

The Good News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church | JANUARY 2024

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PASTOR'S DESK

Reverend Kim Uchimura, Senior Pastor

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Can you believe it is already 2024? As we begin this New Year, our daily Bible reading plan will be reading the Bible in a year in Chronological order. Several of you mentioned how helpful it was to read things in the order they happened, so I thought it would be worthwhile to do it again. The monthly plan will be included in the Newsletter each month. As you read through the Bible again, you may find it helpful to take notes along the way about the questions you have as you read or about how you sense God working in you through particular Scripture readings. It's not required, just a suggestion of a practice that has helped me in reading the Bible.

In the recent Weekday Word, I included information about our upcoming Bible Study that begins as follows:

February 14, 2024 – Ash Wednesday

2:30 p.m. 6-week Bible Study **THE THIRD DAY** begins & meets in McCay Hall.

NOTE: 4 p.m. **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** in Sanctuary.

February 15, 2024 – 6-week Bible Study **THE THIRD DAY** begins at 6:30 p.m., Zoom.

February 18, 2024 – 6-week Bible Study **THE THIRD DAY** begins, Sunday School, 10 :45 a.m., in McCay Hall

How to participate:

1. Register for the Bible Study *The Third Day*, with Joy on your Connect Card on Sunday, at the church office 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mon.- Fri., by phone 941-792-3497 or by email secretaryemc@gmail.com.
2. Suggested donation for the book is \$11. Be sure your check and envelope are clearly marked that it is a donation for the book. If you donate by cash, include it in an envelope clearly marked for the Bible Study Book.

Please note two things: 1) The class is the same on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. The only difference is the day of the week. Therefore, if you attend Sunday School, there is no need to attend either the Wednesday or Thursday class and vice versa. 2) You need to do both steps above to ensure that we know you will attend one

of the classes and that you want to order a book. **Book orders must be submitted by no later than Wednesday, January 17th** so we can get the books on time. The author of the book is our Florida Annual Conference Bishop Tom Berlin.

Here at the beginning of the year, there is no better time to review your spiritual formation practices and perhaps even revise them to help you go deeper with Jesus. I will be happy to assist anyone looking for ideas about next steps to do that. Even the best practices can become stale when they start to become just something we do rather than a relationship we pursue with God through Jesus by way of the Holy Spirit.

Praying you will be blessed this year with a renewed desire to follow Jesus faithfully.

In Christ,
Pastor Kim

STUDY WITH US IN THE NEW YEAR!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Resuming, January 7 at 10:45 a.m., with *The Wired Word*.

BIBLE STUDY:

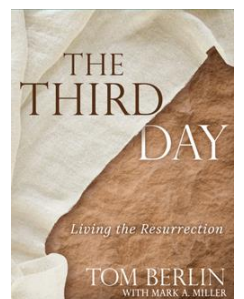
Wednesdays, starting, February 14 at 2:30 p.m. is our 6-week Bible Study **THE THIRD DAY**, in McCay Hall.

Also will be offered on Thursdays starting February 15 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

And Sundays, starting February 18 as our Sunday School study at 10:45 a.m., in McCay Hall.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion 8:30am Coffee Hour McCay Hall 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	8	9 The Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM Beef 'O' Brady's Call for more info. 863-512-0678	10 Missional Vital Signs due	11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day	12	13
14 8:30am Coffee Hour McCay Hall 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	16	17	18	19 National Popcorn Day	20
21 8:30am Coffee Hour McCay Hall 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	22 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 	23	24 National Compliment Day	25	26	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
28 8:30am Coffee Hour McCay Hall 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	29 National Puzzle Day	30	31 			



JANUARY FOOD BANK –

We are collecting **Pet Food (can & dry)** for the Manatee Food bank this month. Please drop off your donations either in the church Narthex or church office.

Lunch Bunch!

Join us! Begin your new year gathering with your church family for a fun, relaxing lunch at Beef O Brady's, 4925 W. Cortez, on Tuesday, January 9th at 11:30. Please RSVP on your connect card or contact Kayline, either call or text 863-512-0678.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to the many members of our Church family who served faithfully and enriched us spiritually during the Advent & Christmas season!



BEEF 'O' BRADY'S

★ GOOD FOOD. GOOD SPORTS ★

JANUARY

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Bonita 'Bonnie' Noles
- 5 Wayne Hasek
- 7 Julie Antworth
- 15 Rick Newberry
- 16 Katherine E. Peterson
- 18 Denise 'Dee' Scott
- 21 Gwendolyn Calkins

ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Michael

Dear Emmanuel Church Family & Friends

Please remember these and our dear ones in Assisted Living, Hospital and Homebound in your prayers.

Recent Requests

Bryce Merlin
Juanita Clark

Continuing Concerns

Anita Hobbs
Bill Deutsch, Jr.
Corky Parker
Debbie Chick
Doris Abston
Duane & Mary Bollinger
Freda Divan
Grayson Posewitz
Heang Prom
Ira Bashore
Jim Warrender
John Bookheimer
John Deffendall
Katherine Peterson
Kay Austin
Kris Bennett
Mike Poling
Nan Merrill
Paul Pante
Pete Chick
Phil Nilsen
Rick Newberry
Sara Wannemacher
Sharon Roach
Sharon Shoemaker
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

Church Stats

DECEMBER 2023

Record of Faithful Giving

General Offering

12/3	\$ 5,231.00
12/10	\$ 5,521.00
12/17	\$ 5,121.00
12/24	\$ 4,680.20
12/31	NA

Weekly Attendance

12/3	70
12/10	85
12/17	64
12/24	9:30/87, 4:30/74, 6:30/54
12/31	NA

Sunday School Bible Study

10:45am	
12/3	12
12/10	12
12/17	NA
12/24	NA
12/31	NA

NOV: Online Viewers

	FB	YouTube
11/5	2	17
11/12	2	9
11/19	0	12
11/26	0	11

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>



For God will open doors

ISAIAH 22:22

Tips for Reading the Bible Daily

- 1** Start reading the Bible today—there is no better time, and there's no reason to wait.
- 2** Set aside a specific time each day. Set your schedule and then stick to it. Mornings are great, but feel free to use any time that works consistently for you.
- 3** Read the Bible for the sake of learning, not simply to accomplish your next reading. Say a short prayer to God before you begin, asking the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and understanding, then be refreshed by the words you read!



The chronological Bible reading plan has been designed to help you engage with God's Word by reading the entire Bible in the order that the events happened. Our prayer is that you slow down, read more of the Bible, and renew your focus! We're excited to see where God is going to take you over the next 365 days.



Emmanuel Worship Choir – Christmas 2023

LEFT TO RIGHT: Greg Uchimura, Rev. Kim Uchimura, Terrie Zieber, Rosemary Nauenburg, Jan Bashore, Gayla Gabrielse, Carolyn Brown and David Brown.



Your response was overwhelming with generosity towards our Angel Tree giving opportunity. We were able to bless so many children and families of Prine elementary school. We know they had a very Merry Christmas thanks to you!

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- Day 1 Genesis 1-3
- Day 2 Genesis 4-7
- Day 3 Genesis 8-11
- Day 4 Job 1-5
- Day 5 Job 6-9
- Day 6 Job 10-13
- Day 7 Job 14-16
- Day 8 Job 17-20
- Day 9 Job 21-23
- Day 10 Job 24-28
- Day 11 Job 29-31
- Day 12 Job 32-34
- Day 13 Job 35-37
- Day 14 Job 38-39
- Day 15 Job 40-42
- Day 16 Genesis 12-15
- Day 17 Genesis 16-18
- Day 18 Genesis 19-21
- Day 19 Genesis 22-24
- Day 20 Genesis 25-26
- Day 21 Genesis 27-29
- Day 22 Genesis 30-31
- Day 23 Genesis 32-34
- Day 24 Genesis 35-37
- Day 25 Genesis 38-40
- Day 26 Genesis 41-42
- Day 28 Genesis 46-47
- Day 29 Genesis 48-50
- Day 30 Exodus 1-3
- Day 31 Exodus 4-6

