



NOVEMBER 2021

PATHWAYS

Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church Monthly Newsletter

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These are the activities planned for November, 2021.

The CDC guidelines may impact these plans.

Stay tuned to email and social media, or call the church office.

November Worship Schedule

- November 7 — 9:00am Sanctuary Worship — Fellowship following service
- November 14 — Celebration Service 8:30am, Community Quest 9:30am, Sanctuary Worship 10:45am
- November 21 — Celebration Service 8:30am, Community Quest 9:30am, Sanctuary Worship 10:45am
- November 28 — Celebration Service 8:30am, Community Quest 9:30am, Sanctuary Worship 10:45am

Missions
Prayer Group
Worship

Music
Women's
Youth

Help Wanted!

Work as much, or as little time as you want! Choose the work that interests you! No Pay! Great Rewards!

It's that time of year when the Nominations Committee is seeking new faces for membership on Ministry Teams. We need thinkers, planners, and helpers. We need people with specific gifts and people who are still trying to figure out what gifts they have to offer our church. Most ministry teams meet once per month (the first Monday of each month) in person or by zoom.

Please consider joining a ministry team. Working together is one of the best ways to enjoy fellowship and deepen your faith. Below are our ministry teams, the ones in **bold** need the most help:

Ministry Teams

AV-tech

Community Care
Green Team
Kitchen Klub

Children's

Finance
Intergenerational
Marketing



...Saturday Night, November 6, before you go to bed, so you

Don't Miss the 175th Jubilee Celebration November 7

Here are the things you won't want to miss:

Worship at 9:00am (Only one worship service)
Our WI Conference Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will provide the message. We will be honoring our members of 50+ years, and our former pastors. Coffee hour and fellowship immediately following worship.

Children and Adult choirs will be singing. Children will have a special Sunday school activity starting partway through the service. Nursery for the little ones is provided starting at 8:45am.

Please RSVP by JotForm <https://form.jotform.com/212578268224157> or call the church at 262-251-3830, so we can arrange for safe seating and Jubilee treat quantities.

Pastoral Letter from the Bishop

Emmanuel Community UMC,

Greetings in the grace we share.

I write to thank you for your ministry and encourage you as you mark your 175th anniversary festivities with the theme: Remember, Rejoice, and Reengage!

This gives us occasion to remember the saints who taught faith, broke barriers, and gave of themselves to make Christ known in your ministry area. We indeed have cause to rejoice in the impact you have made and the witness you have offered the Connection. The body of Christ has been vivified by your incorporating Zion UMC into your family, partnering with Summerfield UMC and their homeless ministry, working with UMCS and Northcott, and your many years of apportionment giving that makes Christ known globally.

You exemplify the gift of being in ministry “with” and “of.” We know ministry “to” others is patronizing, and ministry “for” others is disempowering. Ministry “with” and “of” is empowering and transforming for all involved. Ministry “with” and “of” makes Christ known.

As you reengage, the gospel lectionary for November 7 puts the relentless faith of the widow at the center of the text (Mark 12:38–44), and we celebrate her faithful spirit of non-dominance, the power of the Lamb as the type of power established on the throne of God. The text itself puts the experience of the widow and the poor at the center of our attention and calls us to reengage. As we listen to the Spirit in these days, who is the next neighbor God has given you to love? How does the presence of this anniversary challenge you?

I will pray you reengage with the unity of the Holy Spirit. There are few venues today that offer the world a wholeness that is stronger than our perceived differences. United Methodists are liturgical, contemporary, contemplatives, social activists, urban, suburban, small town, rural, and much more. We are present globally, in more than 45 countries, and we comprise an unknown number of cultures and languages, all united to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. We are children, youth, young adults, senior adults, new and mature Christians. We are jeans and suits, gay and straight, red and blue, doubters and believers. God can use all of us to make Christ known.

The way Mark tells it, Jesus called his disciples to pay attention to the widow, not because the two small copper coins were enormous in value, but because her example, her endurance, was greater because she offered them despite her economic, social, and personal place of challenge. Jesus calls us to endure in ways that define our witness. May it be so.

I am delighted I can be with you on your special day. Until then, grace and peace to you.

In the hope that is ours in Christ.

Hee-Soo Jung, PhD

Bishop,
Wisconsin
Conference



MISSIONS

Becas Con Bendiciones (Scholarships with Blessings)

Through this mission, ECUMC provides financial assistance to Honduran students, who would not otherwise be able to attend public school. \$120 per student provides the shoes, uniforms, book bags etc. to make public education possible. We have been supporting 40 students each year.

Letters from Becas Students

For: My Beloved Sponsors

From: Rosa Linda Castellanos

I greet you warmly hoping that you and your loved ones are in good health.

Before, I mentioned that my name is Rosa. I am 15 years old and am in the 9th grade. My favorite subject is Spanish. What I like to do most is read and sing.

I live with my mom and I have 2 brothers.

On account of this pandemic I cannot go to classes, but I do the homework which my teachers send me. I must remain apart from my classmates and my teachers.

I want to thank you for the scholarship money I received from you. It has been a great help during these difficult times.

I ask God to increase your great work and to grant you life and health.

Greetings and Blessings

Rosa Castellanos

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For: My Sponsors

From: Baní García

Hello. I hope that you are in good health surrounded by the beautiful people that you are close to. First I want to give thanks to

God because he is granting me one more time the chance to write to you this humble letter which is all that I can offer. Thank you for permitting me to again be part of scholarships with blessing. What you provide me is the motivation for me to continue on with my studies. I give thanks for the help that you have sent us which has been a great blessing for us. I know that God will bless each one of you with rich and abundant blessings. I also pray that God will guard and protect you from all sickness and that you will always be healthy with much prosperity and happiness in your lives. Also I ask that you pray for me and my family. As we have no way to repay you, we know that God will bless and care for you. I hope that my small sincere note pleases you, and I hope that you will answer me. I love and care for you so much.

May God bless and protect you greatly!

Baní García Romero

November Loose Coin Offering

Promised Land Ranch and Preserve Restoring the Ranch continues to be an enormous undertaking. The miniature golf area, the riding arena, the small animal petting zoo, the crop farming, and the group home/food pantry are all keeping Pastor Tim Winter very busy! Progress is being made but additional funding and volunteering would also help! Please take a look at their website <https://www.thepromisedlandranchandpreserve.com/> or for more information, contact Bob Weiland 262-424-8479 .



Angel Tree Announcement

After consulting with our sister church Albright UMC Milwaukee, the decision was made to continue with virtual donation of gift cards through Prison Fellowship.

I expect to have the link and code for donations in mid-November. Same as last year the gift card amount will be \$25 (\$20 for the gift and \$5 handling charge). If you do not have computer access, contact me and I will be happy to help.

Two issues came up: after you select a child (or children), an option comes up to make additional donations. Please do not feel pressured to select additional children; there are procedures in place to make sure all children are taken care of.

Also the site requires an email address (so you can receive a receipt)—you can always unsubscribe from future emails—or use a different email if you don't want the receipt in your inbox. Any questions? Contact Pam Laurion 262-253-9838.

It's not too early to start Christmas!

We will also be giving to children who participate in the Northcott Neighborhood House, a UMC outreach program in Milwaukee.

The Mitten Tree will also be up in Fellowship Hall. If you want more information about any of these groups, contact Pam Laurion 262-253-9838.

Harvest Brunch November 14, 9:30am

This year we are raising scholarship funds for Wisconsin UMC Camps. Wisconsin has two camps: Lake Lucerne, established in 1947, and Pine Lake, established in 1948. Year-round they offer opportunities for personal and group retreats, programs for grades 2-12, family camp, adult special need, mother/daughter, grandparents, and much more. Church camps are not just places to have fun and make new friends but also for quiet

reflection, bible study, and campfire worship. People from our congregation have been taking advantage of these camps for generations.

The Kitchen Klub will serve "camp food" from 9:30am-12:00pm. At this time we are planning the food to be takeout due to Covid guidelines, but that could change. Please RSVP your food request by November 9 using JotForm: <https://form.jotform.com/212797412931156> or call the church at 251-3830.

New this year we will have Intergenerational Community Quest on "Church Camps" at 9:30am in Celebration Hall. Please watch for more details.

GREEN TEAM

Green Greetings!

A Big, Green Team Ministry thank you to Jeffrey Van Ert and Mary Klein for their steadfast attention to weeding our *Growing Faith Garden* during this past summer season.

Green Team Ministry Devotional

"When we are alone on a starlit night, when by chance we see the migrating birds in autumn descending on a grove of junipers to rest and eat; when we see children in a moment when they are really children; when we know love in our own hearts; or when, like the Japanese poet Basho, we hear an old frog land in a quiet pond with a solitary splash—at such times the awakening, the turning inside out of all values, the 'newness,' the emptiness and the purity of vision that make themselves evident; all these provide a glimpse of the cosmic dance."

Thomas Merton, Trappist Monk





WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Contact: Peg Heinen, 414-419-3270
pegheinen@yahoo.com



Save the Date! Advent Service

The Women's Ministry team will be hosting an Advent Service on Friday, December 3, 7:00pm in the sanctuary. We hope you will save the date for this special event, which is focused on quietly centering ourselves to prepare for the Advent Season and the coming of God's greatest gift. We hope to see you there!



RSVP for Advent Calendar Due Sunday, November 7

The Women's Ministry team will be preparing hand-made Advent Calendars again this year. Please complete the following order form no later than November 7. We are targeting Thanksgiving weekend for pickup/delivery. If you have questions, please contact us at ecumcwomen@gmail.com.
<https://form.jotform.com/212824436407050>



Next Women's Book Study starts Wednesday, November 3, 7:00pm

Common Ground—Loving Others Despite Our Differences

Whether it is in politics, at work, in your neighborhood, or at a family party, we face conflict every day. Fortunately, the Scriptures hold the key to living at peace despite our differences. In *Common Ground*, a four-week Bible study, Amberly Neese combines stories of rivalries from the Bible with personal experience, humor, hope, and her love of God's Word.

These stories point us to peace and reconciliation in all our relationships, reassuring us that it is possible to find common ground with everyone—despite our differences. RSVP to Peg Heinen.

DICIPLESHIP MINISTRY

Janet Ray, JanetR@ec-umc.com



Workshop Spiritual Gifts Inventory

Join Minister of Discipleship Janet Ray for an opportunity to discover and explore your Spiritual Gifts on Monday, November 8, 10:00–11:30am or 6:30–8:00pm.

What are Spiritual Gifts? They are God's expression of the power of the Holy Spirit in YOU! These gifts of grace exist in each of us, an incredible resource for us to tap and use.


This workshop will help you begin to find that spark of the Holy Spirit in you!

We will begin with a self-assessment tool. Then we'll explore what the tool can tell us about our Spiritual Gifts and what they mean. Finally, we'll begin to explore how these Gifts can be used to fulfill God's mission through us. Everyone is invited. All materials will be provided for you.

The workshop will be offered twice in Fellowship Hall, 10:00–11:30am and again 6:30–8:00pm on Monday, November 8.

Register by contacting Janet at JanetR@ec-umc.com or through the church office.

OPPORTUNITIES



YAHAS (Young at Heart and Spirit)

Thursday, November 18, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall. Program: Camping in Wisconsin with Bill & Ellen Follmann.

RSVP to Dorothy Nienow, 262-251-5048, or Mary Jo Karnath, 262-253-4154. Dues, \$2.



Books Between Bites

Friday, November 19, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

This month's book is *How to Stop Time* by Matt Haig.

Meeting your Pastoral Needs

Both Pastor Jerome (as the senior pastor) and Pastor Sean (as the Community Care Team Coordinator) are willing to meet with any member of Emmanuel Community UMC either at the church, in a café over tea or coffee, or in your own home to listen, speak, and pray with you about any pastoral concern you may have.

For general ministry visits:

We can be contacted via either our email, on our church phones, or on our cell phones. Our church email and phone numbers are:

Pastor Jerome:

Email: jeromes@ec-umc.com

Phone: (262) 251-3830 – ext. 201

Pastor Sean:

Email: seanc@ec-umc.com

Phone: (262) 251-3830 – ext. 209 and the office will be able to give out our cell phone numbers on request only.

For hospital or care facility visits:

You need to get in touch with the pastors directly. The facility staff will (generally) not contact us for you.

For funerals:

You need to contact the pastors either directly or through the Church office for funeral arrangements.

To see Pastor Jerome in the Church:

Pastor Jerome will keep his Thursdays available from 8:00am to 4:00pm for individual prayers and pastoral meetings in general. Please be aware that this is a general rule, emergencies, personal and family circumstances, other UMC connectional meetings, etc. may take place and might have to reschedule at another time.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Karen Burzinski, Karenb@ec-umc.com

Yes, Virginia, there is a Christmas Program! Sunday, December 12, 8:30am and 10:45am

We're trying a new approach to this year's Christmas Program with the hope that children and youth, ages 3 years through

12th grade, can easily participate despite the challenges of the day. The majority of our preparation will happen outdoors at Promised Land Ranch and at the church on Wednesdays and Sundays. Speaking and music preparation will be held on Sunday mornings during CQ.

An email has been sent with details and a link to sign up for speaking parts, singing groups, and outdoor prep times. Please respond as soon as possible for this unique opportunity.

Reverse Trick-or-Treat

Sunday, October 31, 9:30-10:30am

Wear your not-so-scary Halloween Costume!

Preschool through 5th-grade classes and anyone who enjoys an Intergenerational Sunday school experience will meet in Fellowship Hall to put together treat bags and walk them to our church neighbors across Menomonee Ave. Donations of individually wrapped Halloween treats would be appreciated. Please bring them to the church office by Sunday, October 24. Adults, contact Karen Burzinski if you would like to help chaperone the children.

Intergenerational Community

Quest, 2nd Sunday of every month in Celebration Hall

Our November 14 Intergenerational gathering for faith and fellowship will celebrate our Wisconsin UMC church camps during Harvest Brunch. The Missions Team is preparing a wonderful camp presentation with the hope that we will all learn more about Pine Lake and Lake Lucerne camp opportunities. Look for details about the program and brunch from the Missions Team and Kitchen Klub.

Club 4/5 Thanksgiving Celebration Sunday, November 21

4th- and 5th-grade families, check your mailbox and email for details about our next Club 4/5 gathering. If your family would like to lead one of our monthly social events, please contact Karen Burzinski.



Celebrate Our Jubilee by the Gift of Education

Remember our past and
our heritage of faith.

Rejoice that we are still
here and God is still
working in our midst.

Re-engage with our membership and
our community.

These are the themes of our 175th Jubilee year. They compel us to ask, "How can we continue to be salt and light in a world that has changed dramatically, even over the last 25 years?" The answer is a **gift of love through scholarships** for young people whose dreams of formal education after high school has greater challenges.

Between now and November we hope to raise at least \$4,500 in donations to provide post-secondary scholarships of \$1,000 to students of limited financial resources in local high schools and who practice and encourage building community between races, religions and different backgrounds.

The ECUMC Endowment fund will match all donations, dollar-for-dollar up to \$4,500, to create at least 9 scholarships for seniors graduating in 2022.

With these scholarships we hope to create awareness in our local communities of our family of faith at ECUMC, its commitment to education and

to economic and racial justice and radical inclusion.

The scholarships will be announced to local high schools with the following criteria for applicants:

- A first-generation student attending a 2- or 4-year college
- Financial need
- Exhibits the character trait of actively building community among people of different backgrounds, races, faiths
- Recommendations from two adults who have observed the above character trait
- Applicant's short statement about how to build a community that rejoices in differences among people and cares for all people

Bill and Suzanne Gay will lead the small committee to select the recipients from among the applicants.

Checks for this gift should state "Jubilee Scholarships" in the memo line. Cash donations will be accepted at the November 7 celebration. Please consider a gift of any amount of support to reach this goal for our 175th Jubilee!

We are almost halfway to our goal!



Advent, Arrival, Approach: The Coming of Christ.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son... whoever believes in him...shall have eternal life. (cf. John 3:16) That is the Faith. Christ is the Hope. "Blessed are you... and blessed is the child you will bear! ...the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed..." (cf. Luke 1:42-45)
This is the Joy and prayer that brought you Peace.

Christ the King & Thanksgiving—Sunday, November 21

Celebration Service—8:30am ~ Sanctuary Worship—10:45am

First Sunday of Advent—November 28 *HOPE*

Celebration Service—8:30am ~ Sanctuary Worship—10:45am

Second Sunday of Advent—December 5 *FAITH*

Celebration Service—8:30am ~ Sanctuary Worship—10:45am

Third Sunday of Advent—December 12 *JOY*

Celebration Service—8:30am & 10:45am

Forth Sunday of Advent—December 19 *PEACE*

Sanctuary Worship—8:30am & 10:45am

Christmas Eve—December 24 *CHRIST*

Celebration Service—4:00pm ~ Sanctuary Worship—1:00pm & 7:00pm

After Christmas—Sunday, December 26

Sanctuary Worship—One Service only at 9:00am

Epiphany Sunday—January 2

Sanctuary Worship—One Service only at 9:00am

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01	02	03 10am bible study 10:30am Meeting 4:30pm Christmas Program Pictures at Promised Land Ranch 6:30pm Prayer grp 7:00pm Women's Book Study	04 7pm Chancel choir	05 10am Bible Study	06
07 9:00am Sanctuary worship 175 th Jubilee program— fellowship to follow 11am Christmas Program Pictures 530pm confirmation 630pm crossroads/tribe RSVP deadline for advent calendar (women's)	08 10am & 6:30pm Spiritual gifts workshop 7pm Finance	09 1:30pm staff meeting 6:30pm Spirit Ringers	10 10am Bible Study 4:30pm Christmas Program Pictures at Promised Land Ranch 6:30pm Prayer grp 7:00pm Women's Book Study	11 7pm Chancel choir	12 10am Bible Study	13
14 8:30am Cele. service 9:30am Harvest Brunch 9:30am Intergenerational CQ 10:45 Sanctuary Worship 11am Christmas Program Pictures 530pm confirmation 630pm crossroads/tribe	15 8am <u>Pathways</u> article deadline 7pm Church council	16 1:30pm staff meeting 630pm Spirit Ringers 630pm SPRC	17 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer group 7:00pm Women's Book Study	18 11:30am YAHAS 7pm Chancel choir	19 10am Bible Study 12pm Books Between Bites	20 9am Women's Craft Day 5pm Crossroads/Tribes Movie + Pizza night
21 8:30am Celebration Service 9:30am CQ 10:45 Sanctuary worship <u>Tbd</u> - Club 4/5 530pm confirmation 630pm crossroads/tribe	22	23 9am Fluffing the greens 1:30pm staff meeting 6:30pm Spirit Ringers	24 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer group	25 Office closed <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	26 Office closed 10am Bible Study <i>Hanging of the Greens</i>	27 <i>Putting up the Christmas tree</i>
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“GO NOT TO THOSE
WHO WANT YOU, BUT
TO THOSE WHO WANT
YOU MOST.”

— JOHN WESLEY

Pastoral Care Quotes

Keep church **Scrip Cards** in mind for Christmas gifts. They **do not expire** like gift cards you get at the store, *Gift Card Stand!!!*

Call Sheryl in the office, Mary Klein at mary.klein1@gmail.com, or check the church web site ec-umc.com for more information.

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