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E-Happenings

March 12-

March 19

Sunday

10:30 am

Blanket

Sunday

3 pm

*All Seasons
Chamber
Concert
followed by
Artist
Reception
and light
refreshments*

Monday

12 Noon

*Discussion
Group*

Tuesday

7:00 pm

*Mission Pot
Luck Dinner
& Discussion
to follow
with Lauren
Bethell*

Thursday

7:30 pm

ESL

Sunday

3:00 pm

It's Daylight savings time: Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour!

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 - "Spring Cleaning"

10:30 am Sunday School for Children and Youth

Emmanuel welcomes Charles Santoro as our guest musician

Inspirational Quote- The Lenten journey toward Easter is the way of Jesus racial, self-giving love and what a beautiful journey it is! I invite you to take a little extra time the next few weeks to consider how you might go deeper in receiving and sharing this love that we celebrate..

Please note: Lent Devotional guides will be available at Church this Sunday.

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

Brian
McClaren
presentation
at Westside
Presbyterian
Church,
6 S. Monroe
Street,
Ridgewood
7:00 pm
Women's
Reflection
Group

 Facebook

 Website

Monthly
Calendar

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!

Upcoming Event:

The author of *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to be Christian* and *We Make the Road by Walking: A Yearlong Quest for Spiritual Formation*. Will be speaking at Westside Presbyterian Church on Sunday March. 19 at 3:00 pm

Members Corner:

An ongoing goal at Emmanuel is to improve communications. Each month, following the Council Meeting, **Council Highlights** will be listed in **EHappenings**. You can read the full Council minutes online in the Members' Section. Minutes are also posted on the bulletin board by the Pastor's office. Marilyn

February Council Highlights

- The first Sunday of each month will feature our youth, as ushers and lay readers
- Jessica and Martin Massler will lead a "sensitivity training" for our congregation
- We are exploring a *Charter for Compassion*
- Evaluation of Ministries and Council report issued
- Forms for use of facilities accepted and available in office and online
- Church signage discussed
- Church Treasurer's report for Debit Card use and limits accepted
- Passing of long-time member, Elaine Hamill
- Peace and Justice Forum March 14th
- Grant being developed for purchase of cameras
- Council will sponsor a monthly **Town Meeting** with a "pot luck" following worship,

COME ONE, COME ALL ... TO EMMANUEL'S **TOWN MEETING/POT LUCK** ...

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH, immediately following worship

WHERE: Peace Lounge

SUBJECT: Presentations from the ABC COAL WORKSHOP held Saturday, March 4
Presenters: Pastor Judy, Don Wheeler, Dave Shaver, Marilyn Clark

RSVP: Not necessary, just come

FOOD: Bring something to share, your choice. If you forget, don't let that stop you from attending; there will be plenty of food. Just place your dish on the buffet table in the Peace Lounge, unless it needs refrigeration.

The next **TOWN MEETING/POT LUCK** will be Sunday, April 2nd, with Jessica and Martin Massler doing a presentation on "**SENSITIVITY TRAINING/GREETING**"

Missions

UPDATE: The "America for Christ" Offering for February resulted in donations of \$668.00! Yippee! Thanks to all who gave to support our ABCUSA Home Missionaries.

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 plan to attend. Sign ups will take place on March 5th and March 12th

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.

Emmanuel has pledged to donate \$10,000 to our NJ Baptist Camp Lebanon by the year 2020 for the "Cedars of Lebanon" campaign which hopes to raise \$2,020,000 for the camp by the year 2020. At the end of 2016, we had contributed \$7,215 leaving a balance of \$2,785. Please remember to complete your pledge or become a donor.

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 or one of the other numbers published in the CWS "How Can We Help" publication referenced above.

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

Women of Emmanuel invited to join men for breakfast on Saturday at 9 am.

Tickets for Italian Festival available during coffee hour on Sunday

Emmanuel's Social Media Corner Statistics:

Facebook Friends: 188

Facebook Page Likes: 131

Twitter Followers: 18

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

MARCH IS NATIONAL OPTIMISM MONTH

Did you know that March is National Optimism Month? Keep your attitude bright. Think positive. No negative thoughts. Share it!

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. Currently discussing, *The Post American World* by Fareed Zakaria

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. 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.

SAVE THE DATE: ITALIAN FESTIVAL ON APRIL 1st

Menu will feature traditional Italian dishes and desserts. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm in Heritage Hall of the church. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children and can be purchased by calling the church office at [201-444-7300](tel:201-444-7300) on or before March 29th. Proceeds to benefit selected mission projects by Men's Fellowship.

Upcoming Events in Ridgewood and the Community

RIDGEWOOD/FAIRLAWN FOURTH ANNUAL WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

Weekly weigh-ins will be conveniently located on Wednesdays from 3 pm to 4 pm in the Garden room of Village Hall. The cutoff date to register is March 17th. This year's goal is to lose 500 pounds!

Any questions should be directed to Valley Community Health at [1-877-283-2276](tel:1-877-283-2276) or the Ridgewood Health Dept. at [201 670-5500](tel:201-670-5500) ext. 245.

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:

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

A "Millennial Friendly" read – from age 17 upward!

–a small, powerful book you might like to read leading up to Easter–

Resisting Happiness Matthew Kelly-New York Times Best Selling Author- Beacon Publishing, 2016 – less than \$10 from Amazon.

"A true story about why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside our dreams, & lack the courage to simply be ourselves... & how to start choosing happiness again!" NO SURPRISE: God is in this picture!

Jessica F., Emmanuel's excellent, communications director, highly recommends *Resisting Happiness*. "It is a quick read, but profound. and I loved it."

Available from the Church Office or Prayer Group – Don Wheeler

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

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.

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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