



EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WE WELCOME! WE WORSHIP! WE WITNESS!

APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

I look forward to Holy Week every year. The waving of the Palms on Sunday. Pausing at the Table on Maundy Thursday. Dwelling at the Cross on Good Friday. Through the Holy Spirit, God has a different and powerful message for my personal faith journey each time.

I look forward to this year with great thanksgiving for what God has done. It has been nearly three years now since we have celebrated a “normal” Easter at Emmanuel Church. While I am hesitant to declare the pandemic over, the journey has been a challenging one for our church. Things are not the same. And yet we can celebrate what God has been doing along the way.

The ministry that has continued in our community and the new people we have met. Through the roof damage and installation of new pews, during the quarantines and worshipping outside, the God of the resurrection continued to create new life before us.

I look forward to hearing the story of God’s amazing love for you again during Holy Week. As we wave the Palms. As we pause at the Lord’s Table. As we dwell at the Cross. We will witness the resurrection power of God yet again.

*Blessings,
Pastor Ben*

OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:45 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship

OUR WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 5:30 Free Community Meal
- 6:15 Adult Study
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

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EASTER IS APRIL 17TH

Easter Sunday is April 17th! Our celebration of the Risen Christ will begin with a Son-Rise service at 7:00 a.m. led by the Youth Group. A pancake breakfast will be served immediately following the SonRise service.

We will not have our regular education/Sunday School hour on Easter Sunday. Dur-

ing this time prior to the 10:00am worship service, games will be offered in the Fireside Room. We received a wonderful response from the community last year, so the Youth will be offering more eggs at our Egg Hunt. The Egg Hunt will have a **start time of 9:15.**

Please invite your friends and families to join us for a morning of fun and Easter worship at Emmanuel!



MISSION ACTION DAY IS APRIL 9TH

WI Mission Action Day (Virtual) - April 9!

WI UM Women's Mission Action Day will be April 9, 2022 from 9:00 am to Noon. The theme this year is "A Time to Connect with our Wisconsin Native American Sisters". The presenters this year are Candi Cornelius, MSN RN, CLC-Oneida Prenatal Care Coordinator and Alice Skenandore,

Founder and Director of Wise Women Gathering Place.

Registration is available online at <https://wisconsin-reg.brtaapp.com/WIUMWMissionActionDayVirtual>.

For questions please contact: Josie Gobel, 920-988-0705 or email josiegobel@charter.net Please register by April 1, 2022. Zoom link and additional info will be sent April 5, 2022.



Emmanuel's next Bake Sale fundraiser will be Tuesday, April 5, held during the Voting Election!

Proceeds

All proceeds continue to benefit our mission ministries work in Senegal

What to Bake

We'd love your help in baking anything you'd like

Packaging

All items in saran wrap or baggies

Pricing will be done for you; please do not mark any items

Bakery Drop Off – Main Hallway Tables

Sunday, April 3 (9-11 a.m.)

or

Monday, April 4 (9-3 p.m.)

Questions?

Call Tracy Laux @ (920) 733-0649 and leave a message

or

E-mail: tracy.laux@amcor.com

Thank you for your support!



HOLY WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Emmanuel will offer worship services for Holy Week and Easter. We will also participate in an Ecumenical Good Friday Service with neighboring churches.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10th
10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday at St.

James UMC

Thursday, April 14th
7:00 p.m.

Ecumenical Good Friday

Friday, April 15th
Noon
First UMC
325 E Franklin St, Appleton

Good Friday-Emmanuel- St.

James
Online

Easter SonRise Worship

Sunday, April 17th
7:00 a.m.
Pancake breakfast following
SonRise Service.

Egghunt 9:15

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 17th
10 a.m.

CHECK OUT CHURCH CAMP THIS SUMMER!

There is no place like Wisconsin in the summer. God has blessed us with beautiful trees, sunshine, and lakes. And there is no better place to enjoy these gifts from God than at one of our great Unit-

ed Methodist Church camps!

Camp is available for all ages; there are even Adult Camps and Family Camps! We have some information about these camps on the Red bulletin board in the hallway. More information

about Camp Ministries is available online at wium-camps.org. Emmanuel has funding available for camp scholarships. If you are interested in camp and would like information about funding possibilities, please speak with Barb Steele or Pastor Ben.



SHOP SCRIP AFTER WORSHIP TO SUPPORT EMMANUEL!

Spring has not quite sprung, but it's trying! We prepare by getting things for our cabin. Going to Menards for the garden. A run to the grocery store, and maybe a bite to eat at Culvers after our errands.

You can do all of these things **AND contribute to Emmanuel Church at the same time** through the SCRIP program.

Through the SCRIP program you purchase a gift card (at church for face value) to your favorite retailer, gas station, or grocery store. Use these gift cards in your daily doings as you normally would. Meanwhile, these retailers are returning a portion to Emmanuel!

Paul Sagers has been at the Scrip Table after worship to take your order. He is available to make deliveries for folks that are not ready to return to worship in person. Email Paul at paul@msn.com for more information.

Our last check from the Scrip program, including January and February, was \$853! Thank you for supporting Emmanuel through this ministry!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT FROM WISCONSIN UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

“Inviting others to be a Part”

April 2022

Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened.” ~ Matthew 7:7

In his book *Creating Generous Congregations*, David Heetland tells a story about an 8-year-old girl who often gave more than a tithe from her nickel and dime allowance. She once gave her grandmother 38 cents in small coins “for missions.” Her grandmother then asked her, “Do you want this to go for homeless people, hospitals in Africa, or buying fish to stock ponds to feed the hungry?”

Her granddaughter replied, “Just a minute,” and returned shortly with 29 cents more, making a total of 67 cents to be divided three ways. She found each mission so important that her initial gift was instantly almost doubled so she could support all three.

Too often, we worry that when we ask someone to support a ministry with either their time or their money, the request will be taken as pushy (at best) or offensive (at worst). And there are certainly people who would take it that way.

On the other hand, I believe that not inviting people to support a ministry I’m excited about excludes them from being a part of something that may be transformational for them, and the people touched by the ministry.

Finally, there are many people who are just waiting to be asked to be a part of something bigger than them. They may not be the first to raise their hands when a general invitation goes out but would love to be personally invited to be a part of what God is doing through the church.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

BISHOP’S DAY APART: NORTH EAST DISTRICT

During Bishop’s Days Apart with Clergy and Laity, each district will participate in study and reflection on Radical Inclusion and Racial Justice. Bryan Stevenson’s “Four Pillars to Change the World” will lead the bold steps into our adaptation.

Bishop Jung will visit our District on April 5th, events for both clergy and laity will be hosted by Bethany Church in Green Bay. In-person and zoom participation are both offered. Registration is available online at the following link:

<https://wisconsin-reg.brapp.com/NorthEastDistrict2022DayApartwithBishopJung>

Agenda With Clergy Community (morning) 9:00–9:40 am Welcome and worship 9:40–11:10 am First session with breakout discussions 11:20–11:50 am Second session with conversation 11:50 am–noon

With Laity Community (evening) 7:00–7:30 pm Gathering and worship 7:40–9:30 pm Presentation and discussion 9:30–9:40 pm Closing blessing and sending forth

APRIL LAY LEADER THOUGHTS- MIKE PFAHLER

2022 is the year of celebration for us at Emmanuel. We have a couple of “save the dates” coming up later this year. JULY 27th, we will have an all church meeting in the evening including a meal. On OCTOBER 9th, our official celebration of 150 years of Emmanuel Church will include current and past dignitaries. This Lenten season we have been celebrating church member’s and constituent’s birthdays with birthday cakes 2 months at a time for our fellowship time on Sundays. 2 Sundays to go for the September to December birthday people. I hope you all have enjoyed this little celebration, I’m sure Marilyn and Wanda are happy to just serve us at that time instead of also having to prepare all the goodies for us. Every Sunday, we have a fellowship volunteer sign-up sheet on the table in the room. Just tell Marilyn when you want to take your turn, once a quarter would be helpful. I’m working on having a different celebration in May or June. As celebrations go, the biggest celebration Christians have is Easter. Christ died for our sins, and on the 3rd day arose. This celebration offers us a chance for eternal life by just believing!

For holy week, April 10th to 17th, we celebrate with palms waving on Palm Sunday; Christ’s last supper on Maundy Thursday this year at St. James; Christ’s death on the cross on Good Friday with services at 1st Church and on-line with Pastor Ben; culminating with Easter Sunday. Easter will have a SONRISE service followed by breakfast and egg-hunt before an Easter communion service.

Easter, what a wonderful time for singing, so many songs that I love. You should search the hymnal from pages 278-327 and find ones YOU like. For Palm Sunday may I suggest #168 At the Name of Jesus or #280 All Glory, Laud and Honor. For Good Friday, #527 Do Lord, Remember Me or #288 Were You There. Easter Sunday, WOW #302, 304, 308, 310, 314, and 364 are great, but the best celebration is #322 Up from the Grave He Arose.

Happy Easter!!!

Your lay leader, Mike Pfahler

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