



Dec. 11-Dec. 18
MITTEN TREE IS UP!

Sunday
Alternate Gift-giving
Continues Covenant House Christmas Collection
Women's Reflection
Group moved to Dec. 18th
Monday
12:00 Noon
Discussion Group
7:30 pm
Prayer Group

Wednesday
Covenant

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 - "Life in Between"
10:30 am Sunday School for Children and Youth

Emmanuel welcomes: Thein Amato ... Trumpet, Federico Perez ... Trombone
Charles Santoro ... piano as our special guest musicians.

[Inspirational Thought: "If you are not selfish at first you will have no "self" to give away"](#)

This Sunday we will host a special musicians on our morning service including Charles Santoro and brass. We will light the third advent candle and the morning message will be "Life in Between"...you will not want to miss this special service.

Next week, Dec. 18th our morning service will

*House
Christmas
Collection ends*
12 Noon
*CFI Luncheon
offsite - Sukra
Bana*

Thursday
2:00 pm
*"Hanging of
the Greens"*
7:30 pm
ESL

Sunday
*Alternate Gift-
giving ends*
*Special visitor
at Fellowship*
3:00 pm
*Christmas
Caroling*
7:00 pm
*Women's
Reflection
Group*

feature a "Blue Christmas" emphasis. This is an opportunity for everyone to recognize a special person they have lost or a special Christmas memory from their family tradition. As an expression of our joy (and sorrow) we will have a Christmas "memory" table at the front of the church where people can place a picture or memento of Christmas past or a symbol of hope for Christmas future. Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors who may be alone at Christmas.

Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve service 7:00 pm

We will have our traditional punch and cookie reception after our Christmas Eve service. Please sign up with Carol and Wally Krzeminski to bring some cookies to make this a festive time for all.

Christmas Day, Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 am,
Service to follow at 10:30 am

Save the Date: December 21st 4-7 pm
**Pastor Ken & Connie invite you to the Parsonage
for a "Holiday Open House"**

IN THANKS.....

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire Emmanuel congregation, Pastor Ken Gill, Pastor Judy Wheeler, Jo Marie Quinn, Don Wheeler, Bob McPhee, Janet Poinsette, Marilyn Clark, Jessica Massler, Joan Massler, Carol and Wally Krzeminski and family, Brent Sjaardema and the Deacons Ministry, the Communications Ministry, and everyone else for their support, prayers, and thoughtfulness during this sorrowful, difficult time. The outpouring of love was very comforting. Whether you attended the wake, sent a card, phoned, or prayed for us, I am thankful for you. Thank you for your blessings. I'd also like to extend blessings to you and your families.

Sincerely,



Monthly
Calendar

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.

Annual Hanging of the Greens:

Thursday Dec. 15th. Come out and help, more hands make the work go faster.

Communications Social Media Corner

Emmanuel's Social Media Statistics:

Facebook Friends: 149

Facebook Page Likes: 122

Twitter Followers: 11

YouTube Subscribers: 8

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

- Church School leaders Diane Shaver Rowles, Brent Sjaardema, Lee Ehman and Heidi Ehman are happy to have full access to their computer and smart TV in the Dungeon. It was borrowed by Control Central in the sanctuary for streaming worship services, but now Bob

MacPhee has a newly refurbished computer dedicated to those operations. Hooray!

- A new Hearing Assistance Headset and 3 new over-the-ear devices will be available for those who need them from this Sunday!
- Bar Regev will continue his excellent consultant work with a new title, System Administrator. He provides technical assistance for all Website, Audio-Visual and Computer operations working closely with the Technology Team, Bob MacPhee, Chair, and the Communications Ministry with Patrice Foresman, Jessica Massler, Don Wheeler and Pastor Gill.
- *Please check out Emmanuel's new website under construction, Emmanuelridgewood.org. We invite your requests, suggestions and any information you want added to the website. Please speak to Bob MacPhee or send them to: robert.macphee@gmail.com You may continue to access EBCridgewood.org for any information not yet added to the new website.
- *We have a treasure-trove of photographs and newspaper articles from Emmanuel's stellar *125th Anniversary Celebration*. Watch for them in a future slide show.

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. 11, 18 and 25: Passages from The Gospels and Philippians 2

Peace & Justice forum:

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be Jan. 17th after the Pasta Dinner.

Women of Emmanuel

SHARE luncheon will be Tuesday, December 20th. You are invited to join us for this luncheon held for the residents of the Seniors of SHARE. Please rsvp to Marilyn or to Florence. Following the luncheon, we'll have entertainment from the Holmstead School Students and also a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long. Home baked cookies are welcomed!

Missions

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
Ch 4

12/11 GOD 5.0 Ch 5

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://kabat-zinn.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-heading&module=opinion-c-col-left-region®ion=opinion-c-col-left-region&WT.nav=opinion-c-col-left-region>

Bible in the Contemporary World with the Pastor

The Tuesday night Bible study will take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 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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