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E-Happenings

Feb 26-
Mar 5

Sunday
*America for
Christ
Offerings Ends*

Monday
*7:30 pm
Council
Meeting*

Thursday
7:30 pm
ESL

 Facebook

 Website

Monthly
Calendar

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 - "Your Spiritual Bliss"

10:30 am Sunday School for Children and Youth

Emmanuel welcomes: Donna Vivino as our special guest musician.

[Inspirational Quote- You will never find your heart in a temple, unless you make a temple of your heart.](#)

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.

125TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE...

The following item will be placed in the 125th Anniversary Time Capsule so far...

- 2016 Spring Art Show and Sale Catalogue
- 125th Anniversary Booklet
- 125th Anniversary Sunday Bulletin
- 2016 Annual Report
- Photos from the anniversary and 4th of July parade

What are your thoughts as to items to place in the capsule? Please call Marilyn with your ideas or bring in the items. Thank you!

Missions

UPDATE: Thirty-five people attended the 2/21 Peace and Justice Forum sponsored by the Missions Ministry. Pastor Ken and a panel including Rev. Mack Brandon, Pastor of Metropolitan AME Zion Church, Mr. Mahmoud Hamza of the Muslim Society, and Rev. Dr. Anthony Johnson, Interim Minister of the Unitarian Society, addressed the topic: "*Where To From Here? Responding to Political Challenges (and Opportunities)*" and discussion followed.

You will want to join in the next Missions Ministry event coming on March 14th. Watch for details.

The "America for Christ" Offering continues during February. We have collected \$296 as of Feb. 19th. We can do better! Let's try to collect \$400 for our Home Missionaries by the end of 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, Lauran 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. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Brianna Parker. She will talk about how to connect with millennials and early registration of \$35 needs to be in by Feb. 25th. Contact Nancy Shaver or Marilyn Clark if you can attend on March 4th. This program is for Church leaders and interested parties. 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 **March 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).

Men's Fellowship

Save the Dates!

March 11---Women of Emmanuel join the men for Breakfast

April 1---Italian Festival

Emmanuel's Social Media Corner Statistics:

Facebook Friends: 184

Facebook Page Likes: 127

Twitter Followers: 13

YouTube Subscribers: 7

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

Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelRidgewood/> 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?

WEEKLY BROWN BAG DISCUSSION ON MONDAYS AT NOON

Emmanuel invites the community to participate in its weekly Brown Bag Discussion Group every Monday at noon in the church library. Participants in the group discuss contemporary literature related to theology, philosophy, and politics. Participants should bring their own brown bag lunch.

EMMANUEL INVITES CHOIR PARTICIPANTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Emmanuel invites the community to join its new choir. Anyone who has an interest in music and would like to share their musical talent on Sunday mornings is invited to join the choir. All ages and all levels of musical talent are welcome. Please contact the Church office at [201-444-7300](tel:201-444-7300). If you are unable to get through to the church office,

contact Musical and Artistic Director, John Giresi, at giresijo@gmail.com.

Emmanuel Invites All Children to Participate in a Blanket Making Session for Project Linus on March 12th

Emmanuel invites children of all ages to join in a one hour blanket making session on March 12th at 10:30am-11:30am in Heritage Hall as part of the Sunday School Christian Education program. No sewing is required. Children's scissors are used in making the blankets. Contact the Church Office at [201-444-7300](tel:201-444-7300) or via email at office@emmanuelridgewood.org to sign up.

Leslie Maltz Taylor, a representative from Project Linus, will lead the one hour blanket making session during Sunday school at Emmanuel. Emmanuel will donate the completed blankets to Project Linus, a non-profit organization that provides homemade blankets to children in need.

Women of Emmanuel are supplying the soft plush material for the blanket making project. Marilyn Clark, head of Women of Emmanuel, stated, "We are excited to bring this blanket making session to Emmanuel. With the use of children's scissors, it is easy to do. Anyone can do it."

ALL SEASONS CHAMBER PLAYERS CONCERT ON MARCH 12th

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/>.

POTLUCK SUPPER AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING DISCUSSION WITH REV. LAURAN BETHELL ON MARCH 14th

Emmanuel invites the community to attend a Potluck Supper and Special Visit from Missionary, Rev. Lauran Bethell, on Tuesday, March 14th in the Peace Lounge at 6:00pm. Rev. Lauran Bethell, M.Div., D.D., an American Baptist missionary and human rights advocate, will report on her work around the world to combat human trafficking.

The Potluck Supper will begin at 6:00pm and Rev. Bethell's Human Trafficking Discussion will begin at 7:00pm. Invited guests to Emmanuel need not bring items for the Potluck Supper. The supper and discussion is a part of Emmanuel's Social Justice emphasis.

Upcoming Events in Ridgewood and the Community

First Annual Bergen County Care Fair

Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 12:00pm-5:00pm

Hilton Hotel, 650 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ

A One Stop Source to help all Bergen residents cut through the health care and support system maze, learn about their options, and connect with the right providers and resources. A Fair for seniors, children, families, veterans, the disabled, special needs, mental health, chronic disease, all income levels, you and the people you love. For more information, visit www.bergencarefair.org or contact by phone at [201-336-7240](tel:201-336-7240) or email at info@bergencarefair.org.

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:

February 2, 2017 A Healthy Heart: Know the facts about cardiovascular disease and learn how to protect your heart and live smart. Mary C. Collins, Nurse Practitioner, APN-BC Director, Cardiac Surgery and Cardiac Specialty Programs, The Valley Hospital

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

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

2/20-26 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 McLaren 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.

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 March 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 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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