

VOICE OF EMMANUEL

SEEDS OF HOPE!



Highlights of February 10, 2024 Congregation Council meeting:

- ♦ The Council meeting was held Saturday, February 10 immediately prior to the Council Retreat due to the regularly scheduled time conflicting with Shrove Tuesday.
- ♦ The January 2024 offerings totaled \$38,398 which was \$18,268 more than our January expenses.
- ♦ We have two youth interested in attending the National Youth Gathering July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans.
- ♦ There have been recent work activities in the North Wing Parking Lot. This is related to groundwater contamination from when the site was a Service Station and the underground gasoline tanks leaked. Two new wells were drilled on February 5. These new additional wells will be for the injection of air as part of the removal of the petroleum contamination. On Monday, February 12 through Friday, February 16 a tanker will be on-site to receive contaminated water vacuumed from two existing wells adjacent to the new wells. The lot will be closed for parking those days. The work is being performed by ACT of Charlotte through oversight and funding from the NC Department of Environmental Quality. The removal of the contaminants is an on-going process.
- ♦ The Special Easter Offering was designated by the Council to go to The Good Neighbor Shop. Donations can be made using the Special Easter Envelope or by using an envelope in the pew and writing The Good Neighbor Shop Special Easter offering on it.
- ♦ The Council approved an Agreement with the Lincoln City Police authorizing the Police to act as Emmanuel's agent in ordering any individual to leave the premises during hours the church is closed. The Agreement is in response to vagrants congregating and/or sleeping on church grounds and the recent vandalism of church property at the Faith Building. This does not affect individuals that are in need from using our pantry during office hours. Distributions are made by Shelly.
- ♦ The Evangelism Committee, Pastor Judy and John Lineberger are exploring the printing of an updated pictorial directory of Emmanuel Members. This would be developed in-house.
- ♦ The Property Committee continues to address needed repairs to the church. Fellowship Hall walls were repaired. A portion of drain pipe for the sump that handles the ramp runoff was replaced due to a split in the pipe. The entire length was then insulated. Repairs and improvements were also made to prevent rain water from entering the Faith Building and soaking carpet. This occurred during the storms a few weeks ago.



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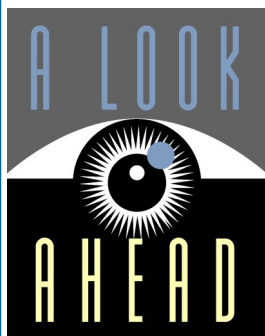
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Mission Statement:

As the body of Christ,
fed and nourished
through worship, we
are called to serve all
people, through the use
of our gifts to proclaim
God's justice, mercy
and love.

*Our Vision: Striving to
Thrive with Vitality!*



February 18

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.



Oh, no! The Cupboards are bare!

The Quilting group needs fabric and or money donations.

If you would like to donate money, please put Quilters on your envelope or on your check.

Please and Thank You!



Shirley Barnes, Polly Bryant, Peggy Buckner, Kathy Cromer, Laura Cromer, Cecelia Driscoll, James Gantt, Pat Hance, Tonya Lawson, Suzette James, Glenn Mosteller, Trudy Perkins, Jim Sain, Paula Turner, Joan Warren, Rick Norine and family (cousin of Barbara O'Neill), Evelyn Cochrane (neighbor of Susan McConnell), Drew Milholland (Pastor Mike), Jane Smith (mother of Kathy Cromer), April Wellman (Susan Boyd), Rosa Guerra (Susan Boyd), Rob Gregor (Susan Boyd), Anita Cable (mother in law Ashley Peaslee), Charles Ferguson (son-in-law Judy Blanc), Bill Gibbs Jr. (Amy Brown), Ken Smith (brother of Kathy Cromer), J.L. Morris (Susan Boyd), Jay Puckett (Carol Wise), Lenard McIlveen (brother of Marianne Doehling), Vinnie Viscarello (son-in-law Dot Swart), Quaid Mincey (Jennifer Huskey), Robert 'Chip' Jackson (Linda Goodson), Bill Lewis (father of Pastor Judy)



Employment Flops:

- My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned... couldn't concentrate.
- I went to Seminary to be a Pastor but I kept getting crossed up.
- Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the ax.
- After that I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it ...mainly because it was a so-so job.
- Next I tried working in a muffler factory but that was too exhausting.
- Then I tried to be a chef — figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme.
- I attempted to be a deli worker, but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard.



More flops next week....

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

Who were Perpetua and Felicity?

1. Two third century women Christian martyrs.
2. Two women mentioned in Paul's greeting to the Corinthians.
3. Two women who helped Peter with the Jerusalem church council.
4. Two women who are praised in the Book of Revelation.
5. Two women who helped Timothy when he was Bishop of Ephesus.



Answer: 1

Ministry in Action - February - March

	Ash Wednesday	February 18	February 25	March 3
Greeters	Shannon Mitchem Mackenzie Mitchem	David Bynum Johnnie Bynum	Rudy Rudisill Paulette Rudisill	Kenneth Pales Nancy Pales
Lector	Johnnie Gonzales	Ken Mast	Elizabeth Cloninger	Linda Rice
Communion Asst.	Vera Lanier	Cathy Lounsbury	David Bynum	Ruth Murphy
Acolyte	Julie Leonhardt	Jennifer Little	Jennifer Huskey	Jennifer Little
Crucifer	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent
Altar Flowers	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent

Monthly Duties February 2024

Councilperson	Bob Lake			
Altar Guild		Alison Zimtbaum	Meredith Shuford	
Ushers	John Cromer (Captain)	Leon Harmon James Gantt	Stephen Lounsbury Randy Zimtbaum	

Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake

First Sunday in Lent

Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: Genesis 9:8-17

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. Do you like rainbows? I think we all like them. We take pictures of them; we sing about them. But what do you think they signify? Do you recall in high school science class when we learned that rainbows were caused by refraction of light by water droplets? I do not find joy in the science, but I find joy in the beauty of a rainbow. What do you see when you look at a rainbow? Do you see the beauty of God's creation? What do you think about the covenant that God made with Noah and "every living creation of all flesh"? The next time you look at a rainbow, will you remember God's promise to all who live in his creation?

Pray: Thank you, God, for your creation. You have given us a beautiful gift. Help us remember you when we admire the beauty in this world.

Bless: "_____, when you see beauty in the world, remember that it is God's creation.



God said to Noah,
*"This is the sign of the covenant that I have established
 between me and all flesh that is on the earth."*

Genesis 9:17



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The Souper Bowl of Caring is the ONLY fundraiser that every dollar goes to the Soup Kitchen. This is a great way to support their work.

This year we were able to raise \$1,430 in monetary donations and donated 321 food items to the Soup Kitchen



Emmanuel's Annual Congregational meeting

*The Meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 25, 2024.
It will be held immediately before worship.*

*Yearbooks will be distributed on that day and members of the
Nominating Committee will be elected.*





February 14
Service of Holy Communion
With Imposition of Ashes
At 7 PM in the Sanctuary



Our North Wing parking lot is closed. You will have to park on the street next to the church or at the Bank of America Park-

2024 Community Lenten Services FUMC Fellowship Hall

12:00 pm – lunch (cost of meal: \$6.00) Worship 12:30 – 1:00 pm

SPEAKER SCHEDULE:

February 14 Rev. Dr. Tim Roberts – First United Methodist Church
February 21 Rev. Ronnie Roseboro – Boger City United Methodist Church
February 28 Pastor Reed Conley – Artisan Church
March 6 Rev. Dr. Stanley Spence – First Baptist Church
March 13 Rev. Elizabeth Tester – St. Luke's Episcopal Church
March 20 Rev. Judy Drysdale – Emmanuel Lutheran Church

We hope you will join us for this time of reflection and devotion during the Season of Lent.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Leon Harmon	2/01
Linda Rice	2/03
Nicholas Heavner	2/06
Martha Seagle	2/08
Phyllis Scronce	2/09
Josh Collins	2/10
Cecelia Driscoll	2/10
Jean Rome	2/10
Aaron Brown	2/11
Florence Beam	2/14
Kayda Carmichael	2/15
Dee Hallman	2/15
Delores Bolen	2/16
Cyprus Collins	2/16
Suzanne Rhyne	2/16
Tiffany Rome	2/16
Alex Cromer	2/19
Lauren Foster	2/22
Linda Goodson	2/24
Carole Sherrill	2/24
James Wakulsky	2/24
Dan James	2/26
Nancy Truitt	2/27



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Sunday worship, study and
fellowship opportunities

Sunday School 9 AM Parlor
Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Service is live streamed on
Facebook at 10 am each Sunday
and will be posted to YouTube.