

The Good News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church | FEBRUARY 2024

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What is Lent and why does it last forty days?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on [Ash Wednesday](#) and ends on Holy Saturday. [Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*](#), meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, [fasting](#) and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.



<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-is-lent-and-why-does-it-last-forty-days>



Lenten Season Preview:

Feb. 14	Ash Wed 4 pm Service
March 24	Palm Sunday Service 9:30 am
March 28	Maundy Thursday Service TBA
March 29	Good Friday Service TBA
March 31	Easter Sunrise Service TBA
March 31	Easter Sunday Service 9:30 am

STUDY WITH US!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

LENTEN STUDY

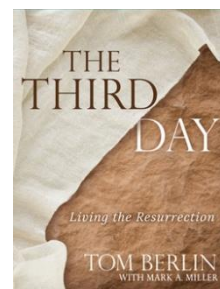
BIBLE STUDY:

[Wednesdays](#), starting, February 14 at 2:30 p.m. is our 6-week Bible Study **THE THIRD DAY**, in McCay Hall.

Also will be offered on [Thursdays](#) starting February 15 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.





SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays, starting February 18 as our Sunday School study of **THE THIRD DAY** will be at 10:45 a.m., in McCay Hall.

*Register for the 6 week Bible Study with your Connect Card, at the church office (9 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Mon.- Fri., by phone 941-792-3497 or email secretaryumc@gmail.com.





FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
FEBRUARY IS: We are collecting Peanut Butter for the Manatee Food bank this month. Please drop off your donations either in the church Narthex or church office.				1 National Dark Chocolate Day	2 Groundhog Day	3
4 Communion 8:30am Coffee Hour McCay Hall 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	5	6	7 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice National Send a Card to a Friend Day	8	9	10 Chinese New Year Missional Vital Signs due
11 8:30am Coffee Hour McCay Hall 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall Super Bowl Sunday	12 National Hug Day	13 <u>The Lunch Bunch</u> 11:30am Beef 'O' Brady's Call for more info. 863-512-0678  Mardi Gras	14 Ash Wednesday 8am-10am Drive-Thru Ashes 'Third Day' Small Group- 2:30pm in McCay Hall 4pm Ash Wed. Worship Service 	15 'Third Day' Small Group- 6:30pm online by Zoom	16 National Caregiver's Day	17  Strawberry Shortcake Missions Fundraiser 2:00pm in McCay Hall
18 8:30am Coffee Hour McCay Hall 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am 'Third Day' Small Group in McCay Hall	19 PRESIDENT'S DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	20	21 'Third Day' Small Group- 2:30pm in McCay Hall 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice	22 'Third Day' Small Group- 6:30pm online by Zoom George Washington's Birthday	23 MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 	24
25 8:30am Coffee Hour McCay Hall 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am 'Third Day' Small Group in McCay Hall	26	27 Church Council 1:00pm in McCay Hall	28 'Third Day' Small Group- 2:30pm in McCay Hall 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice	29 'Third Day' Small Group- 6:30pm online by Zoom Leap Day	Lunch Bunch! Come join us! We'd love to get to know you, both winter residents and year rounders. We will meet on Tuesday, February 13th at 11:30am at Beef O' Brady's, 4925 Cortez Road W. for a causal lunch together. We each order whatever we'd like off of the menu and pay our individual checks with a 20% tip. We sit in the private dining room at a long table and enjoy each other's company. Just write on your Connect Card on Sunday or let Kayline know by a text or call at 863-512-0678. We're saving a place for you!	

Strawberry Shortcake Missions Fundraiser

Saturday, February 17th
at 2PM
Church Fellowship Hall

*Donations appreciated for Missions

Strawberry Shortcake made to order with all the fixings!

Please RSVP on your Connect Card or let Kayline know by a text or call at 863-512-0678.



BEEF O' BRADY'S
* GOOD FOOD, GOOD SPORTS *

February

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

14 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Linder

If your birthday or anniversary was missed, please contact the church office.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 5 John Deffendall
- 8 Raylene Frankenfield
- 12 Mildred 'Millie' Hall
- 12 Linda Wilkinson
- 13 Rev Kim Uchimura
- 15 Darrell Hall
- 20 Josie Seamon
- 22 Norman Kiel
- 23 Jane Hasek
- 24 Ginny Gilmore
- 25 April Galbraith

MONTHLY CHURCH STATISTICS

Record of Faithful Giving

General Offering

1/7	\$ 5,231.00
1/14	\$ 5,521.00
1/21	\$ 5,121.00
1/28	\$ 2,897.00

Weekly Attendance

1/7	90
1/14	95
1/21	95
1/28	114

Sunday School Bible Study

10:45am

1/7	13
1/14	NA
1/21	7
1/28	14

DEC: Online Viewers

	FB	YouTube
12/3	0	10
12/10	0	14
12/17	9	20
12/24	0	15 in morn. 33 in evening
12/31	0	20

JANUARY 2024

Keeping Up

Thank you for being faithful in your giving. It is through your generosity that the church can continue to operate and these gifts are very important and very much appreciated.

Here are the ways you can give to Emmanuel UMC

1. In Person on Sunday Morning
2. Drop off at the office in the mail slot located in the church office door.
3. Mail to the church at:
5115 Cortez Rd. W.
Bradenton, FL 34210
4. Easily online!

You may visit our website online and click the donate button to give digitally. **You may also copy and paste the link below into your favorite web browser:**

<https://www.eumcbradenton.org/online-giving>



Churchinbradenton.com
OR Eumcbradenton.org



Find us on Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/churchinbradenton>



Dear Emmanuel Church Family & Friends

Please remember these and our dear ones in Assisted Living, in the Hospital, Homebound and live out of state in your prayers.

Recent Requests

Bryce Merlin
Diana Schoonmaker
Juanita Clark
Nina Schultz McDonald
Sherri Blais
Vera Niles

Continuing Concerns

Anita Hobbs
Bill Deutsch, Jr.
Corky Parker
Debbie Chick
Doris Abston
Duane & Mary Bollinger
Freda Divan
Grayson Posewitz
Heang Prom
Ira Bashore
John Bookheimer
Julie Antworth
Katherine Peterson
Kay Austin
Kris Bennett
Mike Poling
Nan Merrill
Paul Pante
Pete Chick
Phil Nilsen
Rick Newberry
Sara Wannemacher
Sharon Locasio
Sharon Roach
Steve Arnold
Teresa Schmitt
Tom Mastropletro

NEEDING PRAYER?

If you would like to be added to the listing of prayer requests please feel free to reach out to our Assistant Pastor Gayla Gabrielse at 941-792-3497 or email: mickeykids2@gmail.com

UPDATING INFO

Please notify the office with changes to your contact information.



Sign Up For Altar Flowers

Please contact the church office for more information



Week of February 1, 2024

Thursday: Exodus 7-9

Friday: Exodus 10-12

Saturday: Exodus 13-15

Sunday: Exodus 16-18

Week of February 5

Monday: Exodus 19-21

Tuesday: Exodus 22-24

Wednesday: Exodus 25-27

Thursday: Exodus 28-29

Friday: Exodus 30-32

Saturday: Exodus 33-35

Sunday: Exodus 36-38

Week of February 12

Monday: Exodus 39-40

Tuesday: Leviticus 1-4

Wednesday: Leviticus 5-7

Thursday: Leviticus 8-10

Friday: Leviticus 11-13

Saturday: Leviticus 14-15

Sunday: Leviticus 16-18

Week of February 19

Monday: Leviticus 19-21

Tuesday: Leviticus 22-23

Wednesday: Leviticus 24-25

Thursday: Leviticus 26-27

Friday: Numbers 1-2

Saturday: Numbers 3-4

Sunday: Numbers 5-6

Week of February 26

Monday: Numbers 7

Tuesday: Numbers 8-10

Wednesday: Numbers 11-13

Thursday: Numbers 14-15;

Psalm 90

Welcome

Our New Member

Mary Goldthwait



Interested in becoming a member of Emmanuel United Methodist church? We would love to have you join our

church family! Did you know you can join Emmanuel even if you are part of another church? The class will be led by Pastor Kim and will explore basic Christian beliefs, Methodism, and will serve as an introduction to Emmanuel UMC. Winter residents may join as Associate or Affiliate members while retaining full membership in their home church. Please contact the church office for further details.

Office Phone: 941-792-3497 Email: secretary.eumc@gmail.com

Notary We have a notary on campus for your convenience. We are offering notary services for the congregation free of charge by appointment only. Please contact the church office for further details.



2023 Year End Contribution

Statements Please contact the church office if you have any questions regarding your 2023 Giving Statement.

Your *Word*
is a *lamp* unto my feet,
and a *light* unto my path.

Psalm 119:105