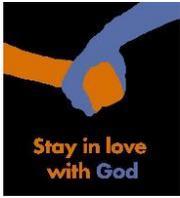


Giving Matters @ Emmanuel, 3rd Quarter 2018

Some examples of Christian efforts made possible by our collective giving this quarter:

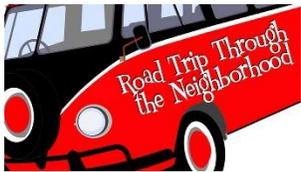
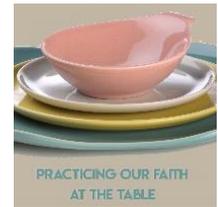
Rev. Stephanie's Sermon Series: On July 1, Rev. Stephanie began a 5-part sermon series entitled "Stay in Love with God", which is one of John Wesley's three simple rules for a Methodist way of life. Rev. Stephanie: We will explore how nurturing our relationship with God is the foundation of being a good disciple.



On July 1, Rev. Mark Schaefer preached a sermon entitled "Between Fear and Faith".

On July 8, Rev. Kim Capps preached a sermon entitled "Stay in Love with God—Falling in Love".

On August 5, Rev. Stephanie began a 4-part sermon series entitled "Practicing Our Faith at the Table". Rev. Stephanie: Eating...can be an opportunity to thoughtfully live our beliefs about justice—a vehicle for practicing our faith. What does it mean to practice our faith at the table?



On September 2, Rev. Stephanie began a 5-part sermon series entitled "Road Trip Through the Neighborhood". Rev. Stephanie: In September we will take a road trip through the neighborhood of some of our core beliefs as a beloved community of followers of Jesus at Emmanuel UMC. We believe that we don't have all the answers and that disagreements and discussions are healthy.

On Sunday, August 12, a group from Emmanuel took part in the Baltimore-Washington Conference rally: "United to Love, a Rally for Love, Peace and Justice". Rev. Kim Capps sang some of her original compositions at the rally. She was joined by Peter Augustine and some members of her band.



First Sunday Live: Emmanuel's First Sunday Live speaker series continued this quarter:



"Autism Awareness and Acceptance at Emmanuel UMC—Creating a Community Where All Are Welcome", presented by Andy and Christi Hanks and Stephanie Gawlinski on September 9.

Educational and Youth Activities: A youth mission trip to Chavies, Kentucky took place during the week of July 15 to 21 led by Donna Meoli with the participation of 14 youth and 4 adults who worked with the guidance of the Appalachia Service Project.



"Blessing of the Backpacks" was held on Sunday, August 26 to help students and educators prepare for another school year. A backpack ID tag was given to participants to remind them that "God has your back!"

Sunday School started for the new school year on September 9. Younger children attend the worship service for the children's sermon and then are escorted downstairs to their classrooms. Middle and high school youth meet for Sunday School in the Youth Room.



Cub Scout Pack 602 was recently chartered at Emmanuel as a family scouting group open to boys and girls. Meetings will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM.

Ministry Activities: A Young Adult Group has been initiated at Emmanuel, led by David Yost and Arlene Chen. The group gathers for lunch on the 4th Sunday of each month at noon at different locations. Emmanuel is one of 17 churches in the DC Metropolitan Area who were awarded a spot in the Wesley Theological Seminary Young Adult Ministry Innovation Program funded by the Lily Foundation. Emmanuel's Young Adult Ministry Cohort includes Yost, Arlene, Miriam Hanks, Marty MacFarland, Donna Meoli, and Rev. Stephanie.



Emmanuel continues to support important outreach activities such as Little Flowers Child Development Center in Baltimore City, LARS food collection and delivery, and Elizabeth House once a month. A "Helping Hands" fund has been re-established so that when our church staff hears of a person or family in need we are able to assist them immediately.



ParentConnect is a group at Emmanuel for parents/caregivers of children from birth to 5th grade. The purpose of the group is to connect parents/caregivers to serve as a resource for each other, build peer support, and come together for family activities.



The Annual Church Picnic, organized by the Men's Group, was held on September 16 at the High Ridge Community Park. Hot dogs and hamburgers were grilled and participants brought dishes to share and food donations for LARS.

Emmanuel 101, an informational class for prospective new members, is conducted periodically at Emmanuel by Rev. Kim Capps. On September 23, eleven prospective new members attended the class and told of their spiritual journeys and why they were attracted to Emmanuel. Rev. Capps also conducts "Theology on Tap", a discussion group which meets once a month at a local restaurant.

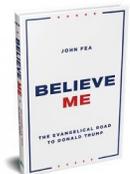


"Freed Moms", a support group for moms of LGBTQ children, organized by Teri and Steve Augustine, meets once a month at the VB Ministry Center and other locations.

The Women's Book Club meets on the third Thursday of every month for book discussions and fellowship.



Rev. Stephanie's Book/Bible Study groups continue to meet on Monday evenings or Tuesday mornings.



Emmanuel continues to have a very strong and professional music program with talented singers and instrumentalists performing each Sunday.