

EMILIE OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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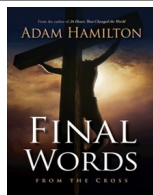


NOTE FROM PASTOR MARCIA

Dear Friends, This is a reminder that I am on my annual leave and will see you in March.

My prayers are with you.

-Pastor Marcia



LENT BOOK STUDY

‘FINAL WORDS FROM THE CROSS’

BY ADAM HAMILTON

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

7:00 PM AT EMILIE UMC

In life and in death, Jesus’ words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven “final words”—statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves. This book study will run for **4 weeks beginning on Wednesday, February 21st** and will follow the book ‘*Final Words from the Cross*’ by Adam Hamilton. The church office will have a limited number of copies available for purchase at \$13 each or you can purchase one from most book suppliers.

Sign up in the Narthex! Contact the Church Office to purchase a book!



WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

Sunday, January 28th we will welcome 3 new members to the church.

As part of the service, the congregation will have an opportunity to bring forward cards of celebration to welcome each of the members into the church body at Emilie UMC. You are invited to bring cards for the new members listed below.

New members include:

Cheryl G., Dennis S., & Florence S.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

FEBRUARY 14TH

Ash Wednesday, begins the season of Lent. A worship service including a time of communion and ashes** will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm

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



FEBRUARY SERVICE CLUB

FEBRUARY 11TH

All are welcome to join us for our **next meeting Sunday, February 11th following worship in the Common Ground Meeting room.**

In addition to our regular activities, we will be potting 60 spider plants for residents at Oxford Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, in Langhorne to share God's love this Valentine's Day.

How you can support this month's service project:

-Donate 6" plastic pots with water drip trays*

**Please drop off by February 4th, so that we can make sure to have enough for our meeting on the 11th.*

-Join us in lifting the residents in the Oxford center in prayer.

Contact Cindy in the church office with any questions.

We hope to have you join as we Serve People for Christ!

NEW DATE!!

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 6:30 PM

Thank you to all who joined us for our first Adult Fellowship Gathering. It was fun to get to know each other a little better and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments. Due to the winter weather the Adult Fellowship Group was rescheduled to Friday, February 9th, at 6:30 p.m. This will be a soup and salad night. Homemade soups, green salad, and bread and butter will be provided. If you would like to contribute a side dish (appetizers, specialty salad, or dessert) please let Sue Ermer or Jacqui Pearson know.

Please let us know if you plan to attend so that we can plan on how much food to prepare. We hope to see you there!

ONGOING BIBLE STUDY & SMALL GROUPS AT EMILIE

Sunday School [Sept-May]

Sundays, 9:00-9:45 am.

-Little Children's Club

Kindergarten & younger

Meets in Nursery

-Bible Club

1st -5th grade

Meets in Front Conference Room

-Club 30

6-12th grade

Meets in Youth Room

Tri-Club, Adult Sunday School

This adult Bible Study meets Sunday mornings at 9am in the church library and uses a quarterly study. This fall, our Bible lessons follow the theme "God Provides" and remind us of the ways God meets our needs and of God's call to us to help those who lack life's essentials of food, water, and shelter.

God Squad

This group is for students in grades 2-5, and meets Sundays from 6:00-7:00pm [Sept-May].

Chaos Jr. High Youth Group

This group is for students in grades 6-8, and meets Sundays from 6:00-7:00pm [Sept-May].

Chaos Sr. High Youth Group

This group is for students in grades 9-12, and meets Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00pm [Sept-May].

Service Club [Oct-Apr]

This group will meet the 2nd Sunday of each month, following worship to participate in a wide range of activities to live out the 3rd part of our church mission statement "serving others for Christ".

Women's Crafting Circle

The 1st Monday of each month this group of women (high school -adult) share a time of devotion, crafting, & fellowship.

Meetings are held in the Emilie Library at 7:00pm. No previous craft skill needed, crafts selected are for crafters of all skill/ability and instructions and guidance is provided.

Feb 5, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Every Saturday at 8:00am the men of Emilie gather in the church library for a time of prayer, food & fellowship. Contact Frank Fabian with questions about this group.

For more information about any of these Bible Study/ Small Groups, contact the church office.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

God Squad Leader(s)

Tracey Kimmey oversees God Squad and is looking for an adult leader/leaders to assist her with leading this ministry. This group of 2nd-5th graders meets on Sunday nights from 6-7pm and has a great group of core attendees. Frequency of the commitment is flexible.

Worship Support

-Emilie's worship team is looking for a few additional people to join the group of liturgists that assist Ryan & the pastors with leading worship (leading printed prayers, reading scripture, intro songs, etc.). If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the church office or Ryan Fleming.

-Emilie's Tech team is a vital part of the worship service each week. There is always room for more people to join the team to assist with running the projector or the iPad used for online worship. Beginner level equipment and training is provided.

Office Assistance

The church office is looking for volunteers to help with a few easy to pick up reoccurring and occasional tasks. Assembling mailings (weekly & monthly), folding bulletins, filing, etc.

Blessing Box & Share Shelf Coordinator(s)

Emilie is looking for a volunteer/volunteers to work together to oversee the outdoor Blessing Box & indoor Share Shelf. This person(s) would assist with restocking the small pantries, organizing the overstock items, and occasionally dropping off items to the E.R.A if they are not a good fit for the small church pantries.

Thrift Store Lead

The Thrift Store is looking for a new lead. This person would help choose the days & hours that the store is open, oversee the volunteers who help in the store & the overall operations of the store. There is a core group of dedicated volunteers, they just need someone to oversee operations. Guidance and support will be provided.

Nursery Volunteer or Paid Staff Member

Our hope is to provide childcare every Sunday for families with children 5 years old and under. We are currently seeking additional adults to help make this happen. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Church office to discuss requirements, frequency, payrate, etc. *There are both volunteer & paid options available.*

Spring/Summer Grounds Crew

Spring will be here before we know it and our Ground Crew is always looking for additional hands to help keep the grounds trim and looking good. If you would like to join the crew that rotates through the season cutting & weed whacking the lawn.

* Contact the church office during office hours to find out more about these volunteer opportunities. *

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WORSHIP OPTIONS AT EMILIE UMC



WORSHIP

10:00am - Blended Worship Service
Childcare for children in 5 years old and younger.



ONLINE WORSHIP

10:00am - Livestream of Worship Service.
Livestreams on our Facebook page and is then available to watch anytime thereafter.

PROFESSIONAL CHILDCARE PROVIDED 5 years old and under

Professional nursery care is provided in our Emilie nursery for children ages 5 and younger during Sunday School and our 10:00am worship service.

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND



The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is a designated fund made available to the pastor to distribute for emergency financial aid. The funds are collected through donations from the congregation throughout the year and distributed as needed by the pastors.

If you or someone within the congregation has a financial need, please contact one of the pastors to seek assistance. If you are in a position to financially help others within the church body, the best way to do that is through a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

The congregation is strongly discouraged from providing financial assistance directly to other members of the church body. It is always best to direct those in need to speak with the pastors for financial assistance & guidance.

A special Pastor's Discretionary Fund collection is held during communion on the first Sunday of each month, however, donations can be made at anytime. *Please designate Pastor's Discretionary Fund on the giving envelope.*

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER RECAP

LIFE OF THE CHURCH 2023



60 Shoeboxes were collected in November 2023 for OCC.

-Thank you to everyone who donated toward the 2023 Share-A-Christmas. 44 individuals & 5 families were blessed through those donations.

-Our 1st Advent Fellowship Lunch was joyfully attended by around 40 people. Keep an eye out for the Lent Fellowship Lunch in March (date tbd).

-The special worship services offered during Advent (Guitar Duo, Cantata, & Blue Christmas Service) all gave additional opportunities to worship & prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ through the Christmas season.

-God Squad & Youth celebrated the end of 2023 with Christmas Parties.



Emilie's Sanctuary - Christmas Eve 2023

ADVENT MISSION FOCUS—THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Advent Missions Collections. They were a huge success, and many people were blessed by your generosity.

Week 1—In support of the Day Schools collection with Toys for Tots, we collected 72 toys to be gifted to families in need throughout Bucks County.

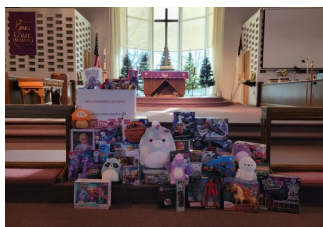
Week 2—You blessed over 200 children, and the postal workers with your donations of candy canes. The winter gear collection brought in 299 items which will be distributed through the Thrift Store and the Blessing Box to people in need this winter.

Week 3—30 Emilie families felt loved and seen through your Christmas cards.

Week 4—Your gifts of non-perishable food items will be distributed through the Share Shelf & Blessing Box to help provide nourishment to individuals in need.

Thank you for spreading the love, joy, peace, and hope of Jesus with our community!

God Bless you as we continue our mission to serve others through Christ into the New Year!





EMILIE UMC - WINTER WEATHER PLAN

In the event of unsafe travel conditions due to winter weather (snow/ice), here's what to expect for changes to Sunday morning worship.

By 7am on Sunday we will post changes to that morning's worship in the following ways:

Online: Church website (emilieumc.com) & Facebook (Emilieumc).

Church phone line: call the church office at 215-945-5502 and select option 1 (worship).

Email: An email will be sent out to everyone on the church Newsletter & Upcoming events email list.

*note: no new post means there is no change to worship that Sunday.



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EMILIE THRIFT STORE UPDATE

Emilie's Thrift Store will be open the following dates in January:

Wednesday (5:30-7:00pm) - 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, & 1/24.

Saturdays (9:00-10:30am) - 1/6 & 1/13.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—Thrift Store Lead needed:

The Thrift Store is looking for a new lead. This person would help choose the days & hours that the store is open, oversee the volunteers who help in the store & the overall operations of the store.

Please contact the church office or Kim Kamerzel for more information.



**GUIDED LEARNING FOR
YOUNG TODDLERS THROUGH PRE-K.**

Enrollment is open for new students (summer & fall 2024).
Contact the school for details on enrollment and any open positions on the staff (immediate openings, summer & fall).

emiliechristiandayschool.com

215-945-3131 ~ dayschool@emilieumc.com

Church Office Hours

Mon: 9:00am-noon
Tue: noon-3:00pm
Wed: noon-3:00pm
Thu: noon-3:00pm
Fri: 9:00am-noon

office@emilieumc.com
call: 215-945-5502

Closed on holidays



Church Office Closed

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Monday, February 19, 2024

EMILIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
End of Year 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME	2023 Jan-Dec	2022 Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec 2023 Budget
Giving	\$236,938.05	\$ 178,004.46	\$175,119.43
Other Income	<u>\$194,031.14</u>	<u>\$ 183,633.66</u>	<u>\$180,466.96</u>
Total Income	\$430,969.19	\$ 361,638.12	\$355,586.39
EXPENSE			
Staff Salaries/Benefits	\$156,427.15	(c) \$196,270.25	\$177,314.83
Utilities	\$ 45,289.45	\$ 47,023.30	\$ 49,655.65
Insurance	\$ 23,475.00	(b) \$ 21,956.88	\$ 23,475.50
Connectional Ministries	\$ 20,001.96	(b) \$ 17,418.96	\$ 20,001.60
Maintenance/ Property Taxes	\$ 72,141.78	(a) \$ 48,804.88	\$ 47,924.66
Other	<u>\$ 52,434.81</u>	(a) <u>\$ 37,258.07</u>	<u>\$ 35,795.42</u>
Total Expense	\$369,770.15	\$368,732.34	\$354,167.66
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 61,199.04	-\$ 7,094.22	\$ 1,418.73

Thank you for your faithful giving. Your confidential individual giving statement for 2023 (Jan-Dec) accompanies this report; thank you to the dedicated volunteers on the counting team and stewardship committee for your hard work recording giving.

We entered 2023 with a balanced budget and received several generous donations from unexpected places throughout the year. We ended the year with a surplus of \$61,199.04, due in part to the generous donations mentioned above and because we have not hired new staff to replace outgoing staff. While we had big increases in Maintenance and Other Expenses (a), and small increases in Insurance and Connectional Ministries (b) these were offset by the reduction in Salaries (c). We are grateful for the surplus, because we have large expenditures expected for the boiler, parsonage, and broker fee for the post office parking lot renewal. We do expect to provide an additional payment to the conference as we have not been funding the full amount they have requested for missions. Additionally, we do expect to hire a new staff member in 2024 to help manage our building. For 2024 we have assumed a modest increase in giving and increases in expenses proportionate with the current market. You may recall that revenue decreased in the last quarter of 2023 due to the departure of Bucks County IU who rented our space for many years. This is enabling the Day School to expand and thus some of this revenue has been replaced. We are grateful for all their hard work with this very important mission of the church. Church leadership will continue to work to ensure our space is utilized in the best manner.

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Benevolent Funds (Conference Special Giving Sunday's & Missions), as well as the Earmarked Funds (Pastor's Discretionary Fund, I Love My Church, Share-a-Meal, Memorial Fund). The total donated to these funds in 2023 was \$9,152 and is in addition to the amounts shown in the table above. All income is paid out to their respective funds, on a quarterly basis.

Your Finance & Stewardship Committee encourages you to look at electronic giving through "Vanco" as a convenient alternative to traditional giving via envelopes; you can sign-up on the church website using the link under GIVE. Please also consider including your church in your will as your way to deliver a final gift; you can indicate how you would like your gift to be used or have it used for the general good of your church.

If you have any questions or concerns about this statement or your individual giving statement, please reach out to Cindy in the church office at 215-945-5502 or business@emilieumc.com.

Yours in Christ, Susan Lowe (Finance Chair) & Cindy Calderone (Business Manager)

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17