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**Dec. 24-Dec. 31**

**Sunday**

**10:30 am**

*Christmas Eve  
Morning Service*

**7 pm**

*Christmas Eve  
Service  
Candles & Carols  
Reception to  
follow*

**Monday**

*Merry Christmas*

**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 Family Worship with Pastor Gill preaching

Emmanuel welcomes Leah Hammer and Tom Hammer as our guest musicians.

**Inspirational Quote:**

"As thou art in church or cell, that same frame of mind carry out into the world; in its turmoil and fitfulness."  
Meister Eckhart

to All!

**Thursday**  
**7:00 pm**  
ESL



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Monthly Calendar

[Christmas Eve Morning Service at 10:30 am:](#)

Special presentation by the children. Plus "The Emmanuel Players": A Christmas Dramatic Reading.

[Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm.](#) A service of Candles & Carols.

[Christmas Eve Reception](#)

Please bring some cookies to add to our table this evening. Thanks to all.

**Your invited on Dec. 31st** to Pastor Ken & Connie's OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE-209 Hope St. Immediately following morning service.

**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.*

**JOIN US ON MONDAY FOR A STIMULATING WEEK OF A SPRING WITHIN US WITH PASTOR KEN**

\*\*WEEK 9, December 25-31: **"Leaving the Garden of Eden" Genesis 2-3**

\*WEEK 10 January 1-7: **"The First Half of Life" - Role of Scripture**

\*WEEK 11, January 8-14: **"The False Self"**

\*WEEK 12, January 15-21: **"Dualistic Thinking"**

\*WEEK 13, January 22-28: **"Subverting the Honor/Shame System"**

\*WEEK 14, January 29- Feb 4: **"The Path of Descent"**

**Prayer Group Meeting** - Monday, January 8, 2018

Next time, the 3rd STEP: "MADE A CONSCIOUS DECISION TO TURN OUR WILL AND OUR LIVES OVER TO THE CARE OF GOD AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM."

Monday, January 8, 7:30-9:00.

**Men Fellowship:**

Many thanks to the men and women of Emmanuel who helped decorate our beautiful sanctuary for the Christmas holidays. Special thanks to our artistic director Sami Belford.

**Missions:**

Thanks to everyone who brought in gifts for the young people at Covenant House. We had quite a nice collection and they were very appreciative. Also at least 6 families participated in buying alternative gifts to help those in poverty areas around the world in honor of their loved ones. See Nancy Shaver if you would still like to do this.

The Mission project for January will involve signing boards to be placed in Habitat for Humanity houses in Paterson. Brent Sjaardema is chairing this project called "Hammering for

Habitat". Of course donations are requested to fund homes. This project will take place on January 21st and 28th. Watch for more details.

Food collected in December will go to Ridgewood Board of Social Services and January food will go to The Center for Food Action. Food box and list of needed items is in the hall outside the Sanctuary.

**Community Pasta Dinner:**

Our next dinner will be on Tuesday January 16th, 6:00 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](tel:201-444-7300), or Marilyn, [201-391-4720](tel:201-391-4720).

**Peace & Justice Forum: "African-American Experiences, Challenges and Contributions in Ridgewood and Vicinity"**Going Even Deeper:

Exploring African-American Experiences, Challenges and Contributions in Ridgewood and Glen Rock"

Join with members of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, the Metropolitan AME Zion Church and the Community Relations Advisory Board for this important open dialogue led by Rev. Mack Brandon, Metropolitan AME Zion and Rev. Lemuel Brown, Mt Bethel Baptist Church.

This Forum is co-sponsored with the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee of Glen Rock and Ridgewood.

**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.

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 to see 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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**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. **Expectations submissions are due Jan. 24th.** 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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