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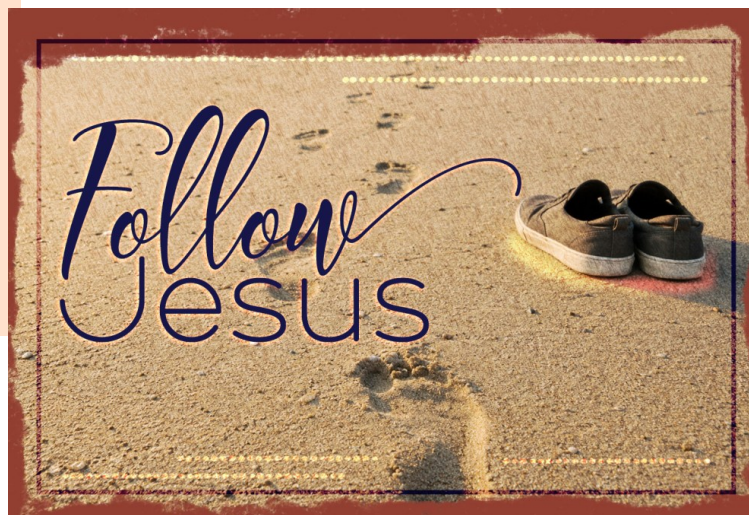


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Newark First & Emmanuel Outreach Center

MESSENGER

September 2026



News around the Church



A Word from the Pastor

“¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV).

“What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer” (UMH #526, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”).

Prayer. Prayer is that all important piece of our faith that we often take for granted. That’s not to say we don’t pray, I just don’t think we often keep in mind how significant our prayer time is. Often, we squeeze a quick prayer in before a meal or we lift a quick prayer when we’re running late. Maybe, if we think of it, we’ll lift a prayer for someone when they come to mind, but how often do we take time to consider our overall prayer life? Consider some people’s reaction to prayer. Someone shares something with you, and you invite them to pray and their response is, “Pray? Has it come to that?”

Prayer is what gives the Christian and the church its power. Prayer connects us with God and opens us to His Holy Spirit. The power of prayer shakes the very foundations of hell and makes the demons flee. The power of prayer is the connection we have with God to be transformed and made new. Prayer is the weapon we use to combat the evil forces of this world. When the church prays, when believers pray, things change.

Prayer has been on my mind and my heart a lot lately. I am concerned with the direction our country is taking and the direction our world is taking. I am concerned that, as the church, we are losing some of our influence. So, during September and October I’m going to be preaching a series of sermons on prayer. My hope is to have us all begin praying more intentionally and fervently than before. I want us to focus our prayer on spiritual growth, both personally and corporately, as well as growing as a body. I want us to pray for the community and for the salvation of the lost.

I am excited to see what God will do as we boldly and diligently come before Him in prayer. We are encouraged to “pray continually”. We know this is God’s will for us in Christ Jesus, as the above scripture states. We sing hymns that remind us we have a friend in Jesus who wants to have us come to him in prayer. How often we fall prey to life’s circumstances because we have failed to pray. Let’s take courage and go to the Lord in prayer, knowing God desires to bless us! The greatest blessing of prayer? Being in the presence of God, becoming more like Jesus, and being filled with the Holy Spirit!

Blessings!
Pastor Garry

EMMANUEL OUTREACH CENTER NEWS



TOGETHER,
We Make a Difference

Thank you for supporting ministry that feeds bodies, lifts spirits, and shares God's love.



1,986

Free lunches in July



27

Dinner Tonight emergency groceries handed out



200

Produce boxes handed out



437

Lunches served through Sr. Lunch Program

With grateful hearts, thank you to those who support our lunch programs.

sandwich makers | volunteers | financial support

Special Thank You
United Women of Faith
volunteers preparing lunch

*Every meal is a reminder:
You are seen. You are valued. You are loved.*

I was hungry and you gave me food.
MATTHEW 25:35



For generations, the sanctuary at Newark Emmanuel United Methodist Church was a place where people gathered to worship, pray, celebrate, grieve, and grow in faith. Weddings were held there. Funerals were remembered there. Children were baptized, hymns were sung, sermons were preached, and countless prayers rose from those pews. As Emmanuel Outreach Center continues to grow into its new season of ministry, we are beginning to imagine how that same space might continue serving our community in a new way.

The EOC Core Team and Newark First UMC Trustees are beginning the work of transitioning the former sanctuary into a thrift shop. It is a natural fit for the ministries already housed at Emmanuel Outreach Center. A thrift shop can provide affordable clothing, household goods, and other useful items for neighbors who may be stretching limited resources. It also gives our community a place where good things no longer needed in one home can be repurposed and given new life in another. In time, income generated through the shop can also help support the growing ministries of Emmanuel Outreach Center.

But this transition is about more than clearing a room and filling it with racks and shelves. We know that this space carries memories. For those who worshiped at Newark Emmanuel. The sanctuary holds a history that deserves care and respect. We are working with people who have deep connections to the former congregation to identify furnishings, memorials, and other artifacts that should be preserved as part of our local church history. At the same time, the Trustees are helping determine how other sanctuary furnishings might continue to serve through local churches and, where appropriate, churches throughout our district and conference.

Special care will be given to how the sanctuary itself is transformed. We do not want to erase what has been there. We hope instead to allow the spirit of that long history of faith and service to remain visible as the space takes on a new purpose. The room where people once gathered to hear Christ’s call to love their neighbors can now become another place where that love is practiced in tangible ways.

There is something deeply fitting about that. Items will be given new purpose. A familiar building will find new ways to serve. And a space shaped by generations of worship will continue its ministry of welcome, dignity, generosity, and care.

There is much work ahead, and there will be opportunities for many hands, ideas, and gifts to become part of this new ministry. Those who have an interest in the thrift shop, thoughts about the transition, memories or historical knowledge to share, or simply a willingness to help are invited to speak with Pastor Garry or Pastor Della.

We are not leaving Emmanuel’s story behind. We are carrying its best spirit forward—honoring what has been, making room for what is becoming, and continuing the work of neighbors caring for neighbors.



Happy Birthday to You!

Mildred and Patty Hill
Arr. Chrissy Ricker



David & Diane Wetmore	1
Ron & Vicki George	8
Tedd & Mary Donnelly	18
Chad & Diane Sheckler	19
Bill & Nancy Schrader	20



Rev. Dave Herrmann	2
Kyle Houser	2
Sara Ann Stott	4
Steve Westfall	6
Elaine DeFisher	11
Dallas Marshall	15
Charlie Ann Camp	15
Ann Rease	15
Doris Humbert	16
Marcy Elmore	19
Barb Seppeler	23
Kortnee Beneducci	23
Michelle Chalupa	25
Nancy Briggs	27
Brenda Carner	30



THE TEMPLE NEEDS...
Fall Is Coming....



socks



shoes



laundry supplies



LAUNDRY DETERGENT
CLEAN & FRESH

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. —1 Corinthians 6:19



Emmanuel Outreach Center
A NEWARK FIRST UMC MISSION

Learn more about
volunteering at

Free Lunch Program
315-359-3769

Newark Food Closet
315-351-6474

Senior Lunch Program
315-879-2484

Anniversary Joy

Your anniversary is a time
For sharing your affection;
It's obvious the two of you
Have quite a deep connection!

We send glad congratulations
And heartfelt wishes, too,
For joyful happiness and love
In everything you do.

God Bless You!

Caring Connections

“If ever you were willing to listen, listen now!” Matthew 11:15

Have you ever just run into Wegmans for one or two things and were on a tight schedule and someone you had not seen in a while stopped to speak to you? Have you been just ready to head out the door and the phone rings-you think: should I answer?” and then you do? Listening is what you do, and then usually you are glad that you did, even if you are too late you feel it was worth it. That is God nudging you to stop, listen and pay attention to the person placed in your path. Sometimes the person will say “Thanks for listening,” or “YOU made my day !” Let’s remember our friends who cannot come to church. They might like phone calls, texts or a visit. Take time to listen!!

Our local friends:

Doris Humbert Beatrice and Curt Richardson Karen Vanderbrook
Jean Lansberry Penny Proper Maggie Mathis Elmer (ET) Trunick
Margaret Rundel Hazel Herdman Lois Ludwig Jeanne Strobridge
Dennis DeWispelaere Pastor Carlos Smith

Our out of town friend: Grace Kreuger

Please contact Marcy Elmore (315.945.5243) for contact information for the above friends.



This month of September we will be collecting peas, vegetable soup, SpaghettiOs, and anything else that is laid on your heart to give, to help our Food Closet, located at Emmanuel Outreach Center.

Please bring your contributions to church and place them in the baskets on the right side of the altar. The food will be blessed on the last Sunday of the month and taken to the Food Closet the following week
Thank You !



Emmanuel Outreach Center Recognized



The good work happening every day at Emmanuel Outreach Center has received some wonderful recognition. Foodlink, the Rochester-based regional food bank serving communities throughout a 10-county area, recently highlighted the Newark Food Closet and Newark Free Lunch Program for the quality and compassion of their ministries.

Foodlink shared, “The Newark Food Closet and Newark Free Lunch Program are making an incredible impact in their community through their commitment to providing quality food and compassionate service. Both programs are exceptionally well run and demonstrate a deep commitment to ensuring that the people of Newark have the resources, support, and dignity they deserve.”

That recognition reflects a ministry that continues to grow in response to the needs of our neighbors. The Free Lunch Program provides daily meals while also distributing fresh produce boxes and emergency groceries. The Newark Food Closet continues to expand its reach as more families find themselves needing help putting food on the table. Through The Temple, neighbors can also receive personal hygiene supplies and care backpacks for those experiencing homelessness.

We are grateful for Foodlink’s recognition, but even more grateful for Manny & Alice Crespo, Lisa Barrett and Becky Jandreau, Nancy Welcher, Charlene Hosmer, the many volunteers, donors, churches, and community partners who make this work possible. What is being recognized is something we see at Emmanuel every day: neighbors caring for neighbors, offering not simply food or supplies, but welcome, compassion, and dignity.

Free Lunch Program to honor Cancer Survivors and Caregivers

The Emmanuel Outreach Center Free Lunch Program is planning a special celebration honoring **cancer survivors and the caregivers who have walked beside them.** Together, we will celebrate courage, give thanks for those who offer care, remember those we have loved, and make room for the hope that carries us through difficult journeys. Watch for more information as plans come together for this special gathering of community, gratitude, and hope.



“How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!”
— Psalm 133:1



Thank you for donating money during our **Blessing Baskets** collection. We continue to provide funds for our various mission projects. (All totals include \$100 from UWIF and \$200 from Missions budget)



2026

* January	
Care Net	\$504.25
* February	
Family Promise	\$671.00
* March	
Heifer International	\$841.65
* April	
EOC Free Lunch Program	\$816.00
* May	
UMCOR	\$799.60
* June	
Helpful hearts	\$666.00
* July	
Newark Food Closet	\$760.75
* August	
Laurel House	
* September	
Teen Challenge	
* October	
Nomads	
* November	
Mighty Oaks Foundation	
* December	
EOC Holiday Distribution	

The work of this committee is so important and we would love to have more members involved in this ministry. If you feel the calling to this mission, we would love to have you. If you are interested, please reach out to us.

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Rochester Adult and Teen Challenge

During the month of September the blessing baskets will be collected for the Rochester Adult and Teen Challenge. This organization was founded and developed by the Minister David Wilkerson who wrote the book “The Cross and the Switchblade”. They are a faith based organization that help men to overcome their addictions. This program is very effective at helping men escape their addiction and helping to build a strong Christian faith along with a good work ethic and other life skills.

The Rochester Adult and Teen Challenge is part of a large network of 1400 locations that are stretched around the world. Rochester is one of three programs in upstate New York which have a total of 200 beds between them. The program states “Global Teen Challenge is a Great Commission ministry that exists to mobilize the gospel until all live free of the devastating effects of drugs and alcohol.”

They use the Gospel to heal broken lives and relationships.



CALLING ALL SINGERS

Do you love to sing? Are you ready to make music with an amazing group of voices? The Canaltown Chorale invites YOU to be part of something special.

Rehearsals Begin: Tuesday September 8th
Registration 6:30-6:45 Rehearsals from 7-9 pm
Registration Fee: \$15 per concert season

Location: United Church of Marion
3848 N. Main Street Marion
(Right Side door entrance)

Bring your love for singing! Chorale experience is helpful; we welcome you to join this talented SATB (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) group. Not sure yet? Come to our September rehearsals and see what we are all about.

What to Expect:

- Two Major concerts each year: Holiday concerts in December & themed concerts May/June
- Performances at Community events
- A supportive, fun, and passionate group of singers with top-notch direction.

Want more info:?

Barb VanDelinder: General Manager: 315.597.9558
Dottie Gaudons: Membership Chair: 315.331.5961

Follow us on Facebook: Canaltown Chorale



Two New



Chad Sheckler Hosting

“Using the bible to learn what it means to be a Christian.”

**Starting Tuesday September 15th @ 7pm
for 6 weeks
@ The Shecklers
45 Main Street, Phelps**

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9)

This verse is a doorway that we have to walk through on our path to becoming a follower of Christ.

The questions that I think about are :

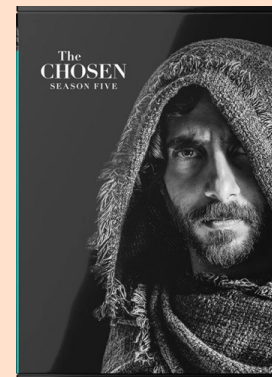
1. How do we get to that doorway with our minds and hearts? and.....
2. How do we live our lives after we pass through this door?

This study is intended to help people gain confidence in the Bible and what it teaches about how to love as followers of Christ.



Pastor Garry Hosting

THE CHOSEN Season 5



**We will meet:
Wednesday Mornings
@ 9:30 am in the lounge**

**This will be an 8 week study, with
the focus on The Last Supper.**

Before the First Bell Rings

In a few weeks, children will walk through school doors carrying backpacks almost as big as they are. Most of those backpacks will hold pencils, crayons, notebooks, and the excitement that comes with a new school year. But some backpacks carry something much heavier. Not because of what's inside them. Because of what the child carrying them has already lived through.

One of the greatest misconceptions about family homelessness is that people think they would recognize it. The truth is, you probably wouldn't. The student sitting beside your child, niece, nephew or grandchild in class may have slept in a motel the night before. They may have spent the last month moving from one couch to another. They may have watched their parents try to smile while quietly wondering where they will live next. They may have left behind the bedroom where bedtime stories were read, and where they once believed life would always be the same.

Housing instability doesn't just take away a home. It interrupts childhood. At Family Promise, I have the privilege of meeting these children. After Case Meetings with their parents, I often unlock the door to our storage room and say something very simple, *"Go pick out something just for you."* I never tell them what to choose, I just watch. It's amazing what children choose when life has become uncertain. A blanket, a pillow, a stuffed animal, a toothbrush. Not because those things are expensive. Because they're comforting. Because they belong to them. Because when so much of life feels temporary, every child longs for something that says, *"This is still mine."*

For a few moments, something beautiful happens. Their smiles return. Their imaginations return. Their laughter returns. For just a little while...childhood returns. Those moments have taught me something I will never forget. Children are incredibly resilient. But resilience should never become an expectation. Children were created to explore, imagine, laugh, and dream. Not to become experts in uncertainty.

Not long ago, Family Promise experienced uncertainty of our own. As we prepared to leave our Day Resource Center, we wondered where our mission would continue. Then the **First United Methodist Church** quietly did what the Church has done for generations. You made room. You gave us a place to continue welcoming families. You gave parents somewhere to turn. You gave children a door they could still walk through. You gave us room to breathe. Because the **First United Methodist Church** made room for us, we have been able to keep making room for families in Wayne County. This July, that meant walking alongside five families, including thirteen children.

As another school year begins, I hope you'll think about those children the next time you walk down the school supply aisle. Perhaps you'll pick up one extra backpack. One extra package of crayons. One extra pair of socks. Not because they're school supplies. But because every child deserves to begin the school year believing something beautiful: That they matter. That they are loved, and that there is a community, led by the compassion of places like the **First United Methodist Church**, quietly making room for them, long before they ever walk through our doors.

Every child deserves to carry books instead of burdens, hope instead of fear, and the quiet confidence that someone cared enough to make room for them.

"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness. "Isaiah 58:10

With grace, --

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Bring a Friend Or two!



United
Women
in Faith

A Note from the United Women in Faith (UWF) of Newark FUMC

First of all, let us tell you a little about UWF. The UWF meet on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00pm for a business meeting, followed by fellowship and often a program and/or guest speaker. We have a weekly rummage team and invite anyone interested to join us on Tuesday mornings between 9:30am and 11:00am for rummage sorting downstairs. This is a good time to visit, have some fun, sort and price some really cool stuff, and come up with ideas for projects.

In addition to organizing our fundraisers, we host 2 or 3 fellowship meals each year, receptions (Veterans Concert, Graduation, Staff Appreciation), funeral luncheons, make donations to various groups, and work on many projects that benefit the church building and parsonage. The third Thursday of the month a small group cooks and serves at the EOC Free Lunch Program. We have an annual picnic in July and a Christmas party in December.

We are busy and thankful for the many friendships and hours of fellowship we have enjoyed over the years. **All women are invited and encouraged to join us whenever you are able.** Questions may be referred to any of the officers listed below.

A Special Thank You

The UWF would like to thank our congregation for their help at our annual rummage and cookie sale fundraisers, and for their support and donations throughout the year. We are able to accomplish many things and would like to highlight some of our accomplishments during the past few years so you know how the proceeds are spent.

We just completed the project of new carpet in the main hallway and front stairway. Other projects which we led and/or funded include: sanctuary altar carpet, folding chairs for the dining room, folding tables for the dining room, Chancel Choir chairs, Chancel Choir music folders, sanctuary microphones, blinds for the parsonage, funeral luncheons, receptions, and fellowship meals & entertainment. We made donations to Missions - Blessing Baskets, Campus Ministries, National Safety Council, UMCOR, Glow Up Girls, Scouts, and gifts for our church staff. We donated the 2023 Christmas Cookie Sale proceeds to the Organ Rebuild Fund. Also, in recent years we carpeted the dining room, stripped wallpaper at the parsonage, installed new appliances in the parsonage kitchen, carpeted parsonage living room and family room, made improvements to the church kitchen, and so on.

Although we may lead these projects, none of this is possible without the involvement of our congregation, including our Trustees and Handymen. Proceeds earned due to every hour spent helping at our fund raisers, every donation of rummage, every batch of cookies, all goes in our account to accomplish many things for our church and our community. Thank you all for generously giving your time, talents and donations. God Bless You.

~ OFFICERS ~

Marcy Elmore, President	Cathy Knarr, Vice President	Janie Reeder, Secretary
Nancy Schrader, Treasurer		Rita Clark, Hospitality Coordinator



Welcome back, Chancel choir!

I hope you had a restful summer break, and your voices are ready once again for a new year of praising God through music! Our first rehearsal of the season is:
Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 pm.

I shared this article two years ago but it's worth another look as we anticipate our choir season. Why do we sing, and what is our role in the church? Brian Hehn, writing for the American Choral Directors Association, spells out the four functions of a church choir:

1. The church choir leads and enlivens the congregation's song. It is important for everyone in the church to sing during worship, because "we become what we sing. When we take words and put them to music, it becomes part of who we are." The choir helps the congregation feel confident in their singing.

2. The church choir sings music the congregation cannot. "There are some texts set to challenging music that congregations need to hear, whether it's because it is comforting in times of crises, praising in times of joy, or inspiring in times of apathy." The choir's time and effort spent in rehearsal leads to a more complete "experience of the divine" for the congregation.

3. The church choir serves as a small group within the church. "When we sing together, a bond is created that unites us unlike any other activity. Because we meet together once a week to do work for the glory of God and benefit of neighbor, taking care of each other is no longer an option, it's a responsibility." Our choir here at NFUMC is a close-knit community within our church and we truly enjoy being together!

4. The church choir sings beautiful and challenging music to praise God and edify the congregation. "It is important that when we sing we sing beautifully, because it touches people's souls. The reason that we work so hard to create beautiful music together is so that we can glorify God and help people experience a holy moment."

Chancel choir, thank you for being willing to commit to this wonderful, challenging and important work!

We always welcome new singers! We rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. Please contact Kathy Cornwell (315-879-5762) if you're interested.

We will be there with BELLS on!

Bell Choir rehearsals begin on **Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 pm.** We will polish the bells and then get to ringing. I look forward to a fun, musical time together!



We don't change
THE MESSAGE;
the message
CHANGES US.



**Sunday September 6th
COMMUNION**

Message
“The Necessity of Prayer”
Pastor Garry

*Ephesians 3:1-12
*John 6: 9-13

Sunday September 20th

Message
“Purpose in Prayer”
Pastor Garry

*1 Samuel 3:1-10
*Luke 11:5-13



Sunday September 13th

Message
“Power through Prayer”
Pastor Garry

*Acts 19:1-7 *Mark 11:22-24

September 27th

Message
“The Possibilities of Prayer”
Pastor Garry

*Jmes 5: 13-18 *Mark 1:14-20



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Glow Up Girl incorporated wishes to
Thank you for your generous donation
of \$1000.



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Please join us for an evening of
FELLOWSHIP, FUN & ENTERTAINMENT
NFUMC
Fellowship Hall
301 S. Main Street
Newark

Saturday Sept. 12, 2026, 5pm to 7pm

Please bring a dish to pass
(one per family)

The UWF will provide Dessert, Beverage and Tableware.

Please sign up in the church narthex or :

RSVP to :

Nancy Schrader @ 315-573-9273 or Brenda at the Church Office
@ 315-331-3895.

Dinner will be followed with
Entertainment by ...



Chorus of the Genesee
Barbershop Quartet

Organized by the
Newark First United Methodist Church,



Newarkfirstumc.org



Family
& Freedom

Kindness
& Faith

I am grateful for
ALL
Our freedom in
America

I am grateful for civil
rights workers, in the
past and today

I hope America
remains strong in
her Christian Faith

I want what our
Forefathers intended for:
ONE NATION UNDER GOD
A Loving and caring
world would be
wonderful

Be more appreciative
of what we have in this
country

My hope is that we can reaffirm
the idea that we ALL are created
equal & that government is OF
the people & FOR the people. I
will speak out & contact my
representatives

Faith reborn
Walking with God

Grateful for our founders
foresight and persistence

**WHAT IS YOUR
HOPE FOR
AMERICA?**

**HOW WILL
YOU MAKE A
DIFFERENCE?**

**WHO ARE YOU
GRATEFUL
FOR?**

I am grateful
that I have the
Lord in my life.

I am grateful
for the blessing
Garry has been
for our church.

I'm thankful for
our freedoms

Every soldier who serves
makes a sacrifice! They
commit years of their life to
guarantee our freedoms!

I'm grateful for all our
veterans who serve and
reserves

I'm grateful for all
the fun we have

I am grateful for all our
Veterans, past, present and
future, who protect our
country.

Life and family
God's Love

Freedom has a price

God
Bless
America

I am grateful for everyone of my
church family. We should always
remember all our veterans. I
HOPE all America will return to
Christ. I will make a difference by
spreading the gospel and the love of
Christ.

Kindness
Compassion
Faith

**WHAT
SACRIFICE
SHOULD WE
REMEMBER?**