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June 24, 2026

On Sunday, June 28 we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist. The actual date for this festival is June 24.

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease."

And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Worship and Pray

Come in person or on zoom at 10 am every Sunday

By phone: Call 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter the meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

By computer or smartphone: Go to www.zoom.us. Enter Meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

At home without technology: Read the bulletin. Read the Scripture. Pray. Meditate.

Pastor Linda will be on vacation from June 10 through 30.

More information in the next mailing

No Vacation Bible School in June or July.

We decided that August is the best time for us to do community children's activities at Emmanuel in Eastmont and with Holy Trinity in Beechview.

On Saturday, July 4, Emmanuel will participate in the **Monroeville parade**. You may walk with Pastor Linda or ride in a car with Pastor Dennis.



The annual **Independence Day parade** in Monroeville starts at **9:00 a.m.** on **July 4th**. Participants line up at **8:30 a.m.** at the **Miracle Mile Shopping Plaza (4100 William Penn Highway)**. The parade travels **east along Route 22 to Mall Boulevard**, enters the **Monroeville Mall complex**, and concludes at the **Monroeville Convention Center**.

Attendees are encouraged to bring candy for children along the route

The Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium will run a shuttle bus between the end and the beginning of the parade, assisting parade participants to get to and from their parked cars.

Wednesday, June 24

NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Monday, June 29

10 am The Welcoming Table

Saturday, July 4

9 am Monroeville fourth of July parade

Sunday, July 5

10:30 am Interfaith Service Event

Monday, August 10

4 pm Interfaith Picnic w/ Christian Associates

Sunday August 16

1 pm Congregation Council

Sunday, October 4

Joint Worship and Picnic with East Suburban congregations

Spaghetti Dinner with Meals for Friends



On **Sunday, July 5**, we will have Holy Communion at Emmanuel and then (as many as are-able) will go to the Monroeville Community Park to participate in the



Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium service event.

Monroeville Community Park.

Tall Trees Amphitheater
2399 Tilbrook Road
Monroeville PA 15146

It's "drop in" so folks can come anytime between 10:30 and 11:30.

- Parking for Handicap in the parking lot. All others, please park in the grass area. Directional signs will let everyone know where to go.



Funding Forward: Summer Book Study
Thursdays, June 25-July 30 at 7 PM on [Zoom >>](#)

Join a synod-wide book study on Funding Forward led by Pastor Erin Jones. Drawing on years of teaching, research, and field work, author Grace Duddy Pomroy offers new approaches for church and nonprofit finances. [Funding Forward](#) can help ministers and ministries move through the funding forward process from start to finish. Ask Pastor Linda for the book. Come to Emmanuel or join Zoom from home. Ask Pastor Linda to get the link.

Nativity of John the Baptist

Almighty God, by your gracious providence your servant John the Baptist was born to Elizabeth and Zechariah. Grant to your people the wisdom to see your purpose and the openness to hear your will, that the light of Christ may increase in us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gospel: Luke 1:5-24, 57-80

*Zechariah questioned the angel who told him that he and Elizabeth would have a special son. They were too old. The angel said to name the child John. Zechariah was made silent by the angel. When the child was born Elizabeth "his name is John. Zechariah wrote his name on a tablet. The name **John** in Hebrew is derived from "**Yochanan**" (יוחנן), which means "**God is gracious** Then Zechariah could speak and sing.*

⁶⁷Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

⁶⁸"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us

in the house of his child David,
⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.
⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors
and has remembered his holy covenant,
⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness
in his presence all our days.
⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
⁷⁸Because of the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
⁷⁹to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

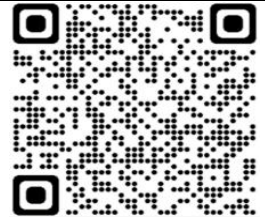
⁸⁰The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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Or use the QR code for easy connection on your smart phone.



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CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 412-824-4525

Altar flowers cost \$50.

