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Sept. 10-Sept. 17

Sunday

*Bread for the World
Letter Writing Campaign
Men's Clothing Drive*

12 Noon

Pet Blessings

4:00 pm

Crop Meeting

7:00 pm

*Women's Reflection
Group*

Monday

12 noon

Discussion Group

7:30 pm

Congregational Workshop

Tuesday

6 pm

Pasta Dinner

7:00 pm

Peace & Justice Forum

Wednesday

11:00 am

CFI Pot Luck Luncheon

Sunday at Emmanuel

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

9:15-10:15 Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship with Pastor Ken preaching -
"A Blueprint for Happiness"

11:00 am Children & Youth Sunday School

Emmanuel welcomes Donna Vivino & Charles Santoro as our guest musicians.

Inspirational Quote: "I am the Lord, your God, your Savior...
You are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you...
Do not fear, for I am with you."

-Isaiah 43-

***Please note the elevator is still "out of order."**

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.

Thursday
7:30 pm
ESL classes resume

Friday
ABCNJ Annual Session

Saturday
ABCNJ Annual Session

Sunday
Bread for the World
Letter Writing Campaign
Men's Clothing Drive
Stewardship Sunday



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Website

Monthly Calendar

****Please note there will be a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 17 during service, to name 2 additional delegates to the ABCNJ Annual Assembly.**

**CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP-ALL ARE INVITED-
PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES FOR EMMANUEL**

Monday, September 18 @ 7:30 pm

Why do we pray? Why do we need a "devotional practice."

Why pray together? How can a devotional practice be a blessing to ourselves and others? Does God care if we pray?

The Church Council on August 21, affirmed that the congregation "cultivate our personal devotional practice as an integral part of our lives and the life of Emmanuel."

Following up, on Monday, September 18, 7:30, we will explore specific possibilities for developing our personal devotional practice, such as: daily prayer, enriching our prayer time with readings, etc, praying together and even experimenting with limited fasting.

Pastor Ken and Don Wheeler will present these and other devotion practices for discussion and follow-up. All are invited!

COMMUNITY PASTA DINNER is scheduled for

Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 6 pm. 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](tel:201-391-4720).

PEACE AND JUSTICE FORUM

Tuesday, September 19, 7:00-8:30pm

**Welcoming Muslims in Ridgewood and Vicinity
Success Stories and Present Challenges.**

Role of faith communities, local government, schools, community organizations and businesses.

Presentations by: Shaykh Moutaz Charaf, Imam (leader) of the El-Zahra Islamic Center in Midland Park, Mamoud Hamza, Leader, Muslim Society of Ridgewood and Moderated by Rev. Dr. Kenneth Gill, Senior Minister of Emmanuel.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

September 16 Men's Breakfast and beginning of clothing drive for Good Shepherd Mission

October 21 **Oktoberfest**

ABCNJ Upcoming Event

The Annual Session for ABCNJ will be held on Sept. 22 and 23 at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa at 1 Ocean Blvd, Long Branch, NJ. 07740. Saturday cost includes parking, pre-session, breakfast and banquet luncheon. Special speakers include Sharon Koh, the Executive Director of International Ministries of ABCUSA, David Fitch of Northern Seminary in Chicago, Victoria Goff of the Home Mission Society and Jerson Narcisco who earned a PhD in Religious Cultural Studies in Indonesia. Nancy and Dave Shaver will be going for the day on Saturday and would be glad to provide transportation. To register go to the website ABCNJ.net.

MISSIONS

Over \$1000 has been collected for One Great Hour of Sharing to aid victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. This is a wonderful response from EBC and donations will continue to be accepted. The great need continues.

-The Mission emphasis for September will be to encourage people to write letters or E-Mail their representatives in Congress asking them to support legislation to help prevent hunger in this country and around the world. Forms can be found on the ledge under the Missions' sign in hallway.

Step 1- Go onto the Bread for the World website

Step 2- select "offering of letters"

Step 3- read about the 2017 offering of letters and why it is important.

Step 4- click on "write to congress"

Step 5 fill in your personal information, your zip code will be used to ensure this is sent on to your elected officials.

Step 6 - click on "email congress".

<https://secure.bread.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=331>

-The Rotary Club of Ridgewood has asked Emmanuel to participate in a shoe collection called "Soles 4 Souls" and have provided a box. This box will be placed under the Mission Bulletin Board for anyone who has gently used shoes to contribute. We have done this before with good results.

- The food collection for September will again go to the The Ridgewood Board of Social Services because the food collected in October and November will go to The Center for Food Action due to the Crop Walk and Thanksgiving Baskets.

- Thanks to all who contributed to the Family Promise weekend last week with time and money and especially to the men who slept over. A special thank you to Anita Powell-Byrd who planned the event and arranged the meals.

SAVE THE DATE for the annual "CROP Walk" on Sunday October 15. Supplies are now available at Emmanuel.

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.

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/>

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<https://twitter.com/Emmanuel07450>

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

Emmanuel Website:

Check the Emmanuel Website for updates at 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.

Notes from the Treasurer

If you have any check request, please kindly place in mailbox outside church office, if the office is locked. Please do not hand it to me during coffee hour as it could get misplaced. Thank you for your understanding.

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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