

# Emanuel United Methodist Church

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February 19, 2023

10:30 AM Service

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WELCOME! We welcome you to EMANUEL CHURCH. We are small in size, LARGE ON CARING, and FILLED WITH LOVE. Your race does not matter, nor your wealth, nor your education. Our sincere desire is that through the moving power of the Holy Spirit, all may know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Welcome, everyone, WELCOME!



OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Exodus 24:12-18*

Liturgist: The Lord be with us.

**People: Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"His Grace Is Greater"* by Steve Green

PRAYER REQUESTS, CONCERNS, THANKSGIVING

PRAYER HYMN #349 *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE #898 *"Amen"*

\* GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 19:1-9*

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

\* GLORIA PATRI #71

THE MESSAGE by Pastor Swift: *"Super Sunday"*

\* CLOSING HYMN #404 *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORUS OF BLESSING *"May the Lord, Mighty God"* (tune of Edelweiss)

[Please remain at your pew - see screen]

POSTLUDE *"My Tribute"* by Crouch

\* Please stand as a symbol of Praise and Honor to God if you are able.

If you would like to try our hearing assistance system, please see John Elicker before or during the service.

## THE WORSHIP SERVICE for THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



### PRESIDENTS' SUNDAY



PRELUDE *"In Him is Perfect Peace"* by Rand

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* OPENING HYMN #427 *"Where Cross the Crowded Ways"* [verses 1, 2 and 3]

\* CALL TO WORSHIP:

Liturgist: We come to the mountain top to be covered by your presence.

**People: We are comforted by your holiness; we are comforted by the hope of the mountain top, where you are so close, so accessible, where there is no doubt of your glory.**

Liturgist: The mountain top reminds us why we worship you.

**People: We witness your power, and your plan for the nations of the earth.**

Liturgist: As we prepare for worship, God brings us to the mountain top;

**People: brings us to the mountain top so that we may be inspired to do your work in the valley below.**

The altar flowers today are presented  
by Nan Hershner in honor of our greatest Presidents

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PASTOR: Harry "Ron" Swift

LAY SPEAKER: Joanne Townsend

AUDIO VISUALS: John Elicker

ORGANIST: Sally Brown

LITURGIST: Joanne Townsend

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Mary Kraft / Deb Yost

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### FAT SUNDAY LUNCHEON TODAY

Today we celebrate Fat Sunday, or formally in the French, Dimanche Gras, as our way of celebrating Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, the final day of the Christian season known as carnival. Please join us for this luncheon and celebration following worship.

### OUR GREATEST PRESIDENTS

**George Washington** said: *"If the freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led like sheep to the slaughter."* **Abraham Lincoln** said: *"Our nation was conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal"*



INCLUDE THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Residents of East Palestine, Ohio	The Carson Capik family
Victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria	Pam Starz Prowell
Beulah Ness	Dan Withers
Krista Politz	Helen
Tanya Baust	Arthur
Manan Goyal	Nan Hershner
Marilou Klipa	Pastor Ron's mother
Alice and Jim Hart	Rob Miller
	Carol Swift
	Jean McLaughlin
	Donna Goodling
	Lucille Decker
	Wendy McMillin
	Paul Albright

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

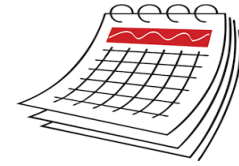
During the week of February 19<sup>th</sup> through February 25<sup>th</sup> please join with the eight hundred plus congregations of the Susquehanna Conference praying for these sister churches:

St. Paul's UMC, Muncy Valley	Emmanuel UMC, Fremont
Dale UMC, Woodland	Mont Alto UMC, Mont Alto
Swissdale UMC, Lock Haven	East Canton UMC, Canton
Mount Gilead UMC, Shermans Dale	Orange UMC, Dallas
St. Thomas-Edenville UMC, St. Thomas	Bethel UMC, Bedford



REMEMBERING THOSE IN THE SERVICE

Take a ribbon to the pew with you and keep it with you for the duration of the worship service remembering that young service person in your prayers during worship.



CALENDAR

TODAY	Fat Sunday luncheon following our worship
Mon. Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bible study at 11:00 a.m. - "Choosing the Faithful Path" - bring your lunch
Wed. Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	First Sunday of Lent
Sun. Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Savings Time begins



THE PEACE CANDLE

The single candle on the Altar reminds us to always be in prayer for PEACE, and for all members of our armed forces. And we must also remember our President, the Supreme Court, and the Congress during these troubled days.



SOUTHERN YORK COUNTY PANTRY

During the month of February, we are collecting saltine crackers, plain oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter, and jelly for the pantry.

## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

The **Transfiguration of Jesus** is an episode in the New Testament in which Jesus is transfigured (or metamorphosed) and becomes radiant in glory upon a mountain. In the Gospel accounts, Jesus and three of his apostles, Peter, James and John, go to a mountain (the Mount of Transfiguration) to pray. On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by a voice in the sky, assumed to be God the Father, as in the Baptism of Jesus.



### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Our Ash Wednesday service will be this Wednesday, February 22nd, beginning at 7:00 p.m., signifying the beginning of the season of Lent. The service will include singing, prayers, preaching and the imposition of ashes.



### FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting during Lent was more severe in ancient times than today. In some places, all animal products were strictly forbidden. In most places the practice was to abstain from eating until the evening, when a small meal without meat, vegetables or alcohol was eaten.

