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**Worship Service & Sunday School 10:30 AM**  
**Youth Class 9:30 AM**

## MISSION POSSIBLE

December 2018-January 2019



Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 AM Worship  
Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany Sunday - 10:30 AM Worship with  
Holy Communion  
Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 AM Worship; **Covered Dish “Healthy Start” –  
Bring a dish to share!**  
Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 AM Worship; Deacon’s Meeting following  
Coffee fellowship  
Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – 10 AM-1 PM Morning Ladies Group Meets;  
Committee/Board Reports Due  
Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5:30 PM AC Meeting; 7:30 PM Session Meeting  
Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 AM Worship; Property Meeting following  
Coffee fellowship  
Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion; **Annual  
Congregational Meeting following worship.**

**Note: Morning Women’s Group meets Mondays 10 AM-1 PM in Parlor**  
**Food Pantry is open Monday’s from 6:30-7:30 PM**  
**Choir Rehearsals held every Sunday following Worship**  
**Emanuel Hispanic Ministry Worship Service Sundays 2:30-5:30 PM**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 7:30-9 PM Emanuel Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Communion; No Youth Class, SS,	<b>7</b> 6:30-7:30 Pantry 7:45 PM Pantry Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00-9 PM Emanuel Worship Team Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 6:30-9 PM EEWC Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:30 Worship; No Youth Class, SS  <i>"Healthy Start"</i> <i>Covered Dish</i>	<b>14</b> 6:30-7:30 PM Pantry	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00-9 PM Emanuel Worship Team Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 6:30-9 PM EEWC Rehearsal	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:30 Worship; 9:30 Youth Class, SS, Deacons Meeting	<b>21</b> 10 AM-1 PM Morning Women's Group Meets 6:30-7:30 PM Pantry  <i>Annual Reports Due</i>	<b>22</b> 5:30 PM AC Meeting 7:30 PM Session Meeting	<b>23</b> 7:00-9 PM Emanuel Worship Team Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 6:30-9 PM EEWC Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:30 Worship 9:30 Youth Class; SS; Property Meeting	<b>28</b> 6:30-7:30 PM Pantry	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00-9 PM Emanuel Worship Team Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 6:30-9 PM EEWC Rehearsal	<b>February 1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Annual            Congregational            Meeting tomorrow</i>

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**O Come All Ye Faithful!**  
**Christmas Eve 7:30 P.M., December 24**

In my childhood church we often sang the old hymn “This Is My Father’s World.” When I think of Christmases past, my Nana’s favorite hymn, the scent of holly and gingerbread, and glow of Christmas Eve candles are all knitted together like the socks we hung from our fireplace mantle.

A line from that hymn has again been playing in my mind: “All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.” It proclaims that God creates everything in love, and calls it good. And in response, the creation sings praise and thanks to God.

The psalmists add their voices:

The Lord is King. The world is firmly established . . . let the earth rejoice;  
Let the sea roar . . . let the fields exult . . . Then shall all the trees of the forest sing,  
For joy! (Ps. 96)

Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills sing together for joy! (Ps. 98)

The Bible suggests that the natural order recognizes and reveals the Creator, whose creation appropriately responds with a joyful noise of hills and trees singing and clapping. In other words, all nature sings!

From beginning to end, the Bible affirms that the created order is blessed by the One who created it and loves it. And at the center of the story is God’s incarnation in Christ Jesus. It is the bedrock Christian affirmation: God so loves the world as to become part of it; enfleshed in humanness, blessing the world and everything in it coming to live in it, enjoy, and restore it.

The incarnation is an affirmation about the world, its sacredness, its importance to God, and the blessedness of the human life that God came into. Is there a more powerful idea than God choosing to come into and restore the world the same way every one of us came into history, through the struggle of human birth, in the life of a young man, his passionate teaching and healing, his loss, and his mysterious resurrection?

Our familiar carols reach all the way back to the Genesis creation story's affirmation that creation is good. They echo the psalmist's proclamation that creation responds to God's goodness. And they declare that all nature sings in praise and thanks. What an awesome affirmation we are making when we join our voices with the whole chorus of creation!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room. And heav'n and nature sing!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

*Pastor Jeannine*

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## 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Come and bring a friend to worship!

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**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 following the worship service. Committee and Board reports are due on January 21<sup>st</sup>.**



### **Christmas Fair and Chinese Auction**

Our very special Christmas Fair was held on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and was a HUGE success with \$7,904 going into the General Fund. There were many happy customers of all ages who enjoyed a delicious lunch, purchased a craft or gift shop item, took home bakery goods, made a craft and/or had their picture taken with Santa. Many went home with something special from our Chinese Auction or the \$100+ Raffle tables. There were 39 merchant's gifts, which were mostly gift certificates, and many stand-alone items and beautiful baskets totaling about 90

items. A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard before and during this event. It was truly a great day!! There were lots of helpers of all ages and it was very much appreciated. Many thanks.  
**Nancy Horton**

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### **Enter in**

Tired of making small talk at church about the weather or sports? Then follow Edward Welch's advice to "enter in" to the lives of your fellow worshipers.

A churchgoer once asked Welch, author of *Caring for One Another* (Crossways), two simple yet profound questions: "What was the best thing about your week, and what was the worst thing about your week?" About a month later, when some issues were weighing heavily on Welch's heart, he wondered who'd be willing to pray for him. Immediately, the person who'd asked him those questions came to mind.

When worshipers are willing to enjoy one another's blessings and be burdened by one another's difficulties, Welch says, the body of Christ gets built up.

## The perfect gift

Antoine de Saint-Exupery said, "Love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction." At Christmas we celebrate God coming to earth to look outward with us in the same direction, from our perspective and experience.

Jesus was an ordinary person: He learned to talk and walk like any toddler, learned a trade from his father and acquired the habits of faith from his family. In adulthood, Jesus experienced life as we all do: the challenge of hard work, grief at a loved one's death, heartache over oppression and the world's great needs – but also joy in celebration, fellowship with neighbors and deep friendship.

God personally knows our every experience, emotion and need – because Jesus, while fully divine, lived as a full human being. He has gazed at the world, life and even death from our direction, giving us the perfect Christmas gift: love.



**Feed My Flock** recipe books are here! For \$15 you get 150 original recipes from our congregation and friends. Just in time for the holidays you will find recipes for beverages (Ursula's Egg Nog Punch), soups, entres desserts and more. This is a book you do not want to pass on. They are great for gift giving. Please see **Diane Yarris** to obtain your book(s). or contact her at [mickeymouseedi@optonline.net](mailto:mickeymouseedi@optonline.net).

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*"Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone's life. Be the light that helps others see." - Roy T. Bennett*



A special thank you for the combined efforts of our two congregations, Mision Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship and the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches, to perform a fall cleanup on December 8<sup>th</sup>. At 20 degrees we raked 80 bags of leaves and transported them to the recycling center.

Rakers and shrub trimmers included **Gustavo Sanchez, Alice Chapman, Dawn Murray, Gail Phillips, Kevin, Kurtis and Kolton Chamberlain, Bill Phillips, Eric and Sue Trommer, Linda and Roger Davis. Peter Kempa, Bob Mitterando and Bill Phillips** transported the bags to the recycling center.

We continue to improve the appearance of our beautiful property and this late fall cleanup came together just before the snows of winter.



King Kullen grocery cards are available from **Linda Davis** each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. These cards provide a 5% return to the church.

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## Lessons in wise faith

"The Magi teach us true faith," said Martin Luther. Given the obstacles they encountered, we would understand if they had given up altogether!

First, the travelers were "off the mark," coming to Jerusalem to seek a newborn king in a "royal palace." Then, directed to Bethlehem, the wise men found a sight "so utterly out of keeping with

a king” – a poor young woman and child, in a “poor hut” – that one might expect them to head straight home. “But,” declares Luther, “with a great, strong and full faith they ... follow the word of the prophet and the witness of the star in all purity of heart,” bowing to worship and honor the Savior. – Based on Luther’s sermon for the Festival of the Epiphany (1522), *Luther’s Works*

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### **Any complaints?**

While serving as a chaplain at a children’s hospital, Lisa Anderson once found a young mother kneeling in the chapel. When Anderson apologized for disrupting, the woman said, “That’s okay. I was just complaining to the Lord. I figure it worked for the Israelites!”

After laughing, the women began discussing how God listens to his people regardless of our approach. Indeed, Moses tells Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining’” (Exodus 16:9, NRSV). And as David hid in a cave from Saul, he wrote, “I pour out my complaint before [the Lord]” (Psalm 142:2).

No matter what we say – or pray – our all-powerful God certainly can “take heart!” because Jesus has “overcome the world” (John 16:33, ESV).

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- 4<sup>th</sup> Christine Leger
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- 5<sup>th</sup> Grace Cotto
- 9<sup>th</sup> Scott Rappold
- 10<sup>th</sup> Frankie Gonzalez
- 12<sup>th</sup> Diane Yarris
- 19<sup>th</sup> Rick Santos
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Daniel Moar
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Theresa Ortega

- 24<sup>th</sup> Liz Ducie
- 24<sup>th</sup> Laraine Hyland
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christopher Silvestri
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jean LaValle
- 30<sup>th</sup> Ursula Thiele
- 30<sup>th</sup> Linda Tomossonie

### **Early February Birthdays:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Erron Elcock
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Claude Merritt
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Patricia “Trisha” Ames
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Shea Rappold
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Diane Alfredson
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### **Kingfisher faith**

In a video on his publisher’s website, Eugene Peterson tells of watching a kingfisher repeatedly dive for fish in a lake. Peterson counted 37 dives before the kingfisher caught its supper! “And he’s the king fisher!” Peterson chuckles. From that bird-watching episode, he gleaned a ministry lesson: It may take a long time and many attempts – maybe dozens! – before something works out.

God calls us to live out his love faithfully, even when we don’t seem to be accomplishing anything. Maybe we extend 36 invitations to worship, work 36 monthly shifts at a food bank or utter 36 prayers without seeing results. “What’s the point?” we wonder. But the kingfisher urges us on: “Maybe number 37 is the charm!”

In the words of St. Paul (and mixing fishing and farming metaphors): “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9, NIV).





# A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

*Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.*



We were there**fore** buried with him  
through bapt**ism** into death in order that,  
just as Christ was rais**ed** from the dead  
through the gl**ory** of the Fath**er**,  
**w**e too may live a \_\_\_\_\_.

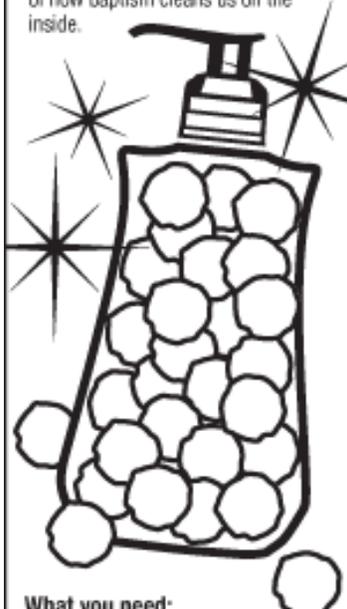
Romans **6**:4, NIV

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## Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



### What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

### What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.