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**Dec. 24-Jan. 1**

**Saturday**

**7:00 pm**

*Christmas Eve  
Service*

*Punch & Cookie  
Reception  
following service*

**Sunday**

**Merry Christmas**

**10:00 am**

*Coffee &  
Fellowship*

**10:30 am**

*Service*

**Monday**

*Office closed*

**Sunday**

*New Year's Day*

**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 - ""

10:30 am Sunday School for Children and Youth

Emmanuel welcomes: Leah & Tom Hammer as our special guest musicians.

Inspirational Thought: "May the blessing of light be on you, light without and light within. May the blessed sunshine shine on you and warm your heart till it glows like a great peat fire, so that the stranger may come and warm himself at it, and also a friend."

[Traditional Irish Blessing](#)

**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

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### **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.

### **Emmanuel's Social Media Corner Statistics:**

Facebook Friends: 153

Facebook Page Likes: 122

Twitter Followers: 11

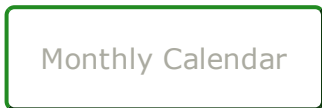
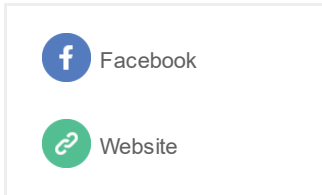
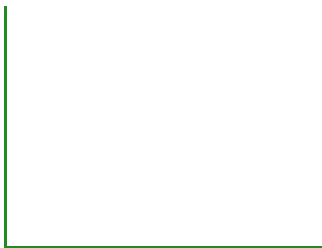
YouTube Subscribers: 8

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

Note: As of 12/21/16 at 11:20am, Emmanuel's post on the Blue Christmas Service online article featured on NorthJersey.com had a reach of 576 people. Emmanuel's Facebook page post reach is up to 624. These numerical figures are record numbers for Emmanuel's Facebook page.

Communications Ministry Announcements:

Emmanuel's History Books have been cataloged in



the Ridgewood Public Library's Bolger Heritage Center. When you visit the library, please take a look at the books.

Emmanuel's Blue Christmas Service, Christmas Eve Service, and Christmas Day Service have been advertised and publicized with the Ridgewood News, NorthJersey.com, the Ridgewood Chamber of Commerce, and Emmanuel's Facebook page. Press releases were sent out to other local area papers. If you happen to see an article on Emmanuel in the press, please clip it out and bring it to the office for Jessica's attention.

### **Christian Ed**

Sunday School is suspended for Christmas and New Year's days, and will resume on January 8, 2017. Christian Ed wishes all our Emmanuel family near and far a Blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

May 2017 bring the blessings of peace, love and joy to all.

### **ESL**

Please be advised there will be no ESL week of 12/25-12/31

### **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. 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.

### **Missions**

Thanks to everyone who contributed gifts and gift cards for the young people who live at Covenant House. They will be much appreciated.

In January, the Missions Ministry will again participate in a project for Habitat for Humanity in Paterson. Boards will be brought in for people to sign and make a contribution for building a house in Paterson. The boards will be placed in one of the homes being built.

Remember to bring in groceries to be given to The Board of Social Services of Ridgewood and Vicinity for needy families in our area. A list of needed items is posted by the collection box outside the sanctuary.

### **Women of Emmanuel**

**SHARE** luncheon was Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, and enjoyed by all in attendance, particularly the visit by Santa Claus. Thank you to all who helped to make this a great event!

**THE MITTEN TREE** was a huge success! 235 hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, toys and clothing items were delivered to Children's Services in Hackensack on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December to assure that these items would be received by children in need for Christmas. Thank you for helping to make a joyful Christmas for many children.

### **125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE...**

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reminder: Bring your suggestions and items to go in the Time Capsule...

### **Wider Circle of Prayer & Prayer Group**

\*\*\*Brian McLaren, We Make the Road by Walking: Alive in the Adventure of Jesus  
12/19-12/25            Surprising People

Ch 17

The Light has Come –

Christmas Eve Ch 17

Sharing Gifts- Christmas Day

Ch 18

\*\*\*Brian McLaren, The Great Spiritual Migration:

How the World's

Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to be  
Christian.

Convergent, 2016.

12/26-1/1/2017 The Bible in Labor Ch 6

New Section: The Missional Migration: From  
Organized Religion to Organizing Religion

1/2 -1/8 That Beautiful Romance Ch 7

1/9-1/15 Salvation from the Suicide Machine Ch 8

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&region=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. 23.

### **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](mailto: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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