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Sunday at Emmanuel

The Chapel is open for prayer and meditation before and after our Sunday service.

9:15 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship with Pastor Gill Preaching -
"Surprised By Grace"

10:30 am Sunday School for Children and Youth

Emmanuel welcomes George Glock as our special guest musician.

Inspirational Thought: "The need we face is to send people into the world to serve others using the gifts they have been given to work in ways we have discerned that make the reign of God more fully present amid the chaos and confusion, dislocation and destruction of the world."

From: "Facing Decline, Finding Hope: New Possibilities for Faithful Churches" by Jeffrey Jones."

Dec. 4-Dec.
11
MITTEN
TREE IS UP!

Sunday
Congregational Meeting following Worship
Alternate Gift-giving Covenant House Christmas Collection Starts

Monday
12:00 Noon
Discussion Group
7:30 pm
Deacons Meeting

Tuesday

8:00 am
*Interfaith
Breakfast
Meeting*

Thursday
7:30 pm
ESL

Sunday
*7:00 pm
Women's
Reflection
Group*

Emmanuel Vision Statement

A growing community, celebrating the rich diversity of God's people and treasuring our common humanity, sharing and learning about Christ's love in the contemporary world through worship, spiritual disciplines, intellectual study, mission work, social and environmental justice advocacy and artistic, interfaith and multicultural experiences. We welcome everyone's company at our table, as Jesus did.

(Revised December 7, 2014 with input from the Congregation)

Follow the Emmanuel Facebook

Page: <https://m.facebook.com/EBCRidgewood/>

Upcoming events are on North Jersey event listing here: <http://www.northjersey.com/events> If you happen upon any news articles pertaining to Emmanuel, could you please cut out and bring to Jessica attention in the office for our media archives.



Facebook



Website

Notes of Thanks:

To all my friends at Emmanuel,
Thank you for your support and love. I feel so...cared for!

Sami

125th Anniversary Thank You

THANK YOU one and all for helping to make our 125th Anniversary Week-end a huge success! We started with the tree dedication outside at 2:30, went into the Peace Lounge for that dedication, had an outstanding concert at 3:30, followed by a reception at 4:30, and then a dinner in Heritage Hall sponsored by Women of Emmanuel at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, after our 125th Anniversary Worship Service, we all enjoyed a catered luncheon in the Peace Lounge where a slide show of Emmanuel pictures was shown throughout the afternoon.

It was such a joy to see our former pastors and associate pastors: Linda Hart Green and Harry Green, Kelly and Souci Grimsley, Lloyd and Betty Kenyon, and

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Roger Harris. We were honored to have the Mayor of Ridgewood in attendance as well as the Police Chief. Our friends traveled great distances to be with us and we were honored by their presence.

Thank, congregation of Emmanuel, for the help and support in making this an outstanding event for Emmanuel. Thank you Pastor Ken and Pastor Judy, and to our outstanding staff: Jo Marie, Marek, Jessica and John, for your support!

With love and appreciation,
Marilyn

125TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE

Do you have something you want to place in the Time Capsule which will be buried as part of our 125th Anniversary celebration? Make your suggestion or bring in the item this Sunday and next Sunday. Marie Krieger has suggested the Annual Report for 2016. We'll put all items in plastic zip lock bags and label them before they go in the time capsule. The committee will make the final decision as to what is placed in the time capsule. Questions? Call Marilyn or Lee.

Communications Social Media Corner

Emmanuel's Social Media Statistics:

Facebook Friends: 136

Facebook Page Likes: 120

Twitter Followers: 11

YouTube Subscribers: 8

Please encourage your family and friends to follow and friend us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

COMMUNICATIONS NEWS AND VIEWS

1. Please check out Emmanuel News at: emmanuelridgewood.org, our new website, still under development but improving every day. Facebook. Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ridgewood, New Jersey
2. Great responses to the 125, whoops 135, reasons people love and enjoy Emmanuel. Thanks to all who contributed.
3. Wonderful comments about Emmanuel from our

congregation and guests at the Sunday dinner during the 125th Anniversary celebration.

4. Take a look at *Emmanuel Baptist Church 1891-1914*, now on the slider on the homepage of emmanuelridgewood.org Fascinating stories of Emmanuel's history!

5. Watch the newspapers and Facebook for Emmanuel news

November has been a busy, intense and productive month for the Communications Ministry thanks to Jessica Fargnoli, Jo Marie Quinn, Bob and Nancy MacPhee, Jessica Massler, Patrice Foresman, Pastor Gill and many others!

LRPC

The Long Range Planning Committee is grateful for being a Committee of the Church Council, and having the opportunity to summarize the goals of Emmanuel's Congregation to help us follow our *Vision* and fulfill our *Mission*. Recently, the **Summary Review of our Strategic Plan and Priorities of Focus for 2016** was sent out from the church office via email or mail to our members. Please review this document before the December 4, 2017 Congregational Meeting, which includes updates from our Ministries and the Technology Committee. We hope this is helpful for you to provide your feedback and input for planning in 2017.

A short reminder list of the Strategic Plan for Ministry and Priorities of Focus as defined by the Congregation in 2015 and 2016 follows; the updates are included in the document sent out earlier. If you need a copy of the full document, please call or see Jo Marie.

Priorities / Next Steps established by the Congregation in 2015 that are ongoing:

1. Continue to enhance worship through music, guest artists, technology, and increased involvement of Emmanuel's adult choir and youth....
2. Worship and Technology: continue outreach to a broader community through streaming, our website, U-tube, and other media.
3. Visitors – trained greeters / welcoming team. Provide a consistent message to visitors. Focus on

what Visitors need from us, how we can serve them. Don't overwhelm them. Invite them to coffee hour and sit with them.

4. Community Outreach and Social Action- develop Peace and Justice outreach.
5. Community Outreach to Seniors and the general community. Publicity. Publicize that we are accessible. Consider needs of the Senior population, their families, their caregivers.

Priorities of Focus for 2016 established by the Congregation at various meetings and workshops:

1. Enhance Communications, internal and external. Publicity. "Branding" and name recognition. Use technology and print media. Communications workshop in 2016, reflection and work to improve communication. Budget for Communications, Publicity, and evaluate progress.
2. Visibility- make the church visible to the community. Look at lighting, shrubs, and have visitor friendly internal and external signage. Update website and streaming. Use technology to increase visibility. Ensure Emmanuel comes up in an inspiring way on a "google search".
3. Continue the Priorities / Next steps noted above from 2015.
4. Visitors and Outreach – see 2015 and 2016 above.

Thank you for reviewing this list and the update document. LRPC and the Ministry Chairpersons welcome your feedback and input for planning our priorities for 2017.

Worship & Music

If you are interested in being a part of the church choir and can make a commitment to attending practice on Wednesday nights please contact John Giresi at 201 906-3717 or email: giresijo@yahoo.com

Adult Sunday School

Advent, 2016: "How is the Incarnation Revolutionizing Our Understanding of God?"
Join us each Sunday at 9:15 as we reflect on Bible passages and on chapters in our resource book, The Great Spiritual Migration by Brian D. McLaren.

Dec. 4 and 11: Passages from the Prophet Isaiah
Dec. 18 and 25: Passages from The Gospels and
Philippians 2

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It's time again for Breakfast with Santa at Christ Church Saturday, Dec. 3. from 8:00 am-12 noon. Kids young and old are invited to attend. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Under 12 years old, children are free. Those interested may meet at Emmanuel and go together.

Missions

Food collected for Thanksgiving baskets distributed by the Center for Food Action was delivered and included ten bags of groceries and four frozen turkeys. Thanks to all who helped others to have a Thanksgiving dinner.

The total reached for World Mission Offering was \$635.00, thank you to all that donated.

Our December projects include the annual Christmas gift collection for Covenant House. It will begin on Nov. 27th and continue until Dec. 14th. Covenant House provides housing and support for young people who have no place to live. The collection box is located in the hallway under the Mission bulletin board. Suggested gifts include gift cards for Shop Rite, McDonalds, Walmart, Target, Dunkin Donuts, Subway and similar stores. Also undergarments, hats, gloves, sweatpants, bath towels, toiletries, slippers, robes, etc.

Also in December, there will be opportunities to order alternative gifts for family and friends. This means placing orders for special items such as chickens, goats, mosquito nets, medical supplies, school supplies, etc. for families in poverty-stricken countries in honor of family or friends. They will receive a certificate describing your gift. Catalogs will be available during fellowship time on Dec. 4, 11, and 18.

Remember to pay your pledge or make a donation to "Cedars of Lebanon" which is a fundraiser for our NJ Baptist Camp. It is attempting to raise \$2,020,000 by the year 2020. Emmanuel has pledged \$10,000 toward this campaign.

Wider Circle of Prayer & Prayer Group

Pastor Gill to Lead Prayer Group in Little Chapel

You are invited to Prayer Group on Monday, December 12, 7:30 pm in the Little Chapel. Rev. Dr. Kenneth Gill, leading.

Please enter by the Hope Street - Church office door.

*** A Brand New Book:

Brian McLaren, *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to be Christian*. Convergent, 2016.

PART II: The Theological Migration from a Violent God of Domination to a Non-Violent God of Liberation

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For a copy of either *Walking... or Migration* please ask Jo Marie in the Church Office,
Pastor Judy or Don Wheeler

Prayer Resources:

**A wonderful on-line Mindfulness Presentation by Jon Kabat-Zinn Let go of stress and bask in being alive in the moment. Email or call Don if you have trouble cutting and pasting the link. 201-445-9272 or drdwheeler@optonline.net

[http://kabatzinn.kajabi.com/fe/85469-free-ce-seminar?
r=y](http://kabatzinn.kajabi.com/fe/85469-free-ce-seminar?r=y)

"Learning How to Love," Chapter 3 in Brian McLaren's, *The Great Spiritual Migration*.

*Nicholas Kristof, "A Twelve Step Program for Responding to President Elect Trump," *New York Times*, November 17, 2016.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/17/opinion/a-12-
step-program-for-responding-to-president-elect-
trump.html?
action=click&pgtype=Homepage&clickSource=story-
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Women of Emmanuel

THE WOMEN OF EMMANUEL MITTEN TREE IS UP, waiting to receive unwrapped gifts for the needy children of Bergen County. New clothes and toys are most welcome for children between birth and 13 years

of age. Please have your gifts by the tree no later than Wednesday, December 7th, as they have to be delivered to Children's Services in Hackensack and then sorted, wrapped and delivered in order for these children to have them Christmas morning. May you be blessed by the outpouring of your support.

Bible in the Contemporary World with the Pastor

The Tuesday night Bible study will take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:15 pm in the Pastor's lounge. Refreshments will be served.

The Community Pasta Dinner

The next dinner is January 17th at 6 p.m. Please note there will be no pasta dinner in December but will resume in the new year. Please come and bring friends. It is nice to know attendance ahead of time in order to plan accordingly, so please call either the church office 201-444-7300, or Marilyn, 201-391-4720.

Newsletter Due Dates

E-Happenings submissions are due to the Church office on Wednesdays by noon. Submissions received after this time will be included in the following week's newsletter. Expectations are due on Jan. 22.

Event Planning and Room Use

If you are planning any meetings or activities at the Church in the next several months, please pick up and fill out a 2016 Event Planner form. Please note that events cannot be placed on the Church calendar until a Planner Form has been received. Please contact our Communication Director, Jessica at jessicaf@ebcridgewood.org to plan publicity for events. Please plan your submissions 3 weeks prior to the event to ensure proper publicity.

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