

# The Good News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

MAY 2024

5115 Cortez Road West – Bradenton, FL 34210 – 941-792-3497

## PASTOR'S DESK

Reverend Kim Uchimura

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We continue to raise funds for the 51 students we will be supporting in Day 4 Hope, where we provide food, toiletries, backpacks with school supplies and gift cards for school clothes/shoes to families experiencing homelessness. We still need to raise \$1,100 more to meet our \$5,000 goal. We met our goal last year and served the needs of 52 children and their families from Prine Elementary where several of our members also tutor children. Please pray about your giving to and participation in this needed ministry.

For those who don't know already, on April 14<sup>th</sup> I announced that effective July 1, 2024, I will begin a new appointment at Limona Village Chapel in Brandon, Florida. Here are some excerpts from that announcement for those who had not previously heard it.

I love you all and it has been a privilege to serve as your pastor these past five years. It became clear in the fall, though, that living in one city and working in another city 42 miles away was taking its toll. I was not fully present in either location.

After a long period of discernment with God, my family and my spiritual director, I asked for a new appointment in the area where I live.

My last Sunday with you will be June 16<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that former pastors can only return to a prior church by invitation from the current pastor. Let me suggest that you let your new pastor be your pastor. If there is anything positive you have experienced from Emmanuel, it was not from me but from God at work in your life. Finally, our great staff will continue to be here at Emmanuel. Look to the future with joy that God has provided yet another pastor in a long line of pastors who have led Emmanuel since 1953. Your new pastor will lead you on the next part of your journey in faith.

With love in Christ,  
Pastor Kim



## New Season

Beginning July 1st our new pastor will be Pastor Haley Eccles. She has degrees from the University of Florida and Duke Divinity School. We look forward to welcoming her entire family. Pastor Haley has been married to Kris for 13 years and they have two young boys, Eli (age 6) and Judah (age 4). Her ministry strengths are pastoral care, leadership and preaching. Her spiritual gifts are compassion, wisdom, and knowledge. She was born and raised in Jacksonville and has served a church very similar to Emmanuel as well as leading campus ministry. Please join us as we pray for a very smooth transition for both Pastor Haley and her family.





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice May Day	2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	3 National Space Day	4 National Star Wars Day
5 Communion 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	6 National Nurses Day	7 Teachers Day	8 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice	9 Ascension Day	10 National Golf Day Missional Vital Signs due	11
12 Mother's Day 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	13	14  <b>The Lunch Bunch</b> 11:30am Beef 'O' Brady's Call for more info. 863-512-0678	15 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice	16	17 Bike-to-Work Day	18 Armed Forces Day
19 <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> (wear RED to Church) 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	20 World Bee Day	21 1:00pm Leadership Board Mtg. in McCay Hall	22 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice	23	24 <b>JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b> 	25
26 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Small Group in McCay Hall	27 <b>Memorial Day</b>  Church Office Closed	28	29 6:00pm Worship Choir Practice	30 National Water a Flower Day	31 National Smile Day	

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

**MAY** we are focusing on **Canned Soups & Stews** for the **Manatee County Food Bank**. Please drop off your food donations in the church Narthex.



## Lunch Bunch

Mark your calendar now to join us on Tuesday, May 14th at 11:30 am for a casual lunch at Beef 'O' Brady's on Cortez near the church. We gather in their private dining room and order individually from their menu. It's a fun time to spend with wonderful folks! Please RSVP to Kayline. Call or text **863-512-0678**, email [Kaylinel@aol.com](mailto:Kaylinel@aol.com) or see her in church service so that we can give them an idea of how many to expect. Hope to see you there!





# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 06 Mr. & Mrs. David Zieber
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Jay Barker
- 26 Dr. & Mrs. Philip Catalano

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 3 Margaret Catalano
- 3 Rebekah Reagan
- 10 Pete Chick
- 12 Nancy Otsot
- 13 Sharon Shoemaker
- 16 Pam Zepik
- 19 Kayline Lowe
- 19 David Blinn
- 21 John W. Bookheimer

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



## Record of Faithful Giving

### General Offering

4/7	\$ 6,642.25
4/14	\$ 5,018.35
4/21	\$ 2,717.00
4/28	\$ 1,724.05

## Weekly Attendance

4/7	74
4/14	93
4/21	62
4/28	68

## Sunday School Bible Study

10:45am

4/7	9
4/14	12
4/21	9
4/28	8

## MARCH: Online Viewers

	FB	YouTube
3/3	1	20
3/10	1	27
3/17	1	19
3/24	1	26
3/28		11 Maundy Thurs.
3/31	1	13 Easter Sunday

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## 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>



Dear Emmanuel Church Family & Friends  
Please remember these and our dear ones in Assisted Living, in the Hospital, Homebound and live out of state in your prayers.

- Bill Deutsch, Jr.
- Carl and Sue Ruddell
- Corky Parker
- Debbie Chick
- Grayson Posewitz
- Heang Prom
- Jennifer Adams
- Jim Warrender
- John Bookheimer
- John Coldren
- Juanita Clark
- Katherine Peterson
- Kris Bennett
- Michelle Gabrielse
- Mike Poling
- Nan Merrill
- Nina Schultz McDonald
- Paul Pante
- Peggy Whitcomb
- Pete Chick
- Phil Nilsen
- Rick Newberry
- Sara Wannemacher
- Sharon Locasio
- Sharon Roach
- Sherri Blais
- Steve Arnold
- Teresa Schmitt
- Vera Niles

Rev. Haley Eccles & family  
Rev. Kim Uchimura & family

### 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



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# Welcome



## Our New Members

Chris Curry - Pam Gabbard - Marcia Goggin



Thank you for picking up and wearing your name tag! Our magnetic board is finally here and installed! Now, you can leave your name tag on the board after worship so that you don't have to remember to bring it back with you. Just place it on the board when you leave worship and it will be waiting for you when you return. The new board is located on the wall across from the women's restroom.

## Mission Update:

We really appreciate your wonderful support making the Ice Cream Social such a success! All of your donations went to our missions fund. The 3 large missions that we support are:

- 1) The identified homeless or near homeless children at Prine Elementary, not far from our church, through the Day4Hope program (we have 50 children to help)
- 2) STREAM Justice Ministry working to increase mental health services for school age children and youth in our county
- 3) Healing River Ministries Kenya with David Blinn, our EUMC member.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider making a donation at any time to help support our missions. Special thanks to the ice cream workers: **Teresa Hill, Barb Tasket, Barbara Sigler, Lucy Blinn, Dee Scott and Kayline Lowe.**



## Oh Baby!

Through your generosity, we collected 195 pounds of baby items for our local community. The food bank was overwhelmed and so pleased to help so many babies with these critically needed items.



## CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING PLAN

### Week of May 1, 2024

**Wednesday:** Psalm 133  
**Thursday:** Psalm 106-107  
**Friday:** 2 Samuel 5:11-25; 2 Samuel 6:1-23; 1 Chronicles 13-16  
**Saturday:** Psalm 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68  
**Sunday:** Psalm 89, 96, 100, 101, 105, 132

### Week of May 6

**Monday:** 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17  
**Tuesday:** Psalm 25, 29, 33, 36, 39  
**Wednesday:** 2 Samuel 8-9; 1 Chronicles 18  
**Thursday:** Psalm 50, 53, 60, 75  
**Friday:** 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19; Psalm 20  
**Saturday:** Psalm 65-67, 69-70  
**Sunday:** 2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20

### Week of May 13

**Monday:** Psalm 32, 51, 86, 122  
**Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 13-15  
**Wednesday:** Psalm 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55  
**Thursday:** 2 Samuel 16-18  
**Friday:** Psalm 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64  
**Saturday:** 2 Samuel 19-21  
**Sunday:** Psalm 5, 38, 41-42

### Week of May 20

**Monday:** 2 Samuel 22-23; Psalm 57  
**Tuesday:** Psalm 95, 97-99  
**Wednesday:** 2 Samuel 24; Psalm 30; 1 Chronicles 21-22;  
**Thursday:** Psalm 108-110  
**Friday:** 1 Chronicles 23-25  
**Saturday:** Psalm 131, 138-139, 143-145  
**Sunday:** 1 Chronicles 26-29; Psalm 127

### Week of May 27

**Monday:** Psalm 111-118  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kings 1-2; Psalm 37, 71, 94  
**Wednesday:** Psalm 119: 1-88  
**Thursday:** 1 Kings 3-4; 2 Chronicles 1; Psalm 72  
**Friday:** Psalm 119: 89-176

