



# EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WE WELCOME! WE WORSHIP! WE WITNESS!

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

*A disciple worships*

*Is part of a community*

*Commits to spiritual practices*

*Is generous and serves*

*Is seeking to be Christ-like*

This definition of a disciple is from the United Methodist Church’s Board of Discipleship. Their current campaign invites local churches to return to the mission of the church that Jesus gave us: disciple making. Specifically the program states “Let’s stop trying to fix churches and start seeing the people God wants us to reach.”

We used this definition of a disciple last year through a worship series in September. God led some of us to participate in Strategic Goal Teams to help us better Welcome, Worship, and Witness as a church.

We are going to return to this definition of disciple but attempt more of an outside view. As people that go to church we know “what its about.” But more and more people are growing up without any back-

ground or connection to the church. Studies are showing that we are in a “post-Christian” society because people don’t have the history with a church or what it means.

Exploring the definition of “disciple” is for us as we go deeper in relationship with Jesus Christ, but also so that we can define and demonstrate why it’s important to our community.

To accompany the series we will offer a study of the book “Churchless” on Wednesday evenings starting on October 10th. This book, by author Dave Kinnamon, offers research about the unchurched. The research indicates their be-

liefs and expectations of church, and why some don’t attend. It also talks about what has been happening in some of our churches across the country and attempts to explain some of the disconnect.

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I hope you will join us on this journey through the preaching series and book study as we try to better understand what it means to disciple in our own journey and invite those to join us.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Ben*



## OUR FALL

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

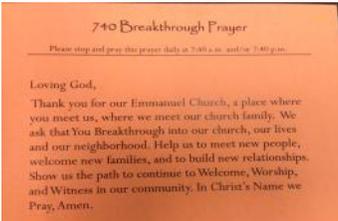
### OUR WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

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## BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER INITIATIVE— PRAY WITH US AT 7:40!



September 30th marked the end of Breakthrough Prayer Worship Series. “Breakthrough Prayer” what it means to believe in the power of prayer and asking God to do things that we can’t as a church. Dating back to May, Our Breakthrough prayer series is based on how you said we needed to be in prayer for our church. The Initiative is the work of our Break-

through Prayer Team, which includes Hazel Christopher, Nancy Huolihan, Mike Pfahler, Laura Sagers, and Barb Steele.

The end of the series was an invitation for all of us to be in prayer for Emmanuel Church, asking God to breakthrough in exciting ways. The last Scripture focus was Matthew 6:9-10; “Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done.” We discovered that praying for break-

throughs is asking for the coming of God’s coming at our church. We began to ask for this through our new daily prayer together at 7:40 every day. If you were not in worship with us on the 30th, please contact the office. Extra 740 Prayer Cards are available!

## LISTENING SESSIONS FOR 2019 GENERAL CONFERENCE



Why is there a special General Conference coming February 23 – 26, 2019 in St. Louis, only a year before the regularly scheduled 2020 session in Minneapolis? How might my church be affected by this talk about choosing among a One Church, Connectional Conference and Traditionalist plan? Will other possibilities emerge? Change is coming for The United Methodist Church, and there will be meetings this fall to help Wisconsin United

Methodists understand what is being proposed. Formed following authorization by General Conference 2016, the Commission on a Way Forward identified three possible options, or plans, for our denomination as we move into the future. Read press release. Read report in English. The Council of Bishops has recommended adoption of the One Church Plan. The Wisconsin Delegation to GC 2019 is hosting nine educational and listening sessions

around the state to allow feedback about the proposals. These sessions for interested clergy and laity will each last between 60-90 minutes.

There are 9 different listening sessions, but 2 are geographically close to Emmanuel. On Saturday, October 20th Kaukana Peace Church will host a session at 10 a.m. Wausau First Church will host one Saturday, October 6th at 10 a.m.

## UMW NEWS



### Circle Meetings

Eve Circle will meet again October 9th at 2:30 p.m. Nancy Huolihan will host, Gwen Gibson will lead the program.

The next meeting for Ruth Circle will be October 15th at 6:30 p.m. Carrie Korb will lead the program.

### UMW Annual Gathering

Wisconsin Conference UMW Annual Gathering is October 19th and 20th. First UMC Waukesha is hosting. Programming begins at 6:30pm on Friday the 19th, preceded by registration. More information is available on the UMW table regarding discount hotel information. Contact Arlene Trull— aetrull@gmail.com

## SEPTEMBER PHOTOS!



Sunday School has been taking place in this newly redone and repainted room! Thanks to Janet McKee for leading the charge!



Julian and Margaret Morris offer some pre-dinner entertainment on a Wednesday night.



Carrie Korb offers the Children's Sermon to a spirited crowd on September 9th.

**7:40 Breakthrough Prayer**

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Please stop and pray this prayer daily at 7:40 a.m. and/or 7:40 p.m.

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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.

Our Breakthrough Prayer Initiative started on September 30th. Join us by praying daily at 7:40 a.m. and/or 7:40 p.m!

## WE WITNESS!- COTS MEAL OCTOBER 24TH



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 October 24th!

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, October 24th!** If you have questions about how you can contribute, please contact Denise Lindstedt or Pastor Ben.

## ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE MEETING- NOVEMBER 11TH

Our annual Charge Conference Meeting will again be a shared event with our the other United Methodist Churches in our Circuit.

At the meeting we will celebrate how God has been working through Emmanuel this past year, as well as our sister churches in the circuit. In preparation for the

meeting, our Leadership Board will prepare forms and any changes that may require vote.

The Charge Conference Meeting will be hosted by Faith United Methodist Church in Neenah. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

Members of the Emmanuel Leadership Board are

asked to attend, but all members of the church are invited.

## RAISE MONEY FOR EMMANUEL BY WORKING PACKER CONCESSIONS!



Emmanuel Church has a unique opportunity to raise funds for its ministries by partnering with Neenah First UMC to work a concession stand at Lambeau Field. It is a fun, fast paced way to be part of the atmosphere at Lambeau on game day!

Over the last four years, those that have worked concessions at the

Packer games have raised over \$4,000 for Emmanuel!

Emmanuel!

Help will be needed for many October and November games:

Please consider talking to Barb Steele or Pastor Ben about this opportunity and taking the online training at [greenbaysportservice.com](http://greenbaysportservice.com).

Even if you only work one game or event this season it would be a great way to help raise money for

### 3RD ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT AT EMMANUEL OCTOBER 28TH!

Emmanuel's 1st ever Trunk or Treat in 2016 was a resounding success! We were visited by over 200 people, hosted police and fire trucks, gave away all our candy and treats, and offered fun games for children. It was a great event again last year in 2017, with a visit from the Fire Truck and several friends.

We are planning the Trunk or Treat again for

the afternoon of October 29th. Help will be needed to decorate cars and host as well as to make and serve food. Donations of candy or food for the day are welcome. There are sign-sheets on the red bulletin board by the coffee pots for all of the ways help is needed. Come join the fun October 28th!



### 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!

#### Triple Chocolate Crockpot Mess

##### Ingredients

- 1(18 1/2 ounce) package chocolate cake mix
- 1(4 ounce) package instant chocolate pudding mix
- 3/4cup oil
- 1cup water
- 4eggs
- 1(6 ounce) bag chocolate chips
- 1pint sour cream

##### Directions

- Spray crock pot with non-stick spray.
- Mix all ingredients and place in crock pot.
- Cook on LOW for 5-6 hours.
- Try not to lift the lid.
- Serve with ice cream.



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## COMING UP AT EMMANUEL!!!!

- October 7th Communion Sunday and Barrington Baptism
- October 9th Eve Circle 2:30pm
- October 15th Ruth Circle 6:30pm
- October 14th Food Pantry Sunday! Bring your items for St. Joe's!!
- October 15th Fundraising Opportunity with Packer Concessions! Monday Night Football!
- October 18th Emmanuel Serving at Salvation Army
- October 28th Trunk or Treat! 3pm– 5pm
- October 31st Halloween!