

Emmanuel Congregational United Church of Christ

Thanksgiving

It's November and the first thought that comes to mind is; "Give Thanks." I am so thankful to be a member of this community of faith! Whenever I pause to give thanks, it is only after thinking about that particular gift and it's significance and meaning for me. As Christians when we thank God, we should also contemplate the goodness of God first! Everything else pales in comparison to the love of God.

As we approach Thanksgiving and then Advent season, we have much to celebrate and will be busier than ever with all of the activities associated with moving back to our church building. Let us pause first to remember all the gifts that God has given us this past year. Take time to simply "be" with God first before rushing headlong into the festivities of the upcoming season. And above all, give thanks with a grateful heart.

Shalom,
Pastor Judy



Our Friend, Rev. Dave Van Epps is crafting our new altar. Looking great Dave!



The recreated "Jesus" Window is done!

Pastor Judy - woman of the year

Pastor Judith Van Kennen has been selected as the Woman of the Year - 2009 - by the St. Lawrence Co. Chapter of NYS Women. Presenting her with a bouquet of roses are, Theresa Sharp, Miriam Ralston & Pat McGrath of SLC NYSW.



Pastor Judy is caught by surprise!



God is still speaking,

From Your Executive Council

Executive Council met on Sunday, October 11th, 2009 following worship with ten council members and Pastor Judy in attendance.

Missions Committee reported that they approved the Kairos Prison Ministry donation to be laterally moved to the India Prison Ministry. Jean is collecting coats for kids who can't afford them. Deb offered to help her make contacts.

Worship Report as follows: It was discussed that the length of time spent on announcements preceding worship needs to be shortened. Announcements that are printed in the bulletin need not be repeated. When we move back to the church, the announcements will be on the LCD screens for people to read while waiting for the service to start.

Headstart is still waiting for funding to move forward with leasing the CE building.

Barb is looking for volunteers to take turns with Sunday School.

Eunice reported that Women's Fellowship would be finalizing plans for the Harvest Supper at their meeting October 18th. At that time they will also start making plans for the holiday cookie and candy sale. Emmanuel donated \$190 from Blanket Sunday. School kits are in progress.

The Trustees reported that the best price for tables & chairs for the Community Room was found at Sam's Club. Victor and Rande are donating Sam's Club Membership to the church so that we may purchase these. They are also checking appliance prices for the kitchen. There are some problems with the heating system in the CE building that need to be checked out. The Trustees are researching new insurance companies for the church and at the Nov. 1st meeting new investments will be discussed.

It was unanimously decided that the new name for the old Guild Room will be the "Unity Room" and the Parish Hall will be called the "Community Room".

Nola asked for someone to coordinate a list of volunteers to count money with Sue on Mondays.

It was agreed that water only should be allowed into the new sanctuary. This will be announced in the bulletin and newsletter.

The Rededication of the Church will be Saturday, December 12th at 1pm. Sally & Gen are finalizing the wording for the invitations this week and Mark will be printing them.

AA is interested in returning to have meetings in the Community Room. Tammy Cole has expressed an interest in starting an exercise class on Mon. & Wed. nights.

Pastor Judy announced that we will be having Thanksgiving Dinner at the church again this year. Take-outs will be available and delivered to shut-ins.

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on November 8th, 2009.

Respectively Submitted,

Sally Gleason, Church Clerk



Happy Birthday Nicole!



Our friend, Sharesh, tells us about prison ministry for India.



Our pets are happy, blessed and exhibiting radical hospitality!

Annual Harvest Dinner

Friday, Nov. 13, 6pm (takeouts @ 5:30pm). COST: Adults: \$5/pp; 6-12 yrs.: \$2.00; Under 6: Free. Sheets will be passed around in church for people to sign up for dish to bring, which will go by alphabet: A-H: bring dessert; I-P: bring vegetable dish; Q-Z: bring salads. (try to make your dishes like you would for a Thanksgiving Dinner). We'll be asking for volunteers to set up; in kitchen; cleaning up. One may bring a guest, but remember, the Synagogue Hall can only hold 85 people. Turkeys, potatoes & dressing will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing you all this year - it will be our last dinner in the Synagogue.

Milestones

Wedding Oct. 10 Armand Rivers & Arlene Gilbert
Oct. 17 Carole MacCuaig & Donald Bond

Upcoming Events

Sun.	Nov.1	1:00 AM Daylight Savings Ends - Move your clocks back one hour 12:30 Trustees meet
Sun.	Nov. 8	12:30 Council meets
Fri.	Nov. 13	6:00 Harvest Dinner in the Synagogue
Fri.	Nov. 20	Newsletter articles for November are due
Mon.	Nov. 23	7:00 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ First United Methodist Church
Thu.	Nov. 26	Thanksgiving - Church offices closed
Fri.	Nov. 27	Church offices closed
Sun.	Nov. 29	First Sunday in Advent

Weekly Events

Sundays	11:00	Worship Service
Tuesdays	10:15	"Praying w/Scriptures" in the C.E. Building
	5-9:00	Barbershop Quartet Practice in Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Prayer Team
Wednesdays	6:00	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30	...at the well
Fridays	5-9:00	Barbershop Quartet Practice in Fellowship Hall (Nov. 13th in C.E. Building)

Announcements

Gift Wrapping Volunteers

2009 Christmas Gift Wrapping at St. Lawrence Centre Mall to benefit Habitat for Humanity
Volunteers are needed in 2 hour time blocks on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays beginning Thanksgiving weekend.
Thank you!
For more details see Nola Martin.

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 Christian Education Building 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 nolak@twcny.rr.com

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!

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.

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“Never place a period where God has put a comma”

- Gracie Allen



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