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### **July 23-29**

#### **Sunday**

*CFA school  
supplies  
drive  
continues*

*Thank You  
letter posted  
on bulletin  
board take a  
look.*

#### **7:00 pm**

*Women's  
Reflection  
Group*

#### **Monday**

#### **12 Noon**

*Discussion  
Group*

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### **Sunday at Emmanuel**

The Chapel is open for prayer and meditation before and after our Sunday service.

10:30 am Worship with Pastor Gill preaching - "Good Earth"

Emmanuel welcomes Leah & Tom Hammer as our guest musicians.

*Inspirational Quote: "When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."*

*Victor Frankl*

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### **Emmanuel Vision Statement**

*Emmanuel is a growing, welcoming, caring community, celebrating the rich diversity of God's Creation, treasuring our common humanity and following the way of Christ's love, justice and mercy in today's world.*

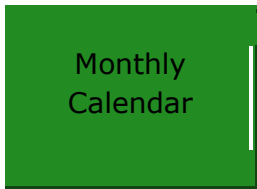
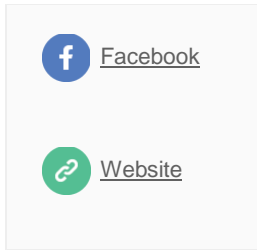
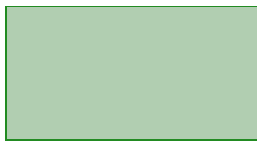
### **Men's Fellowship**

The Men of Emmanuel will meet for breakfast on Saturday at 9 am. French toast and fellowship. Invite a friend.

### **Council Highlights – June 26, 2017 Council Meeting**

As always, full council minutes are on the bulletin board outside the Pastor's Office.

- New piano will be purchased for the Sanctuary given in memory



of Elaine Hammill

- Vacation Bible School will be Thursday, August 3rd
- Pastor Judy encourages us ALL to visit the sick and homebound
- Results of June 25th Planning Meeting

1. Active search commenced for Pastoral Intern for Youth and family with goal of completion by September – Pastor Ken spearheading this

2. Week-end of November 4, 5 chosen for our Extravagant Welcome Weekend Event

3. Active Listening Workshop planned for Jan/Feb., led by Pastor Ken

4. Church Signage is progressing with Council approval to purchase needed signage

5. New banners & Pride flag ordered

6. Directory and website updates prioritized

· The Council will meet on the 4th SUNDAY during January and February

· 100% of the Council commitments for STEWARDSHIP 2018 are in and recorded

· The leading of the singing on Sundays is very successful! Thank you John Giresi, guest and artists

· Pastoral Relations Committee distributed 25 evaluations and others will be mailed

· The next Council Meeting will be Monday, September 25, unless required sooner

### **MISSIONS**

The Mission Committee is beginning a collection of school supplies for needy children in this area and will be distributed by the Center for Food Action. Several backpacks have already been purchased and the collection will continue until the middle of August. The collection box is located under the Mission bulletin board along with a list of preferred items needed. In July and August, area stores often have very good prices on school supplies. The list is as follows: Marble composition notebooks, spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, glue sticks, highlighters, pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, 2-pocket folders, 3-ring binders, and backpacks.

In August we look forward to receiving an offering to thank retired Ministers and Missionaries from ABCUSA for their service and to help with emergency needs.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** August 3rd - 10-2 pm

THEME: "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY" The Jesus prayer or the Lord's prayer will be our model for prayer as we discover how to talk with God and how God talks with us.

Our Bible school will help children learn to pray in different and interesting forms and activities:

Praying with our Bodies: including yoga as a way to concentrate

Praying with our touch: the children will make prayer beads

Prayer in the quiet: we will enter our "prayer closet" and discover candles and incense

Prayer through worship: the children will sing Psalms together and make a joyful noise

\*\*The Men's Fellowship Group will provide our pizza lunch

If know of any children interested in coming please have them call the church office in the next week or contact Pastor Judy Wheeler. There will be a \$10.00 registration fee to cover the cost of the prayer beads. (scholarships are available)

**NO COMMUNITY PASTA DINNER** for the months of July & August. Will resume Sept. 19th. 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.

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.

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**Emmanuel Website:**

Check the Emmanuel Website for updates at [www.emmanuelridgewood.org](http://www.emmanuelridgewood.org). Please let your friends and family know that they can submit Online Prayer Requests through the website. Those friends or family members who want to be added to our email list or want to obtain information about events at the church can fill out the Online Contact Us Request Form.

### **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?

### **Newsletter Due Dates**

E-Happenings submissions are due to the Church office on Wednesdays by noon. Please note in the future any submissions for Expectations and E-Happenings which are not received by the deadline will not be included until the following week/month.

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