

The Good News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

MARCH 2023

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

PASTOR'S DESK

Reverend Kim Uchimura

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

In her article, "I Got Smart and Took a Chance on God," that appeared in Christianity Today magazine in April, 2019, Author Rosalind Picard shared how she came to take a chance on God, as she says. It was a long journey from the days when she thought smart people didn't believe in Jesus to her adulthood when she came to believe in high school, she found that a young family for whom she babysat were believers when they invited her to church. She said yes, but didn't go so the couple tried another way by encouraging her to read the Bible, starting with Proverbs. The wisdom she found there suited her. She later met others who were both very smart and followers of Jesus. Finally, one Sunday a pastor asked, "Who is the Lord of your life?" She had never thought of it that way. She decided to take a chance on believing in Jesus because there was more to gain than to lose, based on Pascal's Wager, Pascal a . As she shares, "After praying, "Jesus Christ, I ask you to be Lord of my life," my world changed dramatically. It was as if a flat, black-and-white existence suddenly turned full-color and three-dimensional. I felt joy and freedom—but also a heightened sense of responsibility and challenge." Today, she is a professor at MIT and a devoted Christian who finally understands that belief in Jesus nothing to do with whether you're are smart but everything to do with God, the one whose grace she credits for who she is today.

Friends, we are not defined by whether our personal characteristics are those of other people who believe in God. God invites every person to believe in him because he yearns for every person to follow him in Jesus Christ. What prompted you to finally get serious about faith in Jesus? For many of us, it was a simple invitation to believe. If you know someone who isn't sure whether they believe or not, perhaps Rosalind's story will prompt them to consider faith. As she said, there is so little to lose and everything to gain. You know that already as a following of Christ. Imagine how it might help a friend or family member to find out for themselves the difference that Jesus makes!

Keep these dates on your calendar for Holy Week:

April 2, 2023

9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship at EUMC

April 6, 2023

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship at EUMC

April 7, 2023

12 Noon Good Friday

Worship at First United Methodist Church of Bradenton. Multiple pastors will preach a brief message, including Pastor Kim.

EASTER SUNDAY- April 9, 2023

6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service on the lawn at EUMC

9:30 a.m. Easter Worship in the Sanctuary at EUMC

*Finally, please note that the Church Office will be closed on April 10, the day after Easter.

With love in Christ,
Pastor Kim

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OR Eumcbradenton.org
<https://www.eumcbradenton.org/>



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Matthew Rowell
- 2 Philip Catalano
- 4 Jerome Duncan
- 5 Pat Singeltary
- 6 Ann Phillips
- 8 Michael Galbraith
- 14 Matilda 'Katie' Brown
- 16 C. Juanita Clark
- 17 Helen Magnus
- 20 Patricia Lindstrand
- 23 Joe Patty
- 31 Norm Hunt

HAPPY 102ND!

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

A very HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Katie Brown. She will turn

102 on March 14th.

Our love and warm wishes go out to her. Cards and notes may be sent to the address below.



Ms. Katie Brown
10315 Cortez Rd. W. #23-H
Bradenton FL 34210

Record of Faithful Giving

Weekly Budget \$ 5,530.00

FEBRUARY General Offering

2/5	\$ 4,796.00
2/12	\$ 5,826.00
2/19	\$ 2,703.25
2/26	\$ 2,247.00

Weekly Attendance

FEBRUARY

2/5	120
2/12	124
2/19	113
2/26	127

Sunday School Bible Study

FEBRUARY 10:45am

2/5	16
2/12	11
2/19	11
2/26	10

JAN. Online Viewers

	FB	You Tube
1/1	1	18
1/8	N/A	N/A
1/15	0	11
1/22	2	19
1/29	2	18

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. Your prayers, cards and other expressions of Christ's Love will help lift their spirits & give encouragement. If you need an address, please contact the church office. 941-792-3497

Recent Requests

Barbara Frank
 Heang Prom
 Terry and Mary Goldthwait
 Tom Cragg
 The Family of Hazel Cole
 The Family of Mark Constantine

Continuing Concerns

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

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Loving Memory

Hazel Ruth Cole

4/29/1925 – 02/8/2023

Our dear friend and longtime member Hazel Cole passed into life eternal on February 8th. She was very active in many things at Emmanuel. She headed the Mission Committee and led the Prayer Group just to name a few. She loved our Lord and has served Him joyfully all of her life. Services were held at The Family Church at Christian Retreat on February 25th. She had been living with her family at the Christian Retreat for some time. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Condolences and cards can be mailed to: (her son) Mr Glen Cole and Family, 921 Faith Circle East, Lot 57, Bradenton, FL 34212 and (her daughter) Mrs. Sue and Philip Nielsen, 9303 Bayshore Rd. G-42, Palmetto, FL 34221.



Mark Constantine

Our love and sympathy goes out to B.J. Brandt whose husband, Mark Constantine, passed into life eternal on February 17th. They have attended services for some time. Please remember B.J. and family in your prayers. Condolences and cards can be mailed to: (his wife) BJ Brandt, 235 Sherwood, Bradenton, FL 34210

FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE & SNACKS!

Please join in on the growing group for fellowship, coffee & snacks served by Keith and Julie Antworth along with Wally and Joan Sprague prior to worship each week!

When: 8:45 a.m. each Sunday

Where: McCay Hall, located directly across the courtyard from the Sanctuary

What: Freshly made decaf coffee and snacks.

Cost? Donations are welcome to cover the costs.



You're Invited to join us for lunch!

Tuesday, March 14th at Beef 'O' Brady's (close to the church) 4925 Cortez Rd. W.

February's **Lunch Bunch** was such a success, we are going to continue to meet for lunch on the second Tuesday of each month. We'd love to have YOU join us as we enjoy a fun time with our church family. We will be meeting at 11:30 in their private dining room for a casual time of fellowship and food. You will order from their regular menu and each of us will have separate checks with the standard group rate of a 20% tip added on to your check. Everyone is invited!

Please let Kayline Lowe know if you will be able to join us so that we can give the restaurant an approximate number of guests. Call, text or email Kayline at 863-512-0678 or KaylineL@aol.com

Daily Bible Reading

MARCH 1-31

March 1: Deuteronomy 17-19

March 2: Deuteronomy 20-23

March 3: Deuteronomy 24-27

March 4: Deuteronomy 28-30

March 5: Deuteronomy 31-34

March 6: Joshua 1-2

March 7: Joshua 3-4

March 8: Joshua 5-8

March 9: Joshua 9-11

March 10: Joshua 12-14

March 11: Joshua 15-17

March 12: Joshua 18-21

March 13: Joshua 22-24

March 14: Judges 1-2

March 15: Judges 3-5

March 16: Judges 6-7

March 17: Judges 8-9

March 18: Judges 10-13

March 19: Judges 14-17

March 20: Judges 18-21

March 21: Ruth 1-2

March 22: Ruth 3-4

March 23: 1 Samuel 1-4

March 24: 1 Samuel 5-9

March 25: 1 Samuel 10-12

March 26: 1 Samuel 13-15

March 27: 1 Samuel 16-18

March 28: 1 Samuel 19-21

March 29: 1 Samuel 22-24

March 30: 1 Samuel 25-28

March 31: 1 Samuel 29-31

