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Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church Monthly Newsletter

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DECEMBER SUNDAY WORSHIP

There are some changes to accommodate all our wonderful worship experiences.

12/3 —8:30 AM (S) and 9:45 AM (CH)

Sermon: Honest Advent "Then"

12/10 —8:30 AM (CH) and 9:45 AM (CH)

Sermon: Honest Advent "Here & Now"

Pageant: Whose Birthday is It Anyway?

12/17—8:30 AM (S) and 9:45 AM (S)

Sermon: A Christmas "Tail"

All-Choir Sunday

12/24 —9:00 AM (S; only one service)

Sermon: Honest Advent "Always & Forever"

12/24—Christmas Eve

2 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM - Sanctuary

4 PM - Celebration Hall

12/31 —9:00 AM (S; only one service)

SPECIAL ADVENT EVENTS @ ECUMC

Saturday, 12/2, 9 - 10:30 AM

Family Christmas Breakfast (CH)

Friday, 12/8 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Women's Quiet Christmas Service (FH/S)

Saturday, 12/23, 1:00-4:00 PM (parking lot/off-site)

All-Church Caroling

Repeated events (drop in as you're able)

Every Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:00 PM (CH)

Pastor Matt's Soup, Stories, & Song (12/6,13,20)

Tuesdays, 5:15 - 6:15 PM (CL)

Advent Study (11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19)

Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:00 AM (Zoom)

Advent Study (11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21)

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

There's a table in Fellowship Hall to sign up to purchase gifts for children through the Angel Tree program or for children at Northcott Neighborhood House. There is an Angel tag for each child with gift recommendations on it. After

selecting a child,

please enter your

name and phone

number after the

child's name in the

logbook. Purchase

and wrap a gift (suggested value \$25) then attach

the Angel tag to the gift.

Gifts must be returned to church by Sunday, 12/10.

Any questions, please contact Pam Laurion.



Nativity from Kyrgyzstan

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Emmanuel: God is with us!

"...She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

*"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel" which means "God with us." -Matthew 1:21-23*

If you are reading this right now you must be a member or friend (or at the very least curious) of Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church. Whether member, friend, or curious, I am thankful that, as we approach the wonderful season of Advent to prepare us for the celebration of Christmas, you are with us. It is a time of year filled with music and cheer, promise and hope.

Reading the passage above from the Gospel of Matthew, we see that unlike in our church name Emmanuel, Jesus is here called Immanuel. Are Immanuel and Emmanuel the same thing? Are those names interchangeable? The simple answer is yes, one is Hebrew the other Greek. One more prevalent in the Old Testament, the other the more prevalent in the New Testament. But they both mean that God is with us. Verse 23 is a direct quote of the prophet Isaiah (7:14) written in Hebrew.

Whether our ancestors were Jewish or Greek or other, God is with us.
ALL OF US!

Young or old, black, or other, male or female, rich or poor, slave or free, God has spoken. God cares. God took our flesh to draw near. The world has never been, or will ever be again, the same.

Christmas reminds us just how inclusive the love and grace of God through Jesus truly is. As Galatians 3:26-29 tells us; "...in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."



Even though Jesus is the birthday boy, we are the ones who have received the greatest gift ever given! The question is: how are we going to respond to that gift? It seems wrong to celebrate Jesus' birthday without giving a gift to him. One of the best gifts we can give to Emmanuel is to care for the least, last, lonely, left-out, and looked over. As Jesus himself says in Matthew chapter 25, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

So may God bless all of us as we remember that we are blessed to be a blessing! Let me leave you with a Christmas blessing I found this week:

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. (Ray Pritchard)

With Hope,
Pastor Matt

ECUMC CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our annual Church Conference will be held in Celebration Hall on Tuesday, December 5, at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to participate in the discussions, but only full members may vote.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Contact: Janet Ray; JanetR@ec-umc.com

ADVENT STUDY: *HEAVEN AND EARTH*

Feeling a little stuck this year? Want to make a beneficial change? A future different from the past, must come as a gift, something not of our devising.

We need a God who refuses to be trapped in eternity, a God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and do something with us here and now. *In Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*, retired UM Bishop Will Willimon reminds us that we have a God who brought heaven to earth and changed everything. In Advent we celebrate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us.

Watch out - Get ready - God is on the way!

You are encouraged to purchase the study book, but it is not required for participation.

**In-person study on Tuesdays from 5:15 – 6:16 PM
or Zoom study on Thursdays from 7:30 – 8:00 AM**

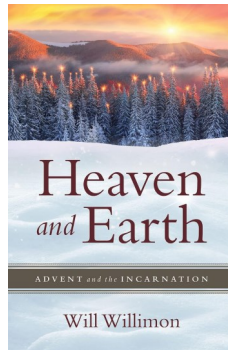
Missed Week 1? No problem.

Week 2: *Surprised* (12/5 or 12/7)

Week 3: *Light* (12/12 or 12/14)

Week 4: *Rejoice* (12/19 or 12/21)

Sign up across from the office or by contacting Janet Ray (JanetR@ec-umc.com)



MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday and Friday morning studies will not meet on 12/27 or 12/29.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS (*THE WIRED WORD*)

When there is only one worship service, our class in will not meet (12/24 and 12/31).

WORSHIP TEAM

Contact: Judy Newman; Newman9641@aol.com

POINSETTIA FLOWERS

If you ordered poinsettias, they can be picked up after the 8 PM Christmas Eve service or on Wednesday, 12/17 or Thursday, 12/28.

Thank you for beautifying our church this season!



MUSIC MINISTRIES

Contact: Bill Follmann; BillF@ec-umc.com

ALL-CHOIR SUNDAY is Sunday, December 17 at both 8:30 AM and 9:45 AM in the Sanctuary.

Please invite/bring a friend along as this will be a Sunday service filled with the music of Christmas. All vocal and instrumental choirs will have something special to offer.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM

Contact: Beth Kring; KringBeth1@gmail.com

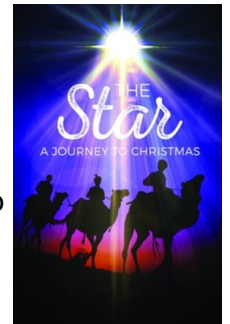
PICK-UP YOUR ADVENT CALENDAR

If you ordered an Advent calendar, it starts on Sunday, 12/3. Be sure to pick it up by then or contact Beth if you need delivery.

WOMEN'S QUIET CHRISTMAS, FRIDAY 12/8

Come to Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM for refreshments. We'll move in silence to the Sanctuary at 7 PM for a service where we follow the star of Bethlehem as it leads us closer to Jesus.

No RSVP needed; invite a friend who might also appreciate a moment to breathe during this busy season.



JANUARY BOOK STUDY

Save the date for the next book study starting Wednesday, January 10. We will be reading and discussing, *Women Rise Up* by Katey Zeh. It shares stories of biblical women and connects them to contemporary global gender issues. The study will be 1/10 - 2/7 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall.

YAHAS: YOUNG AT HEART & SPIRIT

Contact: Mary Jo Karnath; AKarnath@wi.rr.com

You're invited to the YAHAS Christmas Carol Lunch on Tuesday, 12/19. We gather at 11:00 AM and eat at 11:30 AM in Celebration Hall. We will have chicken and mashed potatoes. Bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. This will be a great way to get into the Christmas Spirit.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Contact: Bill Follmann; BillF@ec-umc.com



Thank you to all who participated in the Drop and Shop and Basement Painting events in November.

Here are some upcoming events:

Saturday, December 23 - 1-4 PM

Christmas caroling to area facilities.

This is a multi-generational event sponsored by the Youth and Music Ministries. We will raise our voices in song to bring the joy of Christmas music to those who are unable to get out as much during the Christmas season. We will start at the church and carpool to the various facilities and come back at the end for hot cocoa, coffee, and treats!



Friday January 19 through Sunday January 21 –

Winter retreat at Camp Lake Lucerne. Come be a part of the youth gathering from across Wisconsin as we enjoy God's creation in the winter and continue our faith journey with our friends both new and old.

Activities include, Broom Ball, food, sledding, food, indoor and outdoor games, hot chocolate, devotions...

Events yet to be scheduled are:

lock-in, movie night, game night, mission trip summer of 2024 and finally occasional homework, games, music, food, just hanging out times during the week. Please look for announcements and your e-mails for when these are scheduled.

If you have any questions, please let Bill know.

BillF@ec-umc .com or Bill's cell 414-881-3023.



Thanks for your food donations to Rooted & Rising - Bill's car was very full! Over 800 pounds of food plus \$550 in cash donations.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Contact: Ethan Hletko; EthanH@ec-umc.com

Some important dates are coming up for the Christmas season!

December 2, 9-10:30 AM - A Family Christmas
Be ready for breakfast, crafts, some great fellowship!
We invited some friends so you should too!

December 3, 9:45 AM

Dress rehearsals for our Christmas Program in the Choir room and, after service, in Celebration Hall.

December 10 - Christmas Program!

The program (and worship) will be in Celebration Hall for both of our 8:30 and 9:45 services.

Be sure to show up around 8 so we can get the kiddos in costume! For the second service the program will be early so feel free leave if you need to skedaddle.

There will be treats for the students between services.

December 17 - All-Choir Christmas Sunday

The kids will be singing in both services. They sing early in the second service if don't want to stay for two full services.

December 23 - Christmas Caroling

From 1 - 4 PM adults, youth, and kids will be caroling around some of the local nursing homes. Be sure to stay until the end for some hot cocoa back at church!

RSVP to Bill: BillF@ec-umc.com



We are always looking for teachers and people to join into the Children's Ministries here at the church; feel

free to contact me if you want to get more involved.

NEED MILK CRATES?

The church would like to get rid of all of the milk crates that we used for the rummage sale. They are in the basement underneath the choir loft.

Anyone wishing to have any of them take as many as you like the rest will get disposed of after Christmas.



Christmas Pageant

MISSIONS

Contact: Mary Klein; MaryKlein1@gmail.com

Since the early 1990s, *Rooted & Rising* has been located in the Washington Park neighborhood on Milwaukee's near northwest side, where it provides a wide range of wraparound services to individuals and families. A parent may need housing, but to qualify for housing, they need a job. And to get a job, they will need childcare. To fill the gaps, they may need food resources, social work and supportive services, and other important services that support the well-being of families, all of which are provided either directly by *Rooted & Rising's* staff or by partner agencies with specialized services. *Rooted & Rising* programming serves all these needs, and all faiths, denominations and backgrounds are welcome.

During the 12-month period of October 2022-September 2023, *Rooted & Rising* served:

1. More than 7,900 individuals through its full set of programs, including supportive housing, childcare, social work, community food center and community engagement activities.
2. An average of 471 individuals each month (161 households per month; 5,661 total individuals during the grant period) in the Community Food Center
3. 313 individuals through the senior stock box program
4. More than 300 individuals through the supportive housing rental program and social work outreach
5. 1,361 residents who participated in and supported community outreach activities



Acoma Nativity from New Mexico

YOU CAN DO IT

Can you attend a meeting once a month?

Then - You Can Do it!

Can you work with a team?

Then - You Can Do it!

Can you fill an interest that you have wanted to try?

Then - You can do it!

What is it?

Serve on a Committee or Ministry Team.

We have several openings that you can volunteer for. Whatever time you can provide your church family will be appreciated. We need you to fill open positions that will assist our church now and in the future.

Remember You Can Do It.

Please contact Rollin Kring, Anne Weiland, or Pastor Matt about being part of our growing church here at Emmanuel.

ATTENTION OLD-SCHOOL "GAMERS"

The Game Night Group will be meeting on the 3rd Friday of December, 12/15. Come to Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM with your own beverage (water is available) and a snack to share.

Bring a game if you want that or join in playing cards, Mexican Train dominoes, or a variety of board games.

New participants are always welcome!

RSVP to Linda Wagner (LinBob53089@gmail.com)



BOOKS BETWEEN BITES

Contact: Mary Jo Karnath; AKarnath@wi.rr.com

We will meet on Friday, December 15, at Ally's Bistro at 1:00 PM. We will discuss *Narrow Boat Summer* by Anne Youngson.

Our evening group will not meet in December.



CHURCH OFFICE

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Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9 AM–1 PM

Closed Monday 12/25 & Monday 1/1

Time for Giving

CASH GIFTS

A cash gift in any amount is a convenient and popular way to show your faithful support for the church or other ministries. If you itemize, the full amount of your gift qualifies for a 2023 charitable income tax deduction. Make certain your check is dated 2023 and received or postmarked no later than December 31, 2023, to receive a deduction this year.

GIVING APPRECIATED PROPERTY

If you own investments that have increased in value (stocks, bonds, real estate, or mutual funds), you can donate them to a church or charity and take a charitable income tax deduction for the full fair market value and avoid declaring the capital gain of the assets as income. Many people consider this the equivalent of a “double deduction.”

SALE & GIFT	DIRECT GIFT
Stock with Fair Market Value (Cost Basis \$200)	Stock with Fair Market Value (Cost Basis \$200)
Taxable Gain on Sale	Taxable Gain on Sale
Capital Gain Tax at 15%	Capital Gain Tax at 15%
Net Sales after Tax	Net Gift to Charity
Charitable Tax Deduction	Charitable Tax Deduction
Tax Savings at 22%	Tax Savings at 22%

Notice how the Direct Gift option can result in the church or charity receiving \$120 more while costing you \$27 less! To receive this special tax treatment, you must have owned the property for at least one year.

GIVING & RETAINING INCOME FOR LIFE

Did you know you can give to a charity while retaining income from the gift for the rest of your life? A charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust enables you to receive flexible or guaranteed income. Plus, there are significant tax advantages. Let's assume you are 70 years old, single, and wish to make a \$10,000 gift to the church when you are gone but need to receive income until then. You can make the gift now and receive several attractive benefits. First, you could receive income that exceeds what you are currently earning on the \$10,000. At age 70 with an annuity rate of 4.7%* of the \$10,000 each year through a gift annuity (\$470)—greater than most bonds or C.D.s. Next, a

Finally, you could receive a 2023 charitable income tax deduction for the remainder portion of your gift. This deduction can save you a sizable amount in federal income taxes. Making a life-income gift now offers all these advantages and provides the satisfaction of knowing you have helped your church or charitable organization in a significant way. **The United Methodist Foundation that serves your conference can help you with these types of gifts.** Visit www.naumf.org/locations to find contact information for your UM Foundation.

GIVING UNNEEDED LIFE INSURANCE

Do you own an old life insurance policy that is no longer needed? Perhaps the purpose for the policy no longer exists (your children are grown, or your mortgage is paid off) or your financial situation has changed and mitigates the need for the insurance. Consider giving the policy to the church or a charity and receive a charitable income tax deduction for the lesser of your cost basis or the replacement value.

This is a great way to benefit a cause you support without reducing your checking account. If the value is more than you wish to donate, consider cashing in the policy and giving a lesser portion. Your gift may sufficiently reduce or eliminate any potential taxes due from the sale.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

As you think of those special persons (a teacher, pastor, relative or other loved one) who have touched your life, you may want to do something “just right” to demonstrate that they are remembered. A memorial tribute can be a satisfying way to salute those whose memories continue to enrich our lives.

WISE TAX PLANNING

Making extra gifts or accelerating future gifts into the 2023 tax year can enable an itemized income tax deduction. The standard deduction threshold for 2023 is \$27,700 for joint filers, \$20,800 for heads of households and \$13,850 for singles (\$1850/person 65+, \$3000 if joint return, \$1,850 if unmarried). If your total deductions are less than those amounts, you won't be able to deduct any charitable gifts. An extra year-end gift may add just enough to allow you to take advantage of your full itemized deduction. Many tax-wise donors accelerate contributions for the coming year to enable itemization at least every other year.

EXPRESSING YOUR FAITH

Year-end is also the Christmas season. For many Christians this is an occasion to give in gratitude for God's greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ. In all our giving, let us never forget these familiar words, *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son...”* Why not make a special effort to honor Him in your giving this Christmas season—perhaps the most important gift you give? May God bless you as you make this expression of your faith.



GIVING FROM Your IRA MAY SAVE YOU MONEY!

If you have an **Individual Retirement Account (IRA)** and are age seventy (or getting close), you should know about a way you can give to your local church that will strengthen the church's ministry and produce tax savings for you! Here are some important facts you should know.

1. INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS HAVE COME OF AGE (MIDDLE-AGE).

IRAs have been around since 1974, though in the beginning, they were only for folks who didn't have any other pension coverage. A bill in 1981 made all workers and their spouses eligible for these accounts. That's a solid forty-plus years that people have been putting money away without having to pay federal taxes on it. (That part is important.)

2. YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU OR LEAVE YOUR MONEY THERE FOREVER.

The understanding was that those folks could access that money without a penalty as early as when they turned fifty-nine and a half, but when they reached seventy and a half, they were required to start taking at least a minimum amount out each year—"required minimum distributions" or **RMDS**. At the outset of the coronavirus pandemic, the age for these RMDS was raised to seventy-two. Since participants didn't pay tax on the money when they put it in their IRAs, they are required to pay tax on it when money comes out. **RMDS** can push some people into a higher tax bracket. That can be avoided...

3. GIVE IT TO THE CHURCH; AVOID PAYING THE TAXES.

In 2006, pension protection legislation allowed for tax-free use of RMDS for charitable contributions, saving the tax that people would have had to pay when they took this money out of their IRA accounts. These are called "**qualified charitable distributions**" or **QCDs**. Here's an important distinction: these are **NOT** tax deductions. They do not provide a charitable deduction regardless of whether you itemize deductions. The tax benefit is

the ability to exclude the donated distribution from taxable income! Here's an example: If you were planning to give \$1000 per month to your church, you don't qualify for more than the standard deduction amount, and you are at the 12% tax bracket—giving that amount from your IRA (as a QCD) will save you \$1440 in taxes! If you are in the 22% tax bracket, the savings will be \$2640!

4. FROM IRA TO "MY UMC"—NEVER IN MY POCKET!

With a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), a check goes directly from your IRA to your church or the charity you select. Many people who are facing RMDS that will have tax implications could pay all their annual tithe or offering at one time, hopefully early in the year, through their QCD and never have to show it as income.

5. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR 72 TO DO THE QCD!

While Congress recently raised the age for RMDS to seventy-two, QCDs can happen for anyone who has reached the age of seventy and a half. Retirees who are over that age and want to continue to be generous to their local church should consider a qualified charitable distribution.

6. MOST TAXPAYERS NO LONGER GET A TAX BREAK FOR CHARITABLE GIVING.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that went into effect in 2019 and 2020 included an increase in the standard deduction—it nearly doubled. That standard deduction is the threshold that your itemized deductions have to exceed to make itemizing worthwhile. It left many people better off, but with 90% of taxpayers taking the standard deduction (which does not require any evidence of charitable giving), it eliminated a tax-incentive regarding charitable donations for most of us (not to say that this is the main reason people give to the church). Inviting retirees in the seventy-plus group (who use the standard deduction) to consider using the qualifying charitable distribution may reduce or eliminate the tax that they might have to pay on RMDS. Yet many will not know of this option unless your church makes the invitation!

We encourage everyone to discuss this with a financial planner, tax consultant, or attorney—and be sure to let your family know! It could be a savings for you and a blessing to your local church!

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>26</div> <div>8:30am - Sanctuary/Online</div> <div>8:30am - Sunday School (V)</div> <div>9:45am - Celebration /Online</div> <div>9:45am - Pageant Rehearsal</div> <div>10:50am - Dress Rehearsal</div> <div>4pm - Youth Music (MR)</div>	<div>27</div> <div>10am - Staff Meeting (FH)</div>	<div>28</div> <div>5:15pm - Advent Study (CL)</div> <div>5:30pm - Books Between</div> <div>6:30pm - Spirit Ringers (MR)</div>	<div>29</div> <div>10am - Bible Study (FH)</div> <div>6:45pm - Wolf Den Club</div>	<div>30</div> <div>7:30am - Advent Study (Z)</div> <div>6pm - Men's Choir (MR)</div> <div>6:30pm - Women's Choir</div> <div>7pm - Chancel Choir (MR)</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Office Closed</div> <div>10am - Bible Study (Z)</div>	<div>2</div> <div>9am - A Family Christmas</div>
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<div>31</div> <div>9am - Sanctuary/Online (S)</div>	<div>1</div> <div>NEW YEARS DAY</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>2</div> <div>6:30pm - Spirit Ringers (MR)</div>	<div>3</div> <div>10am - Bible Study (FH)</div> <div>6:30pm - Trustees (CL)</div>	<div>4</div> <div>6pm - Women's Choir (MR)</div> <div>6:30pm - Men's Choir (MR)</div> <div>7pm - Chancel Choir (MR)</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Office Closed</div> <div>10am - Bible Study (Z)</div>	<div>6</div>