

Emmanuel CSI Church, Philadelphia  
4937 Church Avenue,  
Feasterville-Trevoze, PA 19053

Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Malayalam Holy Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> - English H. C. with Praise & Worship  
4<sup>th</sup> - English Holy Communion  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Malayalam Matins

Teleconference Prayer - Every Wednesday @ 9:00 PM

Fasting Prayer - Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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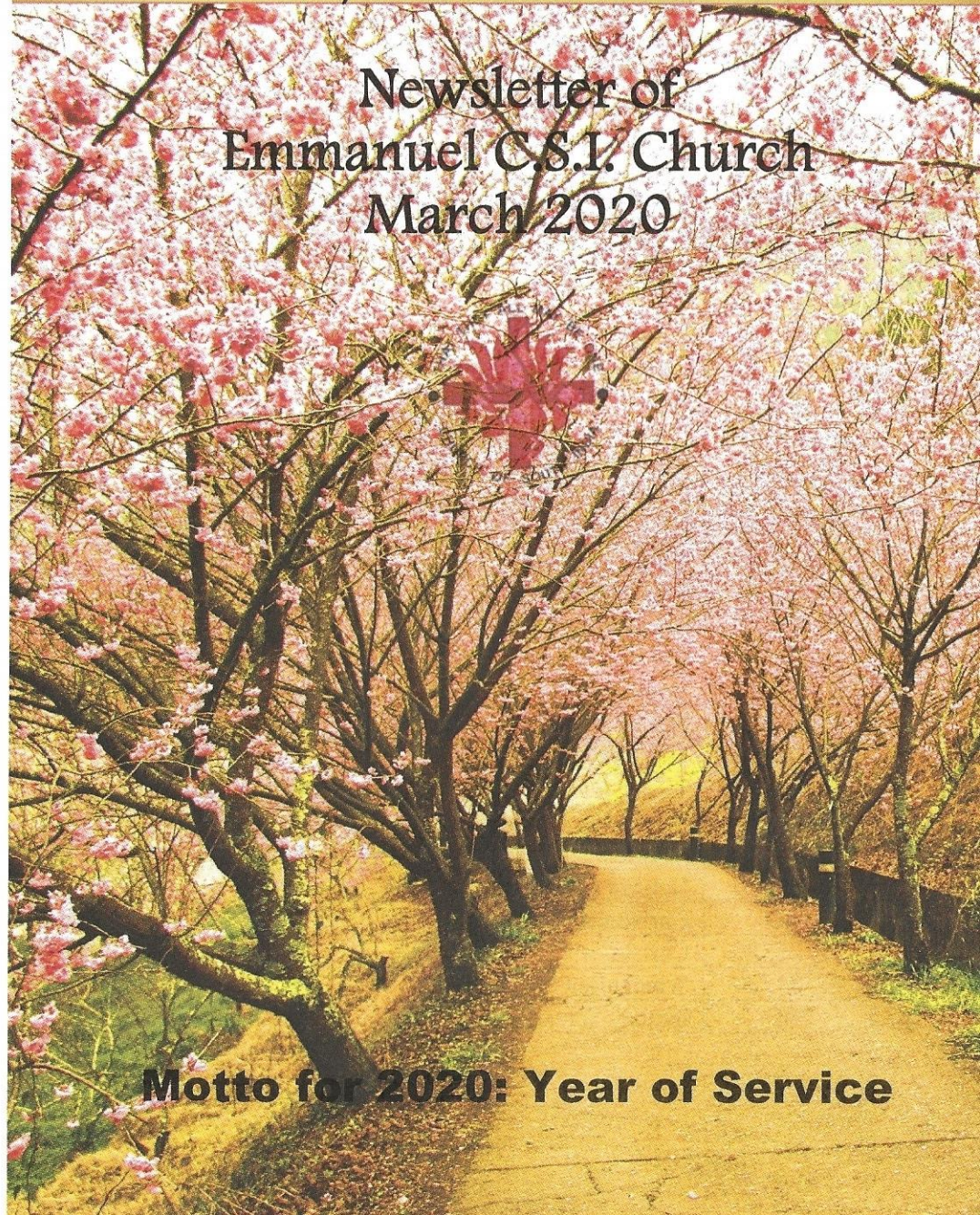
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Newsletter of  
Emmanuel C.S.I. Church  
March 2020



**Motto for 2020: Year of Service**



## 2020 Year Plan

| Date        | Event   |
|-------------|---|
| 03/01/20    | Women's Fellowship Sunday                               |
| 03/07/20    | World Day of Prayer (EFICP) at Christos                 |
| 04/04/20    | Women & Laity Retreat at Christ Church in PA            |
| 04/05/20    | Palm Sunday   |
| 04/06/20    | Passion week Cottage Prayer                             |
| 04/07/20    | Passion week Cottage Prayer                             |
| 04/08/20    | Passion week Cottage Prayer                             |
| 04/09/20    | Maundy (Holy) Thursday (Service at 7:00 PM)             |
| 04/10/20    | Good Friday (Service at 10:00 AM)                       |
| 04/12/20    | Easter Sunday   |
| 04/25/20    | Sunday School Retreat @ St. Paul's and Resurrection, NJ |
| 05/10/20    | Mother's Day  |
| 06/21/20    | Father's Day  |
| 06/25-27/20 | VBS   |
| 07/09/20    | Youth Conference July 9-12, 2020 @Detroit, MI           |
| 07/11/20    | Church Picnic at Core Creek Park, Pavilion # 5          |
| TBD         | Annual Gospel Convention                                |
| 07/19/20    | Harvest Festival (First Day)                            |
| 08/02/20    | Harvest Festival (Second Day) & Almaya day              |
| 08/07-08/20 | CSI Council Meeting                                     |
| 08/16/20    | Back to School  |
| 08/23/20    | Back to School  |
| 09/06/20    | Choir Sunday  |
| 09/13/20    | Grandparent's Day                                       |
| 09/27/20    | CSI day & Senior Citizens Day                           |
| 10/04/20    | Youth Sunday  |
| 10/18/20    | Family Sunday & Church Day                              |
| 11/01/20    | Sunday School Sunday                                    |
| 11/29/20    | Thanksgiving Sunday – (Malayalam Holy Communion)        |
| 12/05/20    | Door to Door Carol Rounds Day 1                         |
| 02/12/20    | Ecumenical Fellowship Christmas Program                 |
| 12/19/20    | Door to door Carol day 2                                |
| TBD         | Christmas Carol   |
| 12/25/20    | Christmas Day   |
| 12/31/20    | Watchnight Service                                      |
| TBD         | Sunday School Competition at Hudson Valley CSI.         |

## ❖ Reminders...

Sunday School classes will start at 9 00 AM.

The regularly scheduled Tele-conference Prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday's at 9:00 PM.

**Dial: 1 (302) 202-1116; Enter 714031 when prompted.**

On every Saturday, at 10 AM, we will have a fasting prayer meeting at our church.

If you are interested in hosting a Cottage Prayer or Fasting Prayer at your home, please communicate with Achen, secretary or sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Bible study for the Women's Fellowship will be held on every first and third Sundays after the service. All women's Fellowship members are requested to attend.

Youth meetings will be held on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at the Church. All Youth members are requested to attend.

Church Committee Meeting will be held on every fourth Sunday after the service, unless announced otherwise.

World Day of Prayer Hosted by the Ecumenical Fellowship of Indian Churches in Pennsylvania will be held on March 7, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The venue will be Christos Mar Thoma Church, 9999 Gantry Road, Philadelphia.

The Council of CSI Congregations in North America, Regions 1 & 2, Women & Laity Fellowship one-day retreat will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at CSI Christ Church in Pennsylvania. Rev. Dr. K. T. Kurian will be the guest speaker.



## Birthday Greetings:

The following members will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of March. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

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|-----------------------|-------|
| Mr. Rohan Nainan      | 03/04 |
| Miss. Ava Ann Thomas  | 03/10 |
| Mr. Jeffrey A. Kunnel | 03/11 |
| Mrs. Jessie Koshy     | 03/20 |
| Mrs. Mary John        | 03/20 |
| Mr. Lerry Thomas      | 03/26 |
| Mr. Zach Abraham      | 03/26 |



God's richest blessings be upon you as you celebrate yet another year on this journey with Christ and as you commit each day into the hands of the Lord.

## Wedding Anniversaries:

Congratulations and best wishes to all the couples who will be celebrating their anniversaries in the month of March. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

*May you truly sense God's love as you celebrate your Wedding Anniversary and see the future years together as memories to be made.* **By M.S.Lowndes**



## From Achen's Desk

### Our God is bigger than anything

Sometimes we read the Bible and marvel at all the ways Jesus "solved" problems 2,000 years ago. He turned water to wine. He raised the dead to life. He healed the sick. He parted the seas. He flooded the earth. Time and time again, He rescued, comforted, provided and proved that He is capable of intervening in our time of need. We believe these stories are true, but we have trouble believing He can do the same work in our own lives. Our problems are just too big, too hard, and too insurmountable. Life happens and God becomes distant, simply a character in incredible stories of old, instead of a Father longing for a daily relationship with His children.

This world can take its toll. It will beat us up and use us till there's nothing left. Some days, life wins and we surrender to the fate of a bad day, a hard circumstance or an unfair hand that's been dealt to us. When we're in the middle of a crisis, it's hard to imagine that there's one who holds the whole world in His hands. Our peers tell us to stop believing. Culture tells us to give up. The enemy tells us we're defeated. He whispers lies that there's no hope. Thankfully, we serve a God who doesn't answer to our peers, culture or the enemy. Jesus tells us to keep the faith. Jesus tells us to stay in the game. Jesus tells us the victory has already been won.

Our God is greater

Our God is stronger

God You are higher than any other

We may be small, but the God who lives in our hearts is bigger than any problem we will ever face this side of heaven. In Romans 8:31 (NIV), Paul asks this question, "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" The enemy wants us to believe the mountain looming in front of us is just too large to scale. The truth is we're really not capable of climbing it alone. We'll never be able to survive the inevitable twists and turns of life without a Savior.

Paul continues, "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies" (Romans 8:32-33, NIV).

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Lectionary for March 2020

**March 01 Malayalam Holy Communion**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Women's Sunday**  
**Theme: Women as Change Makers**  
**1 Lesson:** Daniel 3: 12-30  
**Psalm** 119: 57-64  
**2 Lesson:** Acts 16: 11-15  
**Gospel:** Luke 1: 46-55  
**Songs:** Hymn – 19, 186, Lyrics 25, Hymn 251  
**Lay Ministry:** Women's Fellowship

**March 08 English Holy Communion**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Theme: The Forgiving Christ**  
**1 Lesson:** Genesis 4: 8-16  
**Psalm** 25  
**2 Lesson:** Romans 5: 6-11  
**Gospel:** Mark 2: 1-12  
**Songs:** Emmanuel Hymnal – 263, 406, 437, 159  
**Lay Ministry:** Youth Fellowship

**March 15 Malayalam Holy Communion**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in lent**  
**Theme: The Accepting Christ**  
**1 Lesson:** Hosea 2: 14-23  
**Psalm** 87  
**2 Lesson:** Philemon 1: 1-21  
**Gospel:** Matthew 15: 21-28  
**Songs:** Hymn – 93, 27, Lyrics 216, Hymn 253  
**Lay Ministry:** Mrs. Achamma Andrews & Family

Lectionary for March 2020

**March 22 English Holy Communion**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Easter – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in lent**  
**Theme: The Liberating Christ**  
**1 Lesson:** Exodus 3: 1-13  
**Psalm** 82  
**2 Lesson:** Galatians 5: 1-12  
**Gospel:** Luke 13: 10-17  
**Songs:** Emmanuel Hymnal – 256, 299, 101, 28  
**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Aji Sam Mathew & Family

**March 29 Malayalam Matins**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Easter – Passion Sunday**  
**Theme: Cross and the Restoring Christ**  
**1 Lesson:** Job 42: 10-17  
**Psalm** 126  
**2 Lesson:** Ephesians 2: 1-10  
**Gospel:** Mark 10: 46-52  
**Songs:** Hymn – 31, 183, Lyrics 219, Hymn 180  
**Lay Ministry:** Dr. Benjamin George & Family

**April 05 Malayalam Holy Communion**  
**Sunday before Easter – Palm Sunday**  
**Theme: Christ: The King of Peace**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson** Zechariah 9: 1–12  
**Psalm** 24  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson** Ephesians 2: 11-22  
**Gospel** Mark 11: 1-11  
**Songs:** Hymn – 102, 100, 103, 180  
**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Biju Muthuthottathil & Family