



# EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WE WELCOME! WE WORSHIP! WE WITNESS!

## MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

*Who do you say that I am?-*

*Matthew 16:15*

Jesus Christ has been taken and recreated in many different images. Often we as people have recreated Jesus to better fit our own cultural, political, ideological, or theological needs. But the self-sacrificial love of Jesus cannot simply be overlaid to fit what the culture wants us to believe. It won't fit. Discipleship doesn't begin with professing what we believe; it begins with our commitment to who Jesus is and our journey with Him. *Who do you say that I am?*

Pastor Mike Slaughter recently retired from Ginghamburg United Methodist Church in Tipp City, Ohio. His book *Renegade Gospel* invites us to examine this question for each

us during this season of Lent – “who do we say Jesus is?”

Each Sunday morning during Lent (beginning March 10) this study for Confirmation, Youth, and Adult, will begin by watching a video together in the sanctuary at 8:50. Following the video, we will break out into separate groups for discussion. These small group resources will also companion the sermon series during Lent.

Who do you say that I am?

This season of Lent is an invitation to for us to meet rediscover the Gospel message and answer this question for our-

selves. I hope you join us during the small group times and this worship series.

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Ben*



## OUR WINTER

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:45 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship
- Fellowship

### OUR WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:15 Nursery Opens
- 6:30 Youth Group
- 6:30 Adult Study
- 7:15 Choir

## ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 6TH

Our journey through Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Emmanuel will offer an Ash Wednesday Service at 5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Meal will immediately follow worship.



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## MOVIE NIGHT AT EMMANUEL FEBRUARY 24TH

Our Wednesday night Discipleship group has been reading the book "The Five People you Meet in Heaven." As part of our study, we will watch the movie together on Sunday, February 24th at 5pm in the sanctuary. (March 10th is our "backup date" in the event of weather) All are welcome to join us!



### BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER "THURSDAYS"

7:40 Breakthrough Prayer  
Please stop and pray this prayer daily at 7:30 a.m. and/or 7:40 p.m.  
Loving God,  
Thank you for our Emmanuel Church, a place where you meet us, where we meet our church family. We ask that You Breakthrough into our church, our lives and our neighborhood. Help us to meet new people, welcome new families, and to build new relationships. Show us the path to continue to Welcome, Worship, and Witness in our community. In Christ's Name we Pray, Amen.

September 2018 was the start of our Breakthrough Prayer Initiative at Emmanuel.

In our sermon series we heard that "Breakthrough Prayer" means to believe in the power of prayer and asking God to do things that we can't as a church.

We began to ask for

this through our new daily prayer together at 7:40 every day. Many of you have been so faithful in praying for our church everyday!

Some have been setting alarms on their phones at 7:40 every day. The choir pauses at 7:40 during their rehearsal to pray the Breakthrough prayer together!

The next phase of our Breakthrough Prayer Initia-

tive is to give God thanks for the Breakthroughs we have started to see. Pastor Ben will be lifting these up every Thursday morning at 7:40 and pray the Breakthrough Prayer on a video. Please share the breakthroughs that you see with Pastor Ben, the office, or on our Facebook page. God is at work through our church! Let us share and give thanks!



### UMW NEWS

#### Circle Meetings

The Ruth Circle will meet on Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. Carrie Korb will be the hostess. Marlene Hansen will be the program leader.

The Eve Circle will meet Tuesday, March 12 at 2:30 p.m. Laura Sagers will serve as the hostess and program leader.

#### UMW Reading List

The UMW reading list has been posted in the hallway. It has many wonderful books we would like for the Emmanuel library. We would appreciate help buying these for all to enjoy. Please take a look! Thank you to Wanda Gustafson for posting these materials.



## JANUARY & FEBRUARY PHOTOS



Our Confirmation Class mission team to UMCS on February 9th! Lee Vang and Pastor Ben served as sponsors.



Gwen and Bill Gibson make friends in the village of Mbassis on the Senegal trip.



Bill Gibson offers a devotion to the Senegal mission team during the trip.



Pastor Ben preaches at the UMC church in Kaolack, Senegal. Pastor Joseph Bleck, District Superintendent, translates into French.



Free Pizza and Movie on February 18th! We welcomed 30 people to this free event when school was out in Appleton.



## WE WITNESS! COTS MEAL DELIVERY MARCH 27TH



Since February of 2015 Emmanuel has been in a missional relationship with our neighbors at the COTS transitional shelter. Every other month (or approximately 6 times year) we have extended the fellowship of our Wednesday night table 20 men at the COTS shelter. We are grateful to all who have made donations, helped cook, and helped deliver in past. We are happy to

announce another COTS meal on March 27th.

COTS is invested in the long term success of those they work with; they are teaching live skills such as budgeting, cooking, and gardening. COTS has an “after-care” program to follow up with its clients after they are out on their own again in the outside world.

Emmanuel's meal ministry with COTS is an important part of their work. Help will

be needed to deliver our next COTS meal on **Wednesday, March 27th**. If you have questions about how you can contribute, please contact Denise Linstedt or Pastor Ben.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED WOLRD DAY OF PRAYER- MARCH 1ST



The Church Women United World Day of Prayer is March 1st. First Congregational Church of Appleton is hosting this year. (724 E. South River St.)

Registration for the day begins at 9:00 a.m. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. An offering will be taken to support the writer countries, the

International Committee, and the ongoing work of the CWU State and National Organizations.

This year's theme is “Come - Everything is Ready.” It was written by women of Slovenia to be shared with people around the world. We hope you join us March 1st for this program.

## SHOP WITH SCRIP AND HELP EMMANUEL!

Grocery Shopping. Gas in the car. A run to Target or Walmart for a card or birthday gift. These are things we do every week. We can do these things AND help Emmanuel church at the same time!

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, and grocery store. Use these gift cards in your daily doings as you normally would. Meanwhile, these retailers are returning a portion to Emmanuel!

The Scrip table is available following worship every week. Stop by and ask questions about the program or look for your favorite retailer! Shop with Scrip and fundraise for our church!

CONFIRMATION MISSION TRIP TO UMCS FEBRUARY 9TH



Rev. Tina Itson provides a tour of UMCS to Emmanuel's confirmation class.

On Saturday, February 9th, Emmanuel's confirmation class made a mission trip and visit to United Methodist Children Services. UMCS is in the Washington Park neighborhood of Milwaukee and serves its neighborhood in many ways.

The purpose of the trip was to help learn about the importance of social holiness, the commandment from Jesus to love people. We also wanted to learn about

the importance of our connectional church and how God works through the United Methodist church in many ways and places.

We received a tour of the facility from Reverend Tina Itson, an ordained deacon who serves at UMCS. Rev. Itson gave us a tour of the offices, childcare facility, food pantry, and clothes closet. UMCS also offers several affordable housing units. We were not able to see these as part of our tour,

but Tina told us about the unit and how the housing serves the community.

Emmanuel's confirmands were also invited to serve in the clothes closet during our visit. We helped to sort incoming clothing donations. Our class learned a great deal about the needs that exist in our state and how our church is at work. It was informative and we encourage others to learn about how God is working through UMCS!

FRIENDS, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP!

Join us every Wednesday at 5:30 for the best meal and best deal in town! Because of increase in food prices, meals this year will cost \$4 per person or \$10 per family! Meal will be followed by fellowship and discipleship each week.

Every month we will feature a delicious recipe that has been 'sampled lovingly' on Wednesdays. Try it out at home!

This delicious Alice Chicken Recipe was a hit on February 20th!

Ingredients

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 5 fluid ounces Worcestershire sauce
- 8 slices bacon
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 8 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 (8 ounce) package Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 1 (16 ounce) container honey mustard salad dressing

Directions

Place chicken in a glass dish or bowl; poke with a fork several times, then pour Worcestershire sauce in and turn to coat. Cover dish or bowl and refrigerate for about 1 hour.

Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, and set aside.

Heat butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms, and saute for about 10 minutes, or until soft; set aside. Preheat oven to Broil. Remove chicken from marinade (discard any remaining liquid), and broil for about 5 minutes each side. When chicken is almost finished, top each breast with 2 slices bacon, then cheese. Continue to broil until cheese has melted, then remove from oven. Serve with mushrooms and salad dressing for topping. (Allrecipies.com)



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## COMING UP AT EMMANUEL!!!!

- February 24th The Five People You Meet in Heaven– Movie Showing 5 p.m.
- March 1st Church Women United World Day of Prayer
- March 3rd Communion Sunday
- March 6th Ash Wednesday– Worship at 5:45 followed by meal
- March 10th Daylight Savings Time– SPRING FORWARD!!
- March 10th Food Pantry Sunday! Bring your items for St. Joe's!!
- March 10th Accountable Leadership Board Meeting Following Worship
- March 17th St. Patrick's Day
- March 21st Emmanuel Serving at Salvation Army
- March 27th COTS Meal Prep and Delivery