

The Good News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

APRIL 2024

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PASTOR'S DESK

Reverend Kim Uchimura

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Easter Greetings! This Newsletter may reach you before Easter but whenever it reaches you, I pray that you will remember that we are Easter people. What does that mean? It means that we live in the promise of the future for which Jesus lived, died and rose again to bring forth. Without the work of Jesus in the world and beyond, the Jews might still be sacrificing animals for forgiveness of their sins and Gentiles would never have come to know Jesus. Because of Jesus, the future of faith in God was expanded beyond the Jews to include any and all who would follow Jesus. No longer do we sacrifice animals for forgiveness, new life is a reality for every person who pursues a relationship with Jesus and the lonely, outcast or downtrodden find hope in the Savior who sees us all and invites us to believe in and follow him.

As I shared in this week's The Weekday Word, our fundraising for Day4Hope begins in April and there is a special event called the Giving Challenge that will allow your donations to be matched. Look for more information in coming issues of the Weekday Word. Please let me know what questions you have and I'll answer them so that we all can make the most of our donations to help kids who are experiencing homelessness start school with all they need to get them off to a great start. To support 50 kids as we did last year, we need to raise a total of \$5,000. For more information, see the most recent Weekday Word which you can find on the website under Communications.

There are many other things happening at Emmanuel but perhaps the most important in April is the STREAM Nehemiah Action on April 29th at 6:30 p.m. at Southeast High School. I invite every one of you to come. STREAM functions on the basis of 52:1. You make the effort to come to church to worship God every Sunday (52 times) so we simply ask the entire congregation to come to the Nehemiah Action just one time a year for the work of justice for our community. This year we are focused on mental health issues. YOU can make a difference by coming

to just this one event to help our community leaders know that their constituents are paying attention to areas that need to be better in Manatee County for the sake of all the people who live there. You may not have a particular mental health need that is unmet but as you will discover, many of the people in Manatee County do have an unmet need due to lack of availability and cost of services. Watch for additional information in the Weekday Word. May God bless you as we all continue through the Lenten season.

Pastor Kim

wishing
you 
ALL THE BEST

A NOTE FROM GAYLA

Psalm 46:10-11. The words of this Psalm have been with me for a long time and was my call to become a Certified Lay Minister.

Our sovereign Lord called me on a quiet afternoon a long time ago as I was healing from an accident and a broken leg.

He was called me again! It is time to retire! I love you all and will miss the time that I have spent with you.

I will not be gone forever and will still see you in worship just not as a CLM and not each week. God has called me to retire and enjoy the coming days and years, I hope, of my life. I am having minor health problems but I am doing well.

Dear Ones, I pray for all of you, our Emanuel Church and the UMC in the changing direction and a difficult time.

May God guide us all.





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	1 Church Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6	
7 Communion 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	8	9 The Lunch Bunch 11:30am Beef 'O' Brady's Call for more info. 863-512-0678 Day4Hope Giving Challenge	10 Day4Hope Giving Challenge 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice Missional Vital Signs due	11 National Pet Day	12 National Licorice Day	13  2pm Ice Cream Social in McCay Hall	
14 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	15	16 1:00pm Leadership Board Mtg. in McCay Hall National Orchid Day	17 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice	18	19 National Banana Day	20	
21 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	22  National Jelly Bean Day	23	24 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice	25	26 MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 	27	
28 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	29 STREAM Nehemiah Gathering 6:30pm	30 National Oatmeal Cookie Day	 The Food Bank of Manatee		APRIL IS: Macaroni and Cheese		

STREAM Nehemiah Action Gathering

You are invited and encouraged to join us at this year's STREAM Nehemiah Action Gathering on April 29th! We hope to have at least 30 folks from our church participate. This year, Manatee justice ministry called STREAM is working on ways to increase affordable access for mental health services for everyone, especially children and teens in Manatee County. We need you to join us at this gathering on the 29th so that our county leaders realize that there is lots of community support for improving and increasing mental health services in our county.

We will meet at the church Fellowship Hall for a free pizza dinner at 4:30 before we load up on a bus to take us to the 6:30 event. Stay tuned for more information to come. Questions, call Kayline at 863-512-0678.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Marion Stephenson
- 3 Ken Abbott
- 3 Carolyn Brown
- 4 Dick Isbell
- 4 Elmer Noles
- 4 Diana Schoonmaker
- 5 Gayla Gabrielse
- 6 Bill Gilmore
- 7 Cancy Isbell
- 9 Nancy Van Der Walde
- 13 Judith Ann Strausser
- 13 David Zieber
- 14 Bobbette Art
- 15 Alvin Terhaar
- 17 Sue Nilsen

- 21 Carl Ruddell
- 22 James Warrender
- 25 Mary Pelter
- 27 Sue Ruddell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3 Mr. & Mrs. Phil Nilsen

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



Record of Faithful Giving

General Offering

3/3	\$ 6,225.00
3/10	\$ 3,221.00
3/17	\$ 3,092.58
3/24	\$ 3,884.00
3/31	\$ N/A

Weekly Attendance

3/3	97
3/10	109
3/17	106
3/24	128
3/28	40 Maundy Thurs.
3/31	N/A

Sunday School Bible Study

10:45am	
3/3	7
3/10	11
3/17	9
3/24	No Sunday School
3/31	No Sunday School

FEB: Online Viewers

	FB	YouTube
2/4	2	25
2/11	7	11
2/14	0	16 Ash Wed.
2/18	0	22
2/25	1	14

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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, in the Hospital, Homebound and live out of state in your prayers.

Recent Requests

- Carl and Sue Ruddell
- Jan Bashore & Family
- John Coldren
- Michelle Gabrielse
- Nina Schultz McDonald
- Peggy Whitcomb
- Sherri Blais

Continuing Concerns

- Bill Deutsch, Jr.
- Corky Parker
- Debbie Chick
- Grayson Posewitz
- Heang Prom
- Jim Warrender
- John Bookheimer
- Juanita Clark
- Katherine Peterson
- Kris Bennett
- Mike Poling
- Nan Merrill
- Paul Pante
- Pete Chick
- Phil Nilsen
- Rick Newberry
- Sara Wannemacher
- Sharon Locasio
- Sharon Roach
- Steve Arnold
- Teresa Schmitt
- Vera Niles

NEEDING PRAYER?

If you would like to be added to the listing of prayer requests please feel free call or email the church office and leave a message. We will respond as soon as we can.

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AT EMMANUEL

Finance Team

We have positions available on the Finance Team. Volunteers can be either year-round members or members that return to their northern residency. We are flexible with your time commitment to when you have availability to serve. You do not need to be a CPA or Accounting Specialist – just willing to serve as you are able. If interested in any of the available positions, please contact Teresa N Hill, Finance Chair at 941-807-2485 or E-Mail at timousky51@aol.com or add the interest to the Connect Card.



Lunch Bunch

You are invited to join your church family for lunch! Tuesday, April 9th, at 11:30 at Beef 'O' Brady's, 4925 Cortez W. We will be in their private dining room where there is room for each of you. No need to make a reservation, just come. We each order what we'd like from their menu and pay individually. It's a great time to relax and enjoy being with new and old friends. Join us!

Name Badges

Our new name badges are ready! If you haven't picked yours up yet, please do. If you didn't see yours or your name wasn't spelled correctly, please leave us your name and we will have one for you the following week. We want everyone to have one and we encourage you to wear it so that we can learn each other's name. Soon, we will have a magnetic board that we can leave our badges on each week so that it's always at worship waiting for you.



I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM!

Ice Cream Social Fund Raiser

Join us! Enjoy all your favorite toppings on delicious, refreshing ice cream! Saturday, April 13th at 2pm in our Church Fellowship Hall. Donations accepted for Missions. Mark your calendars and invite your friends. We plan to eat together and have some fun!



Week of April 1, 2024
Monday: Judges 8-9
Tuesday: Judges 10-12
Wednesday: Judges 13-15
Thursday: Judges 16-18
Friday: Judges 19-21
Saturday: Ruth 1-4
Sunday: 1 Samuel 1-3

Week of April 8
Monday: 1 Samuel 4-8
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 9-12
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 13-14
Thursday: 1 Samuel 15-17
Friday: 1 Samuel 18-20;
Psalm 11, 59
Saturday: 1 Samuel 21-24
Sunday: Psalm 7, 27, 31, 34, 52

Week of April 15
Monday: Psalm 56, 120, 140-142
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 25-27
Wednesday: Psalm 17, 35, 54, 63
Thursday: 1 Samuel 28-31; Psalm 18
Friday: Psalm 121, 123-125, 128-130
Saturday: 2 Samuel 1-4
Sunday: Psalm 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21

Week of April 22
Monday: 1 Chronicles 1-2
Tuesday: Psalm 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87
Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 3-5
Thursday: Psalm 73, 77-78
Friday: 1 Chronicles 6
Saturday: Psalm 81, 88, 92-93
Sunday: 1 Chronicles 7-10

Week of April 29
Monday: Psalm 102-104
Tuesday: 2 Samuel 5:1-10 &
1 Chronicles 11-12

