



# Emmanuel



## Emmanuel United Methodist Church

26 West Washington Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Sunday Worship 10 AM; Sunday School 9:15 AM

Web Site: [WWW.FleetwoodUMC.org](http://WWW.FleetwoodUMC.org)

### January Schedule of Events

**Sunday Jan 3rd - Little Christmas Gift Swap** with covered dish – bring a wrapped gift \$5 -\$10 to participate in this fun event commemorating Epiphany.! A covered dish is welcome. **Please come and join the fun...remember this Sunday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4 PM**

Wednesday Jan 13 – Trustee Meeting – 7 PM

Tuesday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – Administrative Board Meeting - 7 PM

Tuesday – Thursday Jan 22-24th - **“Creative Hearts & Soul” – Women’s Spiritual Retreat at Camp Innabah**  
**This will be led by our own Ruth Fluharty. Cost \$130, Includes all materials, family style meals and 2 nights stay at Bethany Lodge. See or call Ruth for info and reservations.**

### Youth Events in January

Thursday Jan 7th – **Winter Jam at Santander Arena** in Reading – 6 PM

**Youth Christmas Program, Dec 20th was a Great Day for All! Enjoy a few photos of their presentation.**





## **Special Opportunity to serve your church:**

We are forming a committee to organize our church's 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2016. Please think about joining in to make this a rewarding experience. Contact Pastor Mark to let him know of your interest to participate. He may be reached at his cell phone 267-884-1823.

## **Directory Error - please mark yours with change**

A note from Don and Nancy Kiesling - please correct our address. it is wrong in the new directory. Their street number is 3044 Maple Avenue - NOT 3041.

## **Forsaking The Assembly**

We are commanded by God's word to "not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another...For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice of sins" (Hebrews 10:25-26). If we continue and will not repent, then there is no forgiveness of sins of which we will not repent.

How do we as Christians continue to receive forgiveness of our sins? 1 John 1:7 which is written to Christians says, "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." Only as we walk in the light of God's word and have fellowship with others of the church does the blood of Christ continue to cleanse us of all our sins so we can continue to be saved and go to Heaven when this short life on earth is over. Going to Heaven must be our number one priority in this life. Even the apostle Paul said, "But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Corinthians 9:27). Satan uses many different ways to try to destroy our faith so we will lose our home in Heaven.

We are to "choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). Either a person chooses eternal life in Heaven with God and Christ in "many mansions" (John 14:2), "And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; there will be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain" (Revelation 21:4). But the vast majority of people have chosen to be with Satan where they will be cast into "the furnace of fire. There shall be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 13:42), "and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10, 15). Each person will either choose eternal life in Heaven or everlasting torment in Hell. We need to ask ourselves, on which road are we traveling to our eternal destination? We cannot afford to be on the wrong road.

Jesus has promised us, "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Only if we are faithful to the Lord until death can we go to Heaven. It is our hope and prayer to God for all members of the Lord's church, that they will be faithful until death, so they can go to Heaven.

*God Bless,*

Pastor Mark

**“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”**

Around the world hundreds of language groups have no written words. How do we share the hope Christ gives with them? One way is the Jesus Film Project that translates the dialog from the Gospel of Luke into their native or ‘heart’ language so they can grasp it with understanding. Here is one example.

Irate and vengeful, the young people spewed caustic words at the Jesus Film Team. The verbal assaults turned even more vicious when the teens and young adults yelled derogatory names about Jesus. What started as a blue-sky day in Eastern Africa was now swirling with fierce rain and winds that only seemed to incite the youth. Those who came to watch the Jesus film in their native language scattered for cover as the storm whipped through and hurled the screen and speakers to the ground.

As the insults flared, the film workers prayed together for God’s protection and wisdom, then realized a solution: They tied the screen to the pillars of the church. Immediately, the downpour stopped. Eager locals returned to watch what they had never seen before, a movie, and that about Jesus. But the angry youth railed on throughout the movie... until the scene where Jesus calms the storm. Instantly, the troublemakers quieted. At the end of the outdoor showing, more than 40 people braved the opposition to come forward and demonstrate allegiance to Christ...who spoke to them in words they could understand, not some picked up trade language, but the fully meaningful language of their own ‘hearts’.

Jesus Film Teams go around the world to many remote and un-evangelized places bringing back many stories of God's miraculous intervention to give the Gospel to those who have never heard.

To learn more go to [www.jesusfilm.org](http://www.jesusfilm.org) or email [info@jesusfil.org](mailto:info@jesusfil.org) or phone call 407-826-2300.



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“I suppose technically you’re right. But we still prefer not to think of it as a gated community.”



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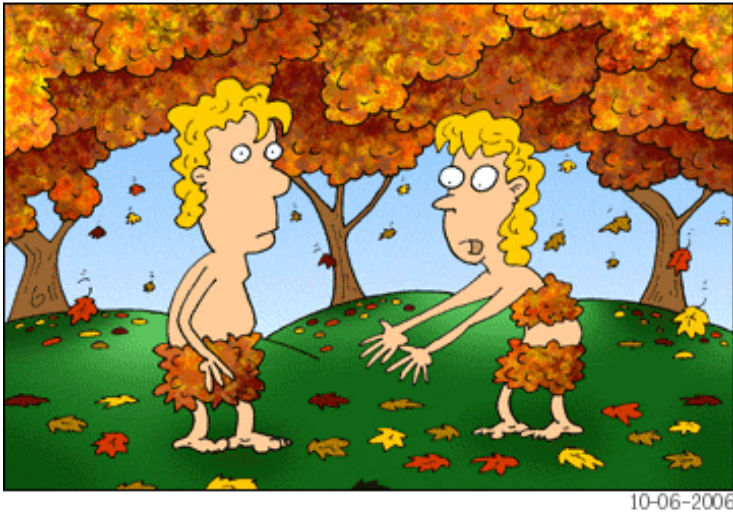
(See Genesis 19:1-29)

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SOMETIMES I MISS THE OLD TESTAMENT DAYS WHEN WE COULD SMITE THEM FOR THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR

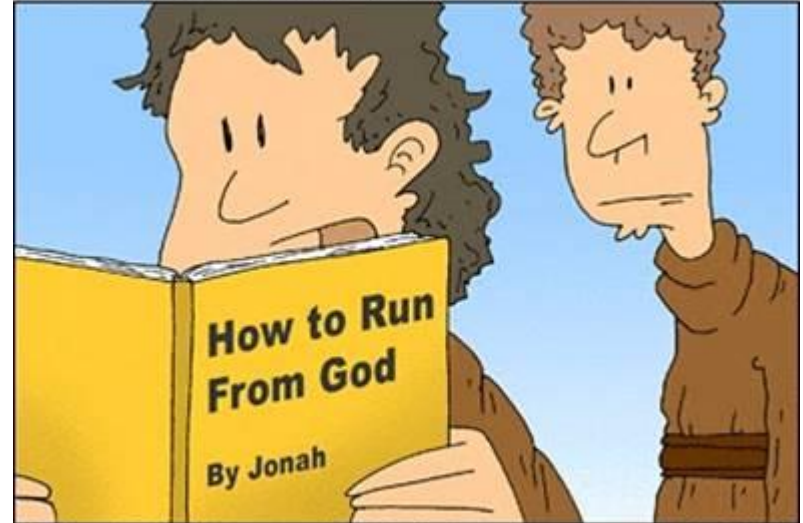


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