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April 1-8

Sunday
Easter Sunday
*Easter Egg hunt
to follow after
service*

Monday
7:30 pm
Bible Studies

Tuesday
7:00 pm
Prayer Group

Wednesday
10:30 am
CFI

Thursday
7:30 pm
ESL

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 Ken preaching, "Living The Resurrection"

Emmanuel welcomes Leah Hammer, Tom Hammer & George Glock as our guest musicians.

Inspirational Quote:


"He Is Risen...(and so am I!!!)"

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.

**JOINT MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**

RIDGEWOOD March 29th: Simple Supper-6:30 p.m., service at 7:30 p.m. If anyone would like to

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Monthly Calendar

sing in the joint choir there will be a rehearsal before the service.

Council Highlights – March 26, 2018 Council Meeting

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

- Christian Education Ministry goals were discussed – Easter Egg Hunt Easter Sunday, Church Picnic 6/10, VBS tentatively 7/12, Children's blanket making session 4/29, Camp Lebanon trip in planning stage, Playground ground covering in April. Will acknowledge students in June at the end regular school session and before summer session.
- Community Engagement and Outreach goals discussed – Current Outreach: Pet Blessing, Uncoupling Group, Peace and Justice Forum, Community Pasta Dinner
- ICCC – Intergenerational Meeting being held April 21 in Watchung
- Still waiting for some responses to the Town Meeting of March 11 survey.
- Pastor Lewis met with Middle School on March 4, High School youth on March 18, and Young Adults on March 25. These monthly gathering will continue. In process of establishing meeting dates for baptism candidates and their parents. Presented a lecture on the Social Movement at Emmanuel Peace and Justice Forum.
- Pastor Ken presented a Communications Workshop on March 24.
- \$1000 was raised for CFA at the All Seasons Chamber Concert March 18
- \$1000 was donated to Mt. Bethel in honor/memory of Pastor Tom Johnson
- Italian Festival is Saturday, April 28
- Women of Emmanuel and Women of Mt. Bethel will have brunch and blanket making session on Saturday, April 21 at 10:30.
- The next Council Meeting will be Monday, April 23 at 7:30. If you would like to address

an issue please contact the Moderator so you can be placed on the agenda

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Middle School Ministry, 1st Sunday.

During Coffee Hour

High School Ministry, 3rd Sunday.

During Coffee Hour

Young Adult Ministry, 4th Sunday.

During Coffee Hour

Men's Fellowship:

Don't forget the upcoming **Italian Festival on April 28th**. Tickets will be on sale starting April 8 -22nd.

Missions:

About 20 people had a great chili supper and a very interesting presentation from Missionary Lauran Bethell on March 13th. See Nancy Shaver for a copy of Lauran's schedule for 2018.

About the same number were present at the Baptist Church in Kearny to see pictures and hear about their trip to India from Nancy and Dave Shaver on Mar. 11.

Christian Education and Missions are planning a trip to Camp Lebanon on a Sunday afternoon in May so Emmanuel members and friends can see and learn about our New Jersey Baptist camp. Please speak to Nancy Shaver or David Davila if you are interested. Maybe we will picnic there.

It was wonderful to learn that \$1000 was contributed for The Center for Food Action at the All Seasons concert on March 18th.

We look forward to Blanket Sunday on May 13th.

Please remember to bring in your used eyeglasses and put them in the box in the library. Sami Belford is in charge of this project. The glasses are given to the Lions Club who sort them, check the prescription, and get them to organizations that distribute them to need persons around the world.

The food collected in March will be taken to the

Center for Food Action for distribution to needy families in our area. Not much food has been donated recently so please remember this important project. Needed items are posted by the box outside the sanctuary. April food collection will go to Ridgewood Social Services

DAILY DEVOTION GUIDES: AN INVITATION

We are all invited to develop the practice of "daily devotions." Some good resources used by our congregation are:

- ***Emmanuel Prayer List*** -revised and published weekly
- ***Living Well***, designed for Lent; found on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary,
- ***Guideposts.org*** (stories of faith and hope),
- ***Secret Place*** or ***Upper Room*** (Bible verse, brief message & prayer in magazine format and on-line),
- ***Sacred Space 2018*** (daily prayer for one year, book & online)

Pastor Ken and Connie Gill, Pastor Judy and Don and others use Richard Rohr's, *A Spring Within You- Daily Meditations*. You are invited to join us reading in your own home following the schedule below. If you want to try it out, please speak to one of us. Copies are available from Jo Marie in the church office or one of us.

***A Spring Within Us* reading schedule - starting on Mondays:**

*WEEK 22-23 , Mar 26-April -15: EASTER! The Enneagram- try it! p 164

*WEEK 24, Ap 16-22, EARTH DAY! Becoming Who You Are, p 184

*WEEK 25-26, Ap 23-May 6, Spirituality and the AA, 12 Steps, p 190

*WEEK 27, May 7-13, Compassion! p 205

Looking for devotional reading that might work for you? Feel free to ask one of the pastors or Don Wheeler.

Community Pasta Dinner: Our next dinner will

be this **Tuesday April 17th, 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 **April 17th, 7:00 pm- 8:30 pm.**

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 April 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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