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Feb. 19-Feb.

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Sunday

*America for
Christ
Offerings
Continues
7:00 pm
Women's
Reflection
Group*

Monday

*Office Closed
in Observant
of President's
Day*

Tuesday

6:00 pm

Pasta Dinner

7:00 pm

*Peace &
Justice Forum*

Wednesday

6:00 pm

*Parenting
Support
Group*

Thursday

7:30 pm

ESL

Sunday

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: **We welcome, The Rev. Adolphus C. Ross**

Preaching - "Are You Ready for the Question?"

10:30 am Sunday School for Children and Youth

Emmanuel welcomes: George Glock as our special guest musician.

[Inspirational Quote- In the end the love you take is equal to the love you make.](#)

[-John Lennon and Paul McCartney](#)

****Dont forget this Tuesday, Feb. 21 Peace & Justice Forum**

Emmanuel Baptist Church will hold a forum entitled, "Where to From Here? Responding to Political Challenges (and Opportunities)" on Tuesday, February 21st, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Peace Lounge following the monthly non-fundraising Community Pasta Dinner. Pre-registration for the Peace and Justice Forum is not required.

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Gill, Senior Pastor of Emmanuel, will lead a panel of community leaders. Rev. Mack Brandon is Professor of Music at Ramapo College, Pastor at Metropolitan AME Zion Church of Ridgewood, NJ, and Director of Gospel Explosion. Mr. Mahmoud Hamza is a representative of the Muslim Society of Ridgewood, NJ. Rev. Dr. Anthony Johnson is the Interim Minister of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, NJ.

The Community Pasta Dinner starts at 6:00pm in Heritage Hall. Suggested donation is \$4 per adult and \$2 per child.

*America for
Christ
Offerings Ends*



Monthly
Calendar

Since there is limited space, it is suggested that you reserve your seat by calling the Church office at [201-444-7300](tel:201-444-7300).

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://facebook.com/EmmanuelRidgewood>

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's attention in the office for our media archives.

Missions

Joan and Jessica Massler delivered about 150 cans of soup and \$10 to the Center for Food Action. Thanks to all who donated to the "Souper Bowl" project.

The "America for Christ" Offering continues during February. This offering helps the Home Mission Society of ABC-USA train and support Missionaries and their projects all over the US and in Puerto Rico. Brochures explaining these projects and offering envelopes will be in the worship bulletins on Sundays

Our March projects are two-fold: On March 14th, our special Missionary, Luran Bethell, will visit EBC to update us on her work around the world combating human trafficking. We will begin with a potluck supper at 6:00 pm in the Peace Lounge followed by the discussion. Members of the community will be invited to be our guests. Please place this important date on your calendar.

Also on March 31st and April 1st and 2nd, EBC is responsible for hosting homeless families at the United Methodist Church in Ridgewood through the Family Promise program. Food, entertainment, and overnight hosts are needed. Contact Anita Powell-Byrd if you can help by donating your time or money.

The food collection for February will go to the Ridgewood and Vicinity Board of Social Services.

The annual COAL Training workshops for Church Leaders are being offered by ABCNJ in March. The date for the northern part of the state is on March 4th at the Van Riper-Ellis Broadway Baptist Church in Fairlawn from 8:30am to 2:00pm. This program is for Church leaders and interested parties and early registration is \$35. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Brianna Parker. See the ABCNJ website for more

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) urges American Baptist individuals and congregations to take action and speak out on behalf of Syrian refugees, recommending [Church World Service's \(CWS\) online "How Can We Help?"](#) resource as a

starting point.

The resource includes prayers, a bulletin insert with instructions for calling Congress, and ideas for collecting home goods to be donated to incoming families.

"American Baptists and our mission partners have both historic and recent experiences of extending welcome and hospitality to persons fleeing danger, seeking refuge and resettling on America's shores," says ABHMS Executive Director Dr. Jeffrey Haggray. "Our faith dictates what our works should be. The welcome we extend to the most vulnerable and to those considered to be the least reflects the welcome we extend to Christ.

American Baptist Churches USA is a founding member of CWS, an organization committed to immigrants, refugees and other forcibly displaced persons since its founding in 1946. CWS includes a network of 36 denominations and communions, plus 34 refugee resettlement affiliates.

For more information, visit CWS at <http://www.cwsglobal.org/>. To contact your senators and representatives in Congress, call [1-202-224-3121](tel:1-202-224-3121) or one of the other numbers published in the CWS "How Can We Help" publication referenced above.

The next THE COMMUNITY PASTA DINNER is scheduled for **February 21st, at 6 p.m.** 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](tel:201-444-7300), or Marilyn, [201-391-4720](tel:201-391-4720).

Emmanuel's Social Media Corner Statistics:

Facebook Friends: 182

Facebook Page Likes: 127

Twitter Followers: 13

YouTube Subscribers: 7

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Follow us on **Twitter** at <https://twitter.com/Emmanuel07450>

Subscribe and watch our **Service Live Stream** at www.TinyURL.com/EmmanuelStream

GOOGLE REVIEWS

Emmanuel needs to increase its visibility on Google. Would congregation members and friends of Emmanuel please write an online review of the church on Google?

ALL SEASONS CHAMBER PLAYERS CONCERT ON MARCH 12, 2017

All Seasons Chamber Players will perform at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 3:00 pm for an annual Community Concert, entitled "ROME, VIENNA, AND BEYOND," honoring the musical legacy of William F. Wilkins. Celebrated works to be performed include Grainger, Chaplin, Barab, Bartok, Bruce, Rota, and Schubert.

Admission to the concert is free and open to the public. During the intermission, a free will offering will be taken up for the Center for Food Action (CFA). Following the concert, all are invited to a Meet the Artists reception with complimentary light refreshments in the Peace Lounge. For more information, call the church office at [201-444-7300](tel:201-444-7300) or visit www.emmanuelridgewood.org or <https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelRidgewood/>.

Upcoming Events in Ridgewood and the Community

T'ai Chi Chih Classes

Free T'ai Chi Chih classes are being offered every Tuesday from January 24-March 28 from 5:00pm-6:00pm at the Fair Lawn Community Center, 10-10 20th Street, Fair Lawn, NJ. Registration is recommended as space is limited. Contact Eric Ciavaglia at eciavaglia@co.bergen.nj.us or call [201-634-2709](tel:201-634-2709). Classes provided by the Valley Hospital. Event sponsored by the Bergen County Department of Health Services,

Borough of Fair Lawn, and Community Health Improvement Partnership of Bergen County.

Lunchtime Health Series in Ridgewood

Ridgewood Health Department in partnership with Ridgewood Parks and Recreation Department offers a new wellness program for adults in Bergen County as part of the CHIP Wellness Initiative.

All programs will take place on the first Thursday of the month from 1pm to 2pm in the Pat Mancuso Senior Lounge of The Community Center, located in Village Hall, 131 N. Maple Ave., Ridgewood. Please bring a brown bag lunch, unless otherwise noted.

Please make sure to register for the Lunchtime Health Series at Ridgewood Health Department, 131 N. Maple Ave., Ridgewood, NJ 07450 or by telephone at [201-670-5500](tel:201-670-5500) ext 245.

Lunchtime Health Series Topics include:

March 2, 2017 Quiet Your Mind, Activate Your Body: Learn how to improve your mental and physical health through the practice of yoga. Incorporating yoga and mindfulness into everyday life will reduce stress and create empowerment. Lindsay Finkel, Chief Operating Officer, Racefaster

April 6, 2017 Your Financial Health...: An educational session for your future financial health. Thoughtful and creative budgeting, spending, saving and investing. Plan and prepare for the future and manage bank, savings and investment accounts. Kathleen M. Entwistle, CFP®, CDFA, Senior Vice President, Private Wealth Advisor, Senior Portfolio Manager

May 4, 2017 A Healthier You...Eat Good: Navigate a farmer's market for good nutrition and cost savings. Have fun while cooking up new recipes during this educational and interactive workshop. Light lunch included. Stacey Antine, MS, RDN, HealthBarn USA

June 1, 2017 Time Management: Find better ways to organize and better manage your time and become more effective with personal and employment tasks. Susan Breithaupt, LCSW, Health Educator, The Valley Hospital

NEW PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP- "The Parenting Village"

Emmanuel Baptist Church will be offering a new parenting support group, "The Parenting Village," meeting on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Peace Lounge. Parents of all ages who have children of all ages are invited to attend. The group will begin by studying Dr. Gordon Neufeld and Dr. Gabor Mate's book, "Hold On to Your Kids" (2006). Childcare will be provided free of charge at Emmanuel. Light refreshments will be served.

Emmanuel will be purchasing the reference material for the group meetings. In order to determine how many books to be ordered, please RSVP to the Church office at [201-444-7300](tel:201-444-7300) or on the Facebook event link at www.facebook.com/EmmanuelRidgewood/. If you are unable to reach the church office, please contact Heidi Ehman at meandhue@optonline.net.

Wider Circle of Prayer & Prayer Group

***Reading, Brian McLaren, The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to be Christian. (Readings now correspond the Chapters discussed in the Adult Class with Pastor Judy on Sunday morning 9:15)

Part III. The Missional Migration: From Organized Religion to Organizing Religion

2/13-19 Salvation from the Suicide Machine Ch 8
2/20-26 You are Social Poets Ch 9
2/27-3/5 The Broken Open Heart Ch 10
3/6 PRAYER GROUP 7:30

3/6-3/12 Afterword: We Stepped Forth. The Waters Parted

3/13-3/26 Appendix I: Charter for a Just and Generous Christianity

3/19 Sunday, 3:00pm: Brian McClaren presentation at Westside Presbyterian Church, 6 S. Monroe Street, Ridgewood,

Appendix II: Fourteen Precepts of Just and Generous Christianity

4/3 PRAYER GROUP 7:30

4/3-4/9 Appendix III: More on Beliefs

For a copy of either The Great Spiritual Migration, please ask Jo Marie in the Church office, Pastor Judy or Don Wheeler

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.

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](tel:2019063717) or email: giresijo@gmail.com

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 Feb. 21.

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 2017 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 communications@emmanuelridgewood.org to plan publicity for events. Please plan your submissions 3 weeks prior to the event to ensure proper publicity.

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