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May 27-June 3

Sunday

*Young Adult
Ministry*

Monday

*Office Closed
Happy Memorial
Day*

Thursday

7:30 pm

ESL

Sunday

*Youth Ministry
One Great Hour
of Sharing begins*

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 Worship with Pastor Gill preaching,

"Born in the Dark...Living in the Light"

Pt. 3 Love is my Religion

Emmanuel welcomes George Glock as our guest musician.

Inspirational Quote: "Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism" George Washington

Please help! The Food Pantries are in dire need of supplies. Please look on the board located at the entrance to Sanctuary as to what is need. Thanks for your help.

 Facebook

 Website

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

Monthly Calendar

mercy in today's world.

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

Council Highlights – May 21, 2018 Council Meeting

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

- Church Picnic 6/10 – there will be an informal worship services at both Emmanuel (10:30, usual time) and at the picnic at 12:15 pm.
- LRPC – 2018-2019 goals presented at May Council meeting and received final approval. The goals will be presented at the mid-year Congregation Meeting June 24 (immediately following worship) for congregation approval.
- Policy and Procedures Handbook progressing
- Trustees: Elevator parts due in this week
- Missions: Camp Lebanon \$10,000 pledge discussed, possible mission trip to Haiti in 2019
- The Council voted unanimously to support Emmanuel's Welcoming and Affirming stance to accept applications for same sex marriage.
- Men's Fellowship: Italian Festival very successful
- Women of Emmanuel: Readers' Choice held in May, with the next one in September. Out to Lunch Tuesday, June 5 at Limoncello – all welcome
- Stewardship 2019 theme: Gratitude, Generosity and Abundance. – Council was solicited
- The next Council Meeting will be Monday, June 25 at 7:30.

Brown Bag Discussion Group

We will be reading: "The Hijacking of Jesus: How this Religious Right Distorts Christianity and Promotes Prejudice and Hate."

Missions:

Congratulations everyone! The total amount collected on Blanket Sunday was \$706! That's over 70 blankets to help Church World Service with disaster relief. Quite amazing even for our mission-minded congregation. Some donations came from members and friends from other states. Thanks to all.

Several people have signed up to visit ABCNJ Camp Lebanon on June 3rd after worship. There is room for more. Bring a sandwich and join us for a picnic and tour of this inspirational place. Our children will lead the tour. We will car pool for the one and one/half hour drive.

Our mission project for June will be to raise funds for "One Great Hour of Sharing". This offering is used by the ABCUSA World Relief Committee for projects both in the US and around the World.

A mission trip for young people and adults is being considered for the summer of 2019. Pastor Lewis has expressed an interest in working with the Mission Committee on this project. A first step will be to explore the options available with our National and State Baptist organizations. Let the Mission Committee know if you would be interested in participating.

Food is needed to take to the Center for Food Action in May and to Ridgewood Social Services in June. Our food box is almost empty.

It has been determined that EBC has contributed over \$8000 of the \$10,000 pledged to "Cedars of Lebanon" by the end of 2019. Please pay your pledge if one was made or consider a donation to help support Camp Lebanon.

Women of Emmanuel

Don't forget to mark your calendar for "Out to

Lunch" on Tuesday, June 5 at Limoncello – all welcome. Please let Marilyn know if you will be joining us.

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 29, MAY 21-27, Jesus, The Christ, p.221

*WEEK 30, MAY 28-JUNE 3, Letting Go, p 228

*WEEK 31, JUNE 4-10, Paradox, p. 235

*WEEK 32, JUNE 11- 17, Open heart, open mind, open body, p.243

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

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.

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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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 June 21.** 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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