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Feb. 18-25
Sunday
"America for Christ" Offering continues

Monday
Office Closed in Observance of Presidents Day
2 pm
Constitution & By-Laws Meeting

Tuesday
6 pm
Pasta Dinner
7 pm
Peace & Justice Forum

Wednesday
10:30 am
CFI Meeting
1:30 pm
LRPC meeting

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 Brent T. Sjaardema preaching "Building Communities"

Emmanuel welcomes George Glock as our guest musician.

Inspirational Quote: "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them."
 I John 4:16

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)

Emmanuel Vision Statement

Emmanuel is a growing, welcoming, caring community, celebrating the rich diversity of God's

Thursday
7:30 pm
"Uncoupling" Lg
Group Meeting
 ESL

Sunday
"America for
Christ" Offering
continues
Council Meeting



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Monthly Calendar

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 and a time of fellowship this Saturday, February 17, at 9 AM.

Council Highlights – January 28 Council Meeting

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

- Treasurer's closing statement for 2017 will be an addendum to the 2017 Annual Report.
- Pastor's 2018 contract confirmed
- ABCNJ COAL Leadership workshop will be March 3. See Nancy Shaver for registration
- The elevator is now fixed
- Fire drill needs to be organized during Sunday School
- All Seasons Chamber Concert March 18
- LRPC encouraging all to think about current and future goals
- 2018 calendar reviewed
- Pastor Tom Johnson's memorial discussed
- Camp Lebanon trip discussed
- March mulch delivery for playground discussed
- The **next Council Meeting will be Sunday, February 25**, following worship. If you would like to address an issue please contact the Moderator so you can be placed on the agenda

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

***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. 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 21st** 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 this 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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