

Announcements

Meet our new Bishop February 3rd! — Bishop Dan Schwerin will visit the North East District at Appleton: First UMC on Monday, February 3 for a time apart of Bible study and inspiration. Laity are invited 6:30-8:00pm; registration opens at 6:00pm. Don't miss this chance to meet and be inspired by our new bishop!

Men's Breakfast—will convene Wednesday, February 5th, at Mary's on Richmond St. Please contact Jim Justman for details.

Accountability Leadership Board Meeting — will gather on Sunday, February 9 after worship!

Tax Statements—2024 Tax Statements are available for pickup in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for a your gifts to Emmanuel!

Give to UMCOR to Support California Fire Relief—Checks can be made to Emmanuel with UMCOR in the memo line. Gifts can be made online at umcmission.org. Please see the flyer on the back table for other ways you can make a gift to support relief efforts directly.

Used Puzzle and Book Sale at St. James February 15th—Our neighbors at St. James are having a Used Puzzle and Book Sale on Saturday, February 15th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Donations of these items are welcome at their church Stop by to see our neighbors and find a fun way to keep warm!

Wednesday night meal—Join us again on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship during Dinner Church. All are welcome; invite a friend

Election Bake Sale February 18th—Emmanuel is a polling place again on Tuesday, February 18th! Get ready bakers for another Election Bake Sale! Sign-ups for baking and sales people will be on the way soon.

Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ Joy! Josh Hill's niece Ella celebrates 2 years.
- ♥ For Kurt Shook whose cancer has returned and for Shiela as she supports him.

EMMANUEL
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

740 E. College Avenue
Appleton, WI 54911
(920) 731-3288
www.emmanuel-umc.org

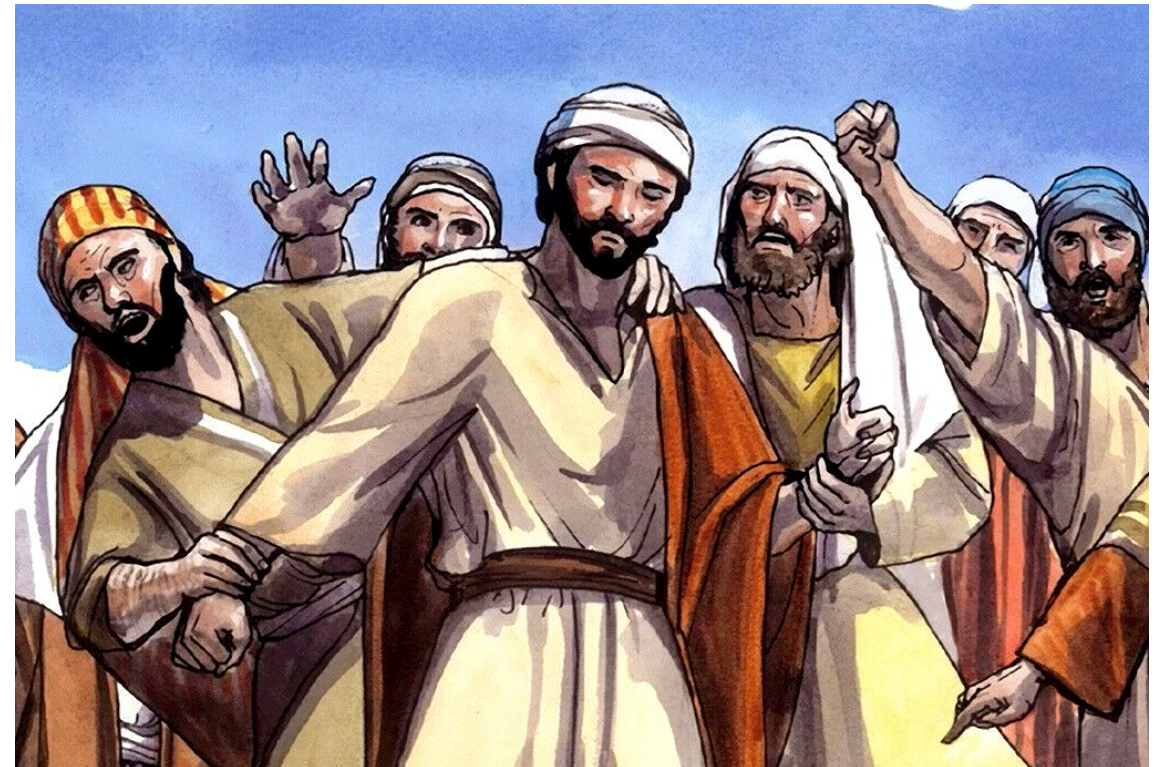
Scan here to
give online!



EMMANUEL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We welcome. We worship. We Witness.



In Your Hometown

Luke 4:21-30

February 2, 2025

Prelude

Welcome — PASTOR BEN MORRIS

Call to Worship

Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations:
how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience,
songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray.
We find comfort in the familiar.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale.
We stop noticing the power of our prayers.
We hear but don't listen to the Word.
We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts.
Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word,
in a song we love that pierces our hearts,
in a prayer that we receive in a new way.
Because God is here, moving and working among us.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Children of God, come!
Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us,
even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thanks be to God!

Hymn – Gather Us In — BLACK 2236

Prayer of Confession — ALL

Wrap us in the arms of your love, Holy One, as we gather in worship this day.
Teach us to be patient and kind in our actions,
and humble of heart in all of our ways.
Help us see and know ourselves as well as you see and know us,
that our words may be true and our love may be pure.
Build us into a community that bears all things,
believes all things, and hopes all things
in the name of Love, which never ends. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message— PASTOR BEN

Scripture — Luke 4:21-30

God, we thank you for your Word.
The story of your grace.

Sermon — In Your Hometown — PASTOR BEN

Choral Anthem — Come Expecting Jesus— CHOIR

Concerns and Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into to temptation,
but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen

Offering

Holy Communion— Choral Setting — BLACK 2257

Music during Communion—Let Us Be Bread — BLACK 2260

Benediction

Postlude