

# EMILIE OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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## SUMMER WORSHIP OPTIONS AT EMILIE UMC

(IN EFFECT THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH)

### IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We are so excited to be worshipping in person with you again!

**9:00am** - In-Person Worship Service

Doors open at 8:45 am Sunday mornings

-Masks optional-



### ONLINE WORSHIP

**9:30am** - Online Worship Service.

Premiere live on our Facebook page and is then available to watch anytime thereafter.



## SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday - Thursday

9:00am—2:00pm

Closed on Friday

Thru September 6, 2021



Stay connected with us on Facebook @EmilieUMC

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

In Loving Memory of  
*Bob Ward*  
*Elisabeth Schaefer*



## EMILIE OUTREACH NEWSLETTER IS GOING VIRTUAL

### Beginning with the next edition!

In an effort to be more responsible with our resources, Emilie's newsletter will no longer be mailed out to the full church membership. Please see the information below on how to continue to stay up to date on the church news.

### Newsletters will be available:

-Limited print in in the Welcome Center, Narthex & Church Office

-On church website ([www.emilieumc.com/newsletter](http://www.emilieumc.com/newsletter))

-Sent via email (must opt in, see newsletter page of church website for details)

\*If you are unable to access the newsletter in one of the ways listed above and would like to church to continue mailing the newsletter to your home, please contact the church office (215-945-5502) to add your address to the limited mailing list.



**LABOR DAY**

September 6th, 2021  
-Church office closed-



**MUSIC MINISTRY PICNIC**

August 29th, 2021  
-see page 6 for details-



**HOMECOMING SUNDAY**

September 19th  
-See Page 3 for details-

**2021 EPA UMC Laity Academy**



A new command I give you: Love one another.  
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.  
John 13:34



Conference to offer 2 Laity Academies in 2021:  
August 6-7 online;  
October 1-2 onsite at multiple locations.  
-see conference website for details-  
epaumc.org



**SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Emilie's youth group is open to all youth in grades 6-12 and typically meets on Sunday nights.

**Summer Youth Rally—Hosted by CCYM**

Saturday, August 28th (7:30am-7:30pm)  
at Covenant UMC

The day will have games, speakers, music, prizes, and much more. There will be youth speakers and musicians!

Contact Ann Ermer or the church office for more information on this event and transportation options.

**Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group—Fall Kick-off**

Sunday, September 19th  
Details to come!

**Youth Group Night**

Sunday, September 26th  
Jr High (6-8th grade); 5:00 - 6:30pm  
Sr. High (9-12th grade); 6:30 - 8:00pm

Contact the church office or Ann Ermer to get more information about the Children & Youth Ministry offerings at Emilie UMC.



Sundays 5:00 - 6:30pm  
Front Conference Room

First Meeting of 2021: Homecoming Sunday,  
September 19th

God Squad, youth in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade build lasting friendships with other Christians and work together to make a community.

Join the fun and discover how easy it is to grow in your faith, outreach, and service to others.

# Emilie United Methodist Church



September 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **Muffin Table Opens - 8:45 am**

Coffee & Pastries provided

Free love offering basket available

### **Sunday School Options (for all ages) - 9:00-9:45 am**

Adult Sunday School - Library

Jr & Sr High Sunday School - Youth room

1st - 5th Grade Sunday School - front conference room

Kindergarten & younger - Nursery

### **Worship Service - 10:00 am**

Worship service to include:

Backpack Blessing\*

Bible presentation for 3rd graders

Childcare provided for children ages 5 and under

### **Backyard Picnic - 11:00 am**

Bring your own chair or picnic blanket and join the church family for a picnic following worship.

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Sides & Drinks provided

### **God Squad & Youth Group - 5:00 pm**

- See page 2 -



## **\*BACKPACK BLESSING FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS**

DURING EMILIE UMC'S HOMECOMING SUNDAY ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, WE WILL BE BLESSING OUR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AS THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL.

WE WILL BE GIVING THEM A BAG OF GOODIES TO HELP THEM GET OFF TO A GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP SHOW THEM SOME EMILIE LOVE BY DONATING SOME SMALL GIFTS? WE ANTICIPATE 25—30 CHILDREN AND YOUTH PARTICIPATING. DONATIONS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND SNACKS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE (MON-THUR, 9AM-2PM) OR BROUGHT TO WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH.

*PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR ANN ERMER WITH QUESTIONS.*

## **FREE SPIRITS BUS TRIP NOVEMBER 18TH, 2021**

Free Spirits will be visiting The Shore Club, in Spring Lake NJ on Thursday, November 18th.

The trip will include a 3 course bunch and the music of Dolly Parton, John Denver, & Johnny Cash.

The bus departs from Emilie shortly after 9:00am. Total cost of the trip is \$105 (deposit of \$60 due by August 15th & balance of \$45 due by October 1st).

Those with questions or interest in this trip should reach out to Carol Kocher (215-946-5958).



## **RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR BISHOP PEGGY JOHNSON**

Monday, July 26th at 6:30—8:00 pm, Eastern PA Conference leaders are planning a retirement celebration to bid farewell to Bishop Peggy Johnson, after her 13 years of providing service and leadership. The virtual farewell fete on Zoom, will include greetings from members of the conference and the NEJ College of Bishops, among others.

Farewell Webinar ID: 966 9511 7530. Passcode: 891085

*Save the date!* A welcome celebration is being planned for Bishop John Schol as our new episcopal leader on Saturday, September 18, at 10am, onsite and online at West Chester UMC.



Would you like to be a part of the Emilie UMC Service Club planning committee? Volunteers can help build partnerships with local nonprofits, prepare materials for service nights, lead service activities, or other assorted duties as needed.

Please contact Ann Ermer at [annermer@yahoo.com](mailto:annermer@yahoo.com) or 215-945-5502 to sign up to help or for more information. Thank you!

## SERVICE CLUB

Coming this fall: Emilie UMC Service Club. This intergenerational group will meet one Sunday a month at 5:00pm to be the hands and feet of Christ as we strive to live out our Emilie UMC mission statement to “Serve others for Christ.”

The group will participate in a wide range of activities such as reaching out to our Emilie shut-ins, partnering with local nonprofits, and exploring what the Bible teaches about serving others. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting new ministry.

Please keep this new ministry in your prayers as we seek to follow the example of our Savior and friend, Jesus.



### BUILDING CHANGES FOR USE OF SPACE

With the restrictions to Covid-19 beginning to lift, church leadership is allowing Emilie’s Bible Studies & Small Groups to begin using meeting space in the building again.

ALL GROUPS are asked to ensure their meetings are added to the church calendar prior to holding any meetings in the church.

Groups are asked to continue to distance from the Education Wing classrooms & bathrooms, as well the Library and back entrances during the hours the schools are in operation (Monday - Friday, 7:00am - 6:00pm).

The Front Conference Room (aka Cloakroom) is being made available for meeting use during the day, with attendees being asked to enter through the front glass doors.

**We kindly ask that anyone with a need to enter the church building during one of the week days, do so during the church office hours, through the church office entrance and with the knowledge of a church staff member. The goal is to eliminate meetings in all of the school spaces during their operating hours, to ensure the safety of staff & students.**



## RaiseRight™

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### SCRIP CARD PROGRAM AT EMILIEUMC

Emilie’s Scrip card program gives members the ability to purchase gift cards for various retailers, the church is able to purchase them at a discount and earns funds to support the ministries of the church.

How to order\*:

- Call the church office, 215-945-5502
- Email the church office, [office@emilieumc.com](mailto:office@emilieumc.com)
- Download the scrip app and use the following information.

[www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)  
 Enrollment Code  
 DBCC755811556

\*Orders will be processed by the church office twice a month. Contact the church office with any questions or for more details.



**Cole Cathers**  
**Pennsbury**  
**High School**

Cole is a part of the Emilie Tech Team and Club 30, the youth Sunday School class. Cole is studying to become an EMT and will begin Bucks County Community College and pursue a career in video game programming. Congratulations, Cole!



**Nathan Calderone**  
**Bucks County**  
**Technical**  
**High School**

Nathan is the son of Cindy and Chris Calderone. He is graduating from the BCTHS AET program after studying Green Energy. Nathan is exploring his options for the future. He has been involved

with the Emilie youth group, Tech Team, and CCYM. His favorite activity at Emilie was playing sardines at youth group. His church has taught him to love others. Nathan prays that his church family will live happy. We are proud of you, Nathan!



**Kiersten Gravuer**  
**Neshaminy**  
**High School**

Kiersten is the daughter of Julie and Chris Graver and the granddaughter of Donna Jenkinson. She will be attending Ithaca College in the fall to study Physical Therapy. Way to go, Kiersten!



**Jacob Saraullo**  
**Neshaminy High School**

Jacob's favorite activities at Emilie were the overnight lock-ins with youth group. His church taught him to keep Christ in your life and be kind and compassionate towards others. Jacob plans to attend Keystone College to become a special education teacher. He has the following prayer for his church

family: "May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you, may the Lord uncover his face to you, and bring you peace." Numbers 6: 24-26.

Congratulations, Jacob!



**Maxwell**  
**Keller**  
**Archbishop**  
**Wood High School**

Maxwell is the son of Timothy and Jessica Keller. He has committed to Bloomsburg University for the fall and plans to be a business and finance major.

Good Luck, Maxwell!



**Lindsay Phillips**  
**Walden University**

Lindsay Phillips earned her Masters of Science in Education from Walden University. We are proud of you, Lindsay!



**Andrew Windland**  
**Pennsylvania College of**  
**Technology**

Andrew graduated from Pennsylvania College of Technology with a BS in Information Technology. Andrew has a position with Piedmont Stone Center in Winston-Salem, NC as the IT person for the practice. Andrew's proud parents are Cathy & Jerry Agasar. Way to go, Andrew!

For I know the plans I have for you, declare the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harms you, plans to give you hope and a future. — Jeremiah 29:11



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**3 ways to give**

- in person
- by mail
- online



At this time the Thrift Store remains closed.

There is not currently a reopen date set.



## A NOTE FROM PASTOR MIKE PRAYER AND HUMILITY

By Rev. Michael Roberts Sr., D. Min

*“If two angels were to receive at the same moment a commission from God, one to go down and rule earth’s grandest empire, the other to go and sweep the streets of its meanest village, it would be a matter of entire indifference to each which service fell to his lot, the post of ruler or the post of scavenger; for the joy of the angels lies only in obedience to God’s will, and with equal joy they would lift a Lazarus in his rags to Abraham’s bosom, or be a chariot of fire to carry an Elijah home.”*

—JOHN NEWTON

To be humble is to be modest, lowly, with a temperament to seek anonymity. Humility does not seek publicity nor hunt for high praise, neither does it care for prominence. Humility is given to self-depreciation. It never exalts itself in the eyes of others nor even in the eyes of itself. Modesty is one of its most important characteristics.

Humility does not have its eyes on self, but rather on God and others. It is poor in spirit, meek in behavior, lowly in heart. “With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love.”

The parable of the Pharisee and publican is a somewhat of a short sermon on humility and self-praise. The Pharisee is given over to self-conceit, wrapped up in himself, seeing only his own self-righteous deeds. He speaks of his virtues before God, despising the poor publican who stands off in a distance. He exalts himself, gives himself over to self-praise, is self-centered, and goes away unjustified, condemned, and rejected by God.

The publican sees no good in himself, is overwhelmed with self-depreciation, far removed from anything which would take any credit for any good in himself. He does not presume to lift his eyes to heaven, but with an unhappy countenance beats himself on his breast, and cries out, “God be merciful to me, a sinner.”

Jesus gives us the sequel of the story of these two men, one lacking humility, the other hidden in the spirit of self-depreciation and lowliness of mind.

God puts a great price on humility of heart. It is good to be clothed with humility like a garment. It is written, “God resisted the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” That which brings the praying soul near to God is humility of heart. That which gives strength to prayer is lowliness of mind. That which gives access to the throne of grace is self-depreciation. Pride, self-esteem, and self-praise effectually shut the door of prayer. The one who comes to God must approach Him with sincere humility. One must not be puffed-up with self-conceit, nor be possessed with an over-valuation of his/her virtues and good works.

Humility is a rare Christian grace, it is of great value in the courts of heaven, entering into and being an asset for powerful prayer. It gives access to God when other qualities fail. It takes many descriptions to describe it, and many definitions to define it. It is a rare grace. Its complete description is exhibited only in the Lord Jesus Christ Our prayers must be set low before they can ever rise high. Our prayers are the heavenly language which appeal to the heart of God. May we find ourselves humbled as we approach the almighty throne of grace.

# MUSIC MINISTRY



Emilie’s Music Ministry will reconvene on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, for a welcome back picnic at the home of Gary & Pam Tice. Rehearsals for Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir will begin on Thursday, September 9 at 7pm and 8pm respectively. Praise Band rehearsal will begin on Wednesday, September 15, at 7 pm. All are welcome and greatly encouraged! More details to follow. Please contact Ryan Fleming for further information. [ryanfleming55@yahoo.com](mailto:ryanfleming55@yahoo.com)



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 YOUNG TODDLERS  
 THROUGH PRE-K.**

Contact the school for more information about fall enrollment opening and staff opportunities.

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