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Lectionary Readings

Week of September 12, 2021- *This is the wisdom of God: deny yourself, take up your cross (the means of your own discipline and mortification) and follow Christ.*

Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

Week of September 19, 2021- *The Christian person will be humble, considerate, peaceful, willing to forgive all, and does not insist on their own way, but rather on God's way.*

Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:13-4:8, Mark 9:30-37

YAHAS-Thursday, September 16th

Please have your lunch at home before you arrive, then join us between 11:30 and 12 in Fellowship Hall, wearing your face mask. We will catch up with each other and make plans for future YAHAS meetings. Bring your ideas for the upcoming season.

No Bites Between the Books- Friday, September 17th at Noon

Please have your lunch at home before you arrive, then join us at Noon in Fellowship Hall, wearing your face mask. We will catch up with each other and discuss the book, *The Keeper of Lost Things*, by Ruth Hogan.



Friends, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the staff, ministry teams, and volunteers in the Emmanuel Community Church family for their meticulous planning, hard work, dedication, and living out their vocations and callings through making our Kickoff Sunday a wonderful, meaningful, and powerful time of worship, service, and fellowship. Special thanks are due to Janet and Wes for stepping in to lead the worship service on short notice, as I had to be in precautionary quarantine. Thank you & God bless you all!

In Gratitude, Pastor Jerome

Adult Discipleship Opportunities

Drop in whenever you can for whichever interests you!

✝ **Sunday Morning Community Quest, 9:30-10:30am**

- Wired Word: 20 Years Later, the Lessons of 9/11 (Chapel Lounge)
- Looking at the Bible: God asks, "Where Are You?" (Room next to Chapel Lounge)

✝ **Pastor's Bible Study**

Tuesday, September 14 - 10:00am

"Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Fellowship Hall)

✝ **Lectionary Bible Study (ongoing)**

- Wednesday, September 15 - 10:00am (Chapel Lounge)
- Friday, September 17 - 10:00am (Zoom)

Contact Janet Ray (JanetR@ec-umc.com) for link

✝ **Prayer Meeting (ongoing)**

- Wednesday Evenings - 6:30pm (Zoom Link)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82221216565?pwd=dTBnTWNCUkhraUErWHMrNzFWRnNldz09>

✝ **Bible Study introduction, video tutorials**

For newcomers to Bible Study & seasoned disciples.

- How to read the Bible: <https://youtu.be/ttkSsUtIK5c>
- Choosing a Bible: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJ1bBzyTIbk>

Community Quest (CQ) for Children - Beginning Sunday, September 19th

It was such a treat to see so many young families with children sharing in worship and the fun of Fall Kick-Off yesterday. Seeing how your children have grown and realizing all of our regulars have aged out of the nursery and preschool classes, I want to make sure you know what to expect. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email Karen, karenb@ec-umc.com or ask a question on our ECUMC Children and Family Ministries Facebook page.

8:30-12:00 Nursery care available

8:30-9:30 Celebration Service

9:30-9:45 SLamm and JaMM Music. 3 years-1st Grade meet in Ark Park with Laura Hohl.

2nd-5th grade find Bill Follmann in the Adult Choir Room.

9:45-10:30 Jesus' Place 3-4 year old Preschool Class

9:45-10:30 Kindergarten-5th Grade CQ in Fellowship Hall. All adults who prefer a weekly intergenerational experience, adults who want to learn along with children, and those who feel better being with their children as they get back into the swing of Sunday school are encouraged to attend. Adults will have time for fellowship from 9:30-9:45 during music time.

10:45-11:45 Sanctuary Worship

Please fill out the registration material you picked up at Fall Kick-Off and bring it with you or scan it and send it to karenb@ec-umc.com. The paperwork can also be found at ec-umc.com on the Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry pages.

Women's Ministry

* **Craft Day!** Saturday, September 18, Chapel Lounge, 9:00-11:00am, bring whatever craft you are working on! Please email kringbeth1@gmail.com if you would like to join us via Zoom instead of in-person.

Book study, *Which Way Lord? By Rob Fuquay. Begins September 22nd, Chapel Lounge, 7:00pm. This is a 6-session study that will help you understand God's desire for your life by unpacking your experiences alongside those of the apostle Paul. The book is supported with DVD lessons and guided group discussion. Books are available for \$10 each. Please RSVP to Peg Heinen at pegheinen@yahoo.com.

***Women's Ministry Advent Season.** Last year, we prepared Advent Calendars for women in our congregation. Please help us get ahead of the curve this year and fill out this quick

survey regarding your interest in a calendar for the upcoming season. Kindly respond by Sept. 30th. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8HL8P6N>

Ingathering for Afghan Refugees

The Wisconsin Annual Conference is hosting an ingathering of clothing and blankets for the Afghan refugees currently housed at Fort McCoy. The following should be new items in packages in sizes Small to XL (mostly Med/Large).

Long sleeve, crew neck tops (t-shirts/sweatshirts)

- Solid colors, fun colors okay
- Unbranded
- Male and female

Pants

- Long pants
- Unbranded
- Male and female

Socks

- Male and female
- Kids socks can be fun colors
- Cotton

Shoes

- Flip flops and sandals (great need)
- All sizes
- Closed toed shoes

Underwear

- Cotton only
- All sizes (great need for men's sizes)

Other needed items:

- Fall jackets, gently used, laundered (all sizes)
- Blankets/ Quilts, gently used, laundered
- Duffle bags/ laundry bags

Please **do not** donate winter clothing! The collection box has been placed between the glass doors in the narthex. Financial gifts can also be made. Please include 'Afghan Refugees' on the memo line of your check and drop off check in the church office on Sheryl's desk or mail in. **September 22 is the deadline** for contributions.

Stay Connected!

Help for Getting the Most out of Worship During COVID-19

It has been a great blessing to have staff, pastors, and volunteers (especially our AV/Tech team) who have facilitated keeping our Church family here at Emmanuel connected to worship, formation, and fellowship during the challenges posed by the pandemic. However, there are still some challenges and hiccups when dealing with accessing some of those resources: whether it is having trouble hearing the services, managing the computer programs involved, or any number of things.

But don't be discouraged! Your Church family is here to help!

Here are a few tips to try when connecting to or getting the most out of the Church's resources is challenging:

- **Try turning up the volume.** There can be up to 2 places to do this on your computer:
 - In the bottom right hand corner of your computer look for the  icon, click on it, and move the curser all the way to the right.
 - If you are watching a service on YouTube or Facebook, look for the same icon (bottom left hand corner of the video screen on YouTube & bottom right hand

corner of the video screen on Facebook) and move the cursor all the way to the right.

- **Try turning on closed captioning.** Both YouTube and Facebook have closed captioning options:

- On **YouTube** click on the  icon and click on it.
- On **Facebook** click on the  icon, click it, and then click the toggle switch next to where it says 'Captions'

- **Ask for a written copy of our sermons/sermon notes to be mailed to you.** Just contact Pastor Sean at (262) 251-3830 or seanc@ec-umc.com. Please be aware that our different preachers (both pastors, our lay speakers, and guest preachers) compose their sermons in different ways. So the mailings will appear different depending on who the preacher was. All sermons/sermon notes mailed out are in large print for those who need it.

If you need help beyond the scope of these tips and resources, please contact Sheryl in the Church office and she will connect you with a member of our AV/Tech Team ministry.

Reserving Meeting Space

You will need to reserve a room prior to your meeting. Simply check our website calendar for availability: <https://www.ec-umc.com/calendar/>

Then email sheryla@ec-umc.com or call Sheryl in the office 262-251-3830 to have your meeting/event added to the church calendar.

NOTE: It is also a good idea to check the church calendar before scheduling a zoom meeting.

Pastors are available

Even with covid protocols in place, Pastors Jerome & Sean are available to talk to or meet with any member of the congregation whenever you may need us. To contact the pastors, please call:

Pastor Jerome Sahabandhu - (262) 251-3830 Lead Pastor or jeromes@ec-umc.com

Pastor Sean Cornell - Community Care Director
(262) 853-9895 or e-mail: seanc@ec-umc.com

Church Office Hours, are as follows:

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm.

Altar Flowers in 2021. Simply click on the link, select a Sunday and provide the information requested. Judy Newman will contact you to coordinate when your week rolls around. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAFA62FA2FCC61-altar>

Watering the Church Flowers

Please help keep the plants thriving in the car port drive thru! Sign up to water and keep the thirsty plants happy! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FA5A82CA57-water>
Feel free to call me with any questions at 952-300-7746. Thanks! Deb Prickett