Faith United Lutheran Parish

Noteworthy News

DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2017

Message from Pastor Roy

Advent. The Coming. The Appearance. The Visitation.

Isaiah (ch. 2) calls out, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." As Jesus Christ comes to us in this season of waiting, we listen to his voice and the voice of the Spirit, we are reminded of Christ's ways and walk in his paths (week 1). Unlike the seasonal advertising surrounding us--to buy our way into love, happiness, and warm feelings reminiscent of distant memories, the Spirit of Christ comes, appears, and visits us with courage to share. Courage to relate to others in conversation--To relate to God in prayer--To listen to our own souls in silent stillness.

Christ's visitation is one of peace, in which enemies become friends (week 2-Isaiah 11). Wolves and lambs, cows and bears, lions and oxen, leopards and goats, all peacefully relating because they are no longer competing but sharing resources and space. Christ appears as Joy for those who bring justice to the oppressed and forgotten (week 3-Isaiah 35). Finally, Christ visits us (week 4-Isaiah 7) as Emmanuel, God with us.

Advent is upon us. The Spirit of Christ is visiting us. Let us make room for his presence, courage, and joy to live our lives faithfully, expectantly, and full of hope. Let us make room for Christ in this holy season of Lent. –

Gratefully, *Pastor Roy*

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Advent: November 27 - December 18

PET BLESSING SERVICE - AT EMMANUEL
OCTOBER 2, 2016

On October 2nd in honor of St. Francis, we welcomed roughly 12 dogs, 4 chinchillas, and 20 humans to Emmanuel's side yard for prayer, scripture, blessings upon the animals, and conversation afterward. An offering of $100 was received for Canine Rescue of Central PA. After the service we enjoyed a tasty mint chocolate cake.

GARDEN OF HOPE UPDATE

As of this writing the garden is in its Fall seasonal period now. Some frost has damaged the more tender plants and they have decided that they have had enough already, so they have been removed. The tomato stakes and pea supports have fled the scene also. This year's garden can be summed up in one word: DRY ! The potato plants were budding beautifully and showed a lot of promise, along with the tomatoes, peppers, and the beans in the Spring. However, with the dry and hot summer, the seed potatoes rotted right in the ground where they were planted, the plants dried up and we had a very dismal harvest as a result. At one point we even thought we saw the potato bugs having a rain dance! Most of the peppers did not really mature, and those that did were very small. The zucchinis dried up before they even had a chance to grow much at all. And it was disappointing to count all those tomatoes that dry rotted while still hanging on their plants. But all is not lost as there are still plenty of good strong turnips and radishes that were planted later and with just enough rain, they are doing fine. When they reach full maturity they will fill the plates of those that are less fortunate than us. To date the garden has only produced just over 220 pounds and it usually gives between 650 and 700 pounds for a season. So you can readily see that this summer's drought has taken a heavy toll. Gardening gives you just a sampling of what our farmers deal with each and every year. But thank God that we have them, or we'd all be mighty hungry! Remember: it's Gods' work, our hands.

HERITAGE DAY PARISH SERVICE - OCTOBER 16, 2016

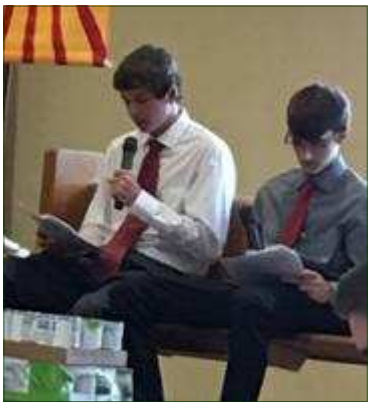
Heritage Day 2016 brought us great weather and wonderful fellowship. Thank you Larry Klase for reading the scripture in German, and our small parish choir's musical talents during worship. Doug Riley spoke at the remembrance in the cemetery and we enjoyed more fellowship following the festivities. Thanks to everyone who helped with our Heritage Day Service.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT - OCTOBER 27, 2016

The Halloween Trick or Treat Night was another resounding success this year in Franklintown. Emmanuel Church was visited by over 100 trick or treaters, and they were treated to over 40 pounds of candy and sweet treats, many cups of hot chocolate, plenty of apple cider and juice, over 105 hot dogs, and even stuffed animals. Some of the costumes were down right scary, some homemade, and some were of the comedic variety. However it seemed that they all enjoyed themselves and they were appreciative of the treats and friendly atmosphere that greeted them. Many thanks to those that gave all the donations and worked so hard to keep up with the rush. This event would not have been possible without all your efforts.

CONFIRMATION - OCTOBER 30, 2016

We were honored and blessed to have 7 youth make public affirmation of their baptism at our combined worship service at Filey's on Reformation Sunday. Congratulations to Heather Cressler (B), Eddie Ensor (B), Adam Goulden (B), Wade Kreider (B), Jonathan Ross (B), Haley Staton (F), and Liam Strouse (F)! Below are pictures of their confirmation, as well as their participation in the worship service and Martin Luther sermon skit. God's blessing to you all!



HAYRIDE - OCTOBER 30, 2016

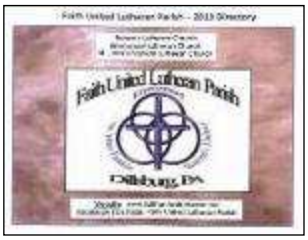
What a beautiful day for an autumn hayride...no heavy coats or gloves needed this year. Temperatures were in the 70's and the countryside was adorned with beautiful fall colors. The rain even held off till much later in the evening. Below are some pictures taken during the hayride...thanks Melissa!

HARVEST HOME - NOVEMBER 13, 2016

A nice amount of food was given for New Hope Ministries to help those in need. Thanks to all who helped with each church's displays and then transporting it to New Hope.

Emmanuel

PARISH DIRECTORY CHANGES



Changes to our directory since last issue:

- Betty Albert - New address: **Room 236 Messiah Circle, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**
- Ada Grove - Passed away **October 3, 2016**
- Ashley & Brian Shields - New address: **2556 N 69th Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53213**

Please remember to inform the church office of any changes in your contact information so you may continue to receive mailings, e-mails, etc. in a timely manner. Our parish secretary, Deb Racer, maintains a list of email addresses that are used to send out mass announcements. They are useful if we need to notify folks of closures, requests for help with special functions (services, upcoming events, etc.), sending newsletters, prayer chain messages, congregational announcements, etc. If you have not been receiving these emails, please contact Deb with your new or changed email address information. Deb can be reached at the parish office (432-4802) or by email (secretaryfulp@gmail.com).

ADVENT MOVIE MATINEES

Want a get-away from all the hustle and bustle of Christmas planning, packing, and shopping? Are you left spiritually dead by December 26? We have just the thing to rejuvenate you and to keep the Advent spirit alive! Advent Movie Matinees! Every Tuesday at 1:00PM we will show a movie at Filey's with a short discussion following each movie. Come out and join us as we kick off the movie matinee with a showing of:

- "*The Last Sin Eater*"- Tuesday, **November 29** Discussion led by Pastor Debbie
- "*God is Not Dead*" - Tuesday, **December 6** Discussion led by Pam Arndt
- "*Babette's Feast*" - Tuesday, **December 13**. Discussion led by Pastor Roy

Bring a comfy cushion and snacks to enjoy. Your friends and family are welcome too.

FITZKEE'S CANDIES

Candy orders will be here **December 6**. You may pick up your candy at the Church House between 9:00-9:30am or 6-6:30pm. Any questions, please contact Ellen Hampton at 432-3732.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Meetings will be held in the sanctuaries immediately following worship as follows:

- St. John's Franklin – **December 4 -** followed by decorating for the holiday season and a hand lunch.
- Emmanuel's – **December 11**
- Barren's – **December 11**
- St. Michael's - **January 8**

Every voting member should plan to attend their congregational mtg.

500TH ANNIVERSARY OF REFORMATION

In continuance of our 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Thesis and in our 2016/17 study of "*Being Lutheran*", we are recommending a book for the whole congregation to read. It is called "*Faith Alone – a Daily Devotional*" by Martin Luther, edited by James Galvin. A sign-up sheet is posted at each church if you are interested in receiving a copy for $10 per book, and the order deadline is **December 11**.

GIVING TREE FOR NEW HOPE

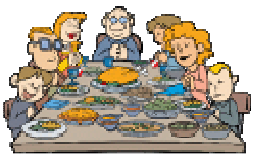
Once again we will have a Giving Tree at Barren's and Emmanuel for New Hope Ministries "Christmas Blessing Express". Ellen/Gail has a list of ideas for gifts to be purchased and will post them soon. No specific cost is given. Gifts (UNWRAPPED) can be returned to Barren's/Emmanuel no later than Sunday, **December 11** or taken directly to New Hope-Dillsburg no later than **Monday, December 12.** Clients will then be able to "shop" (from our unwrapped gifts) for items needed for their families. Volunteers will then be available to wrap gifts for them, if needed. Thank you for your generosity and love to our neighbors in need. With your support, we can make the Season one of hope and love. Any questions, see Ellen Hampton or Gail Stetler.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Saturday, **December 24**
Come celebrate our Savior's birth!

Emmanuel - Holy Communion at 7:00PM – Pastor Roy
St. John's - Combined with Mountainview at 7:00PM - Pr Simms
St. Michael's - Holy Communion at 8:30PM - Pastor Roy
Barren's - Holy Communion at 10:30PM – Pastor Roy

NEW HOPE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM CHRISTMAS PARTY



FULP will again be sponsoring the Christmas dinner for the After-School Program for New Hope **December 16** at 6:00PM in the Church House. If you would like to donate food items or help serve, cook, or cleanup after the party, please contact Ellen Hampton at 319-0570.

Our last combined/parish service in 2016 is:

December 25 (Christmas Day) at Emmanuel - 9:00AM Holy Communion Service with Pastor Roy and Pastor Debbie Mahady presiding.

MUGS-N-MUFFINS

8:00AM Mugs-N-Muffins schedule for the next 3 months:

- Dec. 17 at Baker's
- Jan. 21 at Barren's
- Feb. 18 at St. John's

MEN'S BREAKFAST

8:00AM Men's Breakfast schedule next few months:

- Dec. 17 - Baker's
- Jan. 21 - Baker's
- Feb. 18 - Bakers

OUTREACH MEETINGS FOR 2017

All at 7:00pm at Barren's:

January 16
March 20
May 15
July 17
September 18
November 20

SNOW CANCELLATION INFORMATION

The days are getting shorter, temperatures are falling, and snow will be an issue at some point. 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.

END-OF-YEAR-CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions for the 2016 tax year must be in the church office or postmarked no later than **December 31, 2016.** End-Of-Year procedures, reports, giving statements, etc. can then be performed in a timely fashion. Any questions or concerns, please email secretaryfulp@gmail.com.

SERVICES JANUARY 1, 2017 (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

New Year's Day services will be held at all churches at their regular times. These will be Holy Communion services with "lessons and carols" of the season.

2017 FISH ITEMS FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

January – Cereals/Spices
February – Soups/Crackers
March – Feminine Hygiene Products (Toilet Paper/Dish Soap/Laundry Soap)
April – Canned Fruits/Vegetables
May – Pasta/Sauces/Ketchup/Mustard
June – Canned Meats (Tuna/Chicken/Spam)
July – Vegetables/Potato Mixes
August – Peanut Butter/Jelly
September – Cereals/Baby Food
October – Sweet Potatoes/Paper Towels
November – Cranberry Sauce/Gravy Mixes
December – Sauerkraut/Diapers (Any Size)

Or anything else you would like donate!

THRIVENT CHOICE

Thrivent Choice Dollars can be directed to a charity or church of your choosing. However, you must elect the charity or church for the distribution each time your account has monies available; the available money does expire after a period of time. Our churches are on the list of places where those dollars can be directed. If you are unsure whether or not you have this option, check with your Thrivent representative.

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 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 and please check the expiration dates on the items.

MEAL MINISTRY

Please contact Pastor Roy or **Laura Malinoski** if you, or someone else you know within our parish, may be in need of meals for any kind of reason. Please don't be afraid to ask for help for yourself or someone else – it's why this program was started!

SHAWL MINISTRY

To those who participate in the prayer shawl ministry, we currently have a number of "prayer shawls" to be given to the homebound and ill...thank you so much! Please consider making lap robes now…45x36 should work well. Thank you for participating in this prayerful and compassionate ministry.

GIANT GIFT CARDS

Giant Gift Cards are here! All three churches have a supply ready for purchase. They can be used in any of their locations to purchase everything from party platters, groceries, to gasoline! They make the perfect thoughtful gift for college students, business associates, friends, or relatives, both near and far. See:

- Woody Myers at Barren's
- Ron Henry at Emmanuel
- Nancy Bobb at St. John's

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

Kirchenwald to host annual Retreat
January 6-8, 2017
3rd-9th graders welcome.

Enjoy Kirchenwald in the Winter. Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond. Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer and other winter games. Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat. Meet new friends and catch up with your summer camp friends. Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included, as the weather dictates. Registration $135.00. To get more info. or to register, visit:
http://www.lutherancamping.org/events/wyr.php

PARISH BLOOD DRIVES FOR 2017

We will once again have two Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank drives during 2017 and they are scheduled for:

April 10 and **September 11**

Jan Keslar will have more information closer to the date of the blood drives.

Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING

Thanks To The Following:

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, flowers, visitations, donations to St. John's (Dover) Cemetery Association, and all you did for Ada the past several years. Your love and support was greatly appreciated during this difficult time.

The Leon Grove family

Thanks To The Following:
A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our annual Farmer's Fair Food & Bake Sale Stand. We were blessed with good weather and thanks to your hard work and efforts we had a nice variety of goods to sell.

Emmanuel Family

Thanks To The Following:
Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sept 12 blood drive. We were able to see 33 people, and we were able to collect 31 pints of blood. So with your help we were able to save 93 local lives. Great job!

Central PA Blood Bank

Thanks To The Following:

Thanks to all who donated mashed potatoes for New Hope Thanksgiving Baskets. We collected 190… Great job!!

Ellen Hampton

Thanks To The Following:

Thanks to Carl and Woody for driving the tractors for the hayride and for all who contributed snacks for our enjoyment.

Pastor Roy

Thanks To The Following:

Thanks to all who have made our churches welcoming places for our children to grow in faith through confirmation and beyond: Congratulations to Jonathan Ross, Eddie Ensor, Heather Cressler, Wade Kreider, and Adam Goulden for their recent confirmation/affirmation of faith and involvement in our classes along the way. *Pastor Roy*

Thanks To The Following:

Thank you to Wally Foreman, Tammy Wagner, Marlene Stiffler, and Deb Racer who help organize participants in our worship services.

Pastor Roy

Thanks To The Following:

Thanks to all who contributed food for the "blood drive meal" and to those who served.

Pastor Roy

Thanks To The Following:
Thanks to all who helped make "Farmer's Fair" a success again this year! So many from our congregations are involved making the fair a blessing to our community and vital reminder of the importance of agriculture. *Pastor Roy*

Thanks To The Following:
Thank you for your generosity in giving toward the ministries of our congregations. Without your gifts, we could not continue. *Pastor Roy*

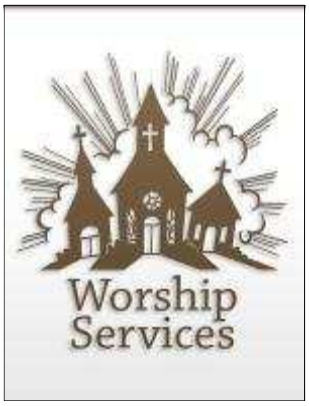
OCTOBER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Barren's
Year-to-date income through October: $ 58,554.26
Year-to-date expenses through October: 85,557.38
Year-to-date difference as of Oct. 31, 2016: $- 27,003.12

Emmanuel
Year-to-date income through October: $ 42,824.09
Year-to-date expenses through October: $ 51,469.34
Year-to-date difference as of Oct. 31, 2016: $- 8,645.25

St. John's Franklin
Year-to-date income through October: $ 20,264 .00
Year-to-date expenses through October: $ 23,159 .00
Year-to-date difference as of Oct. 31, 2016: $ - 2,895.00

Faith United Lutheran Parish
Year-to-date income through October: $ 131,877.04
Year-to-date expenses through October: $ 119,476.01
Year-to-date difference as of Oct. 31, 2016: $ 12,401.03



PARISH/COMBINED SERVICES - 2017

Tentative schedule for upcoming combined/parish services in 2017:

- **May 28** (Memorial Day) at Emmanuel - 9:00AM
- **August 6** (Parish Picnic) at St. Michael's - 10:30AM
- **September 3** (Labor Day) at Barren's - 10:30AM
- **October 22** (Heritage Day) at St. John's - 10:45AM
- **December 31** (Combined Svc) at CLC Filey's - 9:00AM

Faith United Lutheran Parish
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Barren's United
Dillsburg, PA

Secretary/Comptroller Report: Accepted

Respectfully Submitted, *Nancy Bobb*, Parish Council Secretary

FULP's Abbreviated Council Meeting Minutes - July 12, 2016

Treasurer's Report: No report; Pastor's Report: No questions

New Business:

- Marianne made a motion that the Parish start a mutual ministry committee and woody 2nd. Motion carried. Pastor wants Pam Arndt to chair this committee and there should be one person from each church.
- Jack made a motion to purchase an ad in the Dill Pickle for next year including St. Michaels and Marianne 2nd. Motion carried.
- Christmas will be held at Emmanuel this year and New Year's will at the individual churches.

Attendance:
Nancy Bobb
Marianne Botta
Charles Erford
Gayle Kolivras
Jeff Kreider
MaryJo Rodriguez
Clint Shearer
Pastor Roy Stetler
Marlene Stiffler
Tammy Wagner
Jack Zeigler

FULP's Abbreviated Council Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2016

Secretary Report: Accepted by council.
Financial Report: No report.
Treasurer's report: July all churches paid and $2,700 collected from Giant cards. August all churches paid and $1,700 collected for Giant cards. $150.00 donated to parish from funerals.
Mutual ministry: New committee being formed which still needs people to volunteer and should have one from each congregation.
Parish Ministry Aid: This committee needs two more people.

Respectfully Submitted, *Nancy Bobb*, Parish Council Secretary

Attendance:
Nancy Bobb
Marianne Botta
Charles Erford
Vicar Micki Kautz
Jeff Kreider
Clint Shearer
Pastor Roy Stetler
Marlene Stiffler
Tammy Wagner
Jack Zeigler

FULP's Abbreviated Council Meeting Minutes - October 4, 2016

Secretary Report: Accepted by council.
Treasurer's report: No report.
Mutual ministry: New committee being formed which still needs people to volunteer and should have one from each congregation.
Parish Aid Fund: Jane Long volunteered from St. Michaels.
New Business: Council changed meeting to November 1 at 8:00PM at Barrens.
Woody made a motion to adjourn and Marlene 2nd.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Bobb, Parish Council Secretary.

Attendance:
Nancy Bobb
Marianne Botta
Charles Erford
Vicar Micki Kautz
MaryJo Rodriguez
Clint Shearer
Pastor Roy Stetler
Marlene Stiffler
Tammy Wagner
Jack Zeigler

Barren's Council Meeting Minutes - July 12, 2016

Attendance:
Laurie Hoover
Jeff Kreider
Marcy Renshaw
MaryJo Rodriguez
Clint Shearer
Tammy Wagner
Roy Stetler

Call to order with prayer by Pastor Roy.
Approval of: Minutes from June, Accepted.

Building and Property Report:
Church House Blinds: Not purchasing blinds at this time – However since the July meeting the blinds are now being purchased by church members.

Unfinished Business:
- Spreadsheet for our items in the Church: Work in progress.
- Boscov's Fundraiser: The coupon is $5.00. With this coupon the individual will get 25% off most items. Coupon date to be used will be October 18, 2016. We are moving forward in selling the Boscov's coupons, also promote the church. Time slots that will be available are Thursday/Friday/Saturday from 10a-2p, 2-6p, 6-9p and Sunday 11a-2p & 2-5p; we will have to pick which times we want. Cost to the church is nothing and the church will profit the $5.00 paid for the coupon. Money will go towards helping New Hope or Building Fund (window's church house). Motion was made by Laurie and 2nd by Jeff – Motion carried.
- Windows for church house. Discussion on letting the congregation sponsor a window and placing a plaque by that window.
- Discussion on skipping the August Council meeting – Motion was made by Clint to skip August meeting and 2nd by Laurie – Motion carried.

New Business:
No New Business at this time.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 13 @ Barren's.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcy Renshaw,
Council Secretary

Barren's Council Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2016

Attendance:
Laurie Hoover
Jeff Kreider
Marcy Renshaw
Lori Ross
Carl Shearer
Clint Shearer
Tammy Wagner
Roy Stetler

Call to order with prayer by Pastor Roy.

Approval of: Minutes from July, Accepted.

Treasurers Report; Carl: Financial Report was reported that monies are being pulled from savings to meet monthly expenses.

Building and Property Report:
- Church House Blinds: We'll have pricing for the blinds in the near future.
- Air Conditioner unit that needs replaced is approximately $1,500 for the outside unit or $600.00 for a new compressor. Ralph Diller was unable to attend the meeting to give the exact amounts. However after discussion, motion was made to replace the entire unit (after the council talks with Ralph to determine the age of the unit that is being replace) Motion was made by Jeff and 2nd by Laurie.

Unfinished Business:
- Spreadsheet for our items in the Church: Work in progress.
- Boscov's Fundraiser: "Friends Helping Friends" Coupons are available for purchase and anyone wanting to sell them can see Tammy.
- Windows for church house. Monies are being collected for the purchasing of the windows.
- Blood Drive held September 12, 2016, successful 33 people with 31 giving donors .

New Business:
- Discussion on moving the October meeting to either the 4th or 18th, due to the 11th being Farmer's Fair week. Decision will be made after the Parish Council meeting; meeting will be held week early, Tuesday 4th.
- Aero Energy Oil – If a member of the church is being supplied oil through Aero. Aero Energy Oil will donate $.03 per gallon to the church. Example: If you receive 100 gallons of oil for your home – Aero Energy will send $3.00 donation to Barrens Church. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board if you participate with Aero Energy Oil Sunday, June 19, 2016, Father's Day we'll be handing out candy to the men of the congregation. Clint & Amber Shearer will take care of this.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 4 at Barren's.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcy Renshaw,
Council Secretary

Emmanuel's Council Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2016

Attendance:
Charles Erford
Marianne Botta
Ron Henry
Helen Kilgore
Jack Zeigler
Pastor Roy Stetler

Pastor Roy opened the meeting at 7:05PM with prayer. President Sonny Erford called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

Approval of:

Secretary's Report – 1st by Helen Kilgore, 2nd by Ron Henry
Financial Report – 1st by Marianne Botta, 2nd by Jack Zeigler
Pastor's Report – 1st by Marianne, 2nd by Jack

Old Business:

- We will have Christmas Eve service at Emmanuel. Christmas Day will be a parish service also at Emmanuel. New Year's Day services will be at each church.
- Discussed not to do anything with the bell tower, as long as it isn't leaking. If we do need to fix it, talked about putting a roof over it.

New Business:

- Ron Henry told us he had to take $5,ooo out of Thrivent fund to help with expenses.
- We talked about the Farmers Fair booth. We need donated food to have at the stand.
- There was an open discussion on how to improve Sunday attendance at Emmanuel. We discussed several ideas on how to approach individuals who are active members to try to get them to attend services.
- Jack and Marianne will be putting together some past history from Emmanuel church for Heritage Sunday at St. Johns.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marianne Botta,
Council Secretary

Motion to adjourn the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:00PM: 1st - Marianne, 2nd - Jack.

Emmanuel's Council Meeting Minutes - October 4, 2016

Attendance:
Marianne Botta
Sonny Erford
Ron Henry
Jack Zeigler
Pastor Roy Stetler

Pastor Roy opened the meeting at 7:05PM with prayer. President Sonny Erford called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

Approval of:

Secretary's Report – 1st by Jack, 2nd by Ron
Financial Report – 1st by Marianne, 2nd by Jack
Pastor's Report – 1st by Marianne, 2nd by Ron

Respectfully Submitted,
Marianne Botta,
Council Secretary

Old Business:

- All fire extinguishers at Emmanuel Church are up to code.
- Heritage Sunday is Oct. 16 at St. John's. Emmanuel will have pictures to display at the service.

New Business:

- The tent will be set up at 5:00AM Oct. 15 for Emmanuel's bake sale stand at Farmers Fair, then taken down at 2:00PM.
- We have to show proof of insurance for the stand at the Farmers Fair.
- Mission Investment Fund's new address is: PO Box 31070, Chicago, IL 60631-0070
- Motion to stop the telephone service at Emmanuel - 1st Ron, 2nd Jack

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM with the Lord's Prayer: 1st by Ron, 2nd by Marianne.

St. John's Franklin Council Meeting Minutes - August 31, 2016

Attendance:
Clarence/Sandy Bachert
Gail Berkheimer
Gayle Kolivras
Marlene Stiffler
Nancy Bobb
Vicar Micki Kautz

Meeting opened at 7:10PM with prayer by Vicar Micki.

Meeting closed at 8:45PM with The Lord's Prayer. Next meeting: September 13, 2016, 7PM, at Barren's.

President Marlene thanked all for adjusting to attend this rescheduled meeting, held at the Bachert's home.

Vicar's Report: Report for July accepted.
Secretary's Report: July 12 meeting minutes were approved by motion.
Financial Report: Gayle and Sandy reported bills are paid. Everything is in order.

New Business:

- Two new cleaning people were contracted: Cathy Ginder and Kim Shuman. Same rate of payment as previous cleaners.
- Motion by Gayle, 2nd by Sandy to approve request by Lori Russel for use of basement for baby shower, Oct. 2.
- Regarding two school buses and a tanker truck which have been parking in the church parking area: Council is very concerned about maintenance of the area and degradation of the lot surface. Motion made by Sandy, 2nd by Gail and passed unanimously to speak with all three drivers. Marlene will make these calls to inform them to find a different parking location by October 1, 2016.
- We will continue receiving Our Daily Bread .
- Discussion of upcoming events followed.
- Motion by Sandy, 2nd by Nancy for Vicar Micki to order wheat wafers for communion.
- Council agreed to try RADA cutlery as a fundraiser.

St. John's Franklin Council Meeting Minutes - October 4, 2016

Attendance:
Clarence/Sandy Bachert
Gail Berkheimer
Vicar Micki Kautz
Marlene Stiffler
Nancy Bobb
Pastor Roy Stetler

Meeting was opened at 7:05pm with prayer by Pastor Roy.

Pastor's Report/Vicar's Report: Accepted.
Secretary's Report: Minutes from August meeting were read and approved.
Financial Report: Gayle and Sandy reported bills are paid. Everything is in order.
Cemetery: One burial; one pending.

Old Business:

- Assembled 15 LWR school kits on Sunday, September 11, after church for 'God's Work, Our Hands' Sunday (See photos right/below). Vicar Micki will deliver to destination.
- Motion made by Sandy, second by Gail, to purchase and install a rubber bumper in front of the septic tank wall in our parking lot. Motion carried.
- DABA meeting October 27, 2016, 7 PM, downstairs.

New Business:

- Heritage Day, October 16, will emphasize WWII archives, Doug Riley will be present with memorabilia and remembrance.
- Annual congregational meeting on December 4. Election of Council for 2017. Holiday decorating after meeting.
- We will have a joint Christmas Eve Service with Mountainview.

Motion to adjourn by Sandy. Meeting closed at 7:55 PM with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, *Gail Berkheimer*, Council Secretary

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER

2 – Krysten Simmons
6 – Nancy Miller
9 – Emily Altland
11 – Willow Hoke
12 – Zach McCauslin
13 – Dot Heiges
14 – Jared Ross
15 – Diane Shearer
17 – Darvin Grove
19 – Tammy Wagner
21 – Deb Glenn
22 – Melissa Hoke
24 – Darlene Hershey
25 – Chad Weyandt
26 – Tammy Mummert
29 – Elaine Fettro
Adam Goulden
30 – Ron Tamecki
Lori Ross

JANUARY

2 – Ellen Hampton
3 – Jacob Smith
5 – Blanche Henry
Arnetta Kimmel
6 – John Bobb
7 – Debbie Butler
9 – Trudy Harlacker
10 – Jacob Stone
11 – Anne Harner
MaryJo Rodriguez
Jessica Leonard
12 – Logan Racer
Tony Ross
13 – Carisa Harner
14 – Ray Fitton
15 – Karen Lenig
19 – Clyde Hershey
20 – Dan Miller
Dawn Zinn
21 – Norma Myers
22 – Dannielle Eckenrode
23 – Jennifer Kreider
Nancy Bobb
24 – Jordan Hoke
Dustin Triump
26 – Matthew Hoke
27 – Ellizanna Hershey
29 – Steve Zeigler

FEBRUARY

1 – Pete Hershey
Mike Zeigler
3 – Diane Dorsey
Claire Shook
6 – Breanna Fahey
15 – Morgan Fahey
JR Zeigler
18 – Zach Zinn
21 – Jed Renshaw
22 – Zoe Kreider
25 – Eddie Ensor
Barb Siegel
26 – Betty Stambaugh
Josiah Stetler
27 – Ken Frazier
28 – Reilly Jones

DECEMBER PARISH WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin	St. Michael's
Dec. 4	Pastor Roy Stetler	Vicar Micki Kautz	Vicar Micki Kautz	Pastor Roy Stetler
Dec. 11	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	Vicar Micki Kautz	Vicar Micki Kautz
Dec. 18	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	Vicar Micki Kautz	Vicar Micki Kautz
Dec. 24(Eve)	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Simms	Pastor Roy Stetler
Dec. 25	**Combined Worship @ Emmanuel**	Pastors Roy Stetler & Debbie Mahady	**Combined Worship @ Emmanuel**	

Lector

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Dec. 4	Clint Shearer	Darlene Hershey	Gail Berkheimer
Dec. 11	Jeff Kreider	Helen Kilgore	Gail Berkheimer
Dec. 18	Amber Shearer	Barb Zeigler	Gail Berkheimer
Dec. 24(Eve)	Amber Shearer	Wally Foreman	Gail Berkheimer
Dec. 25	**Parish @ Emmanuel**	Jack Zeigler	**Parish @ Emmanuel**

Acolyte/(Crucifer at Barren's)

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Dec. 4	TBD/TBD	TBD	N/A
Dec. 11	Wade Kreider/Zoe Kreider	TBD	N/A
Dec. 18	Arlana Racer/RaeAnne Mummert	TBD	N/A
Dec. 24(Eve)	Logan Racer/Gage Mummert	TBD	N/A
Dec. 25	**Parish @ Emmanuel**	TBD	**Parish @ Emmanuel**

Greeters/Ushers

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Dec. 4	Larry & Pam Shook	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	Marlene Stiffler
Dec. 11	Barb Siegel/Alison Zeigler	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	Marlene Stiffler
Dec. 18	Tammy & Morgan Wagner	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	Marlene Stiffler
Dec. 24(Eve)	Carl & Clint Shearer	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	Marlene Stiffler
Dec. 25	**Parish @ Emmanuel**	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	**Parish @ Emmanuel**

Altar Guild

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Dec. 4 (purple)	Mary Lutz/Jenn Kreider	Stephanie & Randy Graham	Gayle Kolivras
Dec. 11 (purple)	Mary Lutz/Jenn Kreider	Stephanie & Randy Graham	Gayle Kolivras
Dec. 18 (purple)	Diane/Amber Shearer	Stephanie & Randy Graham	Gayle Kolivras
Dec. 24(Eve-white)	Diane/Amber Shearer	Stephanie & Randy Graham	Gayle Kolivras
Dec. 25 (white)	**Parish @ Emmanuel**	Stephanie & Randy Graham	**Parish @ Emmanuel**

Flower Donors

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Dec. 4	Greg & Julie Williams	TBD	Gayle Kolivras
Dec. 11	Kevin & Pat Hoke	TBD	N/A
Dec. 18	Carl & Diane Shearer	TBD	Renata Krull
Dec. 24(Eve)	Carl & Diane Shearer	TBD	N/A
Dec. 25	**Parish @ Emmanuel**	TBD	**Parish @ Emmanuel**

JANUARY PARISH WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin	St. Michael's
Jan. 1	Pastor Roy Stetler	Vicar Micki Kautz	Vicar Micki Kautz	Pastor Roy Stetler
Jan. 8	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	Vicar Micki Kautz	Vicar Micki Kautz
Jan. 15	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	Vicar Micki Kautz	Vicar Micki Kautz
Jan. 22	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	TBD	Vicar Micki Kautz
Jan. 29	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	TBD	Vicar Micki Kautz

Lector

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Jan. 1	Linda Gochenauer	Barb Zeigler	Gail Berkheimer
Jan. 8	Marcy Renshaw	Helen Kilgore	Gail Berkheimer
Jan. 15	Woody Myers	Darlene Hershey	Gail Berkheimer
Jan. 22	MaryJo Rodriguez	Ron Henry	Gail Berkheimer
Jan. 29	Morgan Wagner	Wally Foreman	Gail Berkheimer

Acolyte/(Crucifer at Barren's)

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Jan. 1	TBD/TBD	TBD	N/A
Jan. 8	Arlana Racer/RaeAnne Mummert	TBD	N/A
Jan. 15	TBD/TBD	TBD	N/A
Jan. 22	Logan Racer/Gage Mummert	TBD	N/A
Jan. 29	TBD/TBD	TBD	N/A

Greeters/Ushers

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Jan. 1	Scott & Melissa Zirkle family	Marianne Botta & Sonny Erford	Jerry Slothower
Jan. 8	Dave & Pam Arndt	Marianne Botta & Sonny Erford	Jerry Slothower
Jan. 15	Christine & Heather Cressler	Marianne Botta & Sonny Erford	Jerry Slothower
Jan. 22	Ralph & Lois Diller	Marianne Botta & Sonny Erford	Jerry Slothower
Jan. 29	Bob & Linda Eline	Marianne Botta & Sonny Erford	Jerry Slothower

Altar Guild

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Jan. 1 (white)	Bob & Linda Gochenauer	Jane & Phil Zinn	Gail & Larry Berkheimer
Jan. 8 (white)	Bob & Linda Gochenauer	Jane & Phil Zinn	Gail & Larry Berkheimer
Jan. 15 (green)	Kevin & Pat Hoke	Jane & Phil Zinn	Gail & Larry Berkheimer
Jan. 22(green)	Kevin & Pat Hoke	Jane & Phil Zinn	Gail & Larry Berkheimer
Jan. 29 (green)	Vicky Merovich & Lois Diller	Jane & Phil Zinn	Gail & Larry Berkheimer

Flower Donors

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Jan. 1	Barb Siegel	TBD	N/A
Jan. 8	Bob & Pat Miller	TBD	Gayle Kolivras
Jan. 15	Martin McCartney	TBD	N/A
Jan. 22	Mary Lutz	TBD	Nancy Bobb
Jan. 29	Jeff Griffin	TBD	N/A

FEBRUARY PARISH WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin	St. Michael's
Feb. 5	Pastor Roy Stetler	Vicar Micki Kautz	Vicar Micki Kautz	Pastor Roy Stetler
Feb. 12	Vicar Micki Kautz	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	Vicar Micki Kautz
Feb. 19	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	Vicar Micki Kautz	Vicar Micki Kautz
Feb. 26	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	TBD	Vicar Micki Kautz

Lector

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Feb. 5	Jeff Kreider	Deb Fager	Nancy Bobb
Feb. 12	Tammy Wagner	Sonny Erford	Nancy Bobb
Feb. 19	MaryJo Rodriguez	Marianne Botta	Nancy Bobb
Feb. 26	Jeff Kreider	Sean Zinn	Nancy Bobb

Acolyte/(Crucifer at Barren's)

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Feb. 5	TBD/TBD	TBD	N/A
Feb. 12	TBD/TBD	TBD	N/A
Feb. 19	TBD/TBD	TBD	N/A
Feb. 26	Logan Racer/Gage Mummert	TBD	N/A

Greeters/Ushers

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Feb. 5	Bill & Kathy Eurich	Norm Hess & Jack Zeigler	Gail Berkheimer
Feb. 12	Bob & Kay Fest	Norm Hess & Jack Zeigler	Gail Berkheimer
Feb. 19	Bob & Linda Gochenauer	Norm Hess & Jack Zeigler	Gail Berkheimer
Feb. 26	Terry & Bev Gochenauer	Norm Hess & Jack Zeigler	Gail Berkheimer

Altar Guild

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Feb. 5 (green)	Vicky Merovich & Lois Diller	Jane & Phil Zinn	Jerry Slothower
Feb. 12 (green)	Diane & Amber Shearer	Jane & Phil Zinn	Jerry Slothower
Feb. 19 (green)	Diane & Amber Shearer	Jane & Phil Zinn	Jerry Slothower
Feb. 26 (white)	Deb Racer & Family	Jane & Phil Zinn	Jerry Slothower

Flower Donors

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Feb. 5	Vicky Merovich	TBD	Marlene Stiffler
Feb. 12	Ervin Orner Family	TBD	N/A
Feb. 19	Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Yost	TBD	Jerry Slothower
Feb. 26	Marguerite Deardorff	TBD	N/A

DECEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm - E - Choir Practice	2	3 9am - E - Caring Closet
4 *Advent* 9am - E (Vicar Micki) 9am - SM (Rev. Roy) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (Vicar Micki) Cong. Mtg. too	5	6 9am - B - Fitzkee Candy Pickup 1pm - Filey's - Advent Movie 6pm - B - Fitzkee Candy Pickup	7 11am - Ministerium 7pm - B - Choir Practice	8 7pm - E - Choir Practice	9	10
11 *Advent* 9am - E (Rev. Roy) Cong. Mtg. too 9am - SM (Vicar Micki) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) Cong. Mtg. too 10:45am - SJ	12	13 1pm - Filey's - Advent Movie 5pm - B - Farm Women 7pm - All Council Meetings @ B 8pm - Parish Council Meeting	14 7pm - B - Choir Practice	15 10am - W Shore Ministerium 7pm - E - Choir Practice	16 5pm - New Hope Christmas Party	17 8am - Men's Breakfast @ Bakers 8am - Bakers - Mugs-N-Muffins
18 *Advent* 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 9am - SM (Vicar Micki) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (Vicar Micki)	19	20	21 7pm - B - Choir Practice	22 7pm - E - Choir Practice	23	24 *Christmas Eve* 7pm - E - Service - Rev. Roy 7pm - SJ - Service - Pr. Simms 8:30pm - SM - Service - Rev. Roy 10:30pm - B - Service - Rev. Roy
25 *Christmas Day* 9am - E - Combined Service (Pr. Roy and Debbie) 	26	27	28 7pm - B - Choir Practice	29 7pm - E - Choir Practice	30	*31 New Year's Eve*

JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *New Year's Day* 9am - E (Vicar Micki) 9am - SM (Rev. Roy) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (Vicar Micki)	2	3	4 11am - Ministerium 7pm - B - Choir Practice	5 7pm - E - Choir Practice	6 *Epiphany Of Our Lord*	7 9am - E - Caring Closet
8 *Baptism Of Our Lord* 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 9am - SM (Vicar Micki) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (Vicar Micki)	9	10 7pm - All Council Meetings @ E 8pm - Parish Council Mtg @ E	11 7pm - B - Choir Practice	12 7pm - E - Choir Practice	13	14
15 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 9am - SM (Vicar Micki) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (Vicar Micki)	16 *Martin Luther King Day* 7pm - B - Outreach Committee Mtg. 	17	18 7pm - B - Choir Practice	19 10am - W Shore Ministerium 7pm - E - Choir Practice	20	21 8am - Men's Breakfast @ Bakers 8am - B - Mugs-N-Muffins
22 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 9am - SM (Vicar Micki) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (TBD)	23	24	25 7pm - B - Choir Practice	26 6:30pm - E - W&M Comm. Mtg. 7pm - E - Choir Practice	27	28
29 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 9am - SM (Vicar Micki) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (TBD)	30	31				

FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11am - Ministerium 7pm - B - Choir Practice	2 *Groundhog Day* 7pm - E - Choir Practice 		4 9am - E - Caring Closet
5 *Super Bowl* 9am - E (Vicar Micki) 9am - SM (Rev. Roy) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (Vicar Micki)	6	7	8 7pm - B - Choir Practice	9 7pm - E - Choir Practice	10	11
12 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 9am - SM (Vicar Micki) 10:30am - B (Vicar Micki) 10:45am - SJ (Rev. Roy)	13	14 *Valentine's Day* 7pm - All Council Meetings @ E 8pm - Parish Council Meeting @ E 	15 7pm - B - Choir Practice	16 10am - W Shore Ministerium 7pm - E - Choir Practice	17	18 8am - Men's Breakfast @ Bakers 8am - SJ - Mugs-N-Muffins
19 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 9am - SM (Vicar Micki) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (Vicar Micki)	20 *Presidents' Day* Newsletter Deadline 	21	22 7pm - B - Choir Practice	23 7pm - E - Choir Practice	24	25
26 *Transfiguration Of Our Lord* 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 9am - SM (Vicar Micki) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (TBD)	27	28				

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Deadline for March/April/May 2017 Noteworthy Newsletter is Monday, February 20.

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