

The Good News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

SEPTEMBER 2024

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PASTOR'S DESK

Reverend Haley Eccles

Grace and Peace to you
Emmanuel United Methodist
Church!



On September 5-14, I will be on a pilgrimage with our Bishop and other clergy to England to explore where Methodism began. While I will miss being with you for these 10 days, this trip comes at such a great time, as our conference is engaged in an initiative to explore our Wesleyan Roots. I am looking forward to connecting my journey to the one we will take together.

Beginning on Sunday, September 22, we are going to embark on a five-week journey into our Wesleyan heritage. We will grow deeply, read faithfully, love actively, embrace widely and serve impactful through this study in worship.

As a result of taking this journey together, we will gain a renewed understanding of our Wesleyan theology of sanctification and grace. Our hearts will be filled with a rekindled sense of God's love at work in and through us. And we will have greater motivation to follow the spiritual practices that will lead us to transformation in Christ. The result will be a clearer and more passionate desire to engage in the mission work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

I look forward to this season ahead and the fruits that are to come!

*Blessings,
Pastor Haley*



THE FULLNESS OF LIFE

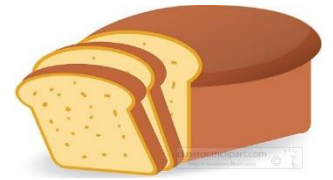
On Sunday I mentioned a poem. "I would like \$3 worth of God" by Wilbur Rees. I found it so challenging when I first heard it. I didn't have it all written out for the sermon, so here it is in its entirety.

*I would like to buy \$3 worth of God please,
not enough to explode my soul or disturb my sleep,
but just enough to equal a cup of warm milk
or a snooze in the sunshine.*

*I don't want enough of him
to make me love a black man
or pick beets with a migrant.
I want ecstasy, not transformation;
I want the warmth of the womb, not a new birth.
I want a pound of the eternal in a paper sack.*

I would like to buy \$3 dollars worth of God please.

Our conversation about Jesus as the Bread of Life is a challenge to abide in Jesus, to consume Jesus, to become one with Jesus



in a way that is complete. And yes, some turned away from that. But the message isn't accept Jesus or else. We must instead focus on what a full investment in Jesus looks like.

Life with Jesus is abundant and full. It is more than satisfying. But to access what God has for us, we must give our vulnerability and sacrifice. God is more than trustworthy with these things. Still, how can we find ways to grow in our relationship with Jesus and pursue his perfect love? What are we doing to challenge our own boundaries and allow God to permeate our lives?

5 minute Survey

I'm starting something new this week: a 5 minute survey each week to get to know our congregation better.

Today's question: What is your favorite hymn?

Let me know!

Kitchen Team

We have a great resource for ministry that is in need of some TLC: our kitchen! We are looking for some faithful folks to join a team that will help outline the opportunity and purpose of this space for ministry and help make practical steps in the work being done for it to function. The goal is for this team to meet every couple of weeks until the work is complete. Please contact Pastor Haley if you are willing to serve on this team.

BLESS
This
KITCHEN



SEPTEMBER 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Communion 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	2  LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	3	4	5	6  National Food Bank Day	7
8 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall National Grandparent's Day	9 National Teddy Bear Day	10  The Lunch Bunch 11:30am Beef 'O' Brady's Call for more info. 863-512-0678 <i>Missional Vital Signs Due</i>	11 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice	12 National Day of Encouragement	13 International Chocolate Day	14
15 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	16	17	18 Leadership Board Mtg. 1pm McCay Hall 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice Air Force Day	19	20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day	21 World Alzheimer's Day
22 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall Wesleyan Heritage 5 week study begins First Day of Fall	23 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 	24  National Voter Registration Day	25  5:30pm House Mtg. Kick-Off 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall 5th Sunday Offering 	30 	SEPTEMBER we are focusing on collecting, 100% Juice (non-refrigerated) for the Manatee County Food Bank. Please drop off your food donations in the church Narthex.				

(Stronger Together Reaching Equality Across Manatee)



STREAM UPDATE

STREAM, our justice ministry begins its ministry year again in September. As many of you may remember, each fall we meet with as many of you as possible to hear your thoughts about what the issues are in our community. We have decided to simply keep watch on Affordable Housing and Criminal Justice this year, therefore we will be able to address one to two new areas this year. This is your opportunity to be heard. So, when asked, I pray you will be willing to attend a meeting here at Emmanuel to share your opinions.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2 Douglas Michael
- 8 Karen Blanchard
- 11 Janet Maynard
- 13 Elaine Gangloff
- 13 Dianne Rule
- 14 Dolly Molinet
- 16 Mona Springborg
- 19 Phyllis Michael
- 24 Karin Miller
- 25 Alvan Becker
- 28 Keith Antworth

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Noles
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gilmore
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Vaun McAhren



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

2024

Record of Faithful Giving General Offering

8/4	\$ 3,933.00
8/11	\$ 1,462.00
8/18	\$ 1,895.10
8/25	\$ 1,425.00

Weekly Attendance

8/4	60
8/11	53
8/18	60
8/25	50

Sunday School Bible Study

10:45am

8/4	11
8/11	9
8/18	9
8/25	10

JULY: Online Viewers

	FB	YouTube
7/7	16	19
7/14	8	49
7/21	8	43
7/28	5	31

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

1. In Person on Sunday Morning
2. Drop off at the office in the mail slot located in the church office door.
3. Mail to the church at:
5115 Cortez Rd. W.
Bradenton, FL 34210
4. 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:**

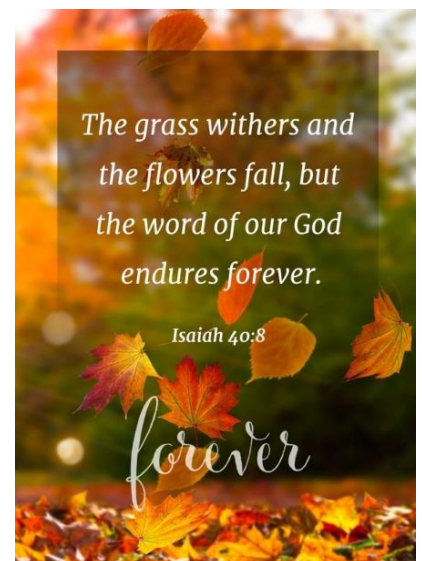
<https://www.eumcbradenton.org/online-giving>

OUR PRAYER LIST

Bill Deutsch, Jr.
Bobbette Marks
Calvin Merrill
Carl and Sue Ruddell
Corky Parker
Debbie Chick
Emma Operacz
Grayson Posewitz
Heang Prom
Jennifer Adams
Jim Warrender
John Bookheimer
Juanita Clark
Katherine Peterson
Kris Bennett
Maxine Jackson
Mike Poling
Nina Schultz McDonald
Paul Pante
Peggy Whitcomb
Pete Chick
Phil Nilsen
Sara Wannemacher
Sharon Locasio
Sharon Roach
Sherri Blais
Susan Amon
Teresa Schmitt
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. We will respond as soon as we can. 941-792-3497
Secretary.eumc@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are making plans for a Sunday School class for our children that will meet Sundays after worship. We are looking for 2 leaders each week that will be trained and provided with materials. We'd love to have enough pairs of leaders so that they could rotate weeks. If you would love to nurture our precious children and experience joy, please pray and contact Kayline (863-512-0678 or KaylineL@aol.com) with your questions.

LUNCH BUNCH

Join us! Tuesday, September 10th at 11:30 at Beef 'O' Brady's on Cortez for a fun time to share with your friends and new friends. You order whatever you'd like from the menu and just enjoy being with wonderful folks!



Week of September 1, 2024

- Sunday:** Ezekiel 20-21
- Monday:** Ezekiel 22-23
- Tuesday:** Ezekiel 24-27
- Wednesday:** Ezekiel 28-31
- Thursday:** Ezekiel 32-34
- Friday:** Ezekiel 35-37
- Saturday:** Ezekiel 38-39
- Sunday:** Ezekiel 40-41

Week of September 9

- Monday:** Ezekiel 42-43
- Tuesday:** Ezekiel 44-45
- Wednesday:** Ezekiel 46-48
- Thursday:** Joel 1-3
- Friday:** Daniel 1-3
- Saturday:** Daniel 4-6
- Sunday:** Daniel 7-9

Week of September 16

- Monday:** Daniel 10-12
- Tuesday:** Ezra 1-3
- Wednesday:** Ezra 4-6; Psalm 137
- Thursday:** Haggai 1-2
- Friday:** Zechariah 1-7
- Saturday:** Zechariah 8-14
- Sunday:** Esther 1-5

Week of September 23

- Monday:** Esther 6-10
- Tuesday:** Ezra 7-10
- Wednesday:** Nehemiah 1-5
- Thursday:** Nehemiah 6-7
- Friday:** Nehemiah 8-10
- Saturday:** Nehemiah 11-13; Psalm 126
- Sunday:** Malachi 1-4

Week of September 30

- Monday:** Luke 1; John 1:1-14

In Loving Memory



Janice E. Myers
11/27/1942 – 8/14/2024

Our dear friend & member of Emmanuel, Janice E. Myers, has passed into life eternal, August 14th, 2024. A graveside service was held at the Sarasota National Cemetery. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Special Music

Fall is around the corner! After the departure of snowbird choral members, we can rejoice over efforts of several singing enthusiasts and instrumentalists who enriched Sunday worship through seasonally diminished numbers.



Looking forward, we await the return of northern residents to enlarge the group of singing fans called a "Choir"! Maybe the joy of singing, beyond several worship hymns, and the wish to expand one's vocal ability might inspire members to test more challenging melodic worship.

We have fun at rehearsal, enjoy the company of like-minded enthusiasts. Let's get to work and make Special Music truly SPECIAL!!

Karen Ponader

