

# EMILIE OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- SCOUT SUNDAY  
February 9, 2020
- FAMILY MEAL AND  
MOVIE NIGHT  
February 20, 2020
- YOUTH SUNDAY  
February 23, 2020
- BOARD GAME CAFÉ  
February 23, 2020
- ASH WEDNESDAY  
February 26, 2020



## CODE BLUE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Emilie UMC is the host site for Code Blue during the month of March.**

We are looking for one or two Host Site Coordinators from our church to volunteer 9:00pm – 11:00pm the nights the shelter is open to direct anyone who isn't familiar with the church, and find supplies they may need. We also need volunteers to help 7:00am-9:00am on mornings to make breakfast and clean up.

### ABOUT CODE BLUE

For the last several years, Emilie UMC has been committed to AHTN (Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need) to provide shelter for the homeless during the month of March when a Code Blue is called. A CB occurs when the temperature/wind chill fall to dangerous levels of 27°F or below. On these nights, we convert the Social Hall into a warm, safe place for the homeless (our guests) for the night(9PM - 6:30AM). There is a wonderful network of AHTN volunteers to staff the



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shelter, drive the buses that bring our guests in, and provide a hot dinner meal and breakfast.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

This year, your Emilie Host Site Coordinators would like to expand our "in house" volunteer pool. These are the folks who help set up the partitions, cots, tables and chairs. We also need to spruce up the Social Hall when the guests leave in the morning so the Day School can use it for playtime on very cold days or during inclement weather. This is a great mission for early risers. The set up/spruce up each take less than an hour depending on how many volunteers are available on any given night. Remember: many hands make light work. We would also like to have 1 or 2 more people

to act as Host Site Coordinators. This requires no training, just a basic knowledge of our church facility, the ability to turn lights on/off, lock/unlock doors, etc.

**As Christians, we are commissioned by Jesus to feed, clothe, and shelter those in need, those who are hungry, cold, and homeless. (Matthew 25: 42-45).**

So....do you have just 1 hour a week to take part in this mission?

If you are interested in being part of this mission or have any questions about the Code Blue shelter at Emilie, please contact the church office at 215-945-5502. You can also speak with one of the coordinators after church service: Jacqui Pearson, Sue Ermer, Todd Ermer, Rich Gerlach, or Becky Lowe.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our Share a Christmas program with the help of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund benefited over 104 people this past year!

Thank you for helping us spread kindness to our church and community!!!



### E.R.A. Donations

Thank you so much for your generous contributions of non perishable food donations. Because of your giving we donated 878 lbs. of food to people in need in our community in 2019.

Thank you for being a blessing to so many!

## EMILIE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Our Welcome Center is beautifully transforming! I hope all of you are enjoying the updated décor. There is so much more to come!!!

We are moving on to phase two of this project. This includes:

Refinishing the welcome desk, new chairs, signage, seating and white tables just inside the red doors, some small construction projects and artwork for the walls.

I am so excited to see the changes and growth

happening around our building! Thank you to all who donate and continue to donate or who have helped in any way with this project!

If you would like to make a monetary donation to this fund, please mark "Revitalization Fund," on one of the pew offering envelopes or on your weekly tithing envelope and place it in the offering plate, along with your weekly tithe.

Thank you for your support with this project!



## RECYCLING PROGRAM

### DONATE: OLD WIRES AND CHORDS

So far we have raised \$111.17 from your chord donations! What an amazing blessing!!! Please continue to bring any wires you may have, large and small. These may be off of broken appliances, old phone chargers,

telephone chords, computer chords, etc. Please place in the receptacles in the Welcome Center.

### SODA TABS

Please continue to donate soda tabs to help with the Revitalization fund and other projects

happening here in the church. There is a white plastic container on the tall white shelf in the Welcome Center to put tabs in. So far we have collected about 10 lbs. of tabs!!!



## SHARE SHELF AND FOOD PANTRY

### SHARE SHELF

Be a blessing or receive a blessing at our Share Shelf and Food Pantry table! This is a great way to share your extras, donate items or receive items you may need. This area is by donation only and a great way to help our congregation and community. We are looking for the following items to be

shared: tooth brushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, fresh fruit and vegetables, canned

and boxed food items, any nonperishable items and plastic grocery bags for people to take things as needed.



# EMILIE BOUTIQUE THRIFT STORE

The thrift shop carries a large supply of men's, women's, children's, and infant's clothing, outerwear and shoes. We also carry soft goods such as linens and towels.

We have a basket sales, where shoppers can fill one of our baskets for

only \$4.00! If you know of someone who has had a fire or otherwise fallen on emergency hard times, please send them to us. This mission helps hundreds of homeless every year and also allows the community to

shop for things at affordable prices.

**Donate at the office**  
**M-F 9:00 am- 1:00pm**  
by calling 215-945-5502,  
or during thrift store  
hours at the back of the  
church

**Wednesday**  
**5:30-8:00 pm**

**Thursday**  
**9:00am-12:30pm**

Please enter through the double red doors at the back of the church. You will need to ring the bell or knock for someone to let you in.



## SPECIAL THANKS

The Emilie Boutique outfitted over 2000 homeless and people with limited income with clothing at no cost due to your generosity and donations of clothing, shoes and accessories in 2019!!!

Thank you for being a blessing to so many in our church and community!

## FAMILY MOVIE AND MEAL NIGHT



Dress comfy and come out for a night of family, fun, friends, food and faith.

Thursday, February 20, 2020

6:30-8:30pm

We will be watching , "I Believe."

Food and drinks will be provided. Please bring blankets, lawn chairs and anything you may need to get comfy. Movie will be shown in the church Social Hall. This is a free community event!

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR MARCH CODE BLUE

Please see bulletin board at the bottom of the ramp for current items needed.

Please return all Donations by Sunday March 1, 2020.

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

### January Birthdays

- 10 Faustino Paulino
- 13 Liam Knobl
- 17 Linda Galanos
- 29 Kathleen Paulino

### February Birthdays

- 2 Pat Sheppard
- 9 Aiden Folcarelli

Wishing all of you a very Happy Birthday!

Praying your year is filled with faith, family and friends. On your birthday, remember that you were wonderfully made by God and rejoice in his love. We are so excited to see how the path of God will shape your life in the year to come! Happy Birthday!

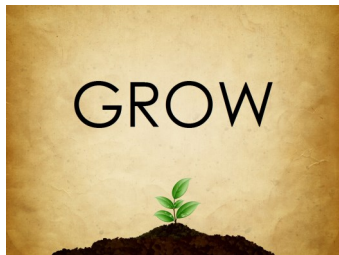
If you would like your birthday added to the newsletter, please email the office at [office@emilieumc.com](mailto:office@emilieumc.com).





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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR MIKE

### Evangelism Love the Dropout

The way we understand evangelism from a traditional standpoint usually revolves around preaching the gospel, is not always effective especially for the believer who has dropped out. They already believe in Jesus, they just do not care for His people, or they have other excuses. Their false belief systems have set aside the necessity of the church community. These beliefs need to be dispelled if these people are to be reconciled to Christ and His body. A one-day or informal interaction with a dropout will not change or accomplish much.

The only thing that will work to reconcile a dropout back to the community of believers is a consistent, loving relationship with an active believer over time. Dropouts seem to respond better to the love of Christ for them demonstrated by Christians.

Jesus parable of the 1 and 99 sheep, where he gave this analogy to His Disciples for a reason. Human sheep are often spiritually detached, rebellious, proud, hurt, distracted, and misguided. Any and all of these are ways that Christians dropout. Certainly, keep praying, and there is a biblical strategy that will give focus to your prayers while developing a relationship of restoration with the dropout. There is a strategy that can be imparted to everybody. Most people don't consider themselves to be evangelist, but they do know backsliders. This is a nonthreatening approach for the believer to reach out to those they know already. And it works.

## 2020 EMILIE UMC 7TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in this years Chili Cook-off! Over 60 people were in attendance and 13 people submitted Chili's. Please see the full list of winners on our website

<https://emilieumc.com/annual-chili-cook-off/>

