

Emmanuel United Church

Emmanuel Newsflash

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The **Animation Team** (former Strategic Planning Team) will meet **after the service, TODAY, Sunday September 15th**, to evaluate the ministry experiments conducted this summer and to plan for the future. We will meet in the

Finance Committee Meeting
September 17 at 5:00 pm

Congregational Life & Work
Committee
**Welcome/Welcome Back Luncheon
Sunday September 22,
after the service.**
There will be a Free-will Donation basket to help cover costs and any profit will go to the General Fund of EUC.

Turkey Super Planning Meeting
Sunday, September 22 7:00pm.

**Council Meeting ~ 7:00pm
Wednesday, September 25, 2019.**
Committee chairpersons are asked to have their reports in by September 23.

Now accepting articles for the upcoming 'Emmanuel Communicates' newsletter. If you have an item of interest you would like placed in the newsletter, please send it to carmichl@efni.com or place in the Newsletter slot in the church office, on or before 2:00 p.m. September 22. Thank you!

A Note From Rev. Roni

The gospel reading this week "the parable of the lost sheep" coupled with "the parable of the lost coin", can be incorrectly interpreted to reinforce a dichotomy between us and them. Those who have been restored and those who are lost causes. What if we are all lost? Jesus in these two teaching stories, addresses those who are overly confident in their sense of worth and those whom society deems as lost causes. I am inclined to think that if you can't see past your own nose, or own point of view, or your own position on any particular decision, then I suggest that you too are also lost, lost in your own self-righteousness. Being puffed up by our own ego, or being a drug addict, makes no difference to God. It's all the same, we are lost and God is searching us out. In creating Christ's community, listening may be more important than re-affirming our own position.

We can be thankful that God has known us all along, searches us out and rejoices greatly when we are reconciled and restored in God's community, one to another and to God. We are all lost and in need of grace. We are all members of the family, equal in value. In God's world there is no dichotomy of us and them. It's just a wide umbrella-like economy of grace. Hopefully, humbly at the cross, we remember the never-ending well of love and hope that motivates God's own search. God won't give up. God can't. There's just too much love involved for God to throw in the towel even when the odds are really long. Our worship theme on Sunday September 15th, 10:30 am is "Lost and Loved", Holy Communion will be celebrated.



PERMANENT COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

**IS STILL NEEDED FOR EUC!
~ ARE YOU INTERESTED??~**

Prerequisite:

- * Excited about Emmanuel's mission.
- * Member of Emmanuel's congregation.
- * Is not an active member of any of Emmanuel's Standing Committees.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

To organize and facilitate the work and meetings of the church council.
To preside, to preserve order, to take the vote and to announce the decisions of the church council.
To ensure appropriate records/minutes of proceedings are kept and circulated.

***AVGEN GIFT CARDS** are used not only for gifts but everyday spending! An easy way to financially support the church without hurting your wallet!

***PAR** (Pre-Authorized Remittance) an easy way to provide consistent year round financial support.

***Please contact Sherri Pinder
for more information.***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 Sunday Service 10:30am FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST "LOST AND LOVED" *Animation Team Meeting*	16	17 Finance Committee Meets at 5:00 pm	18	19 NO CHOIR PRACTICE	20 Acts movie night 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm	21
22 Sunday Service 10:30am Welcome/Welcome Back Luncheon *7:00pm.Turkey Supper Planning Meeting *	23	24	25 Council Meeting 7:00pm	26 Choir Practice 7:30pm	27 Acts movie night 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm	28



Buzzer System with Video Picture for 2 door Entrance Security



Council has approved a motion to purchase a door buzzer and video picture system. The U. C. W. has generously donated almost \$1,500 dollars.

We need help to fund the rest.

If you can contribute to this approximately \$3,000 purchase please put your contribution in an envelope marked Buzzer System and leave with the office or put in the Collection plate. **Thank you!**

"Known by Our Love"

Emmanuel United Church shall be a caring, welcoming faith community, nurturing spiritual life and sharing God's love and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.

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