

# The Good News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

AUGUST 2023

5115 Cortez Road West – Bradenton, FL 34210 – 941-792-3497

## PASTOR'S DESK

Reverend Kim Uchimura, Senior Pastor

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

### FALL SMALL GROUPS

Sign up and order your book now for our upcoming Wednesday 2:30 p.m. and Thursday 6:30 p.m. (ZOOM) Small Groups that begin again on September 6 and 7, respectively. The new study is by Adam Hamilton called **Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet**. This is the first study where they have a large print option for the book as shown below. As always, if you need to miss a session, you can attend the other one or ask me for a video recording of the ZOOM session that you missed, which includes the video played during the class.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will **no longer** order extra books just in case someone may need one because we often cannot return them. Therefore, Joy must be informed that you plan to attend and whether you want us to order the book for you.

1. We request that you please order a book **no later than August 13, 2023**.
2. The suggested donation for the **Standard Print book is \$14**. The suggested donation for the **Large Print book is listed now for \$10** (usually \$19.) We ask for a suggested donation rather than a payment there are those who cannot afford to pay for a book. We do not want lack of funds to keep anyone from participating in the study. God will provide.
3. You may sign up for the book study either by: calling the church office at 941-792-3497, email at [secretary.eumc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.eumc@gmail.com) or indicate on your attendance Connect Card. The following information is needed:
  - Your** name(s)
  - Which** class you plan to attend:
    - Wednesdays** at 2:30 p.m. starting Wednesday, September 6, 2023.
    - OR
    - Thursday** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom starting Thursday, September 7, 2023.

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-**Which** book you are ordering:  
Standard Print (\$14 suggested donation)  
or

Large Print (\$10 suggested donation)

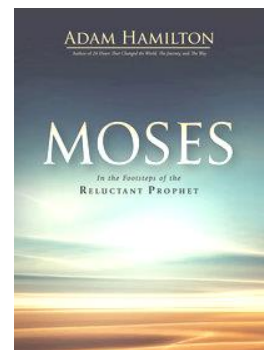
-**How** many books you are ordering.

You can wait to pay for the book when it arrives. Whether you pay by check or cash, please indicate that your payment is for the Moses book so that the funds are applied correctly to offset the cost of the book.

### ONE MORE THING

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 17, 2023**. Our District Superintendent, **Rev. Debbie Allen**, will be preaching at Emmanuel on that day. I would like for as many of us as possible to be in worship. She is an engaging preacher whom I enjoy hearing and I think you will, too.

With love in Christ,  
Pastor Kim Uchimura



**Join Us in Sunday School Bible Study every Sunday in McCay Fellowship Hall following the worship service.**

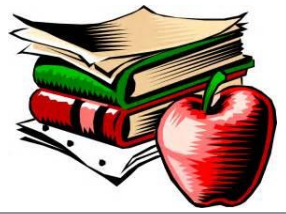
**Sunday School meets at 10:45am.**



**We hope to see you there!**





# AUGUST 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
BACK TO SCHOOL NO TAX HOLIDAY JULY 24 - AUG 6		1  International Mahjong Day	2  Contact David Brown re/Choir Rehearsal cndnoles@verizon.net	3	4	5  Kirkwood Church  2023 DAY 4 HOPE
6 Communion Sunday 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	7	8 <i>Let's do Lunch!</i> <b>The Lunch Bunch</b> 11:30 AM Beef 'O' Brady's Call for more info. 863-512-0678  International Cat Day	9  Contact David Brown re/ Choir Rehearsal cndnoles@verizon.net	10 First Day of School - Manatee County (Drive Carefully)   Missional Vital Signs	11	12
13 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	14	15	16  Contact David Brown re/ Choir Rehearsal cndnoles@verizon.net	17	18	19
20 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	21  National Senior Citizens Day	22	23  Contact David Brown re/ Choir Rehearsal cndnoles@verizon.net	24	25 <b>SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>  	26  National Dog Day
27 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	28	29  Church Council August 29 1:00 PM In McCay Hall	30  Contact David Brown re/ Choir Rehearsal cndnoles@verizon.net  National Grief Awareness Day	31		

**AUGUST** we are focusing on collecting, **Canned Fruit & Vegetables** for the Manatee County Food Bank. Please drop off your food donations in the church Narthex.



Remember to keep the children of our community and their teachers in prayer as they head back to school in August.

## Lunch Bunch!

Mark your calendars and join us for a casual lunch at Beef O Brady's on Tuesday, August 8th, at 11:30am. Beef O Brady's is close to the church at 4925 Cortez Road West. All are welcome for a relaxed time of fellowship with your church family. Please RSVP to: Kayline at 863-512-0678 (text or call).



# AUGUST

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

02 Pearl Smith  
 03 Minnie Walters  
 06 Norma Ruppel  
 07 Denise Clark  
 14 Rick Reagan  
 15 Beth Bechler  
 16 Debbie Chick  
 21 Carol McAhren  
 23 Vernon Petschel  
 27 Teresa Hill  
 29 Juanita Deffendall  
 29 Ruth Lombardo

13 Mr. & Mrs. Carl Ruddell  
 20 Mr. & Mrs. Len & Gayla Gabrielse  
 27 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hasek  
 29 Mr. & Mrs. David Blinn



## CHURCH STATISTICS...

### Record of Faithful Giving

Weekly Budget \$ 5,530.00	
JULY	General Offering
7/2	\$ 5,930.00
7/9	\$ 1,835.00
7/16	\$ 3,086.00
7/23	\$ 2,992.00
7/23	\$ 2,377.21

### Weekly Attendance

JULY	
7/2	60
7/9	57
7/16	53
7/23	54
7/30	55

### Sunday School Bible Study

JULY	10:45am
7/2	9
7/9	6
7/16	10
7/23	10
7/30	12

### JUNE Online Viewers

	FB	You Tube
6/4	0	38
6/11	27	30
6/18	0	30
6/25	14	8

## 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>

## Dear Emmanuel Church Family & Friends

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

### Recent Requests

Barbara Frank  
 Bill Deutsch, Jr.  
 Freda Divan  
 Grayson Posewitz  
 Heang Prom  
 Jim Warrender  
 Kay Austin  
 Mary Goldthwait  
 Ruth Lombardo  
 Sharon Roach  
 Steve Arnold  
 Susie Carpenter  
 Terry Westphal  
 Tom Mastropletro  
 Vicki Anderson

### Continuing Concerns

Anita Hobbs  
 Bonnie White  
 David Holst  
 Debbie Chick  
 Doris Abston  
 Duane & Mary Bollinger  
 Ira Bashore  
 Jim Pressler  
 John Bookheimer  
 John Deffendall  
 Juanita Clark  
 Julie Antworth  
 Karen Blanchard  
 Katherine Peterson  
 Linda Wilkinson  
 Lynne Fakih  
 Mike Poling  
 Nan Merrill  
 Pete Chick  
 Phil Nielsen  
 Rick Newberry  
 Sara Wannemacher  
 Sharon Shoemaker

### 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](mailto:mickeykids2@gmail.com)

## AUGUST 1-31

Aug.1: Proverbs 21-23

Aug.2: Proverbs 24-27

Aug.3: Proverbs 28-31

Aug.4: Ecclesiastes 1-3

Aug.5: Ecclesiastes 4-8

Aug.6: Ecclesiastes 9-12

Aug.7: Song of Songs 1-8

Aug.8: Isaiah 1-4

Aug.9: Isaiah 5-8

Aug.10: Isaiah 9-13

Aug.11: Isaiah 14-19

Aug.12: Isaiah 20-24

Aug.13: Isaiah 25-28

Aug.14: Isaiah 29-32

Aug.15: Isaiah 33-37

Aug.16: Isaiah 38-40

Aug.17: Isaiah 41-44

Aug.18: Isaiah 45-49

Aug.19: Isaiah 50-54

Aug.20: Isaiah 55-60

Aug.21: Isaiah 61-66

Aug.22: Jeremiah 1-2

Aug.23: Jeremiah 3-5

Aug.24: Jeremiah 6-8

Aug.25: Jeremiah 9-12

Aug.26: Jeremiah 13-16

Aug.27: Jeremiah 17-20

Aug.28: Jeremiah 21-24

Aug.29: Jeremiah 25-27

Aug.30: Jeremiah 28-31

Aug.31: Jeremiah 32-33

## A NOTE FROM GAYLA

Gayla Gabrielse, Assistant Pastor

One of my favorite hymns is "In the Garden." I found this story about the writing of this beautiful piece and would like to share it with you.

In 1912 a music publisher Dr. Adam Geibel asked C. Austin Miles to write a hymn text that would be "sympathetic in tone, breathing tenderness in every line; one that would bring hope to the hopeless, rest for the weary and downy pillows to dying beds."

In George W. Sanville's book, *Forty Gospel Hymn Stories*, Miles left the following account of the writing of this hymn:

One day in March, 1912, I was seated in the dark room, where I kept my photographic equipment and organ. I drew my Bible toward me; it opened my favorite chapter, John 20-whether by chance or inspiration let each reader decide. That meeting of Jesus and Mary had lost none of its power to charm.

As I read it that day, I seemed to be a part of the scene. I became a silent witness to that dramatic moment in Mary's life, when she knelt before her Lord, and cried, "Rabboni!"

My hands were resting on the Bible while I stared at the light blue wall. As the light faded, I seemed to be standing at the entrance of a garden, looking down a gently winding path, shaded by olive branches. A woman in white, with head bowed, hand clasping her throat, as if to choke back her sobs, walked slowly into the shadows. It was Mary. As she came to the tomb, upon which she placed her hand, she bent over to look in, and hurried away.

John, in flowing robe, appeared, looking at the tomb; then came Peter, who entered the tomb, followed slowly by John.

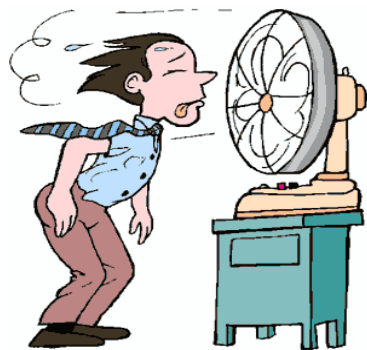
As they departed, Mary reappeared; leaning her head upon her arm at the tomb, she wept. Turning herself, she saw Jesus standing, so do I. I knew it was He. She knelt before Him, with arms out stretched and looking into his face cried "Rabboni!"

I awakened in full light, gripping the Bible, with muscles tense and nerves vibrating. Under the inspiration of this vision I wrote as quickly as the words could be formed the poem exactly as it has since appeared. That same evening I wrote the music.

Dear ones, please take up your Bibles and hymnals and read John 20 and the words to this beautiful, touching song and ponder them. "And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, no other has ever known."

101 Hymn Stories  
Kenneth W. Osbeck  
Foreword by J. Stratton Shufelt  
Kregel Publications  
Grand Rapids, MI 49501

He walks  
with me



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