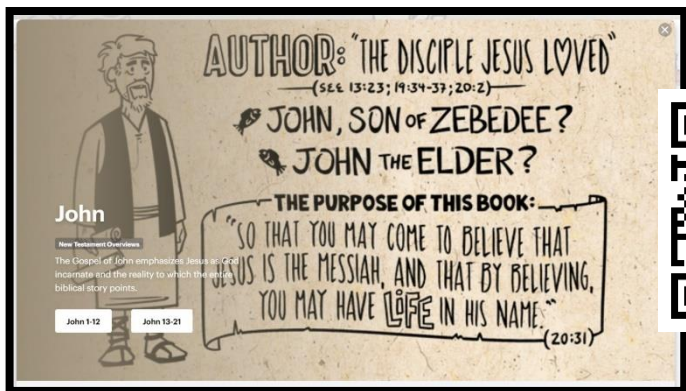


# The Gospel of John – Spring 2023



The Bible Project makes great videos which provide helpful overviews and insights on books of the Bible (and themes and topics too). Scan the code to check out videos to help you get the big picture view of the Gospel of John.

**CCMS The Anchor Food Pantry** 90 N. Main Street, Castleton, NY 12033  
**518-732-4120** Director – Paula Sancomb

Mon. 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Tue. & Thu. 9:00 am – 1:30 pm  
 1st Sat. 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

**Let us remember those at home, in nursing homes & hospitals:**

**Ginny Hempstead** 95 Gilligan Rd, Apt. 403, E. Greenbush 12061  
**Stan Hotaling** 56 Scott Ave. Castleton, NY 12033  
**Nancy Wasson** c/o Jov Dalaba 17 Cabot Wav. Clifton Park. NY 12065

Ginny Hempstead would like to say thank you for all the birthday cards. She would also like to thank Pastor Dirk and everyone at Church for singing Happy Birthday to her last Sunday. It made her day!!

**"Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die"**

The Golden Memory Book reflects these loved ones and friends:

James H. Salisbury	Apr. 23, 1966	Albert J.D. Grooten	Apr. 24, 1999
Catherine Peter	Apr. 25, 1936	Simon C. Ton	Apr. 25, 1943
Mayland L. Parker	Apr. 26, 1998	Florence Johanson	Apr. 28, 1947
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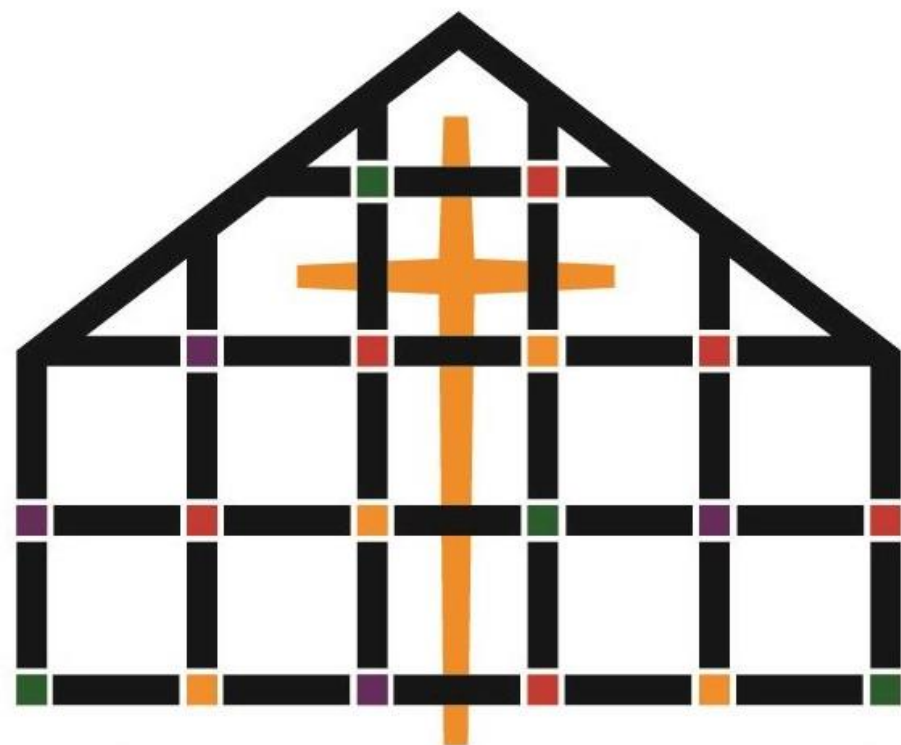
A final witness to your faith can be found in your will.  
 Have you remembered your church in your estate planning?

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**WORSHIP GOD ENGAGE PEOPLE FOLLOW JESUS**

# EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH

# WORSHIP THE LORD!

APRIL 23, 2023

*Agnus Dei*

## Welcome

*Praise My Soul the King of Heaven  
You're Worthy of my Praise  
Christ is Risen*

## Confession & Assurance

### Kids' Time

### Scripture

John 1:1-18

### Message

In the Beginning  
Pastor Dirk Gieser

## Engagement Opportunities

### Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer - *Our Father* . . .

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

## Benediction

## OFFERINGS

Make your donation to ERC in the collection  
plate at the back

or

Give online at:

[www.encounterERC.com/donate](http://www.encounterERC.com/donate)

## CHILD CARE

Nursery for infants – 3 yr.  
is available downstairs in  
our staffed nursery room.

## KID'S CONNECTION

Children up through 3rd  
grade are dismissed to the  
Fellowship Hall after the  
Kids' Time.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

is held for children after  
worship, ages 3 to 8<sup>th</sup>  
grade.

## THE LORD'S TABLE

Communion is served the  
first Sunday of the month  
and is open to everyone  
who is seeking Jesus as  
Lord and Savior. A gluten-  
free option is available  
and grape juice is served  
so all may come to the  
table.

## NEXT WEEK

### Thursday

Bible Study 10am  
Music Rehearsal 6pm

**WELCOME** – *Emmanuel Reformed Church is a spiritual community where we invite everyone to focus their attention on God, engage in what God is doing in the world, and in every aspect of their life follow Jesus Christ. It is good that you are here today, and we hope you know that this is a place for you. If you have any questions or need help, ask a greeter or reach out to Pastor Dirk.*

**ENGAGE FORM** Please fill out the Engage Form and place it in the collection plate on the way out. If you are a visitor, we'd love to know how we can stay in touch. Prayer requests are collected and prayed over each week. On the back are ways you can actively engage in the life, joy and work of the church.

**SPRING CLEAN UP** – Saturday, May 6 we are planning a work day around the property. Come in the morning as we take care of the beds, fix up the lawns, and work on various projects. It is helpful for planning if you let us know you are coming on the Engage Form.

**MOTHERS DAY BLESSING** – We have the opportunity to bless the women at St. Paul's Center (a homeless shelter for women with children). There are currently 8 women and 11 children and we will be providing a special Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. See the Engage Form for ways to get involved or talk to Candy Shyer.

**GRASS AND FLOWERS** – All summer long the grass keeps growing and weeds pop up. All our landscaping is handled through people giving of their time. If you can help with mowing and/or weeding please let us know on the Engage Form.

**ENCOUNTER GROUPS** use the questions on the back of the sermon notes to go deeper. There is a group that meets after worship (in room off fellowship hall), you are welcome to join.

**CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** We are looking for just the right person to work in the office and further our ministry. Job description: [www.encounterERC.com/job-search](http://www.encounterERC.com/job-search)