

The Good News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church | NOVEMBER 2024

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PASTOR'S DESK

Reverend Haley Eccles

There is a practice for many Christians during Epiphany, the celebration of the Wise Men following the star to find Jesus, that a "star word" is chosen as a guidance for the year. My word for 2024 has been "Abundance." I wrote it in Sharpie on a yellow paper star and tucked it beside my car's speedometer, so every time I drive, I am reminded of it. Some days, when my energy feels low or I'm questioning whether I have the gifts, talent, or hope needed to meet the road ahead, this little star catches my eye and reminds me: there is abundance, and it's not all up to me.

Throughout this year, I've come to understand that living from a place of abundance doesn't mean ignoring challenges or pretending there aren't real needs in our lives or community. Still, the call of scarcity is great. We live in a world with so many finite resources: money, time, energy. We can even live as if other resources are finite as well, such as creativity and hope. In moments when I've felt stretched thin, this focus on abundance has nudged me to lean on the strengths, talents, and generosity of those around me, finding that God's provision often comes through our connections and community.

One of Jesus' teachings that has come to mind often this year is the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30). In it, we see the difference between protecting what we have out of fear and investing in ways that can multiply our gifts and resources. Scarcity might lead us to bury what little we think we have, but abundance invites us to step out in trust, believing that as we offer what we can, God will bless and increase it.

This season, I invite you to consider how we, too, can live from abundance, especially as we prepare for our upcoming year of ministry. When we give to the church, whether through time, resources, or prayer, we participate in this beautiful cycle of God's abundant grace. As you prayerfully consider your pledge this year, may it be more than just a financial commitment—it is an invitation to trust that as we all

bring our gifts together, God will provide more than enough for the work ahead.

Participating in trunk or treating with Kirkwood Church, I saw this abundance in action. Handing out handfuls of candy—snickers, milky ways, twix bars—to kids in our community, I was reminded of how our church pours out love and joy into our neighborhood. In those simple, small moments, we have the chance to reflect God's boundless love.

As we continue on this journey together, may we all be reminded that God's economy is rich with possibility. Abundance is not something we have to wait for; it's something we're invited to live into now. Thank you for being part of this abundant community.

Blessings,
Pastor Haley



BEEF O'BRADY'S

★ GOOD FOOD, GOOD SPORTS ★

Lunch Bunch!

Calling all ladies and gentlemen to come and relax and share life with your church friends. We have been through so much with these storms! Let's have lunch and support each other. Join us at Beef O Brady's on Tuesday, November 12th at 11:30. We will meet in their private dining room, 4925 Cortez Rd. W. Hope to see you there!



NOVEMBER 2024

Give Thanks!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	NOVEMBER We are focusing on collecting Flour and Sugar for the Manatee County Food Bank. Please drop off your food donations in the church Narthex.				1	2 Daylight Savings Nov. 3rd
3 All Saints Sunday Communion 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	4	5 GENERAL ELECTION	6 1:00PM Leadership Board Mtg. in McCay Hall 5:00pm Worship Choir Practice	7	8	9
10 Veterans Appreciation Sunday 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	11 VETERANS DAY Church Office Closed 	12 The Lunch Bunch 11:30am Beef 'O' Brady's Call for more info. 863-512-0678	13 SW District Charge Conference- 1:00 PM in McCay Hall 5:00pm Worship Choir Practice	14	15	16
17 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	18	19	20 5:00pm Worship Choir Practice	21	22 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 	23
24 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	25	26	27 5:00pm Worship Choir Practice	28 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	29 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	30



The Florida Conference OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"October 6, 1774. I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them (1) to vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy; (2) to speak no evil of the person they voted against; and (3) to take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side." - Quote by John Wesley

CHARGE CONFERENCE
 Wednesday,
 November 13th
 1:00pm in
 McCay Hall



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OR Eumcbradenton.org



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ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Mr. & Mrs. Ken Abbott
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Pete Chick

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jeanette Tudor
- 1 Jael Yankyera
- 8 Philip Nilsen
- 11 Ginger Moore
- 14 Jan Bashore
- 18 Carol Burrow
- 18 Marvin Tudor
- 20 Jay Barker
- 25 Nancy Newberry



Record of Faithful Giving

General Offering

10/6	\$ 4,413.00
10/13	\$ 435.51
10/20	\$ 4,062.00
10/27	\$ 1,970.00

Weekly Attendance

10/6	60
10/13	39
10/20	61
10/27	66

Sunday School Bible Study

10:45am

10/6	N/A
10/13	07
10/20	09
10/27	12

SEPTEMBER: Online Viewers

	FB	YouTube
9/1	13	36
9/8	5	48
9/15	8	49
9/22	5	36
9/29	5	36



Remembering Our Saints

Emmanuel United Methodist 2024

- James Chandler** 04/2023
- Liesbeth (Liz) Schoen** 08/23/2023
- Steven Chandler** 10/2023
- Ira Charles Bashore** 02/16/2024
- Matilda 'Katie' Brown** 05/04/2024
- Richard 'Rick' Newberry** 07/21/2024
- Janice E. Myers** 08/14/2024
- Jerome 'Jerry' L. Duncan** 1927 - 2024



If your birthday or anniversary was missed, please contact the church office.

2024

Keeping Up

Thank you for being faithful in your giving. It is through your generosity that the church can continue to operate and these gifts are very important and very much appreciated.

Here are the ways you can give to Emmanuel UMC

- In Person on Sunday Morning**
- Drop off at the office in the mail slot located in the church office door.**
- Mail to the church at:**
5115 Cortez Rd. W.
Bradenton, FL 34210
- Easily online!**

You may visit our website online and click the donate button to give digitally. **You may also copy and paste the link below into your favorite web browser:**

<https://www.eumcbradenton.org/online-giving>

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Barbara Frank
- Bill Deutsch, Jr.
- Bobbette Marks
- Calvin Merrill
- Carl and Sue Ruddell
- Chad Curry
- Corky Parker
- Debbie Chick
- Dee Dee Sigler
- Emma Operacz
- Gerald Goggin
- Grayson Posewitz
- Heang Prom
- Janelle Sigler-Ferebay
- Jennifer Adams
- Jim Warrender
- John Bookheimer
- Juanita Clark
- Katherine Peterson
- Kris Bennett
- Lee Zerkel
- Marcia Goggin
- Marvin Zerkel
- Maxine Jackson
- Michelle Gabrielse
- Mike Poling
- Nathaniel Stehley
- Paul Pante
- Peggy Whitcomb
- Pete Chick
- Phil Nilsen
- Rosemary Nauenburg
- Sara Wannemacher
- Sharon Locasio
- Sharon Roach
- Sherri Blais
- Susan Amon
- Teresa Schmitt
- Tom Postlethwaite
- Vera Niles

NEEDING PRAYER?

If you would like to be added to the listing of prayer requests please feel free to call or email the church office and leave a message 941-792-3497
Secretary.eumc@gmail.com





Poinsettias \$7

This year we will again be getting our annual poinsettias from Cortez Kiwanis Club. They are lush, florist quality poinsettias.

100% of all proceeds are used to assist the youth of Manatee County. Order forms will be available mid-November. Orders and payment are due no later than Sunday, Dec. 8.



Dear Emmanuel Family,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the kindness and thoughtfulness you showed me on Pastor's Appreciation Sunday. I was both surprised and deeply touched by your cards and gifts. They are a beautiful reminder of Galatians 6:9, encouraging me to "not grow weary in doing good." Your support will continue to uplift me as I keep a "smile file" in my office—filled with your notes and cards—to remind me of the people I am called to serve.

As we move forward together in our mission to serve the West Bradenton community, I trust that our shared appreciation and partnership will carry us, with the Spirit of God, into places that need God's transforming love. Thank you for being the blessing that you are to me!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Haley

The Christmas Mailbox!



For those who have inquired **'Yes, Emmanuel, there will be a Christmas Card Mailbox this year.'** (look for it Sunday, Dec. 1)

Christmas cards make this time of year special. An excellent, tried-and-true, way to promote love and friendship in our church is **The Christmas Mailbox**. Just bring your cards (no address or postage needed) and place them in the alphabetical mail slots. **The Christmas Mailbox** will be located in the Church Narthex. Extend your card list to many you don't know, it will brighten their day. The cards will be a blessing.

Remember – to check the Christmas Mailbox each week to see if you have cards.



Here is a wonderful opportunity to help some children from Prine Elementary with their Christmas wish lists.

We will have a tree in the Church Narthex decorated with names of the children that Emmanuel assisted during the Day for Hope event at Prine Elementary School.

Be watching for more details coming soon. Thank you so much in advance, for your generosity!



CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING PLAN

Week of November 1, 2024

Friday: Luke 18:15-43; Luke 19:1-48

Saturday: Mark 11; John 12

Sunday: Matthew 22; Mark 12

Week of November 4

Monday: Matthew 23; Luke 20-21

Tuesday: Mark 13

Wednesday: Matthew 24

Thursday: Matthew 25

Friday: Matthew 26; Mark 14

Saturday: Luke 22; John 13

Sunday: John 14-17

Week of November 11

Monday: Matthew 27; Mark 15

Tuesday: Luke 23; John 18-19

Wednesday: Matthew 28; Mark 16

Thursday: Luke 24; John 20-21

Friday: Acts 1-3

Saturday: Acts 4-6

Sunday: Acts 7-8

Week of November 18

Monday: Acts 9-10

Tuesday: Acts 11-12

Wednesday: Acts 13-14

Thursday: James 1-5

Friday: Acts 15-16

Saturday: Galatians 1-3

Sunday: Galatians 4-6

Week of November 25

Monday: Acts 17; Acts 18:1-18

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 1-5;

2 Thessalonians 1-3

Wednesday: Acts 18:19-28;

Acts 19:1-41

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 1-4

Friday: 1 Corinthians 5-8

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 9-11

