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***Feb. 11-18
Sunday***
*"America for Christ" Offering continues
Town Meeting
Constitution &
By-Laws Meeting*

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

***Saturday
9:00 am***
*Men's Fellowship
Breakfast*

Sunday
"America for Christ" Offering continues

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 Arturo Pierre Lewis preaching "Living Like We're Free"

Emmanuel welcomes Teaneck High School students as our guest musicians.

Inspirational Quote: "Love one another just as I have loved you. By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
Jesus

Pastor Gill will out of the office from Feb. 5-March 5. The following persons will be filling the pulpit on Sundays: Feb. 11: Pastor Lewis, Feb. 18: Brent Sjaadema, Feb. 25: Pastor Lewis, March 4: Pastor Judy. In case of an urgent personal concern please call Pastor Gill on his cell [941 725 0872](tel:9417250872)

Don't forget Town Meeting after 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.

Please note: The Council voted to have the February Council meetings on the 4th Sunday due to the uncertainty of the winter weather.

As always, the congregation is invited to attend the Council meeting. Should you have an item to discuss, please call Marilyn no later than Friday morning so you can be placed on the agenda.

Should you want to socialize and not attend the Council meeting, both the Library and Pastor's Lounge will be available for your use.

Sunday, February 25th is the date of the February Council meeting.

JOIN US ON MONDAY FOR A STIMULATING WEEK OF A SPRING WITHIN US

***WEEK 15, Feb 5 – 11: Transformative Suffering, p 119**

***WEEK 16, Feb 12-18: Transformative Dying, p 125**

***WEEK 17, Feb 19-25: The Common Wonderful, p 131**

***WEEK 18, Feb 26-March 4: Discharging Your Loyal Soldier**

***WEEK 19, Mar 5-11: Growing in Grace, p 145**

***WEEK 20, Mar 12-18: Shadow Boxing, p 151**

SIGN UP IN THE PASTOR'S LOUNGE for our Lenten Reflection Groups on Sunday, March 11 or March 25, 7:00 pm at the Parsonage.

All of you who have made a commitment to daily devotions are invited to reflect on your daily devotional practice at one of the Lenten Reflection Groups. How has this daily devotional practice inspired you? How has it made a difference in your

life?.

People are using various resources for inspiration: Richard Rohr's, *A Spring Within You*, or *Sacred Space*, or *Living Well*, designed for Lent from February 14- found on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary or some other inspirational material. If you are still looking for something that might work for you, feel free to ask one of the pastors or Don Wheeler. Each group will be limited to 10 persons.

Missions:

The Mission project for February is the "America for Christ" Offering which is used by the ABC-USA Home Mission Society to support our Missionaries who serve in the United States and Puerto Rico. A video will be shown in Worship to show some of their work and brochures and envelopes will be included in the bulletins. The need is great.

The COAL workshops for Church officers and leaders and sponsored by ABCNJ will be held for the north NJ area on Saturday, March 3rd in Newark at the Bethany Baptist Church.

Registration is \$40 if paid by February 15th and includes breakfast and lunch. Emmanuel will pay \$20 of the fee. Interested persons see Nancy Shaver. We will try to car-pool. The theme is Collaboration and information about registration and the workshops can be found on the Website at www.ABCNJ.net

Community Pasta Dinner:

Our next dinner will be on Tuesday February 20th, 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 and Justice forum to follow dinner.

Community Peace & Justice Forum:

Tuesday February 20th, 7:00 pm. "Owning the Journey" *Rev. Arturo Lewis Associate Minister, Emmanuel and his Diversity Class at William Paterson University, will be speaking.

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.

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/>

Follow us on Twitter at

<https://twitter.com/Emmanuel07450>

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

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 Feb. 22th.** 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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