

# The Good News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church | SEPTEMBER 2023

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## PASTOR'S DESK

Reverend Kim Uchimura, Senior Pastor

Greetings in the name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Many of you may not know that our Florida Annual Conference has a website at [www.flumc.org](http://www.flumc.org) that covers many different purposes, including being a way that our Bishop Berlin communicates with those of us in the churches. As we are all recovering from Hurricane Idalia, the most recent racially motivated killing of three Black people in Jacksonville may not have received much attention from any of us. Angela Michelle Carr, 52, Jerrald Gallion, 29, and Anolt Joseph "AJ" Laguerre Jr., 19 and lost their lives in a shooting at a Dollar General Store by gunman Ryan Christopher Palmeto, 21, a former employee of the store who killed himself after the shooting. In response, Bishop Berlin sent a prayer that I want to share with you:

### A PRAYER FROM BISHOP BERLIN

Almighty God, Creator of us all, In ancient times the Psalmist cried out, "How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart?  
How long will my enemy triumph over me?" (Psalm 13:1-2)  
This weekend another shooter, leaving messages of racial hatred in so many locations that they could not be missed, took an AR-15 and killed Angela, AJ, and Jerrald, three Black people who were buying groceries and goods, and going about a normal day.  
How long, O LORD, will some have to live in fear, while others read the news with docile sadness, as though a shooting in a Dollar General is a normal day?  
How long, O LORD, before we conform to your commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves?  
How long before we see your commandment as more than an aspiration, or suggestion, or a good intention that we should hold for some day in the future that we sense we will never live to see?  
The enemy that triumphs over us is the long and tenacious root of racism that continues to invade our society. We confess that we have never fully committed to removing it fully. We have laid aside our spade and shovel when the day got hot and the work felt too hard or too long.

We pray for those who have lost life and those they love.

We pray for those who experience fear that is based on facts.

Stir up in us a desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, to be their allies and friends.

As we devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray that his Lordship would lead us to move beyond acceptance to the work of transformation, so that all would know the goodness of life that is free from fear and death.

Help us to love our neighbor in ways that bring your kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

I pray that we all will be in prayer for these and other families who have lost loved ones to gun violence.

With love in Christ,  
Pastor Kim



*(Stronger Together Reaching Equality Across Manatee)*

### STREAM UPDATE

**STREAM**, our justice ministry begins its ministry year again in September. As many of you may remember, each fall we meet with as many of you as possible to hear your thoughts about what the issues are in our community. We have decided to simply keep watch on Affordable Housing and Criminal Justice this year, therefore we will be able to address one to two new areas this year. This is your opportunity to be heard. So, when asked, I pray you will be willing to attend a meeting here at Emmanuel to share your opinions.



# SEPTEMBER 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b> we are focusing on collecting, 100% Juice (non-refrigerated) for the Manatee County Food Bank. Please drop off your food donations in the church Narthex.</p>					 National Food Bank Day	National V-J Day
<b>3 Communion Sunday</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall National Pastor's Spouses Day	<b>4 Labor Day</b> Church Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Pastor's Small Group- 2:30 PM in McCay Hall  Contact David Brown re/Choir rehearsal cndnoles@verizon.net  National Read a Book Day	<b>7</b> Pastor's Small Group- 6:30 PM online by Zoom	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Grandparents Day</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall Missional Vital Signs	<b>11</b> Remembering those we lost 9/11	<b>12</b>  <b>The Lunch Bunch</b> 11:30 AM Beef 'O' Brady's Call for more info. 863-512-0678	<b>13</b> Pastor's Small Group- 2:30 PM in McCay Hall  Contact David Brown re/Choir rehearsal cndnoles@verizon.net	<b>14</b> Pastor's Small Group- 6:30 PM online by Zoom	<b>15</b> National POW/MIA Recognition Day	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:30am Worship Svs District Superintendent, Rev. Debbie Allen 10:45am Church/Charge Conference No Sunday School today	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pastor's Small Group- 2:30 PM in McCay Hall  Contact David Brown re/Choir rehearsal cndnoles@verizon.net	<b>21</b> Pastor's Small Group- 6:30 PM online by Zoom	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Autumnal Equinox Day
<b>24</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	<b>25</b> OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 	<b>26</b> Church Council August 29 1:00 PM In McCay Hall	<b>27</b> Pastor's Small Group- 2:30 PM in McCay Hall  Contact David Brown re/Choir rehearsal cndnoles@verizon.net	<b>28</b> Pastor's Small Group- 6:30 PM online by Zoom	<b>29</b> National VFW Day	<b>30</b>



KEEP IN TOUCH

## SEEDS OF KINDNESS

Please remember our dear ones in assisted living, those homebound, in the hospital or who have moved out of state. Your prayers, cards and other expressions of Christ's Love will help lift their spirits and give great encouragement. If you need a name and address, please contact the church office.

## Annual Charge Conference

Our Annual Charge Conference is set for Sunday, September 17th at 10:45 am after worship service with our District Superintendent Reverend Debbie Allen as our convener. Please make plans to be there and mark it on your calendars so you won't miss the meeting.

## Lunch Bunch!

Mark your calendars and join us for a casual lunch at Beef O Brady's on Tuesday, September 12th, at 11:30 am. 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) or see her in church.



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Noles
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gilmore
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Vaun McAhren



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2 Douglas Michael
- 7 Marilyn Stace
- 8 Karen Blanchard
- 10 Tray Stace
- 11 Janet Maynard
- 13 Elaine Gangloff
- 13 Dianne Rule
- 13 Harold Ruppel
- 14 Ira Bashore
- 14 Dolly Molinet
- 16 Mona Springborg
- 19 Phyllis Michael
- 24 Karin Miller
- 25 Alvan Becker
- 28 Keith Antworth

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

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

# Church Stats

### Record of Faithful Giving Weekly Budget \$ 5,530.00

AUG.	General Offering
8/6	\$ 6,116.54
8/13	\$ 3,071.31
8/20	\$ 1,687.00
8/27	\$ 1,313.00

AUG	Sunday Attendance
8/6	58
8/13	48
8/20	54
8/27	53

### Sunday School Bible Study

AUG.	10:45am
8/6	9
8/13	9
8/20	Canceled
8/27	13

### JULY Online Viewers

	FB	YOUTUBE
7/2	N/A	28
7/9	N/A	26
7/16	N/A	28
7/23	N/A	27
7/30	N/A	17





# A NOTE FROM GAYLA

Gayla Gabrielse, Assistant Pastor

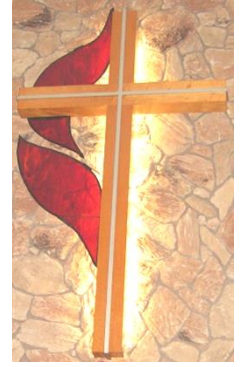
The first thing most people see when they enter our sanctuary is our beautiful cross and flame. As most of you know, the stained glass flame that enhances our cross was made by our own Aaron Weatherly. We are so thankful for this wonderful gift to the church.

The creation of the United Methodist insignia began in 1968. It has many connections to the United Methodist Church. The cross, linked with a single, but dual, flame connects our church to God by way of the second and third persons of the Trinity: The Christ (cross) and the Holy Spirit (flame). The flame also represents the experience John Wesley had on what we call Aldersgate Day (May 24<sup>th</sup>), "a strange warming of the heart." The realization of his salvation by the grace of God.

The flame also has two other connotations. The flame suggests Pentecost when witnesses saw "tongues as of fire," and the duality of the flame represents the merger in 1968 of two denominations: The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

This cross is the symbol of our faith. In my devotional reading this morning I found the best definition of faith that I have ever read. "Faith is the confirmation of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality, perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses." It is my fervent prayer that this congregation will continue to grow in faith and in love and service to our awesome God and to each other.

Amen



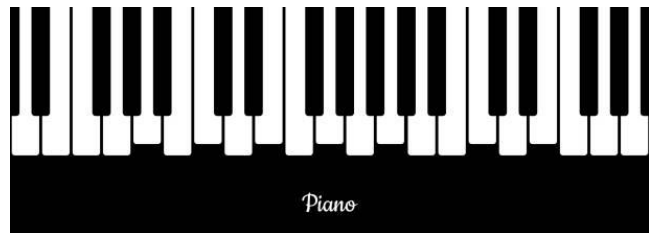
## SEPTEMBER 1-30

- Sept.1: Jeremiah 34-36
- Sept.2: Jeremiah 37-41
- Sept.3: Jeremiah 42-45
- Sept.4: Jeremiah 46-48
- Sept.5: Jeremiah 49-52
- Sept.6: Lamentations 1-3
- Sept.7: Lamentations 4-5
- Sept.8: Ezekiel 1-2
- Sept.9: Ezekiel 3-8
- Sept.10: Ezekiel 9-12
- Sept.11: Ezekiel 13-16
- Sept.12: Ezekiel 17-20
- Sept.13: Ezekiel 21-22
- Sept.14: Ezekiel 23-24
- Sept.15: Ezekiel 25-28
- Sept.16: Ezekiel 29-31
- Sept.17: Ezekiel 32-34
- Sept.18: Ezekiel 35-38
- Sept.19: Ezekiel 39-41
- Sept.20: Ezekiel 42-44
- Sept.21: Ezekiel 45-48
- Sept.22: Daniel 1-2
- Sept.23: Daniel 3-4
- Sept.24: Daniel 5-7
- Sept.25: Daniel 8-12
- Sept.26: Hosea 1-7
- Sept.27: Hosea 8-14
- Sept.28: Joel; Obadiah
- Sept.29: Amos 1-4
- Sept.30: Amos 5-9



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## A NEW SONG IN OUR HEART

A bittersweet announcement that David Brown and his wife Carolyn Brown, will be stepping down from their positions as Music Director and Organist/Pianist.

They want to make the transition as smooth as possible and will remain until we have hired someone(s) in their places. Please pray for whomever the Lord leads to us and pray for the Search Committee to be successful.

David and Carolyn Brown have truly been a blessing to Emmanuel United Methodist and we pray for even greater things to come for them in the future.

