Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - 10:00AM, Sunday, April 13, Traditional Service in the Sanctuary, Celebrate Service in the Fireside Room. Celebrating Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday - 7:30PM, April 17, Sanctuary. A service reflecting on the final evening that Jesus spent with his disciples. Celebrated with the Lord’s Supper.

Easter Services - 9:00AM & 10:45AM, in the Sanctuary with Choir, Band and Handbells. Celebrate with us the “Good News,” that is the very heart of the gospel: that Jesus Christ is risen!

Save the Date for our Meet the Filmmaker Event

On May 3, Emmanuel will host a special movie night featuring William Zabka a movie actor (Karate Kid), television actor (How I Met Your Mother) and writer/producer of the Oscar nominated short film Most. He will be at Emmanuel starting at 7 pm for a showing and discussion of the movie and to answer questions. Never heard of Most? Here’s what Christianity Today had to say about the movie:

“Most of us never get the chance to see some of the most compelling movies around, simply because they fall into that oft-overlooked category of “short films.” You can tell a lot of story in 20 or 40 minutes, but unless you pad it out to an hour and a half or two, nobody’s going to show your movie. Or rent it at the video store. Or even hear about it. Often, that’s a pity. In the case of Most, it’s a terrible loss. People who have seen this film count it among the best and most powerful movies they have ever seen: some say it’s been life-changing. An audience favorite when it debuted at the prestigious Sundance Festival, it went on to win top honors at the Heartland Film Festival, Maui, Palm Springs and other international competitions before receiving an Oscar nomination as Best Live Action Short Film in 2004.”

More details coming soon!
Meet Elder, Bernadette Amos

This month we introduce you to elder, Bernadette Amos, who serves on Session and is the church treasurer.

How long have you been a part of the Emmanuel family? Thirty Years (January 1984)

Where were you born and raised?
I was born in Philadelphia, PA and raised there until age 6. I then moved to Tallahassee, FL where all of my education was attained. I then attended Florida Presbyterian College (which is now Eckerd College) my freshman year and then transferred to Florida State University.

What is your profession and education background?
My current profession is that of an Advanced QuickBooks ProAdvisor®, supporting and training people in the use of this software. My prior experience was 26 years in Aerospace as a DoD Program Administrator.

Tell us about your family...
I have 1 daughter, 2 granddaughters and now 2 “goodwill” grandsons. I unfortunately lost my husband, Michael, in 2005.

What special interests do you have?
Music, Music, Music. I also enjoy crossword puzzles and mystery novels.

What activities are you involved with at Emmanuel?
Music, of course!

What would you like us to know about your faith journey?
I have probably always been in church since I was a baby. Worshiping with my Emmanuel family gets my week going. It is just an integral part of me. I would say that my faith was really tested with my cancer diagnosis, but I am now a tandem stem cell transplant survivor. My Emmanuel family surrounded me and prayed for me unceasingly. I thank God for that and for all of you.

How long have you been an elder at the church?
This is my second term as an active Elder. My position this time is that of treasurer.

What is your favorite thing about Emmanuel?
The friendliness of our congregation.

Do you have any specific hopes for Emmanuel’s future and if so, can you please describe what they are?
In light of all the controversy over the years in the Presbyterian Church, I pray that Emmanuel continues to stand its ground as it has in the past. I am not one who is really interested in labels. So, for me, no matter what the sign on the corner says, Emmanuel is my home.

Is there anything else that you think is important to mention about you?
Look out for my wicked sense of humor!

Decorate for Easter!

Help decorate and beautify the sanctuary this Easter by donating money for flowers and greenery for Easter Sunday. Donations may be made in honor of, in celebration of or in memory of someone you love. All donations are welcome, and the requested amount is $10. Forms are in the bulletins. Or, you can drop yours off in the church office no later than Wednesday, April 9.

Come Out and Support the EPC Softball Team!

Friday Nights
Borchard Field #3
April 4 at 6:30PM,
April 11 at 6:30PM,
April 25 at 7:45PM,
May 2 at 7:45PM
SonTreasure Island VBS
July 14-18

Emmanuel’s VBS is just beyond the horizon…on SonTreasure Island! This year’s dates are Monday, July 14 through Friday, July 18, from 9AM-12:15PM.

The cost per child is $30 with a maximum cost of $90 per family. Register early for a discount. Early registration begins on April 21 and goes through May 9. Early registration cost is $25 per child and a $75 maximum per family. The price includes a music CD, crafts, snacks, iron-on transfer of VBS logo, and a DVD with footage from the week.

There are still openings for leaders and helpers. For more information, to join this year’s team or volunteer to bring in snacks or materials, contact Doug Gonce, Director of Children’s Ministry, at DougG@epconline.org.

To register your child for SonTreasure Island VBS at Emmanuel, call the church office or sign-up online at www.epconline.org starting on April 21.

Women’s Ministry Salad Luncheon with Yola Entz
Saturday, May 10

Women’s Ministry is sponsoring a salad luncheon on Saturday, May 10 at 11AM. Guest speaker, author, Yola Entz, was so well received at the brunch in February, that we have asked her to return. She will inspire you as she describes the life stages - young girl during the Holocaust, wife and mother, and later as a widow - in which she learned to trust God. Bring a friend - and be blessed with abundant food, fellowship and faith! Sign-ups are held on Sundays on the narthex or patio. Cost is a $5 donation and you are welcome to bring a community guest for free! Please register before May 4.

Library Used Book Sale

There will be a Used Book Sale, on Sunday, April 27, on the patio. Proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the church library.

During Lent…

Please remember to bring your donations to support our Lenten mission projects, Life-water International and the Meriwether Mission Fund. The water bottles are located in both worship centers through Sunday, April 27.
Many of you have inquired about Nita Hanson and God’s Hidden Treasures in Ukraine. Here is some correspondence that we recently received from Nita on April 1;

Dear Ones,

These last few days have brought us some good news - Putin is talking to the US - there are a few words of possible agreement. This morning we had the first news that some of Russia’s troops have been ordered to leave. This is cause for great praise indeed. Last week we got the inventory and paperwork for the 2nd shipment. Today Valentina will go to Kiev to submit our request for the HAC number. We need to have this HAC number no later than April 10th. Even at that it will be cutting it very close as Counterpart needs 2 weeks and all has to be gone by April 30th. Let’s storm the gates of heaven once more and ask God to bless this shipment. And please keep praying for Ukraine (as I know you already do). This morning we remembered when King Hezekiah and Jerusalem was surrounded by a great army. Israel had no chance against them (as Ukraine has no chance against Russia). But King Hezekiah lifted up his prayers and faith to the Lord and God delivered them. Something else came up that was urgent and the enemies troops were forced to withdraw until another time. That was our collective prayer for Putin - that God would raise up another urgent issue that he would have to put all his efforts toward and he would have to withdraw his troops completely from Ukraine.

Blessings and love and thanks to you all,

Nita

The 2nd container shipment that Nita mentions, includes 100 wheelchairs, 50 toilet chairs, and much more which many churches have collected. This last shipment will enable God’s Hidden Treasures to get through all of 2014 without having to buy wheelchairs from China, which is a big help for them financially.

Youth Mission Trip to Arizona

The High School Youth are going on their Service Trip to the Navajo Reservation in Arizona, April 14-19. They will be serving the community and church there by building a safe playground, hosting VBS for the kids, and doing various other tasks as needed.

Please pray for safe travels, servant hearts, and unity within the team! Also pray that each of them would grow closer to the Lord!

The mission team is gladly accepting bulk, healthy, snack items for the trip. Bring donations to the church office labeled “Navajo Trip.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/4 Parent’s Night Out
5-9PM, EPC Nursery

4/6 Congregational Meeting
To elect church officers & discuss church business
11:00AM, Sanctuary

LiNK Presentation
6PM, Fireside Room

4/11-13 Men’s Retreat at Forest Home

4/13 Palm Sunday
10:00AM services
11:15AM Education Hour

4/14-19 Youth Mission Trip
Navajo Reservation

4/17 Maundy Thursday Service
7:30PM, Sanctuary

4/20 Easter Sunday Services
Childcare is available
9AM & 10:45AM, Sanctuary

4/27 Library Used Book Sale
11AM on the patio

Coming in May

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7PM, sanctuary

5/10 Women’s Salad Luncheon
with Yola Entz, speaking on “Learning to Trust God.”
11AM, Fireside Room

Weekly & Bi-Monthly Groups
ROMEOS - (Retired Older Men Eating Out), Thursdays 8AM at the Newbury Park IHOP

Mom’s In Prayer, 8:30AM, every Friday, Youth Room

Women’s Bible Study
Wednesdays at 9:30AM, Room 5/6

MOPS and Mom’s Next - Mothers of Preschoolers & Elementary age, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:15AM

MOTS - Moms of Teens and Beyond, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 12PM, Youth Room