

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Passing



The white carnation on the altar is in memory of
The Rev. Robert Everett who went home to the Lord
on August 9th.

PRAYER LIST

The Everett family, James, Colleen, Genevieve, Jamez, Donna & Randy S., Grover F., George, Beverly, Debbie, Brian, Dean, Scheree, Rich, Sabrina, Bob H., the Schultz family, Madison, Jaxson, Carly, Michael, Luciana, Gene, Heather, Sue, Steve, Brian & Teresa, Mama Roz, Carolyn, Martha, Tom & family, Colin & family, Dolly, Debbie, Gail, Debra, Terry B., Joan, Kathy, Helen, Chrisie, Linda, Melissa, Jeff, Kirk family, Joan Merritt, Jim & Sarah, Jon, Kukon family, John, Sofia, Aimee, Lila, Sue, Nicole, the Dare family, Toby, Megan’s Mother, Baby Isaiah, Smith Family, John, Darlene, Jeff, Audrey Serfass, Don Serfass, Dawn Kerr, Bob Cusano, Alice Kennedy, Dave, Bruce, Miss Juina, Mark Brooks, Tracey Kimmey, Liz Bennis, Wendy, Nathan J. Those in recovery, the homeless and the food insecure.

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

Today’s bulletin is sponsored by Ron & Jean Trakowski In Loving Memory of Chuck Knapp (father) August 19, 1931 - April 6, 2023

BOSCOV’S – FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Wednesday, Oct. 21st, 2026 – Shop 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.
(Instore and Online)

Donate \$5 and enjoy: 25% Off discount Shopping Pass; register to win a \$100 Boscov’s Gift Card.

100% of your donation goes to Emilie UMC

Contact Jean Trakowski for Shopping Pass at 267-496-9544 or Church Office 215-945-5502

BULLETIN SPONSORS

Sponsoring one of our weekly bulletins is a great way to recognize, celebrate or memorialize a loved one, friend or even a beloved pet while helping to cover the cost of our bulletin. We can also include a picture in your announcement if you like. It’s easy, simply contact the office and advise which weekly bulletin you want to sponsor and provide pertinent information. The cost is \$15 and you can give to the office or put in the collection plate with your name. Please provide the office with a minimum 2 week lead time. Questions, please feel free to call the office.

JOIN THE SUMMER PICK-UP CHOIR!

Everyone who loves to sing is welcome to join our Summer Pick-Up Choir! The choir will sing during the worship service on **Sunday, August 23**. There will be **one rehearsal on the morning of the service at 9:15 a.m.** No prior choir experience is required—everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please email Hyosang at: sangpark118@gmail.com

BACKPACK BLESSING AUGUST 23, 2026

As our students prepare to return to school, we would like to bless our students with a showering of small gifts. On **Sunday, August 23rd**, our students are invited to bring their **EMPTY** backpack to worship. The congregation is invited to bring small gifts such as school supplies, snacks, or other small goodies, to place in the students’ backpacks. We anticipate about 30 student participants. If you have a donation, but are unable to worship in person, please feel free to drop off your donation to the church office prior to August 23rd. Thank you!

CALLING ALL RISING THIRD GRADERS

Our Emilie UMC third graders will receive their Bible from the church on Back to Church Sunday. If you know of a student who will be going into third grade this upcoming school year, please contact the church office to share their name with us by **September 6th**. Thank you!

DISCIPLE 3 BIBLE STUDY

Have you completed Disciple 1 Bible Study? If so, you are invited to join us for Disciple 3 Fasttrack. This fall we will be studying the prophets. The group will meet on Wednesdays in the Common Ground Room from **6:30 – 8:00pm beginning September 9th**. If you are interested, please contact Ann Ermer, or the church office for more details or to sign up.

SAVE THE DATE

Back to Church - **Sunday September 13th**. - fellowship time after service.

Adult Fellowship - **Sept. 25th, 6:30 p.m.**

THIS WEEK AT EMILIE

Wednesday—Prayer Team, 10:30 –11 a.m.

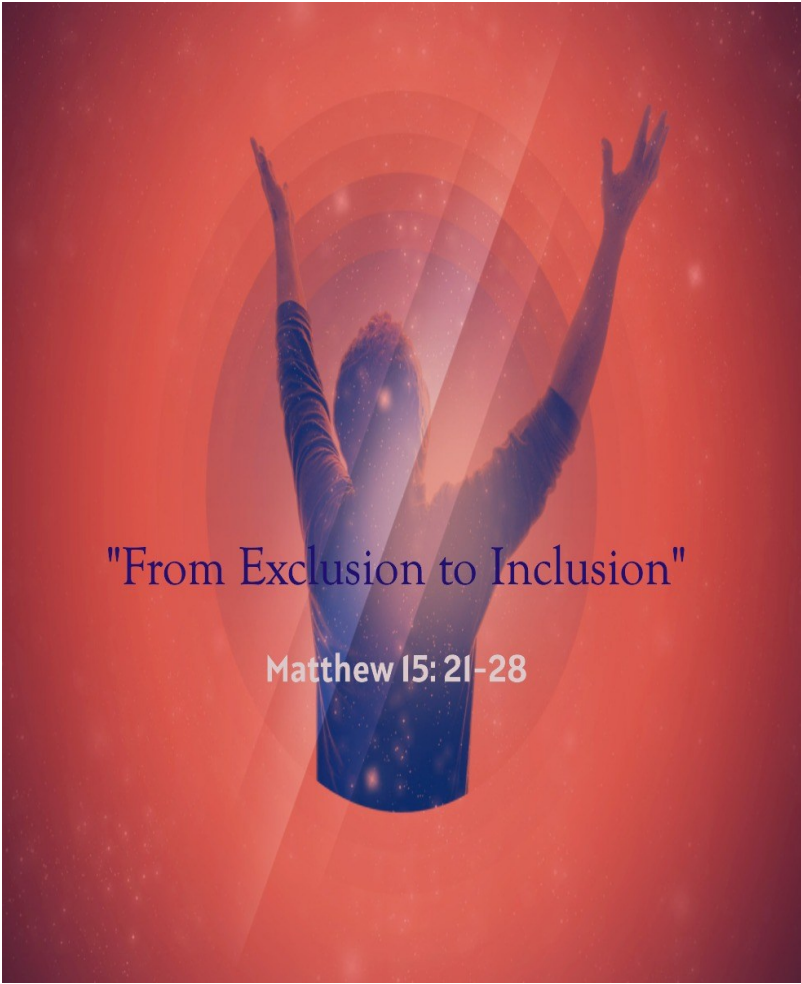
Thrift Store, 6-7 p.m.

Saturday—Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m.

Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

EMILIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CELEBRATING 162 YEARS OF WORSHIP,
PRAYER, & SERVICE
1863 - 2026



**August 16th, 2026
10 a.m.**



BRINGING PEOPLE TO CHRIST,
GROWING PEOPLE IN CHRIST,
SERVING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16th, 2026
The Rev. Stacey Jones-Anderson

*You are invited to stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

Pre-Service Music *Redeemed, How I love to proclaim It!*
arr. Joel Raney

(Please take this time to write any prayer requests you may have on the prayer cards in the pews. They will be received during the offering and shared during prayers of the people).

Greeting The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

***Call to Worship** Liturgist, Al Sylvester
Liturgist: What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God's love.

People: God's love flows through our lives!

Liturgist: This is what it means to be the body of Christ!

People: This is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.

Liturgist: Let us rejoice on this day!

All: Lord, we thank you for the blessings you pour on us.

AMEN.

***Opening Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee* UMH #89

Unison Opening Prayer Al Sylvester
You have drawn us together this day from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, hopes, and dreams, Lord. Be with us as together we experience your presence and your healing love. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive strength, encouragement, and peace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Passing of the Peace Al Sylvester

Community Connections

Children's Message

Receiving God's Tithes and Prayers

Offertory Music *Amazing Grace* arr. Christine Anderson
Joan Nuse, Handbell

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

***Unison Offertory Dedication and Prayer** Al Sylvester

Gracious God, you pour your blessing upon your people like dew upon the earth and oil upon the head, flowing beyond all boundaries we would draw. We thank you for the gift of unity—good and pleasant, beautiful and life-giving—meant not only for us, but for the healing of the world. Receive these offerings as signs of our desire to live together in your love, to practice radical welcome, and to share your abundance with all your children. Let what we give today flow outward in compassion and service, that our life together may reflect your kingdom of peace, justice, and joy. Amen.

Hymn of Reflection *Freely, Freely* (v. 2) UMH# 389

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Matthew 15: 21-28 Al Sylvester

Sermonic Hymn *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
UMH #401

Sermon *From Exclusion to Inclusion* Pastor Stacey

***The Apostle's Creed** UMH page 881

***Closing Hymn** *Unsettled World* TFWS #2183

***Mission Statement** (screen) Al Sylvester

Leader: We are a community called to worship
and glorify God by

**People: Bringing People to Christ,
Growing People in Christ,
And Serving People for Christ.**

Leader: This is our mission.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

***Postlude** *Victory* Noel Rawsthorne

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Pastor-On-Call: Please call 215-945-5503

The pastor-on-call is available outside of regular office hours for those experiencing true emergencies, such as a critical hospitalization or urgent physical, emotional or spiritual need.

To inquire about services that the church offers, such as joining the church, transferring membership, confirmation, baptism or any other questions or information, please call the church office during business hours.

Church Office Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.