

## PENTECOST - Jesus sends the Holy Spirit

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost – the day the Holy Spirit of God came and breathed new life into the church of Jesus Christ. That same power is available to Jesus’ followers today! The Holy Spirit is the one who sustains us, teaches us, and empowers us. In John 16 Jesus said; “the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.”

The Spirit of God is the one that nudges us when needed. Have you ever had that inner sense that you need to do something today – right now? Afterward, you marveled at how the situation came together in unexpected ways? That is the work of the Holy Spirit! Over the past 3 years there were countless ways that things just “happened” to work out for Emmanuel. Let us not take God’s grace for granted – now is the time to attune our hearts and minds to the leading of the Holy Spirit all the more. We need to constantly seek God’s direction and mission for Emmanuel and then rely on the Spirit to help us get there.

In the book of Acts we are told that Jesus’ followers were all gathered together, waiting. They did not know when the Spirit would come or how – they just knew that Jesus had promised the Spirit would come. The same is with us. We are not quite sure what the next chapter in the history of Emmanuel will be, but we have the promise that the power and presence of God is available to us just as it was on the first day of Pentecost so many years ago. Let us be united in prayer and expect God to show up in unexpected ways – in the name of Jesus!

Be Blessed,  
Pastor Judy

## Commas for a Cure Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



You know what spaghetti is, that long white stuff. I remember my Grandma used to say that you throw the box at the wall when it's done, or something like that.



A future food critic for Emmanuel!  
Read her review on fingers - page 5.



Nice comma Glenn!



Some of the Kitchen Crew Enjoys their hard work!



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## Upcoming Events

Fri.-Sun.	June 4-6	NYCUCC Annual Conference at Silver Bay
Sun.	June 20	<b>Fathers Day</b> and Honoring our MCHS Graduate, Sloan Gleason
Thu.	June 24	MCHS Baccalaureate somewhere in Massena at some point during the day
Fri.	July 2	8:00 Wedding Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Sat.	July 3	1:00 Wedding - Sanctuary
Sun.	July 4	11:00 Joint Ecumenical Service at Emmanuel with 1st United Methodist and St. Johns Episcopal
Mon.	July 5	Church Offices Closed

### Weekly Events

Sundays	11:00	Worship Service
Tuesdays	10:15	“Praying w/Scriptures” in Church Multi-Purpose Room #1
	5:00 - 9:00	Community Room in Use
	7:00	Prayer Team
Wednesdays	6:00	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30	...at the well
Fridays	5:00 - 9:00	Community Room in Use

### Graduates

Ian Maxwell, grandson of Ellie Maxwell graduated from Clarkson University  
 Danielle Maxwell, granddaughter of Ellie Maxwell graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh  
 Melissa Reynolds, daughter-in-law of Rande & Victor Ashley, graduated from Upstate Medical University as a Nurse Practitioner  
 Lauren Mulvaugh-Milan received a Masters in Arts Degree from SUNY Plattsburgh May 15th, 2010. Lauren was the recipient of the Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences. She also received the CDS Peer Recognition Award from her graduating class. Lauren, her husband and two dogs will be moving to Tuscan AZ this summer where she has accepted a position with the Tuscan School District. Proud parents are Carole and the late Bob Mulvaugh. Proud grandparents are Barb and Bob Mulvaugh and Calvin and Miriam Wyman.

### Birthdays

We would like to gather the birth dates of our church family so that we may honor those celebrating birthdays each month! There are birthday sign up sheets for each month of the year in the Community Room. Please sign up on your birth month. Monthly birthdays will be recognized during our Coffee Hour after worship and will also appear each month in the Messenger. We are hoping to develop a birthday calendar so that everyone has a copy!

June 1 - Gary Jones  
 June 4 - Jane DuBray  
 June 8 - Terry DuBray  
 June 18 - Faith McLaughlin Happy Birthday to all of you from all of us!!

## Work Day :)

Looking for volunteers for a work day on Saturday June 19th. We need to cleanup the wooded area behind the church. Please see Victor Ashley or Lori Blaha if you would be willing to volunteer.  
 Thanks, Lori

## Thanks a Million!

A million thanks to all who helped with the Black River - St. Lawrence Association dinner held at Emmanuel on Sunday, May 2, 2010!! Thanks to those who helped with the preparation, cooking and setting up for the meal and also for the lovely table decorations. Also to those who helped with the clean up after the meal!! Without all of you, we wouldn't have been able to put on such a good dinner with great atmosphere in the Community Room - candle light and flowers no less! We have some wonderful workers here at Emmanuel and we certainly share in lots of fun and laughter when we are together!! Please don't hesitate to volunteer when ever there are events held at church - it will be well worth it and satisfying too. Once again, thanks to all who helped on the Association dinner.  
 Rande and Sharon

## Mission Moment—Pushed Into It

There is a young man named Jeff Galasyn who lives in a small town at the southern tip of Maine. Jeff has made multiple disaster recovery mission trips to New Orleans (the first one because his mother – a member of Southern Maine’s United Church of Christ -- sort of pushed him into it, he says) and was interviewed by Times-Picayune columnist Chris Rose during his third visit. What could a 17-year old high-school student have to say to a journalist that would inspire him to write a column?

Plenty....and plenty filled with wisdom. Here are some excerpts: “People always say thank you to us for helping them. But I think we should be saying thank you to them – to you all – for not being mad at us, when nobody came right after Katrina. I just feel that when everybody says ‘thank you,’ that it’s actually us who are in their debt. That’s why I’m here. That’s why I want to keep coming back, because I feel like you guys were abandoned, and I’m trying to do my part to help you guys get back your city.” And then there’s this: “I’ve learned a lot of life lessons down here. I respect people a lot more than I used to. I listen to my teachers a lot more; what they say, and I just grasp everything I can. It’s really had a huge impact on me. I’ve definitely learned that life doesn’t revolve around myself.” Finally, Jeff relayed one more piece of wisdom to Chris Rose, “There’s one more thing I want to tell you.

One of the workers here said this to me and it made a lot of sense: Demolishing these houses is saying goodbye to the old but also saying hello to the new. I thought that was really cool. It means the demolishing is New Orleans’ past and we’re moving toward the future and getting these homes ready for people to live in again. I thought that was a good explanation for the things that are happening here.” Chris Rose says he feels like he got a life lesson from a kid who got a life lesson and he knows “that we must never forget, never stop helping, never stop thanking and never surrender.”

Editor’s Note: This story comes to from the United Church of Christ’s website: [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) The website is an extraordinary source of information about our denomination and all that it does all around the world. Take a moment (or a month) sometime and stroll around the site. There you will find stories to inspire you as well as many, many resources. If nothing else, it may help you better understand why we always say, “God is still speaking!”

### Want to Become a Member of Emmanuel?

Just ask Pastor Judy and she’ll be happy to explain!

### Where’s the coolest place to be this Summer?

Emmanuel of course! Our new air conditioning is a real blessing as the temperatures rise. Let others know that we have openings for groups to meet and for one time events like weddings!



Eula Colby celebrates her 97th!

## Announcements

### Prayer Team

Join us Tuesday evenings for a time of prayer. It is open to all and meets on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m.

### Donations for Food Pantry

There is a basket in the entry way for donations of non-perishable food items which are taken to the food pantry at the Massena Neighborhood Center. Donations of non-food items are also needed. 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](mailto:rmarti2@twcny.rr.com)

### 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.

### 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!

### Listening for the Word of God

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.