

# EMILIE OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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If you have prayer requests or other needs, please contact the church office. You are loved and valued by your church family.

In Loving Memory of



*Pattie Silverman*  
*John Revell Jr*  
*Marilyn O' Callaghan*  
*Pat McManamy*  
*Lois Burcosky*

## IN-PERSON WORSHIP TO RETURN



**JUNE 6TH, 2021**  
**9:00 AM**

We are so thankful that we are able to open the doors of Emilie for in-person worship and would like to make you aware of the changes that you will see/ experience beginning June 6th.

A video walk-through of the building and what to expect when you return can also be found on the church website and page 3-4 of this newsletter outlines the changes as well.

**Most important: if you are an at-risk individual, if you are sick, have been around someone who is sick, or if you are just not yet comfortable coming back for in-person worship wearing a mask and following the guidelines below, we ask that you continue to worship from home.** Emilie will continue to offer online AND call-in worship, so you can choose the option that works best for you and your family.



**CALL-IN WORSHIP**

**9:30am** - Call-in worship service.  
 Dial: 1-929-205-6099  
**Meeting Code:** 842 7919 4754  
**Passcode:** 410380



**ONLINE WORSHIP**

Emilie UMC Worship Services premiere live on our Facebook page every **Sunday at 9:30am** and are then available to watch anytime thereafter.



Stay connected with us on Facebook  
 @EmilieUMC

Check us out online at [www.EmilieUMC.com](http://www.EmilieUMC.com)

## GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY

Please join the Church and Day School as we clean up the grounds around Emilie UMC.

-Masks required-

Saturday, May 15th 2021

9am—12pm



- Weed whacking\*
  - Planting
  - Painting
- Window Washing
- Trash Clean-up\*
- Hanging signs

\*Feel free to bring along your gloves, weedwhacker, rakes, etc. to assist with the clean up projects.



## A NOTE FROM PASTOR MIKE

### Making Disciples

by

Rev. Michael Roberts Sr. D. Min

In Jesus' post resurrection discourse with his disciples after they overcame the shock of the physical appearance of Jesus it was time for them to get down to business. The disciples were not to keep their knowledge of the Word to themselves. Starting at Jerusalem, they were to be both preachers (carriers of a message) and witnesses (sharers of an experience) of what the Lord had done for them and said to them (Acts 1:8). But how could this small group of men and women ever hope to reach a whole world with the message of redemption? Only through the power of the Holy Spirit. The early church did not possess the financial and technical resources that we have today, yet they got the job done.

Luke ended his Gospel at the point where his second book The Acts of the Apostles begins: the ascension of Christ and the waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Had Jesus not gone back to heaven, the Spirit could not have come (John 16:7-15). Also, Luke's Gospel begins in the temple (1:8ff) and ends in the temple. It begins with Mary and Elizabeth rejoicing and ends with all the believers rejoicing. Before they became Spirit-empowered witnesses, the believers were joyful worshipers, a good example for us to follow. The Great Commission is the business of making disciples of Jesus Christ, which was the focus of Jesus' last words to his disciples prior to his ascension.

Disciple making comes in many shapes and forms. College fellowship groups practice disciple making with Bible studies, conferences, and large-group meetings. Churches practice disciple making with good teaching, fellowship opportunities and the observance of the sacraments. Writers disciple people with their books. Singers, with their music. Teachers, with their teaching. But behind each public form of disciple making are individual people. Friends discipling friends. People reaching out to neighbors, to family, perhaps even to strangers to proclaim Christ. With the apostle Paul, the modern-day disciple maker says, "We want to be able to present each one to God, perfect because of what Christ has done for each of them" (Col.1:28).

Disciple making, then, is the process of helping someone establish a relationship with Jesus and instructing that friend in the life of faith. Disciple making is intentional in that when we make disciples, we are following the example of Jesus in reaching out to people, taking initiative toward individuals who might become his disciples. Not all disciple makers set out with the conscious intent of influencing potential disciples. But to be effective, disciple making involves more than rubbing shoulders with friends, it is intentionally and actively helping them live on the growing edge of their faith.

In many ways the Covid-19 pandemic has caused some of us to reflect and take stock of things we've either taken for granted or glossed over perhaps with the notion we have plenty of time to attend to this or that. As we contemplate what life may be post pandemic disciple making for the Christian continues to be the essence of who we are and what we do. Let us pass on to others the joy of our salvation.



## FLOWERING OF THE CROSS AT EMILIE

What a beautiful display of our love for the sacrifices made by Jesus as he walked the path of the cross. These flowers are a reminder that HE LIVES!

Thank you to all who participated in the flowering of the cross out front of the church this year.

\*Flowering of the cross was held on Easter morning, April 4, 2021\*



## RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP (WHAT TO EXPECT)

Entrances: Everyone is asked to enter either through the glass doors at the front of the church or the 3 red doors off of the back parking lot.

Masks: Everyone must wear a mask covering your mouth & nose while during worship and while inside the building. Note: Face shields do not replace the need to wear a face mask, covering your mouth & nose.

Sanitizing: Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances.

Attendance: We kindly ask that you sign in, so that we have an in-house record of who was present for in-person worship. This list is for church use only, if needed for contact tracing.

Social Distancing: Inside the building we ask that you please keep social distance and only sit in the available pews, which have been calculated out to allow for proper 6ft social distancing.

Bathrooms: There are now 2 unisex & handicap accessible bathrooms near the glass door entrance to the church that we ask everyone to use on Sunday mornings as needed. The bathrooms in the Day School are to be used **only** by the school for the time being as a way to minimize possible contamination risks to the children and workers of our Day School.

Prayer requests: Please continue to submit your prayer requests in one of the following ways: you may submit your request online (emilieumc.com), leave the message on the office voicemail (215-945-5502), you may email it to the church office (office@emilieumc.com) or submit a prayer request on one of the yellow slips provided.

Offering: Everyone is invited to continue to give online, by mail or you may drop your giving in the designated box on your way into worship. For now we will not be passing an offering plate.

Communion Sundays: Modifications have been made to how we will partake in communion together as a church. As you enter the sanctuary you can take a pre-packaged communion cup from the table in the Narthex. We ask that you hold onto this until instructed to open it during the service.

Children in Worship: see page 4 for what to expect.

Music at Emilie: see page 4 for what to expect.

Please know that all of these procedures were thought out using guidelines offered by the CDC as well as the EPA UMC Conference leadership. Our main focus is providing a safe worship environment for all of our church family. We ask that you follow the guidelines as well, as a way to show love and care to your neighbor.

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4

Note: We do not know what the future holds and there may come a time in the near/distant future where we may need to once again suspend in person worship for the safety of everyone in our community.



GRADUATION SUNDAY  
JUNE 13TH

Emilie UMC would like to recognize all those graduating high school or from institutions of higher education. If you or someone you know is graduating, please forward to the office the person's name, institution from which they are graduating, degree with which they are graduating, a digital picture of the graduate, plans for the future, and their relationship to you, by Monday, May 24th.

You can email Ann Ermer at [annermer@yahoo.com](mailto:annermer@yahoo.com) or call the church at 215-945-5502.



## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP (WHAT TO EXPECT)



As always, children are welcome in worship here at Emilie. Please note the following changes and prepare your children before you attend worship in the building.

- Children will remain in the pew with their family during the service.
  - o There will be coloring pages and activities for the children but there will not be a separate children's church. You may grab these from the table in the narthex and take them home with you following the conclusion of worship.
  - o We encourage families to bring an activity bag with them to worship for their child if desired.
- The nursery will be closed.
- If your child needs to use the restroom, you will need to take them to the bathrooms by the Sanctuary/ church office. The bathrooms by the Day School are NOT open for use on Sunday mornings.
- We are glad that our children feel comfortable at Emilie but for now, they must remain with you while in the building.
- Children over the age of two are asked to wear a mask, like our youth and adults.
- Out of consideration for others, children who have a fever, cough, or are showing signs of illness should worship from home to protect the health of our congregation and community.

Our Sunday morning worship will be available online for those families and individuals who are unable or uncomfortable attending worship in the building at this time. If you have a child who is not receiving the weekly children's church activities in the mail, please contact the church office at 215-945-5502. Let us know your address and the child's name.

Thank you!

Ann



## MUSIC AT EMILIE (WHAT TO EXPECT)



While Covid-19 continues to permeate our society, it is still in our best interest to refrain from group singing in our church. As we know, doctors discovered that this virus can be transmitted in the microscopic particles of our breath, called aerosols. These aerosols are emitted with the greatest force while we are singing. Because of these findings, we recognize that group singing continues to present too big a risk. We will seek other forms of music for our worship, such as piano, organ, instrumental, or prerecorded special music videos. As we begin to reopen our church, we want to proceed cautiously, guided by the recommendations of medical professionals, until the infection rate in our state has stabilized to safe enough levels, or our society achieves herd immunity. The good news is that there are now highly effective vaccines available, and live solo singing by vaccinated/socially distanced individuals behind plexiglass shields will likely soon become part of our worship again. I pray that further restrictions will eventually be lifted, and these time-honored ways of praising God through music will return! If you would like to hear more information about Emilie's Virtual Choir or other musical opportunities, please contact me at [ryanfleming55@yahoo.com](mailto:ryanfleming55@yahoo.com)

Blessings to all,  
Ryan

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**MOTHER'S DAY**

Sunday May 9, 2021

**GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY**

Spring Clean up at Emilie  
Saturday, May 15, 2021  
9am-noon

**PENTECOST PICNIC**

Sunday May 23, 2021  
noon-1:30pm

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Monday May 31, 2021  
\*Office will be closed\*

**RETURN TO IN-PERSON  
WORSHIP**

Sunday June 6, 2021  
9am

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**

Sunday June 13, 2021

**FATHER'S DAY**

Sunday June 20, 2021

**WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH  
THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

- Sunday In-Person Worship Service - Sundays at 9:00am \*\*\*
- Sunday Online Worship Service - Sundays at 9:30am on Facebook
- Sunday Call-in Worship Service - Sundays at 9:30am
- Adult Sunday School (zoom) - Sundays at 10:30am (through end of May)
- Women's Crafting Circle (zoom) - 1st Monday of the Month at 7:00pm
- Adult Bible Study - Book of Revelation (zoom)- Wednesdays at 7:00pm
- Men's Prayer Breakfast - Saturday mornings at 7:30am
- Youth Group for Jr. & Sr. High youth (zoom) - Sundays at 5:00 & 6:30pm

Please call the church if you would like to know how you can participate and stay connected!

Office is open M-F, 9:00am - 1:00pm

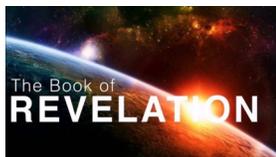
Please call 215-945-5502 if you have any questions or need anything.

\*\*\*We will continue to follow the CDC guidelines regarding in-person worship and the ability to continue to offer this option.\*\*\*



While we are returning to in-person worship, please note that the building remains in limited use. If you are looking to use the building for any reason please contact the church office to get pre-approval from the re-opening committee.

If you need encouragement or pointed in the right direction please email the church office [office@emilieumc.com](mailto:office@emilieumc.com) or call us at 215-945-5502.



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY  
THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

**Studying the Book of Revelation**

Every Wednesday at 7:00pm

Email Pastor at [pastor@emilieumc.com](mailto:pastor@emilieumc.com) for Zoom

Please join Pastor Mike as he leads a bible study on the book of Revelation. This is going to be a series that covers all your questions on the final book of the New Testament.



**TRI-CLUB  
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS**

Running through the end of May, not meeting in the summer

Tri-Club (Adults of all ages) meets Sundays at 10:30am via Zoom. Our adult class uses Cokesbury's Adult Bible Studies, a quarterly study presenting stimulating lessons that explore biblical messages and how to apply them to daily life. Adults of all ages are invited to participate in this engaging class.

Tri-Club meets on Zoom - Sundays at 10:30am.

Contact the church office for more information.



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PENTECOST PICNIC  
 SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021  
 12:00-1:30PM  
 EMILIE BACK PARKING LOT

- Masks required
- Bring a lawn chair
- Bring your picnic lunch
  - Wear red
- Feel free to bring lawn games to play

We will have cupcakes to celebrate the birthday of the Church and the gifting of the Holy Spirit. Families will have the opportunity to decorate a kite.



Emilie's Thrift Store continues to remain closed, and is not accepting donations at this time.



Check us out online at [www.EmilieUMC.com](http://www.EmilieUMC.com)

TEACHER APPRECIATION  
 WEEK  
 MAY 2-8, 2021

We would like to send a big shout out to the teaching staff at Emilie Christian Day School as well as all of the teachers in our Emilie family. We appreciate you and all you do to minister to the students in your care.

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6

