

# Epiphany Service at Emanuel



**Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Come celebrate Epiphany on  
**Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7PM**

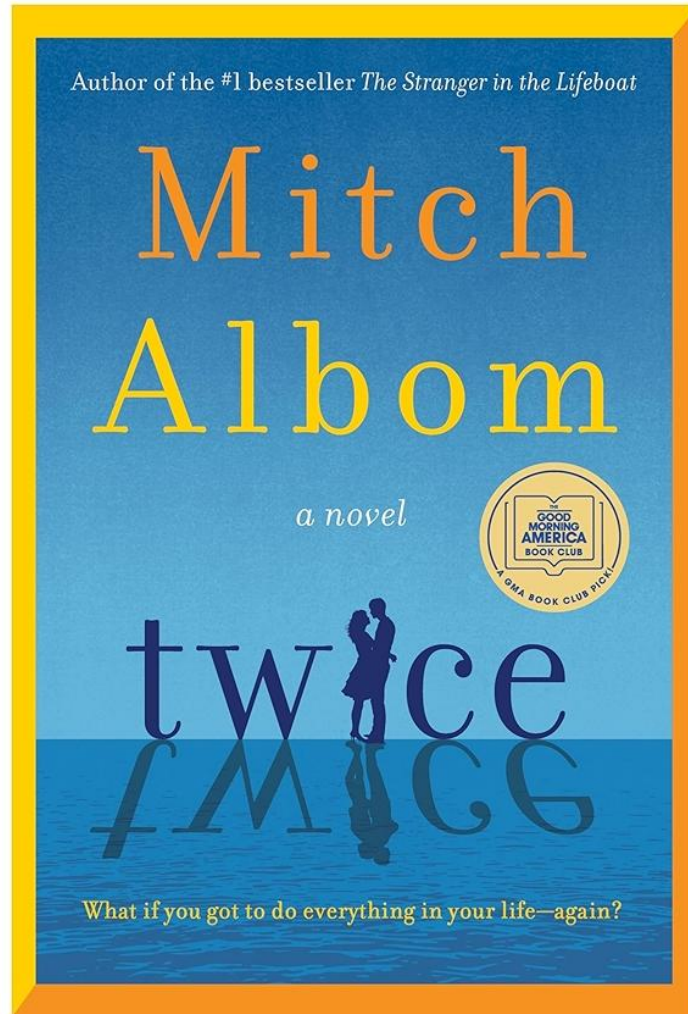
We will celebrate with song,  
light and wonder.

# Christmas Pageant 2025



**Thank you to all the children & Sunday school teachers for sharing the Christmas story with us on Christmas Eve. Special thanks to Sue & Jim Meriano, Danielle David & Lynne Wolff.**

# Readers of Emanuel



Emanuel's book club is reading:

## **“Twice” by Mitch Albom**

What if you got to do everything in your life—twice? Mitch Albom's newest novel is a stunning love story that dares to explore how our unchecked desires might mean losing what we've had all along.

We will meet on **Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>** at ~12PM in Jacobs Hall to enjoy fellowship, food and discuss the book.

Everyone is welcome!

# Emanuel's Christmas Giving Tree – Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Christmas Giving Tree a wonderful success. This year we made Christmas special for 35+ children. Special thanks to Christine Stewart, Lori Martin & Donna Richards for organizing and distributing the gifts. We also give thanks for the Vasa Order of RI for donating toys and to Thrivent Financial for their financial support. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

# Punch Bowl with Glasses



## Looking for a Home

If you or someone you know could make use of a punch bowl with 12 glasses, please let Song Edward or Pastor Todd know. Thank you!

[pastor@emanuelww.org](mailto:pastor@emanuelww.org)

# Drivers Needed for Operation NOD

The **Rhode Island State Council of Churches** is coordinating **Operation No One Dies (NOD)**, hosting Warming Centers at four Council Churches:

Mathewson Street UMC  
Community Church of Providence  
Open Table of Christ UMC  
Chapel Street UCC (NEW!)



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Council of Churches

To make this work, we **need volunteers to transport our unhoused siblings from and to Mathewson St.** to our other **Warming Center sites.**

Times Needed:

**6:45 AM to 7:30 AM**

**6:45 PM to 9:00 PM**

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To volunteer, contact:

Ruth Gallucci

[ruthgallucci@gmail.com](mailto:ruthgallucci@gmail.com)

For more information: [htuttle@councilofchurchesri.org](mailto:htuttle@councilofchurchesri.org)

Dear Community,

Our severe weather activation policy will be in effect [this] week, as the current forecast projects a real feel temperature at or below 22 degrees for six consecutive days. To prevent deaths among our unhoused neighbors, our community has mobilized Operation NOD in response to this sustained, life-threatening cold. The purpose of Operation NOD is to provide safe, compassionate, and accessible warming centers for individuals experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity during extreme weather conditions. These centers exist to prevent loss of life and to uphold the inherent dignity and humanity of every guest.

Operation NOD operates as a community driven response to immediate needs while promoting connection, harm reduction, and pathways to long-term stability. Every procedure, protocol, and partnership is designed to create environments of safety, respect, and inclusion. Where no person is left unseen or unsupported. To keep our community safe, we urgently need your support. You can help in the following ways:

### **1. Donate Essential Supplies**

Our goal is to provide every guest with a clean cot, blanket, and pillowcase. You can purchase these priority items directly via our [Amazon Wish List](#). The shipping address is included at checkout. To make a donation by check, please contact me at [htuttle@councilofchurchesri.org](mailto:htuttle@councilofchurchesri.org).

### **2. Volunteer as a Driver**

We also need volunteer transportation assistance to bring individuals to our site locations. With many accessing shelter from the extreme cold, we require reliable volunteer drivers for 2–3 fixed shifts per week. If you can commit, please contact Ruth Gallucci directly at [ruthgallucci@gmail.com](mailto:ruthgallucci@gmail.com). Specify "AM" or "PM," your available days, and include your cell phone number. A confirmation text will be sent 24 hours in advance, and we have backup systems in place for schedule changes.

- **AM Shift (6:45 AM – 7:30 AM):** Transport guests from downtown warming shelters to Mathewson Street Church or the Amos House.
- **PM Shift (6:45 PM – 9:00 PM):** Transport guests from Mathewson Street Church to the Community Church of Providence and Open Table of Christ.

### **3. Host a Drop-Off Location**

If you would like to join Providence City Hall and CIC Providence by hosting a community donation bin, please contact [aiyah@mit.edu](mailto:aiyah@mit.edu).

Harrison Tuttle

**Warming Center Coordinator**

**Rhode Island State Council of Churches**

[htuttle@councilofchurchesri.org](mailto:htuttle@councilofchurchesri.org)

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**Operation NOD** is a community driven response that addresses immediate needs while promoting connection, harm reduction, and pathways to long-term stability.

Essential supplies are needed in response to the upcoming cold snap.

Scan the QR code to help!



For more information: [htuttle@councilofchurchesri.org](mailto:htuttle@councilofchurchesri.org)

# January's Monthly Lunch



Serving Rhode Island for Over 15 years

The next lunch will be held:

**Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** 12:30PM

at **Asia Grille**

140 Hillside Rd, Cranston, RI 02920 (Garden City)

If you would like to go, please email or call Marcia Melanson at

Phone: 401-742-8417

Email: [mmelan4@outlook.com](mailto:mmelan4@outlook.com)

Friends welcome!

# Emanuel's Food Pantry 2025



In 2025, Emanuel's Food Pantry distributed **203,551 pounds of food** to **4,488 people** from **2,008 families**, with a total of **3,844 visits**.

All of this was made possible entirely through donations. May God bless the **Rhode Island Food Bank** for their constant supply of food.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, especially **Barbra Associates** and the **Pawtuxet Valley Rotary**.

Last but certainly not least, a huge thank-you to our **amazing volunteers**—this ministry would not be possible without you.

# Women's Retreat April 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>



## at Camp Calumet

If you are interested in attending the midweek women's retreat at Camp Calumet – Tuesday 4/14 to Thursday 4/16, please let Sue Wieboldt know.

**[susieq3380@gmail.com](mailto:susieq3380@gmail.com)**

Thank you!

# Emanuel's Choir



**The choir meets on  
Sundays at 9AM  
in the sanctuary.**

**All who like to make  
music are welcome.**

# Do You Like Coffee?



If so, consider hosting coffee hour one Sunday. If it's your first time (or 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>), people will help you and show you where everything is.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entry way. Thank you.

# Bible Readings for Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup>

## First Reading

## John 1:19-34

*John baptizes with water and points to Jesus as the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>19</sup> This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup> He confessed and did not deny it, but he confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord,' "  
as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup> Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup> They asked him, "Why, then, are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" <sup>26</sup> John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup> the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandal." <sup>28</sup> This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

## Gospel Reading

## John 1:35-51

*Jesus says to those who are curious about him, "Come and see."*

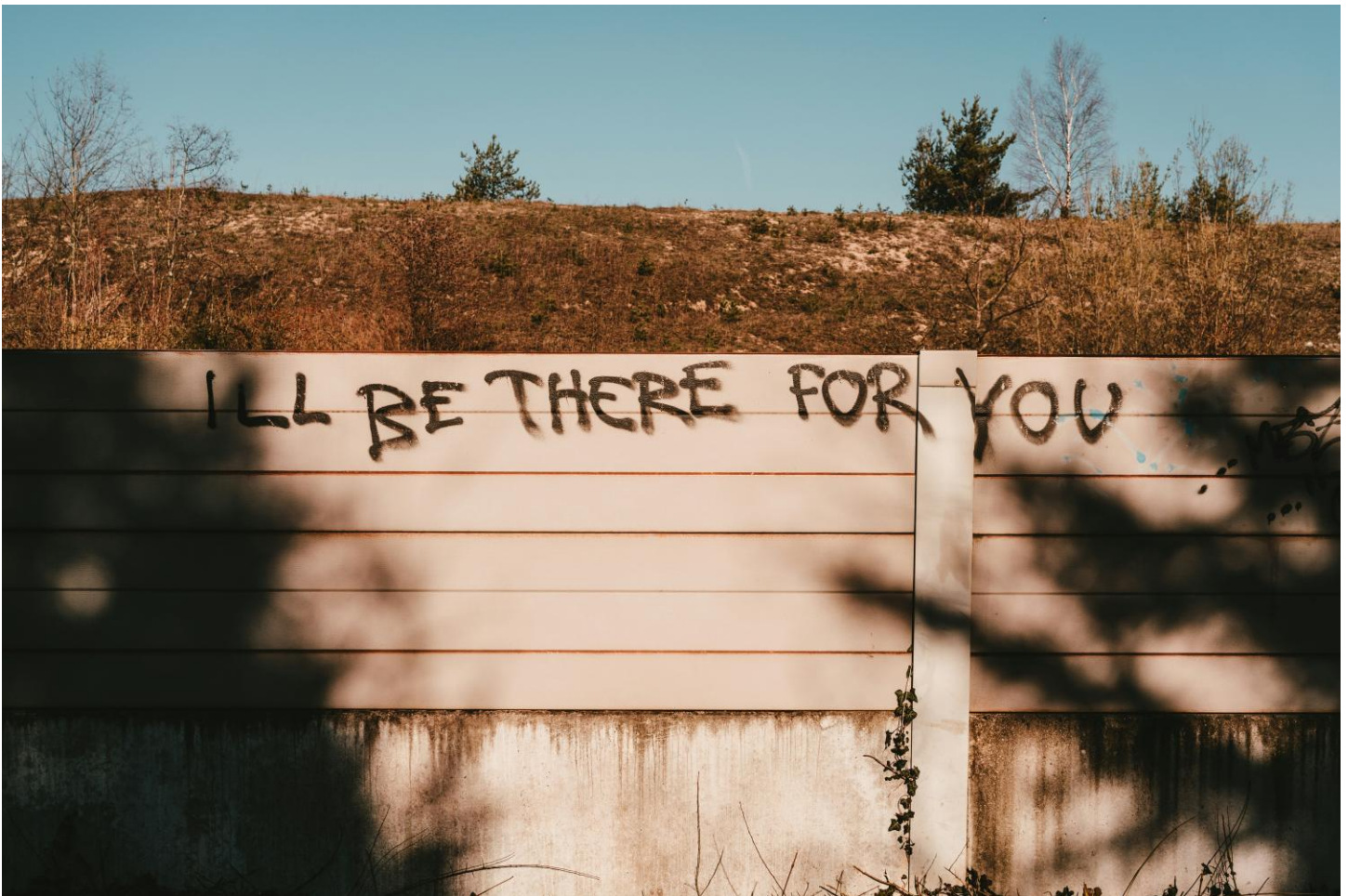
<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

<sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets

wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

## How do the Bible readings speak to you?



# What is Your Story?



## Sharing Our Stories of God

We are inviting people to share stories of how God has shown up in their lives.

If you would be willing to share a story from your life, please let Pastor Todd know. Thank you.

**Check your Thrivent Financial account.**



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## HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

**There could be free money for Emanuel.**

Please check your account now, to see if you have **free Thrivent Choice** dollars available. If you do, you can tell Thrivent to donate them to help Emanuel.

You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by going online at **[www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice)** OR by calling **800-847-4836** and saying "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

There are thousands of dollars available each year. But you need to direct them to Emanuel, so they will benefit our church!

If you're not familiar with the **Thrivent Choice** program, just ask your Thrivent Representative. Or send an e mail to Pastor Todd, or Emanuel's Treasurer, Carol Johnson. They can assist you.

Thank you to everyone who has already designated their Thrivent Choice dollars to help Emanuel.

Please direct your Thrivent Choice dollars today.

## On-line Worship at Emanuel Sundays at 10:30AM



### What to Do - if You would Like to Come to On-line Worship

Just click on the Zoom link below on Sunday at 10:30AM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93690864460?pwd=CHZ5RVNsdnFYcDhhNVdMKzA2VENlQT09>

You can also join us by phone by calling (929) 205-6099 and entering Meeting ID: 936 9086 4460 and Password: 933328

A video of the service will be posted on Emanuel's website and Facebook group page later in the day.

# Offerings to Emanuel



## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has been mailing in their offering or giving through Simply Giving and Givelify.

Offerings can be mailed to:

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
20 Leaf Street  
West Warwick, RI 02893

OR you can use either the Simply Giving program, which allows you to automate the giving of an offering from a checking account, or Givelify, which is online app that allows giving through a debit or credit card.

If you would like to find out more about either of these, please let Emanuel's Treasurer, Carol Johnson, or Pastor Todd know. Thank you.

**You can give to Emanuel through Givelify by clicking on the DONATE button on Emanuel's website OR by clicking here: [Donate](#)**

[www.emanuelww.org](http://www.emanuelww.org)

## The Work of Christmas



"When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart."

*Howard Thurman (Nov. 18, 1899 – Apr. 10, 1981)*

# Sermon Topics



*Narrative Lectionary September 7 – May 24*

1/4 Jesus Says Come and See

1/11 Wedding at Cana

1/18 Jesus Cleanses the Temple

1/25 Nicodemus visits Jesus

2/1 The Woman at the Well

## Please keep these children of God in your prayers this week:

**For Healing:** Prayer list Allison (Laurie Phillip's sister), Georgette Clark, Eric Johnson

**For Grieving:** the family & friends of Cathy Tardie (friend of Tim & Robin Hart), the family & friends of Tom Motta (friend of Gerry LaVallee)

<https://www.brownfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Cathy-Tardie>

<https://www.perrymcstay.com/obituaries/Thomas-M-Motta?obId=46769491>

### Worship Assistants

	<i>January 4</i>	<i>January 11</i>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Ken Wieboldt</b>	<b>Kathy Marco</b>
	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Sue Auger</b>	<b>Kathy Garriott</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Tim Hart</b>	<b>Tim Hart</b>
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
<b>Lay Minister:</b>	<b>Sue Wieboldt</b>	<b>Langdon Cloughs</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Lorenzo Ucci</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Joanne Powers &amp; Amanda Grudzinski</b>	<b>Ken Wieboldt</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Ray Nunez</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Healthy New Year Potluck Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Hart/Grenier families &amp; Ezra LaMountain</b>

### January's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for January is given by Disa and Eric Johnson  
In loving memory of **Sonja & David Johnson**

### This Week at Emanuel

<b>Monday, December 29</b> <b>Fifth Day of Christmas</b>	<b>10:00am</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)</b> <b>Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
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<b>Tuesday, December 30</b> <b>Sixth Day of Christmas</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>10:00am</b>	<b>Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)</b> <b>Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM</b> <b>Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM</b>
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<b>Wednesday, December 31</b> <b>Seventh Day of Christmas</b>		<b>New Year's Eve</b>
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<b>Thursday, January 1</b>	<b>Eighth Day of Christmas</b>	<b>Happy New Year!</b>
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<b>Friday, January 2</b>	<b>Ninth Day of Christmas</b>	
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<b>Saturday, January 3</b> <b>Tenth Day of Christmas</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Sue in the office</b>
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<b>Sunday, January 4</b> <b>Second Sunday of Christmas</b> <b>Eleventh Day of Christmas</b>	<b>8:00am</b> <b>9:00am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>11:30am</b>	<b>Worship in Person</b> <b>Choir</b> <b>Sunday School (FH) &amp; Confirmation (JH)</b> <b>Worship in Person &amp; Online</b> <b>Healthy New Year Potluck Coffee Hour</b>



### Next Week at Emanuel

<b>Monday, January 5</b> <b>Twelfth Day of Christmas</b>	<b>10:00am</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)</b> <b>Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
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<b>Tuesday, January 6</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>10:00am</b>  <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)</b> <b>Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM</b> <b>Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM</b> <b>Epiphany Service at Emanuel</b>
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<b>Wednesday, January 7</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Ellie's Circle (JH)</b>
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<b>Thursday, January 8</b>	<b>4:00pm</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Christian Education Committee ONLINE</b> <b>Finance Committee ONLINE</b>
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<b>Friday, January 9</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Sue in the office</b>
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<b>Saturday, January 10</b>		
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<b>Sunday, January 11</b> <b>Baptism of Our Lord Sunday</b> <b>First Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>8:00am</b> <b>9:00am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>11:30am</b>	<b>Worship in Person</b> <b>Choir</b> <b>Sunday School (FH) &amp; Confirmation (JH)</b> <b>Worship in Person &amp; Online</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b>

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)**

**Friday, January 9, 2026**

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

Double click on link below to see Emanuel's online calendar:

**[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)**

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.