

# **May's Potluck Coffee Hour**

## **Theme: Reminds Me of Mom**



**this Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The first Sunday of each month we have a themed potluck coffee hour. The theme for May is "Reminds me of mom."

As always all are welcome for good food & fellowship – even if you're not able to bring a dish. Thank you!

# Emanuel at Church Beyond the Walls



The Church Beyond the Walls gathers for worship and fellowship at Burnside Park every Saturday at 2PM rain or shine. Last Saturday they welcomed Emanuel's confirmands & mentors.

Thank you to all the confirmands, mentors and parents for a meaningful afternoon and for the Church Beyond the Walls for including us!

# Collecting pictures of mom's



## for Mother's Day

Mother's Day is Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> – **Please send pictures by 5/8**

Like last year - for Mother's Day we will be putting together a slideshow of mothers. We will be including the pictures people sent in last year.

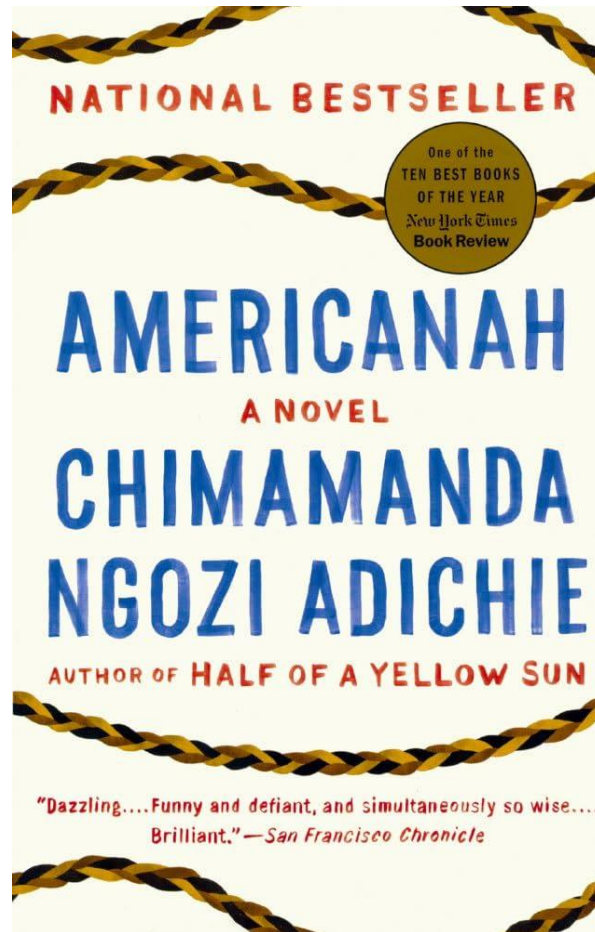
If you didn't send a picture of your mother last year, or would like to send a new picture for this year's slideshow, please email an electronic picture of your mother to Pastor Todd

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

Thank you.

# Readers of Emanuel – DATE CHANGE

## Now meeting Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>



### Emanuel's book club is reading **"Americanah" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

One of the New York Times's 100 Best Books of the 21st Century • One of The Atlantic's Great American Novels of the Past 100 Years

Ifemelu and Obinze are young and in love when they depart military-ruled Nigeria for the West. Beautiful, self-assured Ifemelu heads for America, where despite her academic success, she is forced to grapple with what it means to be Black for the first time. Quiet, thoughtful Obinze had hoped to join her, but with post-9/11 America closed to him, he instead plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London.

We will meet **Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>** at ~12PM in Jacobs Hall to enjoy fellowship, food and discuss the book. Everyone is welcome!

# Do you have an Air Conditioner



## You are not using?

David and Kelly, who used to live in the parsonage, are looking for an old air conditioner they could use for the summer. They live on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of a house and do not have one. If you, or someone you know, has an air conditioner they could use, please let Pastor Todd know. Thank you!

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## Air Conditioners Not Working



Over the last couple of years all 3 of the air conditioners in the sanctuary have stopped working. We are looking at ways to raise funds to replace them before the summer heat arrives.

If you are able and feel moved to make a donation towards new ac in the sanctuary, you mail a check to Emanuel, put a donation in the offering plate, or give online by clicking here:

[\*\*DONATE\*\*](#)

Please write "AC" on the check or envelope.

If you have any questions, ask Pastor Todd or anyone on the council. Thank you.

# Garden Hoses Needed!



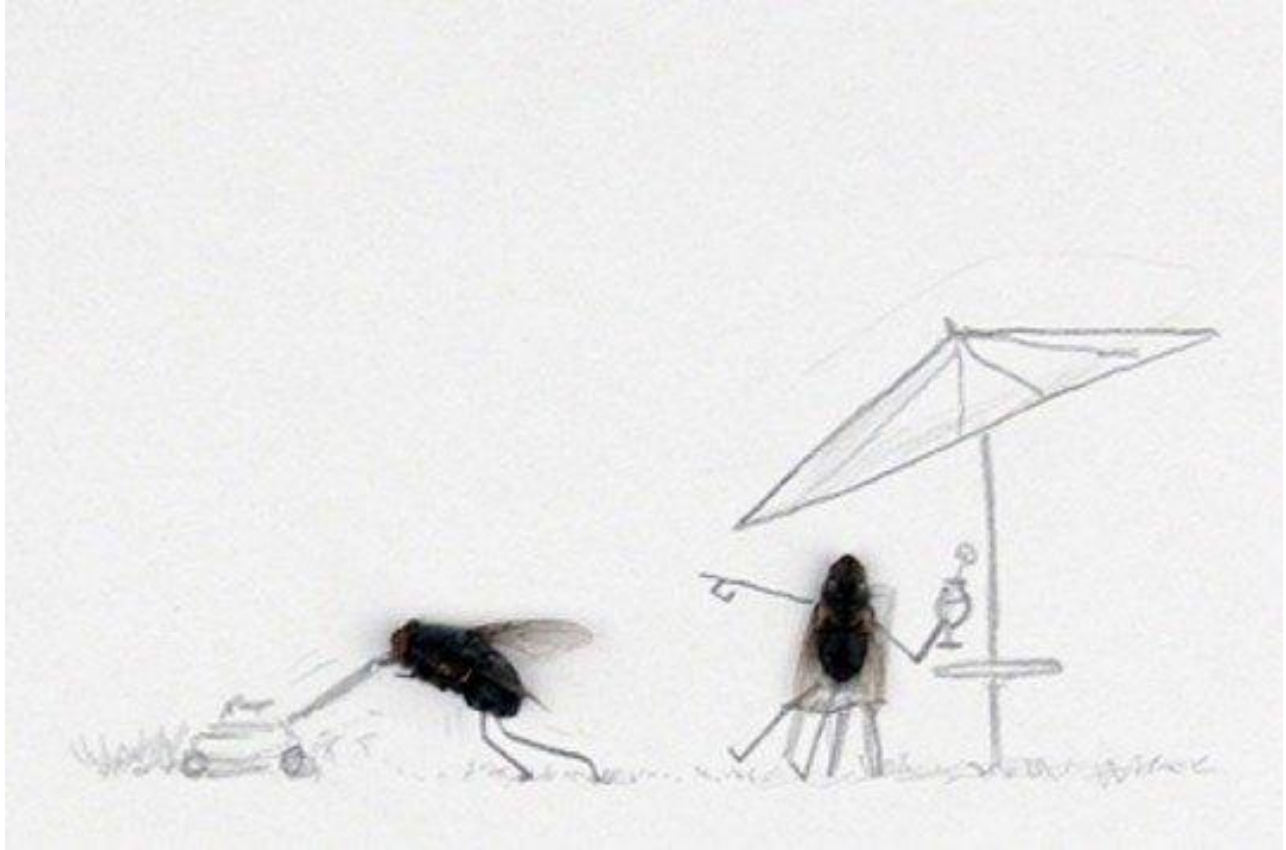
## Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>

The property committee is looking for volunteers to help clean head stones in Emanuel's cemetery on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>.

This will be a daylong event, unless we have lots of volunteers. We will apply a cleaner to the stones then use a soft brush to rub in then a light power wash. Many of the stones are presently unreadable.

We have permission from a neighbor to hook up to their water spigot. We will need to borrow as many hoses as we can get. We are looking for 1,000 feet of hose. A signup sheet will be posted in the narthex. Signup and put a checkmark next to your name if you can bring a hose. Thank you!

# Spring Bazaar Craft Nights



(fly arts & crafts)

**Tuesday evenings at Emanuel  
6:30PM to 8PM in the Fellowship Hall**

**May 5, 12, 19 & 26**

**June 2**

**No experience necessary.  
Everyone is welcome!**

YOU DON'T NEED TO  
AUDITION TO GET A PART!

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH PROUDLY PRESENTS...

# DRAMA CAMP

A WEEK LONG DAY CAMP LEARNING  
SONGS. PRACTICING STAGING.  
PAINTING SETS. & CREATING COSTUMES  
FOR AGES 7 - 14 YEARS OLD!

## WHEN?

AUDITIONS:  
June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm

## CAMP:

June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
8:30AM - 12:30PM

## Family Friendly Pricing:

1 Child - \$20

2 Children - \$30

3 or more - \$35

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For more information please contact Kat Brown  
at [kath7026@gmail.com](mailto:kath7026@gmail.com) or  
Pastor Todd Stange at [pastor@emanuelww.org](mailto:pastor@emanuelww.org)  
(401) 821-8888

For more information on  
Emanuel Lutheran's Drama Camp,  
check out our digital brochure!



**3 Sessions**

# Observer Training & Legislative Advocacy

April 19

April 27

May 17



April 9, 2026, 2026

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

Latest Newsletter: [April 2, 2026](#)

Join the growing movement of community members & people of faith - working together to support our immigrant communities. This training is for anyone who is concerned about the inhuman & illegal treatment of our immigrant communities - and are asking: "what can I do?" The training is a concrete way to answer that question by receiving education & legal training - and taking specific action through legislative lobbying.

If you have attended previous legal training, you might want to refresh your knowledge and learn new ways to support the immigrant community through legislation - as the training has been updated following the experience in Minnesota.

Our work together is grounded in our two core values: everyone is a beloved child of God and a commitment to non-violence.

### **This training will provide guidance on how stay within the law when you:**

- are protesting
- are a friend or bystander during ICE and CBP actions and arrests
- are documenting ICE and CBP actions and arrests
- are protecting your home, school, place of worship, or business from ICE and CBP

### **Legislative advocacy training will include:**

- updates and information on state legislation to protect our immigrant communities
- legislative process 101 (how it happens and who your reps are)
- tips on effective advocacy

**April 19** 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Temple Sinai (Cranston) [Registration](#)

**April 27** 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County (South Kingstown) [Registration](#)

**May 17** 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm St. Luke's Episcopal Church (East Greenwich) [Registration](#)

# The Chorus of Kent County Spring Concert

## THE CHORUS OF KENT COUNTY

Nicholas Laroche, Musical Director  
Stephen Romano, Accompanist

Presents

# Shine On

A CONCERT OF RESILIENCE & JOY

May 2 | 7 p.m.

May 3 | 2 p.m.

West Warwick High School  
1 Webster Knight Drive



**Tickets:**

Scan QR code or visit [chorusofkentcounty.com](http://chorusofkentcounty.com).

\$17 advance/\$20 day of event

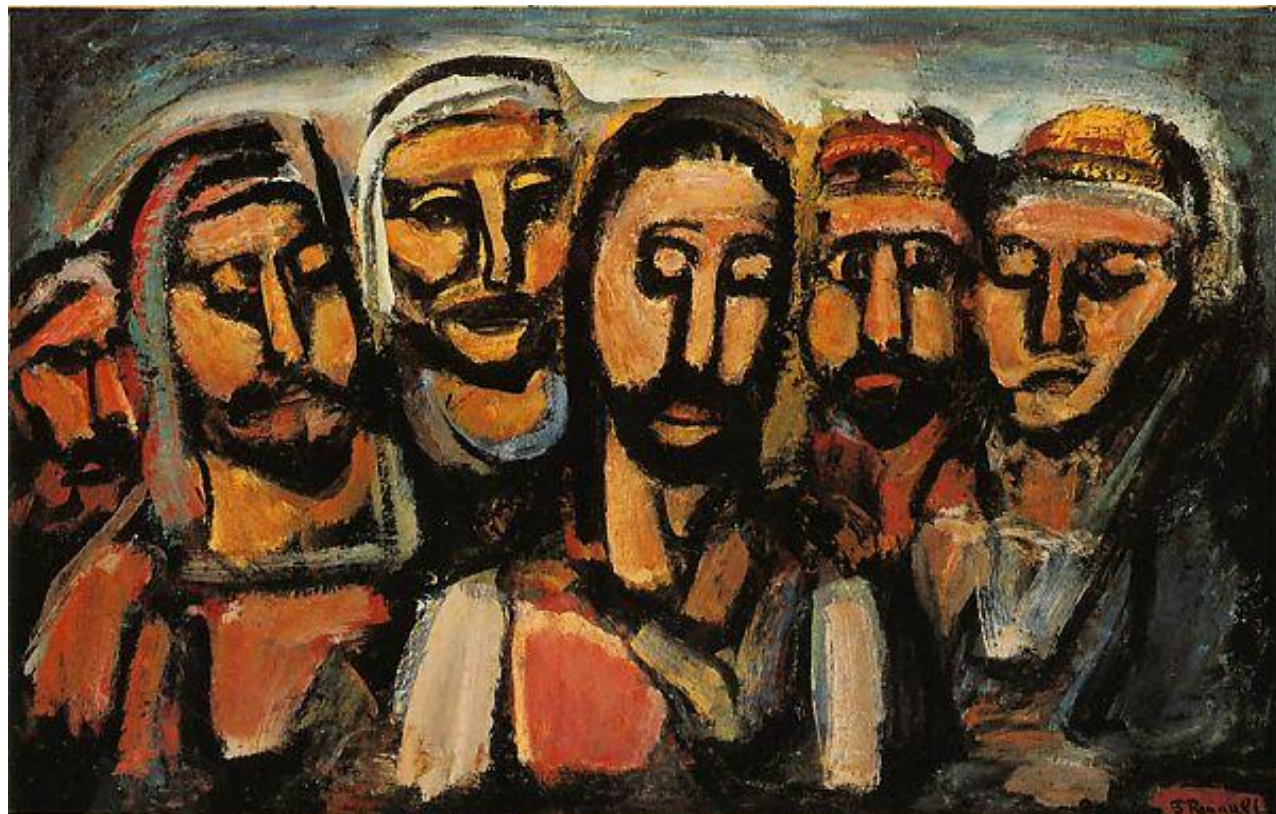
\$10 children 10 & under (under 2 free)

*Please bring a nonperishable food item for Project Hand Up.*

## May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM & May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2PM.

Tickets are \$17 advance/\$20 day of event/\$10 children 10 & under (under 2 free). To purchase call 401-862-3105 or online **[chorusofkentcounty.com/concerts](http://chorusofkentcounty.com/concerts)** All concerts are held at West Warwick High School 1 Webster Knight Dr.

# Bible Study on the book of Acts



## Next session Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>

The book of Acts (or Acts of the Apostles) traces the early days of the church - its struggles and how it grew. What can the church today learn from the early church?

We will meet on Wednesdays at 7PM in Jacobs Hall. We will go through the book chapter by chapter. Come and explore the early days of the church.

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# 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 May 3, 2026

## First Reading

**Job 12:7-10**

*All of creation proclaims that our life and all we have comes from, and rests, and has its being in God.*

<sup>7</sup>“But ask the animals, and they will teach you,  
or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you;

<sup>8</sup>or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,  
or let the fish in the sea inform you.

<sup>9</sup>Which of all these does not know  
that the hand of the LORD has done this?

<sup>10</sup>In his hand is the life of every creature  
and the breath of every human being.

## Second Reading

**Acts 17:16-31**

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the market-place every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, ‘What does this babbler want to say?’ Others said, ‘He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.’ (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) <sup>19</sup>So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, ‘May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?’ <sup>20</sup>It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.’ <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

## How do the Bible readings speak to you?



The Areopagus (literally "Ares' Rock" or "Mars Hill")

# Make Someone's Day



## give a Good Samaritan bag

Good Samaritan bags are available in the sanctuary on Sundays or in the church office during the week. They contain lots of useful items: socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, granola bar, Dunkin Donuts gift card and more. Keep one in your car for when you see someone in need.

# Emanuel's Choir



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

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

# 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](#)**

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# Sermon Topics



*Narrative Lectionary September 7 – May 24*

5/3 Paul's Sermon at Athens

5/10 Partnership in the Gospel (Mother's Day)

5/17 The Christ Hymn

5/24 Pentecost & Confirmation Rite

5/31 Trinity Sunday!

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

**For Healing & Comfort:** Robert Saladino (brother of Patricia Antonelli – friend of the food pantry), Steve Palmer (friend of Myron Gadoury), Kelly Cabral

**Worship Assistants**

	<i>May 3</i>	<i>Mother's Day May 10</i>
<b>Counter</b>	<b>Mike Ricci</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Kathy Marco</b>	<b>Sue Auger</b>
<b>Lay Minister</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>Bruce Johnson</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Ezra LaMountain</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Bruce Johnson &amp; Paul Hyink</b>	<b>Joanne Powers &amp; Amanda Grudzinski</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Mary Schabek</b>	<b>Elaine Marsh</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Potluck theme: Reminds me of mom</b>	<b>Mother's Day!</b>

**April's Memorial Candle**



The Memorial Candle for April is given by Susan Auger  
In loving memory of **Douglas Auger**

## This Week at Emanuel

Monday, April 27	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
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Tuesday, April 28		<del>NO Tuesday Morning Bible Study</del> Pastor away
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		<del>NO Pastor's Office Hours</del> Pastor away
	6:30pm	Bazaar Craft Night (FH)
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Wednesday, April 29	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
	7:00pm	Bible Study on the book of Acts (JH)
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Thursday, April 30	7:00pm	Endowment Fund Committee meeting ONLINE
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Friday, May 1	9:00am	Sue in the office
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Saturday, May 2		
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Sunday, May 3	8:00am	Worship in Person
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Potluck Coffee Hour theme: reminds me of mom

## Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, May 4	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
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Tuesday, May 5	9:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM
	6:30pm	Bazaar Craft Night (FH)
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Wednesday, May 6	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
	7:00pm	Bible Study on the book of Acts (JH)
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Thursday, May 7	6:30pm	Finance Committee (ONLINE)
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Friday, May 8	9:00am	Sue in the office
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Saturday, May 9		
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Sunday, May 10	8:00am	Worship in Person
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Choir
Mother's Day	9:15am	Sunday School (FH)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

### **Philip and James, Apostles**

**Friday, May 1, 2026**

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to “come and see.” Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called “the Less” to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

### **Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373**

**Saturday, May 2, 2026**

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

### **Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387**

**Monday, May 4, 2026**

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

### **Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416**

**Friday, May 8, 2026**

When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

### **Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303 (TFF)**

**Friday, May 8, 2026**

Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

### **Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760**

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

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

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

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.s