

The Good News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

JULY 2023

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PASTOR'S DESK

Reverend Kim Uchimura, Senior Pastor

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As you know, we recently had our Annual Conference. While it can be described as the business meeting of the Florida Annual Conference, it is much more. Many of those with whom I attended seminary or whom I came to know well when we served in the same District are no longer nearby. Annual Conference becomes the place where we catch up with each other and all that's happening in our lives. Sometimes, I won't have an opportunity to see someone for the entire year, yet when we see each other, we seem to pick up right where we left off last year. I like to think that it reflects the depth of our friendship that we can do that even though it's not ideal. Imagine how hard it would be if we didn't at least see each other every year!

Sometimes we try to have this sort of relationship with Jesus. Unlike my relationships with my friends I see at Annual Conference, though, physical distance isn't an issue with Jesus. Still, often we want to touch base when we have something serious going on and then it's 'see you later' until the next tough time. Yet, Jesus looks for more in our relationship with him. The longer we go without checking in, the more distance we'll feel when we check in the next time. Note that I said we would feel it, not Jesus. We feel it because we know that Jesus wants us to have consistent, at least daily, contact but also because we need that consistency in order to stay close to him. That's why I often speak about daily Bible reading, daily (or more!) prayer, finding a place of ministry to serve and more. Those are some of the best ways to keep your relationship strong with Jesus. He is always there, ready to be with us. Are we as available to Jesus as he is to us? I know we all have times that are busy, times we'll be away, but there isn't any time or any place we can't have a little talk with Jesus in prayer or spend time reading the Word. You can create a new habit today so you can have just a closer walk with Jesus every day.

With love in Christ,
Pastor Kim

A NOTE FROM GAYLA

Gayla Gabrielse, Assistant Pastor

I have, thru my life, treasured The 4th of July as my favorite holiday and as a child, wondered if I was a "Yankee Doodle Dandy" why I was born in April! My favorite patriotic t-shirt reads "U.S. Cheering, Flag Waving, Anthem Singing American". Thinking of all the moving, wonderful songs we sing on this special day, God Bless America seemed to come to my mind over and over.

In my reading the other day the following comment of a great Founding Father touched my heart and I want to share with you. "It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ."

*Attributed to Patrick Henry-Governor of Virginia
From The American Patriot's Bible*





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<p>The Food Bank of Manatee provides nutritional assistance and caring supportive services to individuals in need throughout Manatee County to those in need.</p> <p>July we are focusing on collecting <u>BEANS</u> (dried or canned).</p>				
2 Communion Sunday 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	3	4 Independence Day – Church Office Closed 	5 Contact David Brown re/ Choir Rehearsal cndnoles@verizon.net	6	7	8
9 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	10 <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 Contact David Brown re/ Choir Rehearsal cndnoles@verizon.net	13	14	15
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23 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall	24	25 Church Council For July canceled Will resume <u>August 29</u> 1:00 PM In McCay Hall	26 Contact David Brown re/ Choir Rehearsal cndnoles@verizon.net	27	28	29
30 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School McCay Hall 5th Sunday Offering FL United Methodist Children's Home	31	<p>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.</p>				



Lunch Bunch!

YOU ARE INVITED to join us for lunch on Tuesday, **July 11, 11:30 AM** 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 so that we can give them an idea of how many to expect. Hope to see you there!

JULY

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 4 Terrie Zieber
- 6 Larry Linder
- 19 Lois Ham
- 24 Renate Pears
- 28 Nora Catalano

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 21 Mr. & Mrs. John Deffendall



CHURCH STATS...

Record of Faithful Giving

Weekly Budget	\$ 5,530.00
JUNE	General Offering
6/4	\$ 4,367.00
6/11	\$ 3,117.00
6/18	\$ 1,933.00
6/25	\$ 1,622.00

Weekly Attendance

JUNE	
6/4	59
6/11	64
6/18	47
6/25	55

Sunday School Bible Study

JUNE	10:45am
6/4	1
6/11	N/A
6/18	12
6/25	15

MAY Online Viewers

	FB	You Tube
5/7	N/A	51
5/14	24	27
5/21	17	23
5/28	N/A	N/A

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>

Please Remember

Please print clearly the contribution amount and your personal information on your giving envelope. When it comes to properly allocating the funds, the counters find it always 'interesting' trying to decipher the handwritings.

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.

Recent Requests

Barbara Frank
Bill Deutsch, Jr.
Freda Divan
Grayson Posewitz
Heang Prom
Jim Warrender
Kay Austin
Mary Goldthwait
Ruth Lombardo
Sharon Roach
Steve Arnold
Susie Carpenter
Terry Westphal
Vicki Anderson

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



BIBLE READING

JULY 1-31

- July 1: Psalms 81-82
- July 2: Psalms 83-86
- July 3: Psalms 87-89
- July 4: Psalms 90-91
- July 5: Psalms 92-94
- July 6: Psalms 95-98
- July 7: Psalms 99-101
- July 8: Psalms 102-104
- July 9: Psalms 105
- July 10: Psalms 106
- July 11: Psalms 107
- July 12: Psalms 108-109
- July 13: Psalms 110-113
- July 14: Psalms 114-118
- July 15: Psalms 119:1-119:56
- July 16: Psalms 119:57-120
- July 17: Psalms 119:121-176
- July 18: Psalms 120-124
- July 19: Psalms 125-131
- July 20: Psalms 132-135
- July 21: Psalms 136-138
- July 22: Psalms 139-140
- July 23: Psalms 141-145
- July 24: Psalms 146-150
- July 25: Proverbs 1-2
- July 26: Proverbs 3-5
- July 27: Proverbs 6-8
- July 28: Proverbs 9-11
- July 29: Proverbs 12-13
- July 30: Proverbs 14-16
- July 31: Proverbs 17-20

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 **July 30**.

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

If you have any questions or an interest about The Florida UM Children's home, please reach out to our FLUMCH Representative: Barbara Sigler at siglerb@www.edu.

Volunteer opportunity! 2023 DAY 4 HOPE DRIVE THRU

Did you know there are countless children in our area who are in great need, in transition or homeless? You can be a blessing by participating in the Day 4 Hope ministry

Kirkwood Church will host "Day 4 Hope" on **August 5, 2023**, for 150 children and help them get ready for the upcoming school year. Most of these children are from the immediate neighborhood surrounding Emmanuel Church.

Please reach out to our Assistant Pastor, Gayla Gabrielse at 941-792-3497 or email mickeykids2@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in this worthy cause!



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OR Eumcbradenton.org

OUT AND ABOUT

If you have some great suggestions for any upcoming trips, please contact Barbara Sigler, siglerb@www.edu. We are looking forward to getting out & about & enjoying fellowship together.



Always a BRIDESMAID



Our group had a GREAT time at the Off-Broadway Show!