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***Dec. 31-Jan. 7***  
***Sunday***  
***Pastor Ken and***  
***Connie's***  
***Holiday Open***  
***House***  
***following***  
***Morning***  
***Service***

***Monday***  
***Happy New Year***  
***to All!***

### **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 "Life at the Crossroads"

Emmanuel welcomes George Glock as our guest musician.

Inspirational Quote:

"We can't say hello to today, until we have said goodbye to yesterday."

**Thursday**  
**7:30 pm**  
ESL



Monthly Calendar

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

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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.*

### **Please join us for the 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE**

January 15, 2018 at 10 am at the Ridgewood United Methodist Church.

Come together for this community service, march, and luncheon as we seek courage for the work of justice in the year ahead.

Rev. Calvin Samson will speak on the theme: "The Fierce Urgency of Now!"

### **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"**

**OPEN PRAYER GROUP MEETING - Monday, January 8, 2018**

***Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps***, Richard Rohr.

**Step Three: Sweet Surrender.** "Made a conscious decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him." Alcoholics Anonymous. Discussion led by Dr. Don Wheeler, followed by prayer.

**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 Deeper: Exploring African-American Experiences, Challenges and Contributions in Ridgewood and Vicinity"

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. Rev. Dr. Ken Gill, Senior Minister, Emmanuel is Moderator.

Preceded by a non-funding raising, **Community Pasta Dinner**, 6:00pm.

The Forum is co-sponsored with the Martin Luther

King Birthday 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.

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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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