

## **Emmanuel Youth Ensemble (EYE) The Band**

Around 7 years ago Nicholas Martin (Gerald and Peggy Martin's son) talked to me about his interest in playing his trumpet during church services. He asked if he could do it along side his friends who were taking band within the school system. That was the conception of the youth band at Emmanuel. The group has seen many young people come and go, but though the music has been an important end result, our theme has always been "*using our talents to give Glory to God.*" I try to instill in the members that this should be a natural response in all that they do in life. Along the way we make music, form friendships (snack time following rehearsal is important for this), and become more proficient with our instruments. I have always enjoyed making music with others, so this is a key fact that I stress to the parents who would like to give their child more opportunities to play their instrument than just practicing at home.

In 2007 our schedule was made up of leading the LWML prayer service, leading the services on Easter, Pentecost and Thanksgiving Sundays, and joining with the children for the Children's Christmas program. Our final event in 2007 was playing for the Christmas Eve service.

It is a pleasure to work with these young people. Their parents' willingness to figure out scheduling is often not recognized, so please permit me to take this chance to thank them for their commitment. Also, thank you, the members of Emmanuel, for your encouragement to the youth band. May all that we do in the church and outside its walls be done to the *Glory of God.*

Walking in the Light of His Love Patti