

Emmanuel Congregational United Church of Christ

You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. -- Nehemiah 9:6

Last night Gary and I sat on the deck out back and just relaxed. There was a wonderful breeze, the trees were swaying just a little and the clouds were moving across the sky. It is times like that, when I am in awe of the world that God has created. It is as if all of nature joins together declaring; "Isn't God good – look around you and enjoy the gift that God has given – the gift of life." Nehemiah says it beautifully as we realize that the heavens and the earth call us to worship God.

Our praise may be irrelevant to everyone and everything but us, but it connects us to God in an amazing way. In a universe so vast, so much bigger than Nehemiah could have imagined, what is our small voice and our song of praise? The heavens, the earth, and all that inhabit it all cry out that our Creator is LORD. Does God need our praise? What difference does it make if we praise God?

To the universe, it doesn't matter. But it does to God and it should to us! God waits patiently, waiting for us to draw closer to God's self. Let us take every opportunity during this beautiful time of year to join with the heaven's and the earth saying "May God be praised."

Be Blessed,
Pastor Judy



We served a Welcome Luncheon to the staff of Massena Head Start on Friday, June 18th. Head Start is using the Christian Ed. Building for their program! Many improvements and updates have been done to the building by Head Start and Emmanuel to accommodate their program. WELCOME!!!



Congratulations Sloan!

For more graduation announcements, see page 2



The New Head Start Facility

Upcoming Events

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. & Tues.	July 5 & 6	Church Offices Closed - Summer Office Hours begin: 8:30-Noon, Tue. - Thur. (through Labor Day)
Sun.	July 11	12:30 Women's Fellowship meeting & vote
Mon.	July 12	7:00 PFLAG meeting
Fri.	July 23	7:00 Bridal Shower in the Community Room
Thur.	Aug. 5	9:00 a.m. Sorting for rummage sale. Items for the rummage sale may be dropped off the week beginning Aug. 1 (remember the church is open 8:30-Noon Tues-Thurs.)
Fri.	Aug. 6	9:00 - 3:00 Rummage Sale (\$1 Bag Sale starts at 2 p.m.)

Weekly Events

Sundays	11:00	Worship Service
	8:00	AA in the Community Room
	10:15	"Praying w/Scriptures" in Church Multi-Purpose Room #1
Tuesdays	5:00 - 9:00	Community Room in Use
	7:30	...at the well
	5:00 - 9:00	Community Room in Use
Fridays	5:00 - 9:00	Community Room in Use

Graduates Sloan Gleason, daughter of Sally Gleason, graduated from MCHS. Sloan is going to SUNY Albany in the fall

Tyler J. Westcott, son of Toby Westcott and Joy Rowe, graduated from James B. Hunt High School in Wilson, NC on June 12. He will attend University of NC @ Wilmington in the fall.

Millicent Madden Younger, Harvard College, and Coleman Peters Younger, Glen Ridge High School {to attend Boston College in the fall} they are the children of Stephen and Prudence Madden Younger

Baptism Cassie Mae Neault – June 27, 2010 – daughter of Chris & Chrissy Neault, sister to Alexis & Austin, Granddaughter of Joe and Sharon Neault and Great Granddaughter of Mae Brouse

Birthdays We are gathering 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!

JULY BIRTHDAY WISHES.... (with Fireworks!) TO THE FOLLOWING:

July 4 - Chuck Rawlins
 July 5 - George Brouse
 July 9 - Gay Rawlins
 July 14 - Lori Blaha
 July 23 - Margaret Disotell
 July 26 - Norberta Russo
 July 26 - Joe Neault
 July 29 - Sally Gleason

"WARM" BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING:

August 12 - Brent Martin
 August 16 - David Lakins
 August 17 - Renee Jock
 August 23 - Hanna Gleason
 August 23 - Ellie Noreau
 Happy Birthday to all of you from all of us!!



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From Your Executive Council

Executive Council Met on Sunday June 6, 2010 at 12:55 pm with 8 council members in attendance. Thank you to Lori Blaha for taking the minutes as I was at annual conference in Silver Bay.

Head Start has moved in and are in business. Barb Sanford and Chris are finalizing plans to a welcome luncheon for Head Start on Fri, June 18th. Executive Council has agreed to fund the luncheon.

Barb Sanford asked we consider getting more people to help with Sunday School. Please contact her if you are interested.

A contract has been signed with Grass River Paving. They will start paving the church parking lot and the manse, the end of June, beginning of July, depending on the weather.

Everyone needs to think about possible church fund raisers. Lori could possibly have a brainstorming session after worship one Sunday. A "Suggestion Box" was also suggested.

Next meeting will be on June 27th at 12:30 pm. Trustees will meet at 9:00 am. There will be no meetings in July.

Respectively submitted,
Rande Jean Ashley, Church Clerk

Have a last minute meeting change or 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.



Raquette Valley
Habitat
for Humanity®

RE-USE SALE*

Friday, July 16th, 8am-4pm,
Saturday, July 17th, 8am-noon
St. Mary's School Gym

We will empty our storage trailer of unused construction materials and sell them at LOW prices. Tax deductible donations of new or like-new lumber & building supplies are also wanted for this sale, including: Tools, Light Fixtures, Cabinetry, Countertops, Plumbing Supplies, Etc.

Donations will be screened for quality and likelihood for quick sale.

- All proceeds will be used to build local Habitat houses -
For more information, and/or drop-off details, call Raquette Valley Habitat, 244-1335

Announcements

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-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!

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.

Prayer Chain

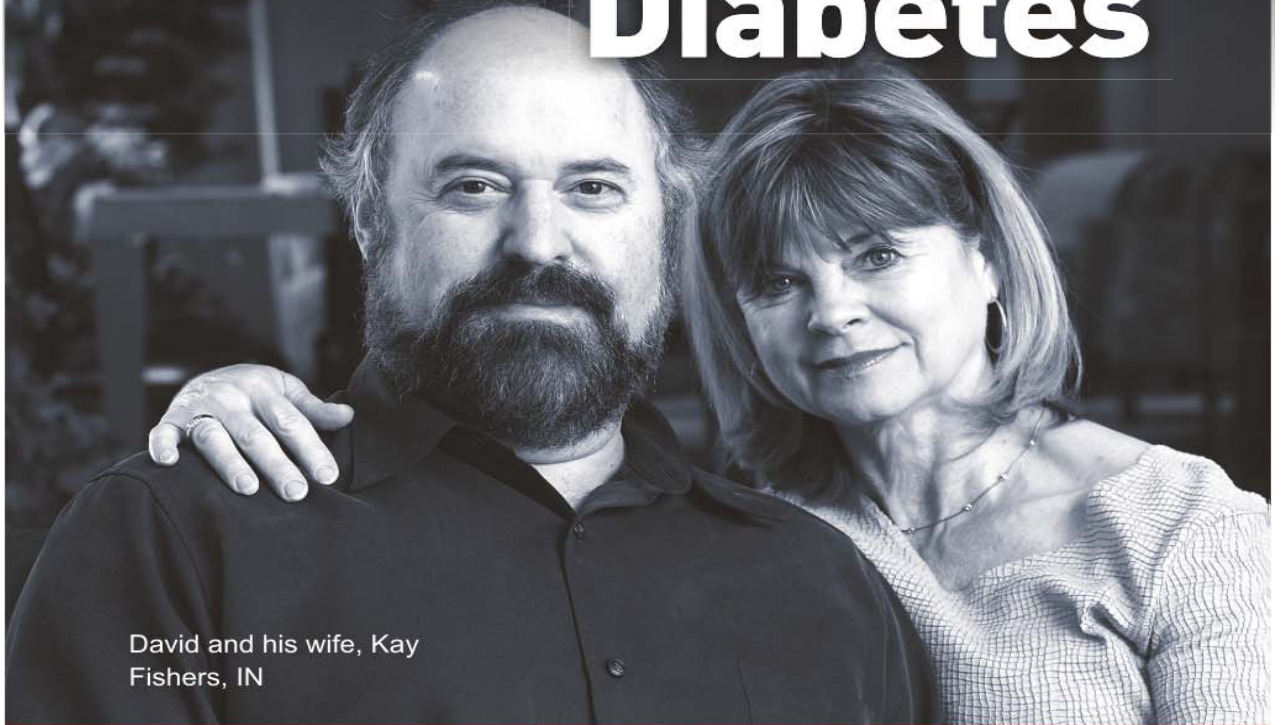
If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain or if you have prayers to add, please call Nola Martin at 769-2005 or email her at rmarti2@twcny.rr.com

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Managing Diabetes



David and his wife, Kay
Fishers, IN

I made a plan. It wasn't easy, but I did it. So can you.

It's not easy, but it's worth it.

People who learn to manage their diabetes from the start have fewer health problems from diabetes years later. You can too. Learn how to better manage your diabetes. Order a free booklet, *4 Steps to Control Your Diabetes. For Life*, from the National Diabetes Education Program to learn more.

For more information, visit www.YourDiabetesInfo.org
or call 1-888-693-NDEP (6337); TTY: 1-866-569-1162.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) is jointly sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with the support of more than 200 partner organizations.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

A Thank You to Emmanuel

Dear Emmanuel,

Thank you for making a contribution to the life-giving work of Church World Service! Your donation of a CWS Water Pump helps bring genuine and lasting change to those who need it most. One well can provide an entire community with safe water. To learn more about CWS, please visit www.churchworldservice.org.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Church World Service

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Community Wide Vacation Bible School

Aug. 9-13 9-11:30AM
1st UMC Fellowship Hall

Join us for a fantastic adventure as we learn about God's love. VBS is open to all children entering Kindergarten thru 6th grade. All this is offered for a suggested donation of \$5.00

Child's Name: _____ Email: _____

Grade Completed: _____ Emergency Contact #: _____

Home Church: _____ Child's Allergies/Medical Conditions: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

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!

From the Women's Fellowship

Executive Council Met on Sunday June 6, 2010 at 12:55 pm with 8 council members in attendance. Thank you to Lori Blaha for taking the minutes as I was at annual conference in Silver Bay.

On Sunday, May 16, the Women's Fellowship had our meeting. We discussed "Who are We?" The meaning of this was to bring our group into the twenty-first century and acknowledge all the work the men in our church family do.

We discussed changing the name of the group to the "The Fellowship" and invite the men to join us. We as a group discussed how everything we do, the rummage sale, dinners, school kits, etc. men have been involved also.

This is a big decision after years of running the group as it is. We do respect all the hard work and unity that has been displayed throughout the past several years by our dedicated members. Dissolving the group as it stands now is hard for some of the members. We think it is time to become inclusive to all our church members accepting everyone and acknowledging all the work all our members do.

Please discuss this with one another and a decision will be made in a few weeks.

The Women's Fellowship will meet July 11 after coffee hour to vote on this proposal. All the women of the church are automatically members and we encourage you to stay and vote.

Cheryl Sheets, Secretary
Barb Sanford, Treasurer
Margaret Disotell, Vice President
Eunice Shippee, President

Work Day Thanks!

Great thanks to the volunteers who worked so hard on Saturday June 19th. We cleaned up the wooded area behind the church to make it possible for the driveway expansion and resurfacing to occur.

Thanks! The Building Maintenance Committee

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