

The Good News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

JUNE 2024

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PASTOR'S DESK

Reverend Kim Uchimura

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

My last Newsletter. Yes, that's right, the last one. We have been together these last five years. I want to thank you for every one of them. When the pandemic started and we were closed, we had already begun to form friendships so it didn't bother me at all to call those assigned to me or to ask others to help me so we could call as many as possible. Then we came back and wore masks for months as we moved from not singing, to singing, to finally unmasking.

The year that my doctor thought I had epilepsy, you all didn't hesitate to let me work from home except for Wednesdays and Sundays, when my husband could drive me. It unexpectedly went on for months.

Every October, during Clergy Appreciation month, your generosity overflowed for Gayla and myself. Thank you just didn't seem adequate, including your many cards as well.

So many of you would check in with me to see how things were going not only for the church but for me personally and my family, some of you leaving gifts of chocolate or notes of encouragement along the way.

As I think back across these years, the most notable emotions are these: feeling loved by you and loving all of you; wonder at all we have come to accomplish from Day 4 Hope for homeless kids to STREAM for justice to collecting food for the Food Bank to listening in awe to the work of Healing River Ministry led by our own David Blinn. Of course as we come closer to the date of my departure, there is sadness for I will miss you all terribly. Your lives became part of my and my husband's lives. From Sunday School to Bible Study to mission fundraising and more, we have come to know each other deeply.

Please know, I will not forget. You know I'm not perfect at names, though, so forgive me if I might forget a name or two. Still, I will look back on my time serving as your pastor as holy and precious. Thank you for being the gracious and loving people you are.

Thank you for following God so faithfully. And, thank you that I can count on you to open your hearts to Pastor Haley and her family, too. Remember these words, said by John Wesley on his death bed, "The best of all is, God is with us!" Our God will be with you all as you receive your new pastoral family. I pray you will love them with the love Jesus taught you. I know you will do it well.

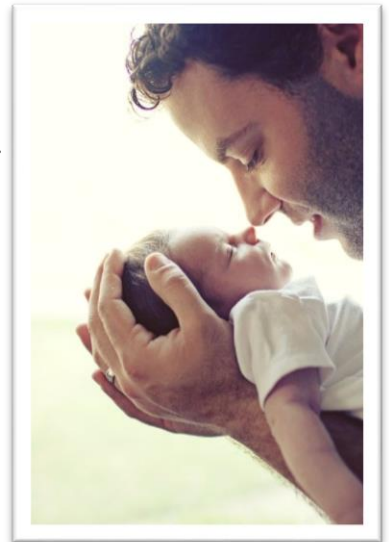
With Love in Christ,
Pastor Kim



Happy Father's day to all the fathers and men who have influenced the next generations. The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him." - Proverbs 20:7 (NKJV)

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1 I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3 Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139:15-16 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4:16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 John 3:1 I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15 My question is... Will you be my child? John 1:12-13 I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32



Love,
Your Father God



JUNE 2024



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 Communion 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall | 3 World Bicycle Day | 4 National Hug Your Cat Day | 5 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice | 6  COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME. Annual Conference Lakeland, FL | 7  | 8  |
| 9 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall | 10 National Iced Tea Day <i>Missional Vital Signs due</i> | 11  The Lunch Bunch 11:30am Beef 'O' Brady's Call for more info. 863-512-0678 | 12 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice | 13 | 14 Flag Day | 15 |
| 16 Father's Day 9:30am Worship Service Farewell Reception for Pastor Kim and Greg following worship service. McCay Hall | 17 National Take Your Cat To Work Day | 18 Next Leadership Board Mtg. 07/30/2024 1pm McCay Hall | 19 JUNETEENTH Church Office Closed 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice | 20 Summer Solstice | 21 National Take Your Dog To Work Day | 22 |
| 23 9:30am Worship Service | 24 JULY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE  | 25 | 26 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:30am Worship Service 5th Sunday Offering  | | | | | | |

Annual Conference- 06/06 thru 06/08/2024- Florida Southern College- Lakeland, FL

JUNE we are focusing on **RICE** for the Food Bank of Manatee. Please drop off your food donations in the church Narthex.



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OR Eumcbradenton.org

Find us on Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/churchinbradenton>



JUNE



OUR PRAYER LIST

Bill Deutsch, Jr.
Carl and Sue Ruddell
Chris Curry
Corky Parker
Debbie Chick
Elizabeth Uchimura
Grayson Posewitz
Heang Prom
Jennifer Adams
Jim Warrender
John Bookheimer
John Coldren
Juanita Clark
Katherine Peterson
Kris Bennett
Mike Poling
Nan Merrill
Nina Schultz McDonald
Pam Zepik
Paul Pante
Peggy Whitcomb
Pete Chick
Phil Nilsen
Rick Newberry
Sara Wannemacher
Sharon Locasio
Sharon Roach
Sherri Blais
Steve Arnold
Susan Amon
Teresa Schmitt
Vera Niles
Rev. Haley Eccles & family
Rev. Kim Uchimura & family

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

02 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Newberry
08 Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Tudor
10 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Molinet
10 Mr. & Mrs. Manfred Van Der Walde
13 Mr. & Mrs. David Brown
16 Mr. & Mrs. James Warrender
17 Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Hall
18 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Moore
20 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pante
26 Reverend Kim & Greg Uchimura
30 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Reagan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2 Eva Correa
4 Barbara Sigler
5 Ray Moore
8 Barbara Abbott
8 Pam Lynch
9 Anna Orapello
10 Vaun McAhren
15 Cheryl Seel
20 John Brigham
21 Julie Warrender
23 Barbara Tasket
28 Emily Barker

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



Record of Faithful Giving General Offering

| | |
|------|-------------|
| 5/5 | \$ 2,217.10 |
| 5/12 | \$ 2,797.00 |
| 5/19 | \$ 1,598.00 |
| 5/26 | \$ N/A |

Weekly Attendance

| | |
|------|----|
| 5/5 | 61 |
| 5/12 | 53 |
| 5/19 | 51 |
| 5/26 | 50 |

Sunday School Bible Study

10:45am

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| 5/5 | 12 |
| 5/12 | 10 |
| 5/19 | Town Hall Mtg. |
| 5/26 | 10 |

APRIL: Online Viewers

| | FB | YouTube |
|------|----|---------|
| 4/7 | 0 | 27 |
| 4/14 | 0 | 44 |
| 4/21 | 0 | 12 |
| 4/28 | 0 | 17 |

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

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>

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



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Loving Memory



Matilda 'Katie' Brown

03/14/1921 - 05/04/2024

"Our dear friend and longtime member, Katie Brown, has passed away at the age of 103. Katie joined Emmanuel in 1991 and was an active member and a joyful person. She helped in all church activities. She has been living with her family in her late years and she will be taken up north to be buried with her husband."

Please remember the family and friends in your prayers. Cards and condolences can be sent to EUMC church office and will be forwarded to the family.

AT EMMANUEL



Receptions

PLEASE JOIN US

A Farewell Reception for Pastor Kim and Greg - Sunday, June 16, after morning worship service.

A Welcome Reception for Pastor Hailey and Family - Sunday, July 7, after morning worship service.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: We would love your assistance with the preparations for the upcoming receptions. This is a great way to use your gift of hospitality, meet others, and be an amazing help to your church family. Please contact Kayline if interested or indicate on your 'Connect Card'.

LUNCH BUNCH

Come Join Us! Tuesday, June 11th at 11:30 am at Beef 'O'Brady's on Cortez. We have a wonderful time of fellowship and each person enjoys the meal of their choice from the menu. Everyone is invited, Why Not get to know your church family! Please let Kayline Lowe know if you will be able to join us so that we can give the restaurant an approximate number of guests. Call, text or email Kayline at: 863-512-0678 or KaylineL@aol.com



CHRONOLOGICAL

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week of June 1, 2024

Saturday: Song of Solomon 1-8

Sunday: Proverbs 1-3

Week of June 3

Monday: Proverbs 4-6

Tuesday: Proverbs 7-9

Wednesday: Proverbs 10-12

Thursday: Proverbs 13-15

Friday: Proverbs 16-18

Saturday: Proverbs 19-21

Sunday: Proverbs 22-24

Week of June 10

Monday: 1 Kings 5-6; 2 Chronicles 2-3

Tuesday: 1 Kings 7; 2 Chronicles 4

Wednesday: 1 Kings 8; 2 Chronicles 5

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 6-7; Psalm 136

Friday: Psalm 134, 146-150

Saturday: 1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8

Sunday: Proverbs 25-26

Week of June 17

Monday: Proverbs 27-29

Tuesday: Ecclesiastes 1-6

Wednesday: Ecclesiastes 7-12

Thursday: 1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chronicles 9

Friday: Proverbs 30-31

Saturday: 1 Kings 12-14

Sunday: 2 Chronicles 10-12

Week of June 24

Monday: 1 Kings 15: 1-24 & 2 Chronicles 13-16

Tuesday: 1 Kings 15-25-34; 1 Kings 16; 1-34 & 2 Chronicles 17

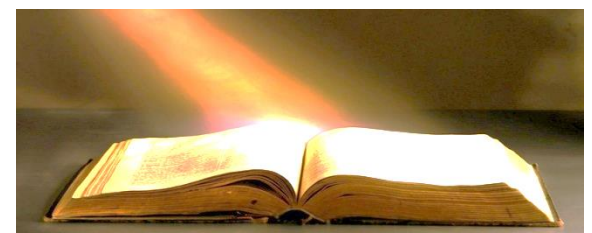
Wednesday: 1 Kings 17-19

Thursday: 1 Kings 20-21

Friday: 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18

Saturday: 2 Chronicles 19-23

Sunday: Obadiah; Psalm 82-83





Florida United Methodist Children's Home has a new name, **Residing Hope.**



For over a century, the Children's Home has been guided by an unwavering commitment to serving children and families throughout the state of Florida with compassion, integrity, and faith. Since our beginning in 1908 as the Florida Methodist Orphanage, we have expanded over the years into a diverse organization serving abused, abandoned, and neglected children. That expansion has brought the realization that we have outgrown the Children's Home name and needed something that better represented the purpose we serve and the care we provide.



Name Tags

We hope you are enjoying learning the names of your church family! If you haven't noticed, the magnetic board finally arrived and has been installed in the hallway across from the women's restroom. You may pick up and drop off your name tag each Sunday so that you don't have to remember to bring it. It will always be waiting right there for you!

Missions

We are still collecting money for our big missions projects, Day4Hope, STREAM, and Healing River Ministries. If you would like to make a donation, please mark your envelope "Missions". Thank you so much for your generosity.

A Message from your Staff Parrish Relations Committee

You are a wonderful church family! I know that you have been praying for **Pastor Kim** and Greg as they transition to be the new pastoral family at Limona Village Chapel in Brandon. It is only 12 minutes from their home, even in rush hour traffic! I also know that you have been praying for our new pastor and her family! **Pastor Haley** Eccles, her husband Kris, and their 2 boys, Eli (age 6) and Judah (age 4) will be arriving from Jacksonville for their first Sunday, July 7th and will be living very close to our church. It would be so thoughtful if you could take a minute to write them a note or mail them a card to welcome them to Bradenton and to Emmanuel. Their current address is 1175 Grove Park Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32216. Blessings to you as you pray for both of these special families!



Kayline Lowe, Barbara Sigler, Teresa Hill

Why A New Name?

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home was first established in 1908 as the Florida Methodist Orphanage.

Since that time it has grown into a multi-faceted organization serving abused, abandoned, and neglected children from across the state of Florida. In addition to providing a higher level of therapeutic residential care in two locations, we also provide foster care and outpatient counseling in multiple counties. We realized that we had outgrown the Children's Home name, and needed something that better represented the purpose we serve and the care we provide. That new name is

EVERY 5TH SUNDAY

We collect a special offering for Residing Hope. Prayerfully consider what you might contribute to this life changing ministry on June 30th.

If you are writing a check, please make it out to: Emmanuel United Methodist Church, and designate 'Residing Hope' on the "memo" line.

Volunteer opportunity! 2024 DAY 4 HOPE DRIVE THRU

Did you know there are countless children in our area who are in great need, in transition or homeless? You can be a blessing by participating in the Day 4 Hope ministry

Kirkwood Church will host an in-person Day 4 Hope on **August 3, 2024**, for 150 children and help them get ready for the upcoming school year. Most of these children are from the immediate neighborhood surrounding Emmanuel Church.

Please reach out to Emmanuel church office for more information.

941-792-3497 or email secretary.eumc@gmail.com

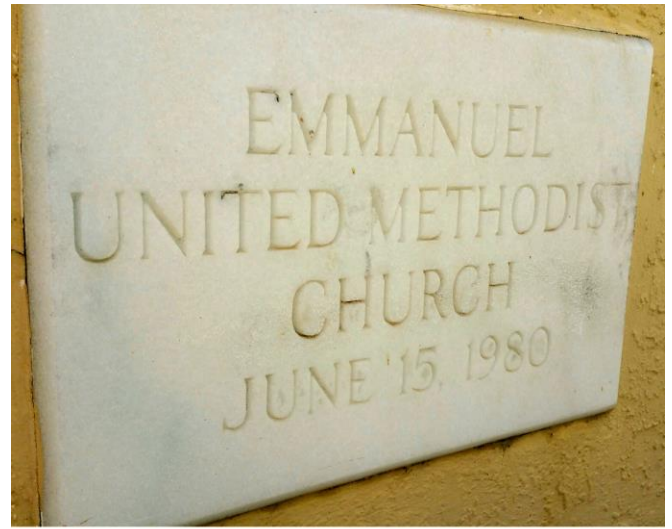
Please consider participating in this worthy cause!

The Church We Love



By Gayla R. Gabrielse, CLM
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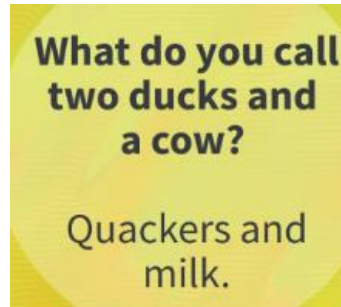
When you are here at church the next time, please stop and notice the cornerstone on the east side of the sanctuary building. The cornerstone contains a history of the church. It was 44 years ago on June 15, 1980 that ground was broken for this building. A special service was held and the sermon was brought by The Rev. Odell Miley, the District Superintendent. The pastor at that time was T. Gerald Williams. I have an original bulletin from that day and it is a wonderful keepsake for the church.



At that time services were held in what is now McCay Hall. The Building Committee was headed by Bernard Overmier, with members Lois Ault, Lynne Smith, P. Robert Leonard and Karl Mick. Some of these names may be familiar to you and they are to me.

This prayer was offered at the ground breaking service and I think it is powerful indeed as today we remember those first days, the great cloud of witnesses who have come before us and how much this church really means to us all.

'Almighty and everlasting God, ever exalted yet always near: Be present with us, gathered together here to set apart this ground upon which we stand to the honor and glory of your great name. Let your Spirit descent upon your church that will come together here, and within these walls let your glory dwell. Fill with your love all who shall seek your face here; and as they depart from this place, go with them in the peace and power of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'



WHAT'S YOUR DAD JOKE?

SUMMER SMARTS

FIND THE MATCH BELOW

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|---|--------------------|
| ___ What relationship was Ruth to Naomi? | 1. Deborah |
| ___ Who was Jacob's mother? | 2. Mary |
| ___ Who did Abram marry? | 3. Miriam |
| ___ What was the name of Moses' sister? | 4. Sarai |
| ___ Which woman was a seller of purple goods? | 5. Daughter-in-law |
| | 6. Esther |
| | 7. Bathsheba |
| | 8. Rebekah |
| | 9. Lydia |

NEW TESTAMENT WORD SCRAMBLE

1. ATEMWTH _____
2. RMKA _____
3. LUEK _____
4. RMsONA _____
5. ALNGATSAI _____
6. HLAPIPSINIP _____
7. TISTU _____
8. HIOPMENL _____
9. EBWHSRE _____
10. MSJEA _____
11. DJEU _____
12. EEORIANVTL _____