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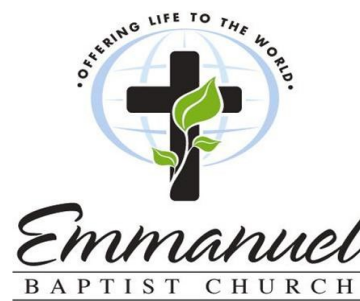
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5. Anna Johnston
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12. Keith Schoenhut,
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29. Rebecca Busiek, Barbara Malcomb
30. Rod Lemley
31. Naomi Couch, Bill Ott



Emmanuel Life & Times
February - March 2023

Reflections and Ministry Opportunities...



The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and covers a period of approximately six weeks before Easter Sunday. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer to receive the new life of (Easter) resurrection power through prayer, fasting, reflection and the repentance of sins. Lent is traditionally described as lasting for forty days, in commemoration of the forty days which Jesus spent fasting in the desert, where he was tempted by the Devil. The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Palm Sunday is April 2 and Easter Sunday is April 9.

Lenten Prayer Challenge: Consider challenging someone to be your prayer partner for the Lenten Season beginning Feb. 22 - Palm Sunday, Apr. 2. You would commit to pray for this person daily that they would grow in their faith through Lent as they move toward the celebration of new life on Easter Sunday.



A Baptism Service has been scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 9. Let Pastor Kurt know if you're interested in knowing more about baptism.

In February and March, we will look at how life can be a struggle when it comes to family and relationships. Valentine's Day, February 14, is a challenging day for many because our relationships and family connections may not be fulfilling. In **Matthew 19** Jesus is asked a question by the Pharisees about divorce and he responds by quoting **Genesis 2:** "Haven't you read," Jesus replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'" In February and March we will look at what Jesus has to say about life, family and basic discipleship: his words help us better understand the pressing issues of abortion, gender, marriage, divorce and the challenges of discipleship. It's my hope that through this series we will be drawn closer to Christ, understand his created order, and grow in our compassion for others.



Sarah McCloy will be sharing about her upcoming assignment and mission work in Japan on Sunday, February 26. A fellowship lunch will follow at noon after her presentation.

Pastor Kurt's Bible studies on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m. will continue in the book of Revelation. We meet in the conference room and you can zoom into the meetings.

There will be a Safety Team meeting on Wednesday night, February 8 at 7:15 p.m. If you're interested in helping keep our congregation protected and safe, plan to join us.

A Guest Lunch has been scheduled for Sunday, February 12 at noon in the conference room. If you have been attending Emmanuel and would like to know more about our ministries and to meet our staff, this lunch is for you. RSVP the church office - 304 485 5171.



Emmanuel will begin the Renew Church Health Check Up in February. Emmanuel will begin the Renew Church Health Check Up in February. We will be working with Ed Rogers, and a team of pastors in the WVBC, who make up the Renew Team... They will lead us in a church survey, look at some aspects of our leadership, organization and church history, and then they will offer some practical thoughts regarding where we are as a church and how we can move forward in a positive way. We need your help! **Go to our church website (www.ebcwv.com) and click on the Renew link and fill out the church survey.** Answers given on these surveys are confidential.

Serving with you, Pastor Kurt

Updates From our Staff:

From Jenny Hannan - Children's Ministry Interim Co-Director



In February, our Children's Team will identify a few of its members to join with Pastor Kurt to interview candidates interested in a permanent part-time Director of Children's Ministries. Kathy Leavitt and Jenny Hannan are currently offering interim coverage in this area. If you, or someone you know, is interested in the children's position, please contact Pastor Kurt. It's our prayer that we'll have this position filled by Easter.

The Children's Team will also be creating a subcommittee to work with Jenny Hannan and Pastor Kurt to develop and draft a new church volunteer policy and safety guidelines based on the suggestions given to us by our insurance company Brotherhood Mutual. We will also use some of the guidelines provided by Child Evangelism Fellowship. If you have suggestions or would like to work with this team, contact Pastor Kurt or call the church office.



The Spring Children's Rally is coming up at Parchment Valley on Saturday, March 4. Flyers and a signup sheet are located in the Narthex. We need two adult volunteers to sign up to accompany the kids to the rally.



Our Children's Team meeting schedule has changed. We will now meet after church on the first Sunday of every OTHER month, beginning in February. The tentative schedule for bi-monthly meetings will be February 5, April 2, June 4, August 6, October 1, and December 3 (schedule subject to change).

I can't begin to thank our volunteers enough. Not only have they faithfully shown up and lovingly taught and/or shepherded our kids, but they have all pulled together to fill in and fill holes in times of sickness. God has richly blessed us, and we look forward to even more blessings in 2023! Our volunteers are doing good work that is pleasing to the Lord.



"And so I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished on the Day of Christ Jesus." – Philippians 1:6, GNT

From Ryan Cosby - Adult Ministry

2023 is off and running, and the Adult Ministry team has some great ideas for an active year. I have taken over from Judy Prater in leading this group. For those of you who I haven't met, I am Ryan Cosby. My husband, Will, and I joined Emmanuel in late 2015/early 2016 after moving to Parkersburg from Charleston. You've probably seen him play trumpet w/ the choir from time to time. Our daughter is Everly and she is five years old. If you haven't seen her then I'm sure you've heard her! I myself am usually up in the balcony or volunteering with our children's church during service. If you see me around, please stop me and introduce yourself!



In September we're going to host a ministry fair where we'll have the opportunity to show off the various ministries we have at Emmanuel. We'll do that in person and get an actual date on the calendar ASAP! I've got a few more ideas that I'd like to flesh out a bit more before actually presenting them, but I'd love to hear from you in the meantime. If you have any ideas of things you'd like to see the Adult Ministry team do, please feel free to shoot me an email (RyMCosby@gmail.com) or text (304)-552-5580.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:9-10

Updates From our Staff:

From Donna Marcinko - Chancel Choir Director (Contd.)

Thank you to all the children and youth who have been coming to Orff rehearsals. You all are special to me and bless me every Wednesday with your love of life, energy, and willingness to learn. You are God's children and all of us at EBC love you!

Thank you to Pastor Kurt for your spiritual guidance, leadership, hard work, and sincerity!

Thank you to Terri Fielder and Susan Stout for all that you do to keep me posted, aware of due dates, and for ordering needed supplies.

Thank you to Tammy Hayes for all that you do to keep things in working order!



"J" Dollar Breakfast - March 15



Emmanuel will host the J Dollar Friends Breakfast on Wednesday, March 15 at 9 a.m. Jewel and Co. will be preparing the breakfast. The menu will be: breakfast casseroles, bacon & sausage, biscuits & gravy, peaches & cottage cheese, fruit cup, and cinnamon rolls. RSVP to the church office. Plan to join us.

Consider a Spiritual Reboot During the Season of Lent

We have all found ourselves stuck and trying to troubleshoot a problem on our computers, smartphone, or other electronic devices. According to multiple studies, one of the biggest time-wasters in the workplace are computer-related malfunctions.

One study found that the average person spends 22-25 minutes a day trying to fix a computer-related issue. The estimated cost to larger companies in the US is somewhere in the ballpark of \$4,000.00 a minute. One easy solution for many of these issues could be as simple as turning off your device.



Over half of computer problems technicians deal with can be fixed with a simple reboot. The reason that computers often fail is that they have systems processes continually running behind the scenes. These processes leave behind an electronic footprint that takes up memory (RAM). When you turn off a computer or smartphone, these programs and processes end, allowing you to start on a clean slate with a faster and more efficient working device.

"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" ~ 2 Corinthians 5.16-19.

In February, Emmanuel will participate in the Renew Church Health Program that is sponsored by the WVBC.



Go to our website (www.ebcwv.com) and click on the Renew Link and then answer the questions in the church survey.

Thank you for your willingness to help us better understand our church and its ministry. Answers given on these surveys are confidential.

Updates From our Staff:

From Donna Marcinko - Chancel Choir Director



“Let all that you do be done in love”
1 Corinthians 16:14

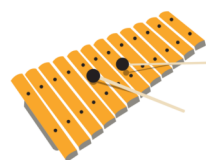
As the months of February and March approach, I am being reminded of the love that God has for me, so that, He gave His only son to save me from my sins. I am preparing my heart, soul, and mind for the Easter season ahead and reflecting on the days prior to the crucifixion of Jesus and His miraculous resurrection. I am continually overwhelmed with how much that God loves me and I pray that in turn, I do all things in love.



The EBC Chancel Choir is rehearsing on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. to prepare the anthems for Sunday worship at 10:45, as well as for Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday, and Easter morning. Rehearsals are a time for fellowship, music making, and a time for worship in song. The Anthems that we rehearse on Wednesday, are a part of our personal daily devotions, help to feed our souls, and help us to set our minds in preparation for Sunday worship.

We extend an invitation to anyone who believes they want to be a part of this meaningful musical experience. If you believe you want to take a step toward singing in the choir, you may speak to me on Sunday mornings, email me at donna@ebcwv.com or call the church office.

The EBC Celebration Ringers are rehearsing on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 and plan to play during the Easter season. Please contact Blaine Hess if you are interested in joining the group. His email is blaine@ebcwv.com or you may call the church office.



The EBC Children’ Orff Ensemble and the Youth Ensemble are rehearsing on Wednesday evenings to sing and play on Easter Sunday. The Youth Ensemble rehearses from 4:30 - 5:15 and then they go to dinner prior to youth group. The Children’s Ensemble members eat dinner and then rehearse from 5:15 - 6:00. **If you would like your son/daughter to be a part of the ensembles, please let me know or come to rehearsal on Wednesday.**

All the groups in the music ministry have been an important part of the morning worship services and thank you for helping to lead the congregation. We are truly blessed by you and your gifts!

Thank you to the following people for blessing us with their talents on Christmas Eve:

- Ashley and Lucie Clark
- Davey Brooks
- Pat Barnes
- Holly Martin
- Anna Martin
- David Enoch
- Lauren Modesitt



Thank you to Jonathan Brooks and Tyler Brooks for playing the piano so beautifully on Christmas Day!

Thank you to Pat Barnes for faithfully going to Board of Ministry meetings and reporting about the on going plans of the music ministry.

Thank to you to Pat Smith for providing water to the choir!

Thank you to choir members for coming to rehearsals and blessing me with your talents! You work diligently, while having fun, and are such a joy to conduct. Rehearsals are truly a worshipful experience and you all are a gift to me every Wednesday evening! God bless each of you!

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Updates From our Staff:

From Gail Samolitis - New Life Counseling Center



We are looking forward in 2023, counting our blessings and looking at February as the month of LOVE and February 22nd will begin the season of Lent.

Personally, Lent has always been a time of intentional reflection and reset of my life’s purpose and driving force, to love God and to love others as I love myself. I strive to obtain my goal by limiting the things that take me away from my original purpose. Typically, this list includes things like delicious food, chocolate, and decadent desserts but this year I will examine and evaluate the negative attitudes of my heart that need to decrease and release any worries, fears and judgements that prevent me from getting closer to God. (John 3:30-“he must become greater; I must become less.”) (NIV)



My second focus is to begin new habits that will facilitate a return to a heart of love. I usually increase my prayer time and Bible study time and develop more of an attitude of gratitude. Beginning a gratitude journal or blessings jar helps shift my focus to love and thankfulness, preparing my heart for Resurrection Sunday (Easter) and the new life to come.

Lent begins February 22nd, 2023 and will end on Holy Saturday April 9th, 2023. My prayer is that by Easter I will have established in my heart and my head more positive habits and behaviors that will live beyond Lent 2023 and become a part of my lifelong faith journey.



NEW LIFE COUNSELING MINISTRY is excited to begin another year at Emmanuel. The past three years were years of firsts. My first pandemic, my first consistent use of tele-therapy, my first time to “shelter in place” (our home) for extended periods of time and the first time I have ever known churches to cancel in person services to have services online. Change over the past three years was key. We all long for the familiar ways we once did things. Change is not all bad, yet we fear the unknown. “Fear not” appears in God’s Word 365 times! That’s one “fear not” for every day of the year!

It is true that our anxiety and fears have increased and escalated throughout the past two years so what, as Christians can we do about it? You may be asking yourselves if you could benefit from Christian counseling? How do you know if Christian counseling would help improve your life?

If you are finding it difficult to accomplish goals, to lay your worries and fears at the feet of Jesus, or to find your life’s purpose or passion, then Christian counseling may be helpful to you, A Christian counselor can help you gain a new perspective and equip you to find and pursue a new life path. Christian counseling also helps clients achieve a better understanding of self and of your relationship with God by using counseling tools, techniques, and concepts to help overcome depression, grief, anxiety, and loneliness. Counseling is not a lifelong endeavor for most people. Many clients will begin to see changes and life improvement in as few as 6-8 sessions.



If you have any questions about Christian counseling, fear, grief, anxiety, depression or anything else that may concern you, please give me, Gail Samolitis, a call at 304-588-7632. I am a WV Licensed Professional Counselor and have been practicing for 33 years. Therapy is simply someone to come alongside you and share your burden, Galatians 6:2-Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

New Church Office Hours



The Church Office has new hours. We will now be open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. and will be open during the lunch hour. We hope this accommodates your needs better.

Updates From our Staff:

From Gail Samolitis - GriefShare



We are beginning the second month of 2023 and I pray that you are enjoying God's blessings in your life. As with the hope of Spring comes another cycle of Grief Share and I am blessed to facilitate this support group once again. I began Grief Share in 2017 and this is my 10th cycle.

On February 11th, 2023, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Emmanuel Baptist Church will host a 2-hr seminar called LOSS OF A SPOUSE. This is a one-time video discussion support group seminar which leads into GRIEF SHARE which begins on February 15th, 2023, from 6p.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesdays.



Grief Share is a 13-week support group which consists of three components; videos, small group discussion and workbook assignments. Grief Share is open to our community so if you know someone who has lost a loved one, family member or friend to death recently please tell them of our group.

If you are interested in attending, please go online to www.griefshare.org and register for LOSS OF A SPOUSE seminar at Emmanuel Baptist Church and/or register for GRIEF SHARE. Registering helps me to know how many we may have and whether we may need to have two groups for Covid requirements. For further questions, please call Gail Samolitis at 304-588-7632.

From Joe Stephens - Youth Ministry



February and March are often the longest months on the calendar for school. The holiday season has ended and spring break, often in April, seems forever away. The good news is, the youth group has some neat things scheduled to break up the monotony. In addition to our regularly scheduled programming on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, we have activities scattered throughout the next couple of months. Here's a rundown:

- February 11: Scohy Brothers Flashback Arcade—this place is a blast from the past, with arcade games, pinball machines, and billiards
- February 19: Skating party (this date is pending, so be on the lookout for confirmation soon)
- February 24-26: WVBC Senior High Convention at South Parkersburg Baptist Church
- March 5: Jackbox! and other games
- March 26: Bonfire and stargazing in Hope House back yard



In case you are interested in any or all of these and have questions, contact me at 304-893-2992 or joe@ebcww.com.

In Christ,
Joe Stephens
Interim Director of Youth Ministries

*“Remember your Creator in the days of your youth before the days of trouble come... Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.”
Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13-14*

Updates From our Staff:

From Eileen Mayer (Missions & Ministry Development)

The Missions Team has been busy gearing up for a full year! On **January 29**, Brendan and Alecia Palmer will visit from Waxhaw, NC to share with us their work with Wycliffe. They are using their professional skills as an aviation engineer and in avionics to adapt and maintain the aircraft used by the missionaries to take God's Word to places others cannot go! Please plan to stay after for a fundraising lunch to support them! Menu: BBQ with coleslaw on a bun, steak fries, greens, baked beans and Berry Poke Cake with Vanilla Cream.



Then, on **February 26**, Sarah McCloy, our newest International Ministries missionary will present during each service on her upcoming ministry serving in Japan. We believe you will be fascinated by her plans. Please stay after for a Soup and Sandwich Buffett luncheon!

Upcoming Events:

Keep an eye out for the **Baby Bottle Campaign** to support Women's Care Center. We will also soon be visited by **Dr. Rick and Anita Gutierrez** from South Africa who are temporarily working in Ukraine providing medical care. We will also soon meet **Jim and Melissa Adkins** from Crab Orchard/Delbarton WV to share about their Global Poultry Initiative Work!



Eileen Mayer

Team: Brian Brown, Dee Lallemon, Kim Constantino, Sarah Stephens, Keith Mayer, Jacob Filozof and Pat Smith

A Hindu Meets Jesus in Worship

A Hindu tells the story of attending church for the first time as a teenage boy:

The small group of Indian believers met in a very run-down house, but there was something very special about their worship. The small song leader held up her tambourine, then she hit her hand with it and a new chorus had started. Over and over the words were repeated, and soon I had joined in. It was hard not to be enthusiastic if what this song said was true!



Wonderful, wonderful, Jesus is to me!
Counselor, mighty God, Prince of Peace is he.
Saving me, keeping me from all sin and shame.
Wonderful is my Redeemer—praise his Name!

No one had started to preach, but already I had learned so much. What a contrast between the relationship these Christians had with Jesus and the ritualistic appeasement of the gods at Hindu ceremonies! I had never heard anyone say that a Hindu god was “wonderful” or a “counselor.” Certainly no one would sing like that about Shiva, about Kali, his bloodthirsty wife, or about their favorite son, Ganesha, half-elephant and half-human! And they called Jesus the Prince of Peace!

The words of that simple chorus were burning themselves into my heart. Jesus would not only save, but he would keep me from all sin and shame. What good news! These people must have found it to be true or they wouldn't be singing with such enthusiastic joy.

Psalm 100: “Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. ² Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. ³ Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

Praise GOD!

A Review of our Praises from December & January:

Brian McClure did a good job giving us an update on the one year faith-based drug rehab he runs called Hope Ministries. We are adding Hope Ministries to our Mission budget in 2023. **The Mid Ohio Valley Ringers** shared a beautiful Christmas concert on 11/27 in our sanctuary that has been beautifully decorated for Christmas. **Susan Stout** for embroidering the Children's and Youth Orff shirts. **Carol Durnell** is thankful for the recent prayers, calls, letters and notes as Dick has been struggling with his health. **Bob Byers** is thankful for all the cards he has received and considers Emmanuel a blessing in his life. We only have a few **Westbrook clients and Stonerise residents** left to cover for Christmas. See the tree in the narthex. The **Deacon's lunch** went well. We are anticipating a good year of ministry in 2023. The **CEF Christmas party** went well. Pray for the children who prayed to receive Christ. **Earl Hulce** and his Ham Radio friends put up the outside manger scene and the JOY sign. The **Emmanuel family** is generous to many people who are struggling at Christmas time. **Amy Dutton** played "O Holy Night" and "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" on her violin and cello for the 8:30 service. **Jim Shreeves** is thankful that he is able to help raise two of his grandsons. **Jenny Hannan and Kathy Leavitt** shared a "shepherd" skit in the Sunday service challenging people to become shepherds in our children's ministry. **The Chancel Choir** sang "Advent Echo Carol" with Scott Kitchen on drums. **Lauren Modesitt** was a featured soloist at the Smoot Theatre Annual Christmas Concert on 12/10. **Jack Raitz married Claire Amos** on 12/10 at Bethel Baptist. **Louisa Westfall**, a friend of Jane Graham, got an "all clear" test result after her jaw cancer surgery. The **Caregivers Support group** had a good meeting in December. In our **church business meeting**, we approved our 2023 budget and the 2023 leaders. **Jack Johnson**, Earl and Diana's grandson, graduated from Duquesne University this week with a degree in Occupational Therapy. **The chancel choir, the Celebration Ringers and our children and youth Orff groups** provided the church with some inspiring Christmas music in our service on 12/18.. **The live nativity** at the end of our service was nice. Thanks to the following people who worked with our children to help make it happen: **Jenny Hannan, Rose Wood, Suzanne Halterman, Jo Ann Boggs, Courtney Johnson, and Donna Shawver; and special thanks to Taylor Moore, for provid-ing Elias as our live Baby Jesus!** The following people went caroling to our older members: **Evan and Margaret Frees, John and Lynn Nicholson, Jo Ann Boggs and Pastor Kurt. Rich and Donna Shawver** visited Naomi Couch and Bob Byers in Marietta. **Helen Hill** also lives at Glenwood. **Kim Constantino** is praising God for the arrival of her grandchild **Corrie Hope Constantino** on 12/18. **Steve Metheny and Pastor Kurt** both got clear CT scans recently after their cancer treatments and surgery. **David Enoch** became a great uncle with the birth of **Luka Cohen DeFeo** to his niece Megan in NC. **Our Christmas Eve** service was well attended and included Scripture readings, singing, musical offerings, testimonies and a reminder that Jesus is our light in a dark world. **Our Christmas Day** service was a time to gather around various manger scenes and remember **John 3.16**, "God so loved the world, that he gave us his only Son..." **We praise God for another new year.** God is good and we are blessed. May God work in our lives and our church fellowship in a new way in this new year. "So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" ~ 2 Corinthians 5.16-19. Sunday, Jan. 1 is **Ray and Jewel Lusk's** 66th wedding anniversary. **Pastor Kurt and Mona** had a positive time this week in MO... they attended the memorial service for Kurt's aunt who was 101 and also spent time with their families. **Rosa Murray**, friend of Richard Davis, had a biopsy on a nodule in her lung. The biopsy was clear. The church was able to provide a **nice funeral dinner** for Terri Day and her family on 12/27, following the death of her daughter Marie DeBerry. Thanks to **Terri Fielder and Tammy Hayes** for all of their hard work. **Randy Halterman** shared a convicting message on "Resolutions" from Daniel 1. **Pastor Kurt and Mona** had a positive time recently visiting family in MO. **Emmanuel received a generous gift this week** from the estate of Terry and Mary Jo Barnette. **The Board of Ministry and our Deacon Board** met the first week of January to plan for our ministry in 2023. **Piggly Wiggly** donated a large number of canned goods to support our Wednesday dinners. **Keith and Eileen Mayer** are offering their seventh season of the Marriage Course. **Mike and Lori Sisson** were with us in worship on 1/8. Mike is the WVBC Executive Minister. **Rebecca Lyons** is gaining some weight and got some good news regarding her housing situation. **Jacob Filozof** is pursuing a Master's degree at WVU. **The Children and Youth Volunteer Safety Lunch** went well. Our **Annual Planning Meeting** went well on 1/14. We are considering using the **Renew Church Ministry Evaluation** program. For the **290 students at the Snow Camp** event at Parchment Valley... pray for their spiritual commitments. Pray that the sessions are encouraging and helpful. Our **Finance Team** had a positive meeting this week. **The Marriage Course** started Friday, January 27. Pray that all the couples involved will be encouraged and challenged to grow in their love for their spouses and that God will bless their families in the days to come. The **Necessity Pantry** continues to meet the practical and spiritual needs of many MOV families. **Jeff and Adam Evans** put up a flat screen TV (donated by **Tim Jones**) in the conference room of the Latrobe Street Mission where Pastor Kurt is going to offer a weekly Bible study. **DivorceCare** had an encouraging kick off meeting.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalm 90:12



Pray for: Ford Adkins, John Alfred, Jan Ashwell, Tim Bauer, Steve and Deena Deem, Calvin Florence, Randy Halterman, Ed Huffman, Betsy Jefferson, Barb Kirsch, Necia Leleux, Major Anthony and Majorie Rowe and Trina Kuiper (Salvation Army), Ethel Mason, Don McCloy, Sue McCue, Bonnie Nestor, Barb Nichols, Gail Samolitis, Loretta Sawyers, Carlene Schreckengost, Jim Sims (Latrobe Street Mission), Karen Vanoster, for church members praying for family members who are going through difficult times and need God's wisdom and intervention, the people of Ukraine as they face on-going war and winter without heat and utilities, for the caregivers in our church who need support and strength, the Christians around the world who are facing harassment and persecution.

Homebound: *Jean Beatty, Beverly Boggs, Kathy Harrison, Diane Hays, Maridor Keck, Jean Lawrence, Glenola Woodyard.*

Assisted Living:

Belpre Landing: *Ruth Carder;* **Glenwood:** *Bob Byers, Helen Hill;* **Stonerise/Eagle Pointe:** *Nancy Duty, Betty Matthews;* **Waterview Pointe:** *Naomi Couch;* **Worthington:** *Shirley Huffman, Ada Turner;* **Wyngate:** *Sam Bolian, Helen Howell, Joan Stutler.*

Out of Town: *Phyllis Crone, Allenetta Kaufman, Margaret Norris, Bill Ott, Mel Williams, Betty Wiseman.*

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

Barb Kirsch at the passing of her sister-in-law **Evelyn Starkey** / **Terri Day** at the sudden passing of her daughter, **Marie DeBerry** / **Keith Roberts** at the passing of his father, **Charles Roberts** / The family and friends of **Pastor Chuck Ferrell**, a good friend of Randy Nutter / The family and friends of **Debby Benear**, Lynn Palmer's sister-in-law / The family and friends of **Wannetta Kemp**, Yuvhon Dotson's sister / The family and friends of **John Kitson** / The family and friends of **Anna Miles Archer**, friend of Jenny Hannan / The family and friends of **Jennifer Reed**, Sherry Smith's cousin's wife / The family and friends of **Margaret Seckman**, who was 105; she was a friend of Brenda Wheeler / **Mary Malson** and family at the passing of **Tom Malson**.

Thank You

Thank You from Children's Outreach - "Thank you, Church, for the prayer coverage of our first outreach effort! The Children's Christmas Party was a success! Two children received Jesus! And special thanks to Edy Jones and Rose Wood for training and teaching in this important ministry. Is God calling you?"

Thank You from Debbie Fenton - "Thank you so much for all of the cards and prayers during the loss of my brother. Your love and support has meant so much. With much love, Fred & Debbie Fenton and family."

Thank You from Betty Arnold - "Dear Emmanuel Baptist Congregation: Thank you for your generous gift of food to express your kind compassion at the passing of Lloyd Arnold, Earl & Diana Johnson's brother-in-law."

Thank You from Karen Vanoster - "Dear Emmanuel Family: I can't begin to express how blessed I feel to be a part of our Church during this trial. Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, texts and posts. I feel so cared for! In Jesus' Love and Under His Wings, Karen"

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