin board)
October 4, 2011 at Barren's**

Parish Council met and minutes were approved from previous meeting. Committee's that met during September gave reports. All the churches reported on their upcoming events. Council discussed a variety of items but nothing needed a vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- Line item needs to be put in budget for a new copier.
- Budget meeting for Parish is set for Oct. 17th at Barren's.
- We will share Christmas and New Year's Day with Christ Lutheran Filey's.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Clint Shearer is hoping that the fire company will put in an appearance at the hayride. They want to do a fire prevention program.

Complete Parish meeting minutes will be posted in churches. Next meeting is November 1, 2011 at 8:00 pm at Barren's.

Respectfully Submitted, *Nancy Bobb*, Secretary



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OLD BUSINESS

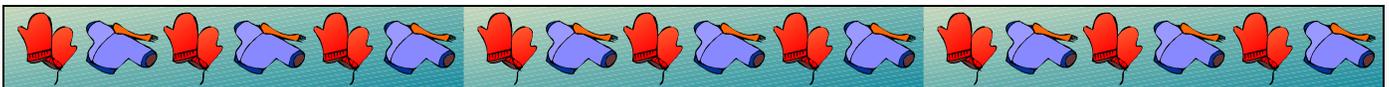
Council discussed purchasing a new copier at a price of \$3,000 or \$4,000. After much discussion about the functions of each copier, Jack made a motion to purchase the higher priced one and Marlene 2nd. Motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council discussed the budget for the year 2012. The budget committee discussed the changes and Gail made a motion to approve this new budget and Kevin 2nd. Motion carried.

Complete Parish meeting minutes will be posted in churches. Next meeting is December 6, 2011 at 8:00PM at Barren's.

Respectfully Submitted, *Nancy Bobb*, Secretary



THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING

On behalf of the Board of Directors and shelter residents, we would like to thank you for your donation of \$120 to our Foundation from your "Blessing of the Animals" service. Your kind donation will help to care for the may abandoned, abused, and stray dogs, cats, and kittens that are at the shelter awaiting a chance for a loving home.

Sincerely, Jean Sheaffer

I would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for helping with the altar duties each Sunday; I appreciate everything you do.
Lois Diller

A sincere thank you to Gail and Larry Berkheimer for collecting and delivering the 54 bars of soap to Lutheran World Relief, and thank you to everyone who contributed on such short notice.

Marlene Stiffler

We give thanks for the time, talents, and treasures given so generously by members and friends of FULP. Please take a moment to express your appreciation to these individuals for their service and gifts to the glory of God and to us:

- Thanks to Deb and Butch Starner for running the kitchen during Pastor Naomi's farewell dinner. Thanks also to Wally for helping organize the day, to the puppets for their singing, to the choir for their colorful (!) role in the service and after the meal, to Bill for his beautiful arrangements, and everyone who made the day special and memorable. God's grace comes to us in so many and varied ways.
- Thanks to all who provided snacks and came out to support movie night at Emmanuel. We were fortunate to have tech savvy kids in the audience when we ran into some remote issues.
- Thanks to those who brought goodies and "ran the stand" for the kids of Franklinton on trick-or-treat night. They know we care!
- Thanks to Bill for his ongoing inspiration for the *Blessing of the Animals* service. The animals were particularly quiet and well behaved this year! And such nice weather that day.
- Thanks to Chris for her leadership in pulling together the chili cook-off. Hopefully, next year we will have better weather for the hayride. Good job Heather in creating a really tasty award winning chili...Perhaps Pastor Roy will ask you for advice close to next year's cook-off. Thanks also to the Franklinton Fire Company for reminding us about good practices on fire safety and showing us their tools and truck! We might see them again this summer during Bible School...
- Thanks to Amber, Clint, Whitney, and Ellen for their help with the youth lock-in. We had great fun!
- If you happen to know Pastor Tom Myers of the Mt. Pleasant Church of God, thank him for being chair of the Dillsburg Ministerium for the past year. I will be taking his place in the coming year. It will be a Lutheran year with Pastor Lois Van Orden from St. Paul's as secretary and Pastor Debbie Mahady as Treasurer. Each year the ministerium offers a Thanksgiving service at one of the local churches, a prayer walk on the national day of prayer, and a Baccalaureate service in June for outgoing seniors. Most importantly the ministerium brings a wide variety of pastors and churches together as One in Christ.

Pastor Roy

Many people volunteered in so many ways during 2011. We give thanks for all the volunteers who make worship services and fellowship events run smoothly. I would like to thank all my **newsletter helpers listed below** who gave of their time during 2011. Your help was very much appreciated!

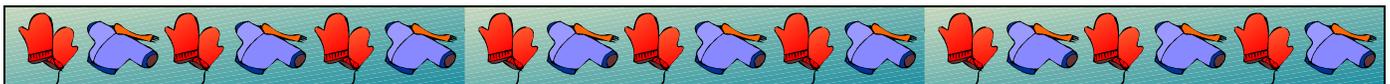
Lois Diller, Kathy & Bill Eurich, Wally & Pearl Foreman, Jan Keslar, Judy Miller, Diane Shearer, Pastor Roy, and Gail Stetler

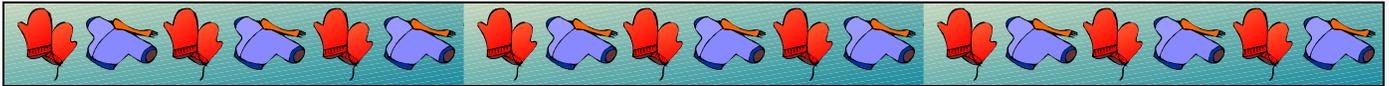
Deb Racer

- A sincere thank you to all who donated to the annual "**Trick or Treat**" sidewalk stand at Emmanuel in Franklinton. Because of your generous donations, we had hot dogs, hot chocolate, cold drinks, apples, candy, cookies, & even pencils to offer to all. We served 168 hot dogs and ran out. Parents & kids alike seemed very appreciative and it was a fun evening.
- Sincere thanks to everyone at Emmanuel who donated food items on **Harvest Home Sunday** for New Hope Ministries. Your generosity is to be commended!

The Emmanuel Family

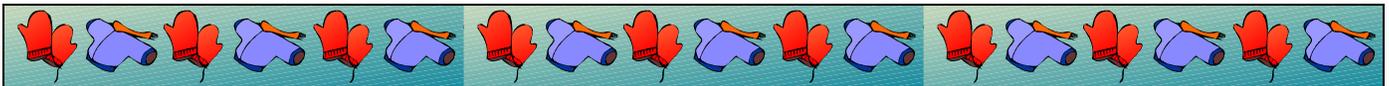
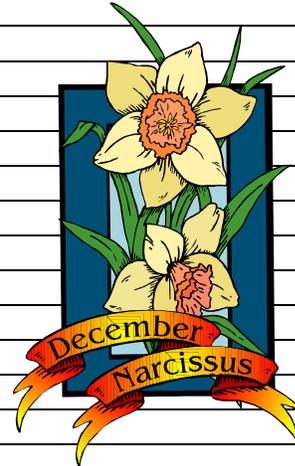
As I write this Thanksgiving Day is just ahead, and there is much to be thankful for in the life of St. John's Franklin. Fallen tree limbs just disappeared, coffee and food for social time appears, - we have beautiful decorations, generous and surprising contributions, a new Christmas tree, lay worship participants, a table laden with "Harvest Home" foods, and the blessings of our church family. I would be remiss if I didn't include our very patient parish secretary. For all this and more I say "Thank you."
Marlene Stiffler





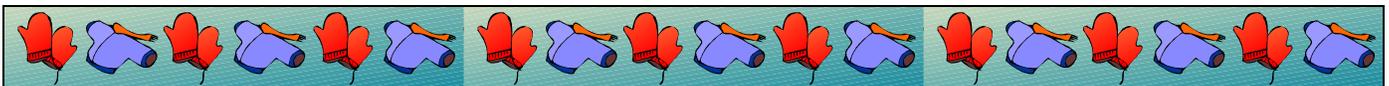
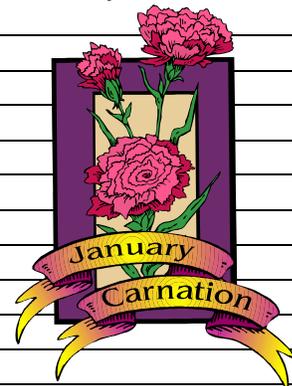
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's
3 – Pearl McCartney	12 – Zachary McCauslin	2 – Krysten Simmons
6 – Nancy Miller	13 – Dot Heiges	29 – Elaine Fetto
9 – Emily Altland	21 – Deb Glenn	
14 – Jared Ross	24 – Darlene Hershey	
15 – Diane Shearer	31 – Bill Butler	
17 – Darvin Grove		
19 – Tammy Wagner		
22 – Melissa Hoke		
25 – Chad Weyandt		
26 – Tammy Mummert		
29 – John Hampton		
30 – Lori Ross		



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's
2 – Ellen Hampton	3 – Jacob Smith	6 – John Bobb
5 – Arnetta Kimmel	7 – Debbie Butler	11 – Jessica Leonard
11 – MaryJo Rodriguez – Pauline Chronister	13 – Carisa Harner	12 – Korine Kolivras
12 – Logan Racer – Tony Ross	14 – Ray Fitton	23 – Nancy Bobb
20 – Dan Miller	15 – Karen Lenig	
21 – Norma Myers	19 – Clyde Hershey	
22 – Evelyn Diller	20 – Dawn Zinn	
23 – Jennifer Kreider	22 – Dannielle Eckenrode	
24 – Dustin Trump	29 – Steve Zeigler	
26 – Matt Hoke	31 – Charlie Miller	
27 – Florence Grove		



December Parish Worship Leadership

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
December 4	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy	Supply Linda Trout
December 11	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy	Supply Linda Trout
December 18	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy	Congregation Member
Christmas Eve	Pastor Roy/Pastor Debbie @ 10:30PM	Pastor Roy – 7:00PM	Pastor Debbie - 7:00PM
December 25	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel	Pastor Roy	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel

Lector

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
December 4	Amber Shearer	Charlie Rinehart	Elaine Fetro
December 11	Linda Gochenauer	Barb Zeigler	Elaine Fetro
December 18	Marcy Renshaw	Jack Zeigler	Elaine Fetro
Christmas Eve	MaryJo Rodriguez	TBD	Elaine Fetro
December 25	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel	Kevin Zinn	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel

Acolyte/(Crucifer at Barren's)

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
December 4	Logan Racer/Gage Mummert	Dylan Harner	N/A
December 11	Wade Kreider/Zoe Kreider	Ethan Zeigler	N/A
December 18	Arlana Racer/RaeAnne Mummert	Zach Zinn	N/A
Christmas Eve	Emily Rodriguez/TBD	Sean & Zach Zinn	N/A
December 25	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel	Sean Zinn	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel

Greeters/Ushers

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
December 4	Lance & Karen Kreiger	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	Florence Kitner & Marlene Stiffler
December 11	Laurie Goulden Family	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	Florence Kitner & Marlene Stiffler
December 18	Bill & Kathy Eurich	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	Florence Kitner & Marlene Stiffler
Christmas Eve	Carl & Clint Shearer	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	Florence Kitner & Marlene Stiffler
December 25	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel

Altar Guild

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
December 4 (purple)	Lois Diller	Janet Hosler & Rhetta Zeigler	Gayle Kolivras
December 11 (purple)	Lois Diller	Janet Hosler & Rhetta Zeigler	Gayle Kolivras
December 18 (purple)	Rich & Jenny Stine	Janet Hosler & Rhetta Zeigler	Gayle Kolivras
Christmas Eve (white)	Rich & Jenny Stine	Janet Hosler & Rhetta Zeigler	Gayle Kolivras
December 25 (white)	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel	Janet Hosler & Rhetta Zeigler	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel

Flower Donors

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
December 4	MaryJo & Luis Rodriguez	Deb Fager	Marlene Stiffler
December 11	Mr. & Mrs. Darwin Shearer	TBD	TBD
December 18	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stine	Jane & Phil Zinn	TBD
Christmas Eve	Carl & Diane Shearer	TBD	Clarence & Sandy Bachert
December 25	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel	TBD	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel

Nursery

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
December 4	Judy Klugh	Carol Hefflefinger & Joan Hess	N/A
December 11	Arlene Myers	Karen Lenig & Sabrina Zumbum	N/A
December 18	Lois Diller	Joan Hess & Jan Hosler	N/A
Christmas Eve	Diane Dorsey	TBD	N/A
December 25	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel	Joan Hess & Ron Henry	Parish Serv. @ Emmanuel

January Parish Worship Leadership

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
January 1	Pastor Roy	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's
January 8	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy	Supply - Linda Trout
January 15	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy	Supply - Linda Trout
January 22	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy	Congregation Member
January 29	Pastor Roy	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's

Lector

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
January 1	Amber Shearer	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's
January 8	Clint Shearer	Deb Fager	Marlene Stiffler
January 15	Tammy Wagner	Wally Foreman	Marlene Stiffler
January 22	TBD	Bryan Harner	Marlene Stiffler
January 29	MaryJo Rodriguez	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's

Acolyte/(Crucifer at Barren's)

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
January 1	Filey's/Kamdyn Balko	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's
January 8	Emily Rodriguez/Heather Cressler	Carisa Harner	N/A
January 15	Emily Rodriguez/Heather Cressler	Ethan Zeigler	N/A
January 22	Logan Racer/Gage Mummert	Dylan Harner	N/A
January 29	Arlana Racer/RaeAnne Mummert	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's

Greeters/Ushers

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
January 1	Elwood & Norma Myers	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's
January 8	Bill & Kathy Eurich	Jack Zeigler & Charlie Erford	Florence Kitner & Sandy Bachert
January 15	Terry & Bev Gochenauer	Jack Zeigler & Charlie Erford	Florence Kitner & Sandy Bachert
January 22	Lori Ross Family	Jack Zeigler & Charlie Erford	Florence Kitner & Sandy Bachert
January 29	Bob & Pat Miller	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's

Altar Guild

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
January 1 (white)	Bob & Linda Gochenauer	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's
January 8 (white)	Bob & Linda Gochenauer	Jane & Phil Zinn	Gail and Larry Berkheimer
January 15 (green)	Ellen Hampton	Jane & Phil Zinn	Gail and Larry Berkheimer
January 22 (green)	Ellen Hampton	Jane & Phil Zinn	Gail and Larry Berkheimer
January 29 (green)	Vicky Merovich & Lois Diller	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's

Flower Donors

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
January 1	Barbara Siegel	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's
January 8	Evelyn Diller	TBD	Gayle Kolivras
January 15	Mary Lutz	TBD	TBD
January 22	Mr. & Mrs. Tomas Wolfgang	TBD	TBD
January 29	Dale M. Bentz (Iowa)	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's

Nursery

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
January 1	Linda Gochenauer	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's
January 8	Julie Williams	Jan Hosler & Pearl Foreman	N/A
January 15	Pam Miller	Carol Hefflefinger & Karen Lenig	N/A
January 22	Norma Myers	Helen Kilgore & Barb Zeigler	N/A
January 29	Pam Arndt	Parish Serv. @ Barren's	Parish Serv. @ Barren's

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Newsletter

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