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**March 4-11**

**Monday  
7:30 pm**

*Prayer Group*

**Tuesday  
7 pm**

*Bible Study*

**Wednesday  
10:30 am**

*CFI*

**Thursday  
7:30 pm**

*ESL*

**Sunday**

*Town Meeting*

**7:00 pm**

*Lenten Reflection*

*@ Parsonage*

**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 Judy Wheeler preaching, "Jesus' Demonstration"

Emmanuel welcomes George Glock as our guest musicians.

Inspirational Quote: "What America must be told today is that she must be born again. The whole structure of American life must be changed."

-Martin Luther King Jr.-

Pastor Gill will out of the office from Feb. 5-March 5. The following persons will be filling the pulpit on March 4: Pastor Judy.

In case of an urgent personal concern please call Pastor Gill on his cell [941 725 0872](tel:9417250872)

**Upcoming Event:**

**OUTSTANDING PROGRAM FROM:**

[Network for Responsible Public Policy](http://www.nfrpp.org)

**March 15th, 2018 7:30pm FDU Hackensack.**

**Pre-register at [www.nfrpp.org](http://www.nfrpp.org). You can also**





Monthly Calendar

**purchase your ticket in advance. Modest donation.**

***Let's Talk: How Trump is Impacting America, with David Cay Johnston***, Pulitzer prize winning journalist, consultant to TV's House of Cards, acclaimed author of new book "It's Even Worse Than you Think: What the Trump Administration is Doing to America", faculty at Syracuse University Law School will take us through the impact of the Trump first year in office with a special focus on the controversial tax legislation about to affect us all. We will also talk to him about the gun issue.

QUESTIONS? Ask Don

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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.*

### **Council Highlights – February 25 Council Meeting**

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

- Bob MacPhee, Frank Cocheo and Dave Shaver are working to close 2017 financials.
- There will be a Town Meeting on Sunday March 11, where LRPC will present information related to Emmanuel's name
- ABCNJ COAL Leadership workshop will be March 3. See Nancy Shaver for registration
- Planning and priority review for 2018-2019 discussed, including a possible planning retreat
- Pastor Lewis will be offering dates to meet with the Middle and High School aged children
- All Seasons Chamber Concert March 18
- Church picnic planned for first Sunday in June

- 60 people attended the February Peace and Justice Forum at Emmanuel
- There will be an opportunity to contribute to Mt. Bethel in honor of Rev. Tom Johnson
- Camp Lebanon trip will be sponsored by Missions and Christian Ed
- The next Council Meeting will be Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. If you would like to address an issue please contact the Moderator so you can be placed on the agenda

### **In Memory**

Many of us attended the recent celebration of the life of Pastor Tom Johnson of Mt. Bethel Church, Ridgewood. As you know, he was a leading force, along with Emmanuel, in establishing the Martin Luther King celebration in Ridgewood.

The Council decided at the February Council Meeting to make a donation to Mt. Bethel in honor of Pastor Johnson. We also wanted to give our congregants an opportunity to participate in honoring Pastor Johnson's ministry.

If you would like to donate to a fund established in Pastor Johnson's name, simply make out a check to Emmanuel, and on the memo line write Pastor Johnson memorial. Please send your check to church no later than Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Meeting March 11** - LRPC we will be talking about, "The Background behind suggesting a name change for our church."

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

**\*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:**

**COAL training** for Church officers and leaders sponsored by ABCNJ will be **Sat. March 3rd** in the Bethany Baptist Church in Newark. Emmanuel will contribute \$20 toward registration. Breakfast and Lunch included. We will car pool. Contact Nancy Shaver if you would like to attend.

We are happy to report that **\$616** was collected during February for the "**America for Christ**" **Offering**. The Home Mission Society will be pleased about that and we thank everyone who contributed. EBC is truly generous with Mission work.

Great news from the Missions Committee!  
We have received word that our special Missionary, Luran Bethell, who combats human trafficking will be able to visit EBC on Tuesday, March 13th at 6:00 pm. We will have a light supper followed by a discussion with Luran. Everyone is invited. Speak to Nancy Shaver or Joan Massler if you can come. This will replace Mission Sunday that we usually have in March.

Food collected in February will be delivered to Social Services of Ridgewood and March food will

go to the Center for Food Action. The food box in the hall outside the Sanctuary is almost empty so please remember to bring food. Items most needed are listed by the box.

### **Men of Emmanuel**

The Men of Emmanuel extend a cordial invitation to the Women of Emmanuel to join us for breakfast on Saturday, March 17, at 9 AM. Please sign up during Coffee Hour.

### **Community Pasta Dinner:**

Our next dinner will be this Tuesday March 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.

### **Peace and Justice Forum**

Our next Forum is MARCH 20, 7:00- 8:30 pm.

Topic to be discussed;

“High School Students Move Against Gun Violence”

Laurence S. Fine, Alana Benson, Caroline Loscalzo, Clair Harris and other student leaders and organizers of the anti-gun violence campaign at Ridgewood High School who are student leaders and organizers will lead the session. These students have the support of their school administrators. They are aligned with the *Women’s March on Washington* which is working nation-wide on gun control

### **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/>

**Follow us on Twitter at**

<https://twitter.com/Emmanuel07450>

**Subscribe and watch our Service Live Stream at** [www.TinyURL.com/EmmanuelStream](http://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 March. 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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