



EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WE WELCOME! WE WORSHIP! WE WITNESS!

MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

The Risen Christ invites us into new life. The Tomb is empty. How does the news of the resurrection change our daily living?

As United Methodists, our tradition is a guidepost for how Christ calls into new places, new relationships.

Some of you may remember the work of Bishop Reuben Job from a few years ago, studying the Three General Rules from John Wesley: Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God. I have found myself wanting to revisit this little brown book from Bishop Job during the Easter season, as a tool to follow the Risen Christ. I also have

felt a pull towards these rules recently, with all that is going on in our church and the world. Our denomination has been in the news lately, and not for the good. Our news cycle is constantly wrought with quick-tempered discourse; we are concerned for doing good for our good, and harm is done often. But I wonder how our conversations might change if we first returned to these three simple rules by John Wesley? We will be Wesley's Three Rules and Bishop Job's work

during the month of May. (The worship series started the last Sunday of April.) Adult classes will be offered to accompany the series.

Do No Harm. Do Good. Stay in Love with God. These three "simple" rules have never been more relevant.

*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 Discipleship
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

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SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS BEGIN SUNDAY, MAY 26TH

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, (Sunday May 26th) Emmanuel Church adjusts its worship hours for the summer. During the summer worship will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship. Education hour will not be offered during the summer.

Join us for worship at 9 a.m. this summer and then enjoy our beautiful Wisconsin summer weather!



SAVE THE DATE FOR BUILD IT UP VBS! JUNE 17-20



Emmanuel Church is excited to invite you to a Free week of VBS the week of June 17-20. Start each evening with us with a free meal. We will join together in learning about "Building UP" the Kingdom of God together in our fun theme! Each night we will explore a story from the LEGO Brick Bible in story, songs, crafts, and games.

Registrations are not required, but they help us plan for the week. You can register right now on our website, emmanuel-umc.org. Invite your friends and neighbors for a fun week of VBS!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, NOTE OF THANKS FROM MELBA MCGINNIS

Dear Emmanuel Family & Friends, I want to thank you for all of the caring and thoughtful gestures of friendship and prayers. I will be moving to Valley VNA Senior Living in Neenah on May 6th. My new address will be :

Melba McGinnis
#A12
1537 Lyons Dr
Neenah WI 54956

UMW NEWS



Meeting after Worship May 19

United Methodist Women are celebrating 150 years of women organized for mission. During this year each circle meeting here at Emmanuel we are looking back to our legacy and how it connects to who we are today.

We would like all women, member or non member of UMW to join us on Sunday, May 19, after worship for our May meeting.

APRIL PHOTOS!



Bill Gibson and Julian Morris are ready for the Easter Egg Hunt!



Henry Rady has his bag ready to hunt for eggs!



We had a full house and many visitors for our Easter Egg Hunt after Breakfast!



The Youth did an excellent job leading us in the SonRise service on Easter Sunday!

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 United Methodist Church camps!

Camp is available for all ages; there are even Adult Camps and Family Camps! We have some information about these camps in the church office. More information about Camp Ministries is available online at wiumcamps.org. Emmanuel has funding available for

camp scholarships. If you are interested in camp but would like information about funding possibilities, please speak with Barb Steele or Pastor Ben.



WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS JUNE 14-17



The 2019 Annual Conference is scheduled for Friday, June 14- Monday, June 17 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. The theme is "One in Ministry to All the World." Registration is now open online at www.wisconsinumc.org.

Peter Miano from Society of Biblical Studies will serve

as Bible Study leader throughout the conference.

On Monday a "Learning Day" will again be offered, featuring sessions on the Accountable Leadership board model, Volunteer in Mission, and Safe Sanctuary policies.

Register by May 17th for the early bird rate of \$175.

Pastor Ben and Don Mosher will be attending on behalf of Emmanuel.

APRIL NOTE OF THANKS FROM MIKE PFAHLER!

As summer nears, now may be the time to honor our Sunday School teachers for their great job in teaching our youth for this school year. Lead teachers for the year have been:

Gwen Gibson, Carrie Korb, Janet McKee, Ann Pleiss Morris, Mary Pleiss, and Bev Stan.

They have been assisted aptly on several occasions by the following volunteers:

Heidi Barrington, Gabrielle Davis, Terran Davis, Nicole Hernandez,

Heidi Hill, Emily Kittel, Olivia McKee, Wesley McKee, Joyce Riesterer, and Charlotte Thiel.

This year the lesson plan has been to teach the same subject for a few weeks in different ways. The plan is called Deep Blue – Rotation Stations. Current topic is the empty tomb. There are 7 ways given to teach each topic and that is the reason they study each topic for more than one week. The 7 ways are:

Art, Cooking, Games, Missions, Science, Spiritual Practices, and

Storytelling/Drama.

WOW! I've talked to a couple of the students and they give the program 2 thumbs up. With various versions of the recurring theme, you can see why it takes so many teachers and assistants, with Janet McKee trying to schedule it all.

I hope all had a wonderful experience this year and will return to teach our kids in the fall.

Missing from last month's acolyte

list was Kate Korb. I did it on purpose, because she has given her time to also teach (this month's topic) the newer acolytes.

Thanks to all volunteers

Mike Pfahler

OAKLAND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION JUNE 15TH



Dick and Lanea Oakland are celebrating 50 years of marriage! They sent an invitation to their Emmanuel Church family to celebrate with them.

Dick and Lanea Oakland are pleased to invite you to celebrate with them on their Golden Wedding Anniversary at Crossroads United Methodist Church, Saturday, June 15, 2019 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Crossroads United Methodist Church
At the corner of Hogan and Arboretum
Near WI Highways 19 & 113
Waunakee, WI
(608) 849-9599

We also have Dick and Lanea's address if you wish to send them a card:

Dick & Lanea Oakland
1601 Wheeler Road
Madison WI 53704

FRIENDS, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP!- LAST WEDNESDAY MEAL MAY 22ND!

We've had some wonderful Wednesday nights this year, filled with fellowship, discipleship, music, and laughter. But every one of these nights has started at the table together as a church family. Our Wednesdays at Emmanuel wouldn't be the same without the delicious meals we enjoy together!

Our last meal of this spring season will be Wednesday May 22nd. As this spring comes to a close, please try to express your thanks to the members of our kitchen crew that help make these meals happen: Kathy Abel, Gabrielle Davis, Denise Irwin-Linstedt, Audrey Lunday, and Marilyn Zylstra. Stop by the kitchen on a Wednesday and show your appreciation for these special ladies!



LOOK AT ALL THAT! Remember when we packed the house for the Thanksgiving Freeview!



Gabrielle Davis has served in the kitchen Wednesdays in addition to her culinary studies at Fox Valley Tech.

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COMING UP AT EMMANUEL!!!!

- May 3rd Church Women United May Friendship Day
- May 5th Communion Sunday
- May 12th Mothers Day
- May 16th Emmanuel Serving at Salvation Army 10 a.m.
- May 19th Confirmation Sunday and Last Sunday of Sunday School!
- May 22nd Last Wednesday Night Meal of Spring!
- May 26th Worship Hours Change for Summer! Worship at 9 a.m.
- May 27th Memorial Day