

The Emmanuel Way

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Report of Search Committee

Emmanuel is now receiving names of candidates to become our rector.

Our parish transition has moved from information gathering and profile development to receiving applications, conducting interviews and observing candidates for service as our next rector. In many ways, this is a hospitality ministry, something the Emmanuel Family is always good at: making visitors welcome and showing our church and grounds in their most attractive condition.

Here's how everyone can help: First, respect the absolute **need for confidentiality** during the calling process. This protects our search committee as they meet and prayerfully evaluate the many faithful priests who are attracted to this special place. The calling process must be crisp and clear, with communications limited to the candidate and committee. Confidentiality also protects the candidates, some of whom will be testing the waters without being sure about an intention to move. Rumors among our congregation, and those among friends in other churches introduce human complications into a process designed to clarify the intent of the Holy Spirit. Please be patient, and allow the committee and vestry to do its delicate and important work in private.

Second, steer any potential candidates that you know into the calling process via the only entry acceptable entry portal: the Parish Profile posted on our

website. **All candidates will be received in accordance with the guidelines of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Virginia.** There are no preferential pathways, no alternate procedures. The Search Committee's contact information has been provided to all priests of The Church via its national networks, and is available for your reference on the website here. We're eager to meet all interested priests, but must do so in a single, consistent and approved manner.

Finally, **hold us in your daily prayers.** Our transition is now in its most challenging phase, one where we are charged with discerning God's will for our Emmanuel family and for the priests who seek to serve here. It's a mutual discernment between committee and candidate. Help us to be attentive to the presence of the Holy Spirit, sensitive to the needs and aspirations of the priests we meet, and faithful to the understanding we have of the vision for Emmanuel's future our congregation has provided. Include blessings for all the clergy God has provided to help us, and especially to those open to a call as our next rector.

Many thanks for your support and guidance. With God's help, we hope to call a new rector for service here in the early fall!



Cathy Boyd speaks to the attendees of the Adult Forum.

Christian Ed Report

By Cathy Boyd
Director of Christian Education

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak at the adult forum last Sunday. I shared a bit about my spiritual journey, including lessons in gratitude, patience, and joy that I have learned along the way; shared what I have observed about the program here; and opened the floor to questions and ideas about what members of the congregation want to see in a future Christian Education program.

In my view, the main threads of the comments and ideas that emerged are as follows: We have so many valuable resources here at Emmanuel, including energetic, creative people of all ages, spaces, and systems that work well already. We have the compelling material in the stories and traditions of our Christian faith.

Let's make sure that we are combining these two in a program that nurtures everyone in the Emmanuel community and reinforces our efforts to live as Christians in the modern world.

Many specific questions were asked and ideas were mentioned about improving the already-strong programs that exists. For example, are we using the spaces we have effectively? How can we keep this year's bumper-crop of confirmands engaged through their high school years? What kind of weekday, daytime fellowship opportunities could there be for people who don't like to travel in the evening?

Of course, no simple answers will emerge from these questions. I have gratitude that the Emmanuel community has asked me to help find the answers and ask your patience (and help!) in finding them. Let's all find joy in experimenting with ideas as we find what works best! If you were not able to attend, please email me at mcboyd7@hotmail.com or call me at church to set up a time to talk more.

Also, June 2nd is a special day for all involved with Sunday School! It's Hat's Off Sunday! We invite the congregation at both the 9 and 11 am services to wear hats, the sillier the better, to take off to salute the Sunday School teachers and thank them for a job well done.

The last Sunday School session of the year will take place on June 2nd. At 12:30, a picnic will take place in the courtyard. All who taught, attended, or want to support the Sunday School program (including potential teachers!) are invited to attend. Please call the church office to RSVP or email Cathy Boyd at mcboyd7@hotmail.com.

Rector's Reflections



The Rev. Pam Webb
Interim Rector

"Ordinary Time"

The longest season of the liturgical year is the "long, green season" of Pentecost, which begins the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Green is the color of the hangings in the Church and the clergy stoles worn from June 2 until the First Sunday of Advent on December 1 this year. That is 26 Sundays.....far and away the longest season of every year! There are really no major feast days to look forward to during the season of Pentecost so this long season can seem a bit "ho hum".

Perhaps "Ordinary Time" can call us to reflect on and rejoice over the routines of our lives. It can be a good time to contemplate the meanings and significance of ordinary things. The rhythms of our lives vary greatly but in routine times we can challenge ourselves to look for creative ways to live in the ordinary.

The Rev. Virginia Going wrote the following poem that seems to speak to "Ordinary Time" for me.

Today

Let me live today.

Let me be open to the miracle of this day.

Let me breathe the best of today.

Let me not miss the heart of today.

*Let me find the gift of today,
hidden like a jewel in rubble of care,
duty, and detail.*

Let me pause to hear

The steady heartbeat of God-----

*Hoping, aching, sorrowing, expectant,
patient,*

despairing heart of God.

Listen, listen.

Do you hear it?

*Ever so faint but steady, steady,
rhythmic organ, strong muscle,
thumping, beating, pumping,
sustaining, encompassing,
wildly dancing heart of God.*

*Let me live this day, aware, open,
listening, breathing, alive.*

May God bless all that is ordinary in your lives and set your heart afire with God's love.

Faithfully,

Pam Webb+

Interim Rector

Father Don's Message



The Rev. Deacon Donald Cady

Dear Friends in Christ:

As I sit at my desk on a dark, damp, misty day trying to decide what to write about, I keep coming back to how fortunate we, the Emmanuel Family, are to be at this point in time in our parish life together.

Our vestry is strong and is purposely helping us to see new avenues to explore as we move toward the future.

With Pam's guidance, we are beginning to realize the many God-given talents and opportunities that can become the reality that is Emmanuel parish.

Our dedicated Search Committee has most successfully brought us to the point where candidates who God is sending us to be our next rector will be identified in the coming months.

I could go on and on. We all know that we have a tremendous amount of goodness to be thankful for as we head into the summer months.

It is my hope and prayer that as we move to a single Sunday worship service, kids out of school, vacations become a reality and the pace of things slows a bit, we all will be reminded of three words from I John 4:8: "God is love." It is God's love that makes Emmanuel so special to each of us. It is God's love that will guide us towards the future.

"God is love," please keep these words in mind this summer.

Faithfully,

Don

Vestry Report

By Delores Smith
Senior Warden

Pentecost Sunday at Emmanuel celebrated not only the birthday of the church but also the recognition of Ted Caplow's thirty-seven year tenure on the Endowment Board. The congregation, mostly dressed in Pentecostal red, filled the pews at the eleven o'clock service when Ted, other members of the Endowment Board, and many visiting recipients of this year's grants were acknowledged. Ted was presented with a letter of appreciation and a gift. Following the church service, the well-attended

reception in Ted's honor proved to be another Emmanuel Way celebration.



Following is a copy of the letter of appreciation to Ted.

Dear Ted,

On behalf of the vestry and the congregation of Emmanuel Church, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your thirty-seven years of dedicated service as a Trustee and as a member of the Endowment Board.

For years, you made the wise investments that enabled the Endowment Fund to grow, and you saw to it that the funds were never used for any frivolous purposes. Throughout these years of service, you never submitted expense accounts or bills; every penny of the money in the Endowment Fund went to good works.

And what incredible good works your wise stewardship has enabled Emmanuel to accomplish. Over your thirty-seven years of service, the Endowment Fund has disbursed funds to worthy charities in the amount of \$2,045,198.86. Thirty-seven years ago, the Endowment Fund disbursed \$12,000 to designated charities. This year, the Fund disbursed \$120,000. This phenomenal growth is in part a reflection of your wise stewardship.

We are grateful to God for you and for your innumerable gifts to our parish family.

Thank you.

Faithfully,

Delores Smith, and

Julie Shields

In other news, I am dismayed to announce, due to work and family obligations, Leigh Myers and Ethan

Burke have resigned from the vestry. As a result of their resignations, Rita Chatman and Corie King, will complete their unexpired terms.

We are grateful to Leigh and Ethan for their service to Emmanuel.

God's Peace,
Delores Smith

Lift Every Voice And Sing!

Beginning at the 10 o'clock service on June 9, you will find a new addition to the pew book racks. *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, commonly called LEVAS, is a supplement to the 82 Hymnal and features songs from a number of other traditions. We'll be using LEVAS in addition to the regular hymnal each week, but don't worry that you'll have to learn a lot of new hymns. Chances are you already know most of them!

Disciples Kitchen

By Amanda Poor

We will continue our service with Disciples Kitchen in Waynesboro for the immediate future. We will be serving lunch on Monday, June 17 at Second Presbyterian Church.

The Greenwood Grapevine reports

Mary Kate Patterson, granddaughter of John and Doris Savage, graduated from Sweet Briar College last Saturday. She will spend the summer working for the US Department of State in the Philippines.

William Henry Lankenau, son of Harry and Susan Lankenau, graduated on May 25 from Woodberry Forest School, Orange, Va. He will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall.

Jake Farrell, son of Kirby and Laura Farrell, graduated from Renaissance School on May 25 and will be going to a new school in New York City in the fall.

Region XV President: John Savage has begun his tenure as

president of our region in the Diocese of Virginia. The region also needs a treasurer if you would be interested in serving in this capacity, please speak to John.

New tax law favors donations

The tax law signed January 2 2013 by President Obama allows for those over 70 ½ and who are subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from their IRA may donate directly from their IRA (Traditional, Roth and Rollover) to a charity of their choice w/o tax consequences, i.e. no tax on the distribution, up to a total of \$100,000. You may wish to consider making your annual pledge in this way or you may wish to enhance our Emmanuel Episcopal Endowment with money that you'd otherwise have to pay in tax.

If you have questions, please consult your CPA or the church treasurer, Sandy von Thelen.

Past Memories

By Julie Shields

E. O. Woodson reported, "I remember the time when I was ushering when my fellow usher who was passing the plate was asked to make change. He came rushing back asking me in a very loud whisper what he should do. I told him to give back whatever change was wanted. There were a lot of questions asked after the service.

"Another time I was on my way down to my family's lot in the cemetery when I saw two men crisscrossing the cemetery in a great rush. I then saw a man sitting in the cab of a truck. Since I was very familiar with the cemetery, I asked if I might be of some help. He said they were looking for an H. Barnett grave site. After thinking about that for a minute, I asked if it could be H. Barrett. He checked his paper again and said that was it. Of course I knew where the Rev. Harold Barrett's grave was.

"Another Sunday we were leaving church when there was a great commotion just outside. There was a

fairly long black snake close to the walkway. Elizabeth Scott picked it up and said, "You shouldn't be here." She took it to the cemetery and turned it loose."

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Mission Statement

The *Emmanuel Way*, the official newsletter of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Greenwood Parish, will strive to communicate with, enlighten, and entertain the members of the parish in strict compliance with the official word of church doctrine as set forth by the rector utilizing the Style Sheet of the Diocese of Virginia.

The newsletter shall be published monthly on or before the 1st day of the month of issue. The publication shall not be published during the month of July. The deadline for submissions shall be the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication. The primary role of the publication shall be to promote upcoming activities, report past activities and accomplishments of the church and its members, and carry an official church calendar of the month, as well as, become a recorded history of the church by the archival of all past issues.

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Bishop's Visit Announced

"Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism" (BCP page 418):

At 2 pm on Sunday, June 9, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston will confirm 12 young people. An adult also will be baptized and she and another adult will be confirmed. It is always a special time in the life of a parish when the bishop visits. Please join the confirmands, their families, sponsors and godparents at this great celebration. There will be a reception following the service in the Parish Hall.

Confirmed will be: Cole Ashley Blundin, Ethan Matthew Blundin, Matthew Kyle Bryant, Matthew Richmond Capshaw, Carolyn Haden Cunningham, Anna Rose Farrell, John

Carr Haden, Eleanor Shields Hawkes, Alexander Christian Lehmbek, August Richard Myers, Thedra Olivia Nichols, and William Robert Wallace. Adults Confirmed will be: Camilyn Leone and Kristin Ford.



The Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction was a great success.



The children had their own Pasta Supper and party in the Ledford House.



Don and Deede arrived to be greeted by Doris Savage.

Shrine Mont Update

Our Shrine Mont weekend takes place Aug 30, 31 & Sept 1 and registration forms will be available online and in the Parish Hall the first week of June! Get your form and payment mailed quickly as we are

limited in the number of spaces available at Shrine Mont this year.

The used book sale fundraiser will take place in the Parish Hall starting June 2. We still welcome donations of books! Please leave them in the Parish Hall.



Pre-dinner planning took place as well.



Of course there were kitchen duties as well.

The Calk Walk will take place on July 14 after the combined service at 10 am. Please join us in the parish hall to compete for delicious baked goods! Donations of baked goods are warmly welcomed! Email emmanuelshrinemontcommittee@gmail.com if you can contribute.

We are eager to incorporate your great Porch Activity/Mini Lesson into our weekend! Email us at the aforementioned address with your creative idea!

Many thanks for all your support with our fundraising efforts! This ensures all will be able to participate no matter their financial situation and has allowed the committee to offset some of the Shrine Mont fee increases for this year.

New website

Our new and exciting website is up and running and is located at the same web address:

www.emmanuelgreenwood.org.

This site should help improve the access to information about everything Emmanuel! Please take some time to review the information there and if you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact Kathleen Capshaw on her email address at kcapshaw@embarqmail.com, or 540-846-3144.

Coffee Hour Signup

Coffee Hour signup is now available online through a new Sign-Up Genius. Use the link provided to see open dates and sign up. This link is easily accessed through the Emmanuel website. Check it out.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080545ABAD2C7-emmanuel>

Large Print Bulletins

There are always copies available of the Sunday worship bulletin with the scripture readings in large print. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

Courtyard Communion with FIRE

During the summer months of June, July and August, we will only have one, combined morning worship service at 10 am. We will also have an informal, evening Eucharist at 7 pm on Sundays, June 16, July 21 and August 18. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and these will be held in our lovely courtyard which is between our parish hall and church. Bring folding lawn chairs and a picnic dinner and dress casually. The worship service will be fairly short and then we will also have a Bible activity suitable for all ages. If you play the guitar or another instrument and would like to add the gift of music to our services, please let Pam know.

St. Paul's Celebration

St. Paul's, Ivy will be celebrating their 175th anniversary on Sunday,

June 2. Our Emmanuel family have been asked to join them at a picnic at 2 pm at their church. We can help St. Paul's celebrate by joining them!

New Worship Leaders

Steve Hawkes and Bob and Karen Ventura have volunteered to be in charge of the scheduling and training of our Acolytes. Pati Cunningham and Anne Dagner have been trained and have begun serving as Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Carl Stone has volunteered to be a lay reader. Liturgy is best defined as "the work of the people". Thank you to these dedicated members of Emmanuel in taking part in leading the worship of our parish.

Spring Clean-up Day

Thank you to all who helped with sprucing up our beautiful buildings and grounds on May 4. There were 15-20 helpers joining Henry with, Junior Warden, and Charley Chabot, our Sexton. Charley has been checking off lots of items on the maintenance and improvement lists for our buildings. The new ramp into the church is a wonderful addition. The original ramps into the church were moved to the parish hall.

Marston-LaRue Library

Many thanks have to go to Beth Askew and Eugene Ferguson who have worked diligently to organize and clean our church library. If you borrow books from the library, please be sure to put them back on the correct shelves and help us maintain their efforts.

Our Prayer Lists

Mark 11:24

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

If you have a prayer request, Emmanuel has several ways to help with this:

Public Prayer list: If you would like someone added to the prayer list that is listed in the weekly bulletin, please call the church office and have Janice add the name to the list.

Confidential Prayer list: If you have a prayer request that you would like to keep confidential, please call the church office, speak to Pam or Don, or one of the members of the Confidential Prayer Team (Gren King, Mary-Mac Lang, Mary-Elizabeth Via and the clergy).

Personal Healing: There are also personal healing prayers that are offered on a regular basis at the end of the church services. Please listen for or read the announcement in the bulletin.

Beautification of our church

**By Karin Bonding,
Flower Committee Chair**

Every Sunday we enjoy the beautiful arrangements done by Couture Design, using what God so graciously has created in nature. Starting July 1, 2013, the Sunday flowers for the two altars will be \$85. Should you wish to celebrate or honor someone, or simply give thanks to friends or family or Emmanuel, sign up on the flower chart by the entrance to our sanctuary? Then please call Couture Design directly at 434 823 4942 and order the flowers. They will take the orders over the phone and you can pay by credit card. Our wonderful friend and member Tice Brandt no longer does flower arrangements, and we were blessed for many years with some spectacular arrangements. If you have any questions please call or write Karin Bonding at 434 293 4626 or bonding@virginia.edu, or Barbara Marker at 434 325 7339 or tbmarker@aol.com.

Special Events For Your Calendar

During the summer months of June, July and August, we will only have one, combined morning worship service at 10 am. We will also have an informal, evening family at 7 pm on Sundays, June 16, July 21 and August 18 in the courtyard with a FIRE (Family Intergeneration Religious Education) bible lesson.

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First Class Mail

Sunday Schedule

June 2 only

9:00 HE II & Children's Worship
 10:00 Confirmation Classes
 11:00 HE II

Beginning June 9

10:00 One Combined Service

Key

HE II—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
 MLR—Marston/LaRue House
 PH—Parish Hall
 LH—Ledford House
 HC—Holy Cross, Batesville
 AA—Alcoholics Anonymous
 CP—Contemplative Prayer

Adult Forums

No Adult Forums during the summer

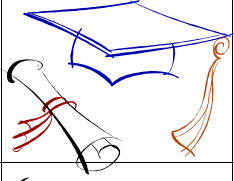

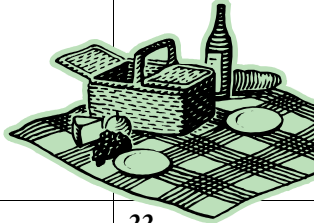
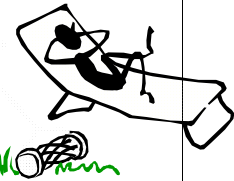
Special Events

Sunday, June 9, 2 pm:
 Bishop Shannon Johnston for Baptism,
 Confirmation, and Reception

Sunday, June 16, 7 pm: Courtyard Com-
 munion

**There is no newsletter for the month
 of July. Deadline for August newslet-
 ter articles is July 20.**

**Please check the Sunday bul-
 letin for changes and addi-
 tions. If you would like to
 schedule an event, please call
 the office at 540-456-6334.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> Bread Fund Distribution, 8 am, Holy Cross, Batesville
<i>2</i> See Sunday Schedule UTO Ingathering Sunday School Teacher recognition	<i>3</i> AA Meeting, 8 pm, PH Search Committee, 7 pm, MLR	<i>4</i> Staff Meeting 10 am	<i>5</i> Bread Fund Packing, 10 am, HC Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm	<i>6</i> CP 5:30 pm, church	<i>7</i> Photos, 2-9 PH AA Meeting, 8 PM, PH	<i>8</i> Confirmation Rehearsal, 10 am Photos, 10-5 PH
<i>9</i> <i>One morning service 10 am</i> <i>Bishop Johnston's visit 2 pm, with a reception after the service.</i>	<i>10</i> Finance Comm., 5 pm, MLR Search Committee, 7 pm, MLR AA Meeting, 8 pm, PH	<i>11</i> Staff Meeting 10 am Mountainside Tea Party, 3 pm Vestry Meeting, 7 pm, PH	<i>12</i> 	<i>13</i> CP 5:30 pm, church	<i>14</i> AA Meeting, 8 PM, PH	<i>15</i> 
<i>16</i> <i>One service, 10 am</i> Courtyard Communion, 7 pm	<i>17</i> Disciples Kitchen, noon, 2nd Pres. Church, W'boro Search Committee, 7 pm, MLR AA Meeting, 8 pm, PH	<i>18</i> Staff Meeting 10 am	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> CP 5:30 pm, church <i>Interim Rector on vacation through July 3</i>	<i>21</i> AA Meeting, 8 PM, PH	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> <i>One service, 10 am, Grace Cangiolosi, preacher & celebrant</i>	<i>24</i> Search Committee, 7 pm, MLR AA Meeting, 8 pm, PH	<i>25</i> Staff Meeting 10 am Mountainside Tea Party, 3 pm	<i>26</i> 	<i>27</i> CP 5:30 pm, church	<i>28</i> AA Meeting, 8 pm, PH	<i>29</i>