

The Good News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church | OCTOBER 2023

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PASTOR'S DESK

Reverend Kim Uchimura, Senior Pastor

Greetings in the name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ!

As you may have seen in the Wednesday Word, our Wednesday/Thursday set of Bible Studies are starting a new study on October 18th at 2:30 p.m. in McCay Hall and Thursday October 18th at 6:30 p.m. by Zoom. The study will use the book *On Purpose: Finding God's Voice in Your Passion*. The suggested donation for the book is \$11 which you can put in the offering plate on Sunday, clearly marked as the donation for the book. You may also drop the offering off at the church office, either in the mail slot in the door or directly with Joy. She will be ordering the books by this coming Wednesday, October 4th so please let her know as soon as possible that you want to order the book.

Our Advent Study will begin November 15th using a study from retired Bishop Will Willimon, whose writings I find compelling. The book we will use for this video-based study is *Heaven and Earth*, a four-week study. This study will be used by the midweek Bible Studies as well as Sunday School. The suggested donation is \$12. Please contact Joy at 941-792-3497 or stop by the church office.

This past week, one of our members sat down with me to inquire about how to listen for God, thinking she had done something wrong when trying to do so. She asked me to tell her about how I to listen for God. I thought I would share the answer I gave with everyone. Now, to be clear, I have only actually heard God's voice one time in my life. The rest of the time, I can feel as lost as everyone else, believing like God hears me but I don't know how to listen for him. What I have found for myself along the way, and this rings true with the experiences of others I know, is that God mostly engages with us through situations and other people. I will give you a recent example. On Tuesday, September 26th at Emmanuel's Board meeting, I mentioned that I wanted to find a few more not for profit entities who are interested in renting our unused space to help our bottom line and to keep our space in use for the Kingdom. The very next day, I was alone at the office when a woman stopped by looking for space to rent for the not for profit she represented. Friends, that's one way I see God at work when, as I believe, God affirms a certain thought or action by helping it happen. That's not the only way God speaks to us, though. Sometimes, I get a just a little 'nudge' in the direction God is trying to get me to go. Sometimes, some thought I had that I had not shared with anyone suddenly starts being brought to me as a suggestion in multiple ways. I tend to think of these moments as God moments because

no one else knew what had been on my mind. Perhaps you have had coincidences like this, too. That's when the following definition attributed to Albert Einstein rings true about coincidence. "Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous." I know it can be frustrating learning patience as we seek God's voice. While every coincidence is not necessarily a communication from God, often we 'hear' him through such coincidences. Be patient. God will make himself known.

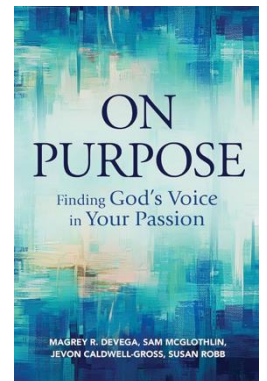
With love in Christ,
Pastor Kim

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study Starting Soon!





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 World Communion Sunday 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	2	3	4 Pastor's Small Group- 2:30 PM in McCay Hall Mission Small Group- 4:00 PM in McCay Hall Call for more info. 863-512-0678	5 Pastor's Small Group- 6:30 PM online by Zoom National Do Something Nice Day	6	7
8 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall Clergy Appreciation Day	9	10  The Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM Beef 'O' Brady's Call for more info. 863-512-0678 Missional Vital Signs	11 Pastor's Small Group- 2:30 PM in McCay Hall	12 Pastor's Small Group- 6:30 PM online by Zoom	13	14
15 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	16	17	18 Pastor's Small Group- 'ON PURPOSE' 2:30 PM in McCay Hall	19 Pastor's Small Group- 6:30 PM online by Zoom 'ON PURPOSE'	20	21
22 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	23 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 	24	25 Pastor's Small Group- 'ON PURPOSE' 2:30 PM in McCay Hall	26 Pastor's Small Group- 6:30 PM online by Zoom 'ON PURPOSE'	27	28
29 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall 5th Sunday Offering  FL United Methodist Children's Home	30	31	<div style="text-align: center;">  <h2>Mission Outreach</h2> <h3>The Florida UMC Home</h3> <p>The Florida United Methodist Children's Home was established in 1908 to provide a home for orphans and other children that had nowhere else to live.</p> <p>Today it serves as a diverse ministry with two campuses that include residential, therapeutic group, foster and emergency shelter care. The Home also provides independent living assistance and a community child care center.</p> <p>Every 5th Sunday we collect a special offering for the FUMCH. Prayerfully consider what you might contribute to this life changing ministry on Oct. 29.</p> <p>If you are writing a check, please make it out to: Emmanuel United Methodist Church & designate Children's Home on the "memo" line.</p> </div>			

Lunch Bunch!

Come enjoy relaxing fellowship and lunch with your church family. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at Beef 'O' Brady's at 11:30am. Beef 'O' Brady's is close to the church, 4925 Cortez Rd. W. In October we will meet on Tuesday the 10th.
All are welcome!

Please RSVP to: Kayline at:
 863-512-0678 (text or call) or see her in church.

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



29 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Colson



Norma M. Ruppel 08/06/1930 ~ 03/04/2022

Harold R. Ruppel 09/13/1926 ~ 08/27/2023

Harold and Norma have passed into eternal life after a full life and faithful commitment to our Lord. They were faithful winter attendees here at Emmanuel for many years. Please remember their family in your prayers.

- 09 Sally Petschel
- 11 Verna Hansen
- 13 Judy Wood
- 13 Joy Quici
- 20 Anne Catalano
- 23 Lucy Blinn
- 27 Philip Catalano Jr.
- 29 Mary Goldthwait
- 30 Rosemary Nauenburg
- 31 Cindy Tinsley



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, Hospital and Homebound in your prayers.

Recent Requests

Grayson Posewitz
Jim Warrender
Juanita Deffendall
Kris Bennett
Sharon Locasio
Teresa Schmitt
Tom Mastropletro

Continuing Concerns

Anita Hobbs
Bill Deutsch, Jr.
Debbie Chick
Doris Abston
Duane & Mary Bollinger
Freda Divan
Heang Prom
Ira Bashore
John Bookheimer
John Deffendall
Juanita Clark
Karen Blanchard
Katherine Peterson
Kay Austin
Mike Poling
Nan Merrill
Pete Chick
Phil Nilsen
Rick Newberry
Sara Wannemacher
Sharon Roach
Sharon Shoemaker
Steve Arnold

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

Record of Faithful Giving Weekly Budget \$ 5,530.00

SEPT.	General Offering
9/3	\$ 4,248.00
9/10	\$ 3,678.00
9/17	\$ 2,230.00
9/24	\$ 1,260.00

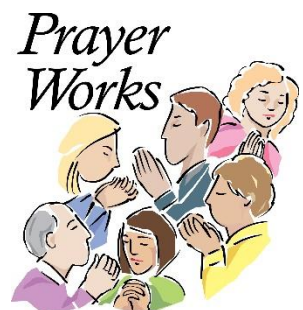
SEPT.	Sunday Attendance
9/3	56
9/10	55
9/17	69
9/24	54

Sunday School Bible Study

SEPT.	10:45am
9/3	12
9/10	3
9/17	Canceled
9/24	13

AUG. Online Viewers

	FB	YOUTUBE
8/6	N/A	1
8/13	N/A	N/A
8/20	17	21
8/27	18	14





OCTOBER 1-31

- Oct.1: Jonah; Nahum
- Oct.2: Micah
- Oct.3: Habakkuk
- Oct.4: Zephaniah
- Oct.5: Haggai
- Oct.6: Zechariah 1-7
- Oct.7: Zechariah 8-14
- Oct.8: Malachi
- Oct.9: Matthew 1-4
- Oct.10: Matthew 5-7
- Oct.11: Matthew 8-10
- Oct.12: Matthew 11-12
- Oct.13: Matthew 13-14
- Oct.14: Matthew 15-17
- Oct.15: Matthew 18-20
- Oct.16: Matthew 21-22
- Oct.17: Matthew 23-25
- Oct.18: Matthew 26-28
- Oct.19: Mark 1-3
- Oct.20: Mark 4-5
- Oct.21: Mark 6-7
- Oct.22: Mark 8-10
- Oct.23: Mark 11-12
- Oct.24: Mark 13-14
- Oct.25: Mark 15-16
- Oct.26: Luke 1
- Oct.27: Luke 2-3
- Oct.28: Luke 4-6
- Oct.29: Luke 7-8
- Oct.30: Luke 9-10
- Oct.31: Luke 11-12



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A NOTE FROM GAYLA

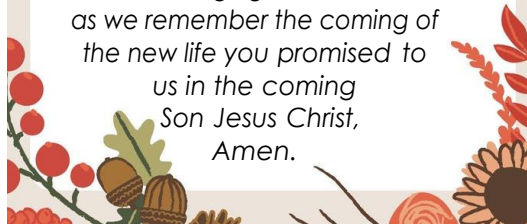
Gayla Gabrielse, Assistant Pastor

I love fall, especially the month of October. I have many wonderful fall memories from my childhood in Illinois and I would like to share a few with you. My father loved the outside and we took walks together in allseasons but fall was my favorite. It seems that fall is a quiet season as our Lord prepares the earth for the cold of the winter. The leaves on the trees change to beautiful colors of yellow, red and orange and fall quietly to the ground. The air is cool and the sky is bright blue.

The creatures are busy gathering food, the cornfields are empty as the corn is in the silo for winter, and the geese and other birds are beginning to make their trips to warmer weather. It is amazing to see them in their formations and hear their voices letting us know that winter is coming. At the end of October, the snow may come putting a beautiful white blanket on the brown and dormant land. The creeks and rivers become icy and still. The earth is quiet and peaceful.

For some this may be a sad time but I always remember that God will bring new beauty and new life in the spring. A resurrection will come to the earth right before our eyes.

*Loving Father God,
 Help us to see the beauty of
 your world. May we find joy
 in the changing of the seasons
 as we remember the coming of
 the new life you promised to
 us in the coming
 Son Jesus Christ,
 Amen.*



Calling anyone interested in missions and how our church can be a resource of support. We'd love to have you be a part of our meeting to learn more!

Meeting:

**Wednesday, October 4th
 At 4pm
 in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Contact: (text or call)
 Kayline Lowe at: 863-512-0678
 Dee Scott at: 941-538-2325**

Ministry Opportunity COFFEE HOUR

This Sunday, October 1st, Coffee Hour is back!. There will be decaf coffee and snacks that may vary from week to week so we're just calling it Coffee Hour. The coffee will be ready by 8:30 a.m. each Sunday so you will have plenty of time to enjoy your coffee as you meet friends, new and existing.

Wally and Joan Sprague currently do the Coffee Hour and they need two additional people to help them out, particularly for those Sundays when they are not available. Stop by and find out more. Maybe this is the perfect place for you to volunteer to help!

