

Counseling Services

Pastor Bob Bruce offers a variety of counseling options at Emmanuel. **For an appointment, you can contact him at 672-3377 or via e-mail at eccbob@me.com.**

Margaret Coats is available to counsel persons from ECC at her office on Thursdays. She is a licensed mental health counselor specializing in addiction counseling, trauma, anxiety, depression, and sexual abuse. **Her services are free to the ECC family. For appointments, call 459-3637.**

This Week at ECC

MONDAY

6:00 pm Women's Ministry: Christmas Event
7:00 pm Men's Ministry: Prayer Night
7:00 pm PrayerGrams
Upward Practice (time per schedule)

TUESDAY

9:15 am MOPS

THURSDAY

Upward Practice (time per schedule)

FRIDAY

Upward Practice (time per schedule)

SATURDAY

5:27 pm Saturday 5:27 Service

Looking Ahead

Dec 6 High School: Ice Skating
Dec 7 Women's Ministry: Christmas Event
Men's Ministry: Prayer Night
PrayerGrams
Dec 8 MOPS
Dec 12 High School: Serve U
Dec 13 Groundwork: Burmese Outreach @ 1 pm
Dec 14 OASIS Senior Ministries: Lunch & Learn
Dec 16 familyFUSION Christmas Edition
Dec 17 Women's Ministry: Cookie Exchange
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services (3:30, 5:00, 6:30)
Dec 27 High School: Komets Hockey Game
Jan 6 Wednesday Night Programming Resumes
Jan 15 Student Ministries: Lock-In
Jan 12 MOPS
Jan 26 MOPS
Feb 7 High School: Superbowl Party
Feb 9 MOPS
Feb 13 High School: Parent's Night Out

Did You Know?

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Join us for refreshments in Russ & Thelma's Fireside Café or the FLC Gym between 1st & 2nd worship services.

The **WELCOME CENTERS (WC)** are located outside the center Sanctuary doors and outside the FLC Gym. The **EVENT CENTER (EC)** is located where the Sanctuary lobby & Family Life Center (FLC) meet.

LOST & FOUND is located at the registration center across from the Event Center.

ECC BINDERS (to hold sermon notes) can be purchased at the EVENT CENTER (\$5 each).

ECC RESOURCE DIRECTORIES can be found online on our resource page at www.emmanuelcommunity.org.

Our **24/7 PRAYER ROOM** is accessible through the outside wood entry door located to the left of the Kids' Walk Park (entrance #1).

Church Office Hours are
Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Resources

Prayer Guide & Hymn of the Month:

Feel free to take a copy from the table in the Sanctuary lobby or FLC Welcome Center.

December's Verse of the Month:

Is. 11:1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD —

Service Opportunity

InAsMuch Ministry (an ECC ministry partner) is in need of volunteers on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 am-12:00 pm to help people who come in for assistance.

To volunteer, contact Pastor Bob Bruce, eccbob@me.com or 672-3377.



Emmanuel
Community Church

Saturday, December 5, 2009 • 5:27 pm
Sunday, December 6, 2009 • 8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 am



The Root, The Shoot,
& The Fruit – 2 of 4

Today's Message:

The Root

Selected Scriptures & Isaiah 11:1

Pastor Dennis Miller,
lead pastor

Today's Focus

Today we will look at various Scriptures to learn about the history and importance of the olive tree, and to help us better understand the purpose for and significance of Isaiah 1. Just as the root ensures the regeneration of the tree, so too does the promise of God for future generations.



Christmas Eve Services

This year's Christmas Eve services will be held on
Thursday, December 24 at 3:30, 5:00, and 6:30 pm.

Childcare will be available for newborns through pre-K in our nurseries.

Reminders...

familyFUSION Christmas Edition [Wed, December 16, 6:30 pm] Grab the family and join us for a festive, fun-filled evening!! **eCard to register for free meal**

The Jesse Tree Project: You can pick up your Jesse Tree Project booklets and ornaments at the table in the Sanctuary lobby OR in the back of the FLC Gym. One set per family, please.

Wednesday Night programming is taking a break! familyFEAST, familyFUSION, and GROW classes will start back up on Wednesday, January 6, 2010!

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Emmanuel Community Church is affiliated with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ denomination headquartered in Huntington, Indiana. For more information about Emmanuel, please visit the Welcome Center in the Sanctuary lobby.

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Welcome To ECC!

We're glad you chose to worship with us today. If you are new, please stop by one of our Welcome Centers (*Sanctuary Lobby or at the entrance to the Family Life Center*) and pick up a Welcome Packet and gift.



[Sun, December 16; 9:45 am; FLC Conference Room] If you are new to ECC, join us for this one-hour session to help acquaint you with our ministry.

Deck the Halls...in Reverse

We'll be taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 3 from 2 to 6 pm. **eCard or contact Renee Strothmann at naynay60@comcast.net.**

This Weekend's Worship

Saturday 5:27 & Grace 133:

Worship Leader: Sam Ward / Dave Hazen

Band: Tim Tilbury

Vocalists: Carrie Dennison, Anna Macke, Monica Herbst

Tech: Bill Burton, Rob Cole, Jeff Ferrier

Worship Celebration (Sanctuary):

Worship Leader: Sam Ward

Band: Dan Friend, DeWayne Salter, Jerry Grider, Rich McConnell

Vocalists: Shelly Ping, Kay Salter, Randy Beery & the ECC Worship Choir

Tech: Andrew Malloy, Paul Breining, Greg Ping

Opportunities to Serve

NEW! Holiday Childcare: See the insert card for more information.

NEW! Parking Attendants: As the holidays approach, our parking lot will become a lot busier. To ease the congestion, we're looking for a crew of folks to assist with parking and traffic flow on Sunday mornings. You can choose to serve between 1st & 2nd service or between 2nd & 3rd service (or both!). **eCard**

NEW! Upward Clean-up & Service Set-up: Because of the overwhelming registration for Upward, we have a short time to clean-up and re-set for Saturday night service. We need 6-8 people who can devote 2 hours each Saturday for approximately 2 months. Work includes cleaning classrooms and setting up the tables and chairs for the Saturday night service. **eCard**

Computer/Light Techs: Serve with the worship teams to provide lighting and video for services. Training provided...rotating schedule. **eCard**

Ushers: Serve at our Sunday services in the Sanctuary or FLC Gym on a rotating schedule. **eCard**

Nursery Caregivers: One of the greatest needs at ECC is people who are willing to care for our little ones. You can help fill this need by choosing the time that is right for you: Saturday night, Wednesday night, or Sunday morning. Training provided. **eCard**

Women2Women Ministries

Women's Cookie Exchange [Thu, December 17; 7 pm] Would you like to have a tray of all kinds of Christmas goodies but don't want to do all that baking? Then a cookie exchange is the answer! Trays and wrapping will be provided. Three locations available: Roanoke/Huntington & Columbia City. Space is limited, sign up today at the **EC**.

Questions? Contact Pat, 260-396-2697.

Women2Women eNews: Interested in receiving occasional news about Women's Ministries? Jot your e-mail address on your **eCard** and specify "Women's eNews".

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| eCard | Use the eCard inside your bulletin to respond. |
| EC | Event Center (located where the Sanctuary lobby & Family Life Center/FLC meet) |
| WC | Welcome Centers (located outside the center Sanctuary doors & outside the FLC Gym.) |
| UB | Uth Booth (located on the 2nd floor of the FLC) |
| KWP | Kids' Walk Park (located inside entrance #1 next to Russ & Thelma's Fireside Café) |

REACH Ministries

Wings of Hope, one of our valued local ministry partners, will be sponsoring a holiday open house on Tuesday, December 8 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at their facility at 2720 Fairfield. **For details, contact Pastor Kent, ecckent@me.com.**

BAG THE BUS returns to ECC this month! Drop off nonperishable food and gently used clothing in sorted and labeled bags at weekend services through December 20. Details and labels available at REACH Central.

Stop by the **Angel Tree** at REACH Central to share your family's Christmas caring with others! Pick a tag from the tree, sign it out at REACH Central, and return the wrapped gift by December 20.

ABLE Ministries

ABLE Ministries would like to expand its volunteer base to assist children with special needs. Current opportunities include:

- assisting a 5-year-old boy with autism at 8:15 on Sundays during Kid's Walk Connection.
- a young man to assist a 13-year-old boy with Down syndrome during Kids' Walk 252 on Sundays at 9:45.
- an assistant for an 8-year-old boy with autism during familyFusion on Wednesday nights.

Substitutes for assistants are also needed. If you would be willing to serve on a weekly basis or even occasionally as a substitute. **eCard or contact Pastor Bob Bruce at 672-3377.**

ECC Library

Remember to use your Perks Card! If you shop at Family Christian Bookstores, remember to use your ECC Family Perks Card OR tell them you attend ECC...they'll in return give us points to use toward building our library.

Do you have something at home from our library? Remember to return items checked out longer than two weeks.

Boxed Sermon Series

NEW! In addition to *Psalm 23* and *Don't Fight Naked*, we've just added *Only God* (study of Esther) and *Ruth*. Complete sets include sermon audio CDs, sermon notes, and Walk the Talk sheets (when available) packaged in a gift box. Cost is \$19.99 per set. Place your order at the **EC**.

Student Ministries

Registration brochures can be found at the **Uth Booth (UB)** near the Uth Rooms, across from the Event Center, or at www.eccstudentministries.com.

Middle School

Student Life [Sun, 9:45 am in the Attic]

COLLIDE [Sun, 6:00 pm]

FUEL [Wed, 6:30 pm] No meetings until 1/6/10.

High School

Student Life [Sun, 9:45 am in the Attic]

IMPACT [Sun, 6:00 pm] No meeting. We'll be ice skating instead!

Ice Skating [Sun, December 6]

IGNITE [Wed, 6:30 pm] No meetings until 1/6/10.

Serve-U [Sat, December 12]

Men's Action Ministries

Turn Prayer Night [Mon, December 7] Russ and Thelma's Fireside Café at 7 pm.

Men's Action eNews: Want to stay current on what's going on in Action Ministries? We will e-mail class, event, and service info as it unfolds. **eCard**

OASIS (Senior Ministries)

Lunch & Learn [Mon, December 14, 12-2 pm, Joshua Room] Join OASIS (Older Adults Sharing in Service) for their monthly luncheons held the second Monday of each month.