

# The Good News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

APRIL 2023

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

## PASTOR'S DESK

Reverend Kim Uchimura

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Each month, I work with a Spiritual Director to help keep me focused on my spiritual growth and development. This past month, she recommended two activities that I want to share with you:

1. To help figure out how to respond to an issues you're having trouble with:
  - a. Write a letter to God about what's bothering you.
  - b. Rest from that for a bit.
  - c. Write a letter to yourself about whatever comes to you.

This is a different way to help with resolving an issue that can free your mind to be more attuned to God.

2. To gain insight into a Scripture:
  - a. Read the Scripture aloud.
  - b. Write down what stood out for you from the Scripture passage.
  - c. Ask God what it means for you.
  - d. Write down everything that comes to mind in response and keep writing until nothing else comes.
  - e. Spend time in silence with God until you 'hear' something from God. Likely you won't actually hear something but there may come clarity that you did not have before or a new idea about the Scripture that comes to you.

NOTE: It can be really hard to stay silent. Just keep coming back to silence until something comes to you that isn't you thinking about some other random thing like your grocery list or what you'll need to pack to leave for vacation!

Not every spiritual practice fits every person. So, try a number of different ways to gain insights into Scripture or to spend time trying to understand how God would have you handle a situation. It takes practice and often you may doubt what you 'hear' but keep trying because connecting with God is the most important thing we can do.

Just a reminder that we are having coffee and snacks every Sunday morning starting at 8:45 a.m. Come by to see your friends and to make new friends. We simply ask for a small donation to help us purchase what we need for the coffee time. Many thanks to Joan and Wally Sprague as well as Keith Antworth for Sunday coffee again.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our various worship services for Holy Week. See the calendar elsewhere in the Newsletter for dates and times.

God bless you,  
Pastor Kim



## Check us out online!



Churchinbradenton.com  
OR [Eumcbradenton.org](https://www.eumcbradenton.org)  
<https://www.eumcbradenton.org/>




Find us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/churchinbradenton>



# APRIL 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Mark Your Calendars for HOLY WEEK</b> Palm Sunday April 2 at 9:30am- Emmanuel United Methodist Maundy Thursday Service April 6 at 7pm Good Friday Service April 7 at 12 Noon- First UMC of Bradenton Sunrise Service April 9 at 6:45am- Emmanuel United Methodist <b>EASTER</b> April 9 at 9:30am- Emmanuel United Methodist						1
2 <b>PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Romans Small Group McCay Hall	3	4	5	6 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 6 PM Worship Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service at EUMC	7 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 12 Noon Good Friday Service at First UMC of Bradenton	8
9 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 6:45 AM Sunrise Service 9:30 AM Worship Service	10 <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> <i>Missional Vital Signs due</i>	11 The Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM Beef 'O' Brady's Call for more info. 863-512-0678	12 6 PM Worship Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room	13	14	15
16 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Romans Small Group McCay Hall	17	18	19 6 PM Worship Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room	20	21 <b>MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b> 	22 <b>EARTH DAY</b> 
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30 9:30AM Worship Service 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering 10:45 AM Romans Small Group McCay Hall <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering</b> <b>FL United Methodist</b> <b>Children's Home</b>						

## 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.



**April** we will be collecting MACARONI & CHEESE for the Manatee Food Bank. What a blessing this will be for so many in our community!





# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Phil Nilsen
- 17 Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cutter



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

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Marion Stephenson
- 2 Miriam Pante
- 3 Ken Abbott
- 3 Carolyn Brown
- 4 Dick Isbell
- 4 Elmer Noles
- 4 Diana Schoonmaker
- 5 Gayla Gabrielse
- 6 Bill Gilmore
- 7 Candy Isbell
- 9 Nancy Van Der Walde
- 10 Joyce Russo
- 11 Paul Pante
- 13 Judith Ann Strausser
- 13 David Zieber
- 14 Bobbette Art
- 15 Alvin Terhaar
- 17 Sue Nilsen
- 21 Carl Ruddell
- 22 James Warrender
- 23 Dolores Coleman
- 25 Mary Pelter
- 27 Sue Ruddell

## Record of Faithful Giving

Weekly Budget \$ 5,530.00

MARCH	General Offering
3/5	\$ 6,873.84
3/12	\$ 4,217.00
3/19	\$ 4,691.00
3/26	\$ 4,134.00

## Weekly Attendance

MARCH	Attendance
3/5	126
3/12	100
3/19	114
3/26	115

## Sunday School Bible Study

MARCH	10:45am
3/5	10
3/12	9
3/19	13
3/26	10

## FEB. Online Viewers

	FB	You Tube
2/5	1	18
2/12	0	14
2/19	1	20
2/26	0	16

## 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
- Grayson Posewits
- Heang Prom
- Kay Austin
- Mary Goldthwait
- Tom Cragg
- The Family of Terry Goldthwait

### 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 Fakh
- Mike Poling
- Nan Merrill
- Pete Chick
- Phil Nilsen
- 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)

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

# In Loving Memory

**Terry M. Goldthwait**      **01/27/1949-03/08/2023**

Terry M. Goldthwait, a longtime and very active seasonal attendee passed into eternal life in Michigan. A Celebration of Life service was held there on March 13. Please keep his wife Mary and family in your prayers.

*Cards and notes of sympathy may be sent to:*

Mrs. Mary Goldthwait and Family  
Village on the Greens  
508 44<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. #M-19  
Bradenton, FL 34203

## Farewell Friends

We thank all our Northern friends for their company & volunteer hours this winter! We pray you have a safe trip back home & see you next year. Please notify the office with changes to your address. We are also asking if you clean out your food pantries to please consider donating your non-perishable food items to our food bank collection. Thank You!



## Lunch Bunch!

You're invited to join us for lunch on Tuesday, April 11th, 11:30 at Beef O Brady's (close to church) 4925 Cortez Rd. West. You can order whatever you'd like off of their menu. It's a great time of fellowship and we'd enjoy spending time with you.

Please RSVP to Kayline at church, call or text 863-512-0678 or email [KaylineL@aol.com](mailto:KaylineL@aol.com) so that we can give them an idea of how many to expect. Hope to see you there!



## Daily Bible Reading

### APRIL 1-30

April 1: 2 Samuel 1-2  
April 2: 2 Samuel 3-6  
April 3: 2 Samuel 7-10  
April 4: 2 Samuel 11-13  
April 5: 2 Samuel 14-16  
April 6: 2 Samuel 17-19  
April 7: 2 Samuel 20-22  
April 8: 2 Samuel 23-24  
April 9: 1 Kings 1-2  
April 10: 1 Kings 3-4  
April 11: 1 Kings 5-7  
April 12: 1 Kings 8-9  
April 13: 1 Kings 10-11  
April 14: 1 Kings 12-13  
April 15: 1 Kings 14-17  
April 16: 1 Kings 18-20  
April 17: 1 Kings 21-22  
April 18: 2 Kings 1-4  
April 19: 2 Kings 5-8  
April 20: 2 Kings 9-10  
April 21: 2 Kings 11-14  
April 22: 2 Kings 15-18  
April 23: 2 Kings 19-22  
April 24: 2 Kings 23-25  
April 25: 1 Chronicles 1-2  
April 26: 1 Chronicles 3-4  
April 27: 1 Chronicles 5-6  
April 28: 1 Chronicles 7-8  
April 29: 1 Chronicles 9-11  
April 30: 1 Chronicles 12-15



## WE WILL MISS YOU!

It is with great sadness that we will be losing from our congregation – Jan Hartley and Harry & Betty Holmwood.

They have sold their homes here in Florida and moving to be near their families. They have mentioned how they will miss everything & everyone.

Please drop them a note to let them know they are in our prayers.

Jan Hartley  
305 Oak Street  
Laurens, IA 50554

Harry and Betty Holmwood  
4933 School Street  
McKean, PA 16426



# DID YOU KNOW?

Have you ever wondered about the history of Emmanuel United Methodist Church? The name of the church has been official since May, 1968. But the history and traditions began long before that.

## IN THE BEGINNING:

*(1950 population of Bradenton was 13, 604.  
Population of Manatee County was 34, 704)*

In the early years of the 1940' and 1950's, the small town of Bradenton, Florida, was becoming well known as "The Friendly City" with miles of beautiful beaches, an ideal climate, and the largest trailer park in the world. As retirees and vacationers arrived especially from the northeast and midwest, a number of them were members of the Evangelical United Brethren Church denomination.

In 1951 a movement began to establish an EUB church in downtown Bradenton. At first, services were held in a private home, and in 1953 fourteen people became charter members. That same year a building was purchased from Westminster Presbyterian Church at 1415 Ninth Street West for \$35,000. By June 1953, there were 54 charter members. The church was named First Evangelical United Brethren Church.

By 1960 the church grounds were not large enough, especially in the winter months due to the large numbers of worshippers and inadequate parking. Members began to explore a site large enough to relocate and rebuild. In 1963, the current five acre location at the corner of 51<sup>st</sup> Street West and Cortez Road was purchased for \$15,000. (The old property on Ninth Street West was purchased by the city of Bradenton for \$40,000, then, demolished, and it became a parking lot.)  
*(1960 population of Bradenton was 19,380 and the population of Manatee County was 69,168.)*

In 1964 ground breaking services were held with 185 people present. Construction cost was \$91,000. Many wondered about placing the sanctuary in the back of the property and the fellowship hall in the front. The architect explained that the south side of the property would be much quieter from busy Cortez Road. That same year the name of the church was changed to Emmanuel Evangelical United Brethren Church.

By 1966 a long relationship with the Methodists developed into a possible union of the two denominations, and in May 1968, the two merged. This union embodied the history and traditions of both denominations. Our church was named Emmanuel United Methodist Church.  
*(In 1970 Bradenton's population was 21,040 and Manatee County's was 97,115.)*



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## Mission Outreach- The Florida UMC Home

**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. **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. **Every** 5th Sunday we collect a special offering for the FUMCH. Prayerfully consider what you might contribute to this life changing ministry on **April 30**.

If you are writing a check, please make it out to:  
**Emmanuel United Methodist Church**, & designate  
Children's Home on the "memo" line.



# BIBLE EASTER WORD SEARCH



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 SIMON OF CYRENE  
 JESUS  
 ROBE  
 LAMB

SON OF GOD  
 TOMB  
 APOSTLES  
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 CROSS  
 NAILS

MARY  
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 PILATE  
 HIGH PRIEST  
 PASSOVER  
 SUNDAY

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