

Pastor's Point ,,,

Alleluia – Christ is risen! This year's Holy Week and Easter was truly a blessed time. Thanks to all who participated and made it especially meaningful. Once it is behind us, how do we keep the joy and exuberance that we experienced at our Resurrection celebration? Remember that we are an Easter people – the good news of the resurrection goes with us each and every day. Because of the resurrection we are promised a life filled with joy, peace and love. Claim it as your inheritance, do not limit the power of God to one special Sunday – live in it, share it and celebrate it each and every day of your life!

Be blessed,

Pastor Judy

In the spirit of this thought, please read the following piece that Gen Dox wrote post Easter:

*It is Monday morning and I am still at the empty tomb.
I know that the great stone has been rolled away,
the grave clothes have been discarded, the body gone.
The alleluias have been shouted from every corner of the world.
Christ is risen. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.
What does it mean to the world? What does it mean to me?
I have known of the resurrection most of my life.
I have read and reread the accounts written by his disciples.
Like Mary, I have heard him call me by name; I am his.
As I linger by the tomb this morning, I sense his presence.
There are things I want to ask him; things I need to know.
They are things that I would ask any beloved friend.
Do you really love me as much as you say you do?
Do you really love me as I am, flawed and imperfect?
How can I let go of doubt and trust in you, surrender to you?
How can I show through my life that I love you, Lord?
Sitting here at your empty tomb, I sense the power of God...
the power that not only released Jesus from death
but the power sufficient to free me from the chains that bind me...
the chains that I have dragged with me all my life,
chains that have weighted me down and stolen freedom.
Let me see you, Lord. Let me look into your eyes and feel love.
Let me feel the chains of death fall from me giving way to life.
Let me run from the tomb back to the world sensing your power
and your promised message: I too shall live.*

-Rev. Genevieve Dox

From Your Executive Council ,,,

The Executive Council met March 10, 2013 with 9 Council members and Pastor Judy in attendance.

It was reported that the Missions committee gave money to fund the 30 hour famine. They also approved to give up to \$500.00 to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Jane reported she is very pleased the way the Sunday School has been going. She has 16 children enrolled. Because they needed more room they have moved into the Nursery. Most children are staying until 12:30 PM. From 12:00-12:30 they have been doing music.

Mary Ellen has been doing a great job with our Caring Ministry program. She will be offering another class in a few months.

Per a report from the Trustees; a new roof has been put on the bell tower. They are looking for solutions for the front pavement as there are some icing problems due to run-off. A committee was formed to deal with safety issues around the church for adults & children.

Pastor Judy will be setting up a By-Laws Committee soon to update the By-Laws.

It was approved for our church to host the United Methodist Church Laity program on May 4, 2013 for about 100 people. They will be paying the expenses for us to host. A menu is being worked on. There will be a sign-up sheet if anyone would like to assist.

Gary VanKennen will be organizing having a soup & sandwich luncheon for the community

Respectfully Submitted,

Rande Jean Ashley, Church Clerk

Check out our page on Facebook – www.facebook.com/ECUCCMassena

From our friends in India ,,,



Emmanuel's continued support of ministries in India brings food and personal care items to widows in India.

Want to Become a Member of Emmanuel? Just ask Pastor Judy and she'll be happy to explain!

Has your group decided to hold a gathering ,,,

Please remember to notify the church office. Our email address is ecucc@verizon.net and our 24/7 answering machine number is 769-8523. We thank you for letting us know of your meeting plans.

Announcements ,,,

At the Well - We invite you to join us ...at the well, every Wednesday at 7:30 pm, in alternative worship to share in a "sense" of God. All are welcome!

Praying with the Scriptures - Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:15 in the Church Multi-Purpose Room #1 as Rev. Gen Dox, leads us in listening for the Word of God.

Coffee Hours - The "Cow Can" at the Coffee Hour is for donations to buy supplies for the weekly Coffee Hours. Also, we need people to sign up for a turn at hosting a Coffee Hour. The Sign Up Sheet is in the Fellowship Hall and there is a "To Do List" in the kitchen tells you what's required.

Donations for Food Pantry - There is a basket in the entry way for donations of non-food and non-perishable food items which are taken to the food pantry at the Massena Neighborhood Center. Thank you!

Prayer Chain - If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain or if you have prayers to add, please call Nola Martin at 769-2005 or email her at rmarti2@twcny.rr.com

Free Will Dinner - First United Methodist Church - 189 Main St., Massena - Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 p.m. (except July 4, October 25 and November 28, 2013) EVERYONE is welcome!

Upcoming at Emmanuel ,,,

Tuesday, April 2	6:00 Trustees meet
Sunday, April 7	12:30 Council meets
Tuesday, April 9	1:30 Friends Study group meets-Unity Room
Thurs., April 18	Spaghetti dinner set up-Com. Rm. & kitchen
Friday, April 19	4:00-6:30 Spaghetti dinner to benefit Commas for a Cure Relay for Life team
Wed., April 24	10:00-2:00 Church & Ministry meets at Emmanuel

Weekly Events

Sundays	9:30	Adult Forum
	11:00	Worship Service
	12:30	Missions Committee meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month during Fellowship
	8:00	AA in the Community Room
Mondays	7:30	Praise Band
Tuesdays	9:00	Prayer Breakfast
	10:15	"Praying with the Scriptures" in Church Multi-Purpose Room #1
	10:30	Emmanuel Dance

Wednesdays 6:00-9:00 Scrapbooking-Com. Rm.
6:15 Choir Practice
Knitwits
7:30 Al-A-Non- Library
...at the well, a non-traditional prayer and worship service
Thursdays 7:00 Prayer Group

In Memoriam

L. Fern Zeh - March 7, 2013
Gloria G. Cartin - March 29, 2013

Baptisms

Christie Lee Benedict – March 3, 2013
Bryson Odessa Lee Benedict Moses, son of Christie Lee Benedict – March 3, 2013
Bambi Jo Gravlin – March 24, 2013

New Members – March 24, 2013

Christie Lee Benedict
Bambi Jo Gravlin
Matthew LeBire



Spaghetti Dinner

Commas for a Cure team fundraiser

Friday, April 19th

4:00 – 6:30

Where: Emmanuel Congregational Church - 39 West Orvis St, Massena

Menu:Cost: \$7.00, children 5 and under free

- Spaghetti
- Meatballs and sausage
- Garlic and plain bread/butter
- Tossed salad
- Dessert
- Coffee, tea, punch

Takeouts available. Please bring container if possible.

50/50 raffle

Silent Auction