

THE ENVOY

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Sunday @ 10 am

Sunday Classes

(Sept-June)

11:15 am

Office Hours (M-F)

9 am-3 pm

Summer: 9 am-1 pm



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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Emmanuel Friedens Friends,

It is already midsummer! Hard to believe, from where I am, as the days fly by like pages of a book, caught in a swift breeze.

Despite how busy things stay for some of us, we do manage to take advantage of school break and the warmth of the days to get away for some much needed renewal and/or family time—and even education. Whether going to camps or visiting family in other parts of the country, summer theatre, or (as in the case of Lynn and me) taking part in a peace conference in Mexico, it is good, healthy and necessary for human beings to get some rest and see things from a different perspective.

I've actually been enjoying the season thus far right here in Schenectady! I've found each Sunday has been a different kind of opportunity to find renewal and a fresh perspective on our lives. Our recent church picnic in Collins Park was one such time! We liked it so much that the Worship and Nurture Committee is planning a second outdoor service, right here at the church on August 13.

Behind the scenes, your trustees have been working on a project to better light the church building's exterior. Charlie Reyes has been busy planning for the School of Wonder and Mystery, our exciting children's summer program that takes place the second half of August.

Meanwhile, Nancy Spencer and her capable crew had a very successful rummage sale; our monthly community brunches continue to be well attended and warmly staff by a capable and hospitable group of volunteers; other volunteers staffed a Schenectady Inner City Ministry summer lunch site for children for a week. And more is coming!

I look forward to seeing you on a Sunday soon, and I remain grateful for a congregation that keeps on giving, keeps on caring and keeps on worshipping joyfully together, in every season.

In Christ's Peace
Peter

THE WEEKS AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Sunday, July 23: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost and Sunday, July 30: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost: We welcome Joani Jameson to lead worship and preach. Joani is a graduate of the Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Massachusetts. She graduated with a Master's of Divinity and a Certificate of Pastoral Care. Her plan is to become an ordained pastor with the United Church of Christ and then see where her journey goes. Joani is also a member of our church.

Sunday, August 6: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost, Communion Sunday
Readings: Matthew 14:13-21 and Genesis 32:22-31; Meditation: **Wrestling With Angels**. Peter JB Carman is leading worship and preaching.

Sunday, August 13: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost—**Outdoor Worship at Our Church**
Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Sermon: **Here Comes This Dreamer**. Peter JB Carman is leading worship and preaching.

Sunday, August 20: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost—**Hymn Sing Sunday— Come prepared to share your favorite hymn!** Peter will be out of town this day. Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Sunday, August 27: Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost— **We will celebrate the School of Wonder and Mystery in worship** Readings: Exodus 1:8-2:10 and Romans 12:1-8; Sermon: **Hidden Talent**, Peter JB Carman is leading worship and preaching.

CHURCH NEWS

Save the Date! This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Federation of Emmanuel Baptist Church and Friedens United Church of Christ. We are looking forward to our Federation Celebration on Homecoming Sunday (September 10th) which will include time for remembering each congregation pre-Federation during worship and the Ice Cream Social after church. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations! Our Students Do It Again

I recently attended the Middle School graduation at Scotia Glenville and once again, our church community was well represented. Each of our students achieved highest academic honors. Susan and Mark Chaffin's daughter, Sadie, Jody Radez and Cheryl Beauchamp's son, Trevor, Mary Lou Chotkowski's grandson, Christopher, and Josh Hugh's son, Micah all made us proud to have had a part in their growing up in the church. At the High School level, Aidan Chaffin was a senior speaker at the 2017 commencement. His speech may be read in it's entirety at www.scotiaglenvilleschools.org/SrHS/news/graduation2017.cfm. Congratulations to all of our graduates and thank you all for your part in nurturing these smart and talented young people. Mary Lou Chotkowski

Save Travels—Althea Nelson and Marilyn Bisgrove leave for a trip to the West Coast on August 15. They are flying to Sacramento CA to host a 100th birthday party open house for Althea's sister, Doris Mesle. Then, Althea and Marilyn will travel up the coast to Seattle to visit more relatives. They return August 24.

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

The School of Wonder and Mystery (SW&M)

The School of Wonder and Mystery will be held from August 14-August 25 from 9 am-1 pm. Our theme this year is "Our Daily Bread." Program Description: Included are various stories with food in the Bible, different versions of the Lord's Prayer, and the science theme of food chemistry. There will be trips and experiences that will teach the child about the process of food making, how food came to be, and making delicious snacks. The children will also enjoy daily recreation time, a small breakfast, snack and lunch. **This program is FREE and open to the community.**

If you know of any family who may be interested, please pass on the information. They can call the church office for registration forms and more information. There is a cap on the number of children that can participate in the program. **Registration forms must be in by August 11.**

Donations:— The SW&M is looking for donations of snacks (goldfish, pretzels, animal crackers, etc.), breakfast options (instant oatmeal, breakfast bars, cereal, etc.) and juice (powder, juice boxes, large containers of juice, etc.). It is preferable that all food donations be PEANUT/ NUT FREE. There is a basket in the church office for these donations. **In addition,** we also need 2 volunteers each day to prepare lunch. If you have the time, please consider volunteering (about 2 hours). Sign-up sheets will be available at the church or contact Charlie Reyes (694-6589).



SICM Summer Lunch Program-

Pat McAllister, our representative to the Schdy. Inner City Ministry coordinated this year's volunteers to work for the summer lunch program—

THANK YOU. We served lunches at the downtown

Schenectady County Library the week of June 26-30. We thank the following volunteers who served: Faye Bailey, Pat Bumbarger, Betty Detwyler, Sandy and John Detwyler, Davis Lent, Pat McAllister, Maria Puccio, Charlie Reyes, June Schermerhorn and Joann Vanderhule. To note, SICM changed food vendors for the program this summer and the kids just love the food.

Rummage and Clothing Sale – The rummage/clothing sale was held Saturday, July 8. Clothing and "treasures" covered tables and filled hanging racks in Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to Nancy and Chris Spencer, Peter Scanlan (a friend of Nancy's), Faye Bailey, Sheila Freres, Mary Lou Chotkowski, Jocelyn McKinney, Karen Salmon, Jeanne Andersons, Davis Lent, and Margaret Mitchell and friend, Hio for all your help. Thank you to all who donated items to the sale including bake goods. We are happy to report that the total collected was \$571 for the rummage/clothing portion of the sale, and \$30 for the bake sale. The proceeds from the sale will benefit Outreach and Mission fundraising (\$571) and the School of Wonder and Mystery (\$30).

Worship in the Park, July 9

It was a beautiful day for our annual worship service at Collins Park in Scotia and the picnic that followed. Many thanks to all who attended and brought food items to share— there was plenty of food. Thanks to those who helped set-up and take down.

There will be another outdoor worship service on August 13 but this time at our church. Stay tuned for details.

As a Welcoming and Affirming/
Open and Affirming Church, Emmanuel Baptist Church and Friedens United Church of Christ welcomes and affirms all persons without regard to sex, martial status, age , race, sexual orientation, or abilities, inviting all into membership, mission, and leadership.

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**August 2017
At A Glance**

Sunday Worship in the Chapel
@ 10 am.

**Bring your cans and bottles to church on
Sundays and they will be collected
- CEA's bottle drive**

August 14-18 & 21-25

School of Wonder and Mystery

Saturday, August 26

Community Brunch
10:30 –11:30 am

Committee meetings-
Check the calendar and
bulletin announcements

The September issue of the Envoy will be available the week of August 28, 2017. The deadline to submit articles, committee news, announcements, etc. is Wednesday, August 23. Thank you.

A Vision for Our Journey

Captivated by Jesus' life and teaching,
Committed to

Growing hearts and minds;

Learning openness, courage and love;

Serving with our neighbors;

Pursuing God's justice and peace;

Inviting others to share the journey!