

# The Emmanuel Way

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Emmanuel Episcopal  
Church, Greenwood, Virginia

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## Chuck's Service of Departure

Chuck and Leith thought that many of their Emmanuel Family would be on vacation on August 12<sup>th</sup> but really hoped to say a heartfelt farewell to all of you who were in town and able to attend.

Emmanuel had an overflowing attendance on Sunday, August 12 at our regular 10 am service for this special celebration. The nave and the balcony were filled to capacity and thirty or more overflowed into the parish hall where they were able to participate in the service via closed circuit television.

The service was recorded and a copy will be presented to Chuck and Leith. The reception that followed the service totally filled the parish hall and overflowed into the courtyard.

Our diocesan bishop, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston presided and Leith's brother, the Rev. Andrew Merrow, preached.

Our former associate rector, the Rev. Sarah Kenny Gaventa, and our parishioners; the Rev. Chick Carman and the Rev. Jane Sigloh were also there for the service.



Chuck and Leith were presented retirement gifts of memory books from the Emmanuel Family.

## Sunday School begins September 23

Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 23rd for all children from preschool through high school. Sunday School meets at 10 am between the 9 am and 11 am services with minor exceptions on special occasions. All parish children are invited to join their appropriate class and no pre-enrollment is required.

Classes will be located as the list below indicates:

- Preschool - Sunday School room in parish hall
- Kindergarten/First Grade - "front classroom" at Marston/Larue
- Second/Third Grade - "library" at Marston/Larue
- Fourth/Fifth Grade - "kitchen" at Marston/Larue
- Middle School (6th - 8th) - front room at Ledford
- High School (9th - 12th) - kitchen at Ledford

## Disciples Kitchen Report By Amanda Poor

Many thanks to all who cooked, donated, served and cleaned up. I have it on good authority that 87 plates of chili were served.

Emmanuel will serve breakfast at Basic United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 15. Further information will be forthcoming.

Emmanuel will also collect donations for the Saturday supply closet. You may leave items in the vestibule of the Parish Hall.

Send an email to Amanda Poor, [adpoor@yahoo.com](mailto:adpoor@yahoo.com), to get on the list for reminders as the dates approach.

## Father Don's Message

The Rev. Deacon Donald Cady

Dear Friends in Christ,

Here it is September, and now the days are getting shorter, there are cooler temperatures, vacations are a thing of the past, Shrine Mont was great and most of our children are back in school. Where did the summer go?

September also means the informal start of our Emmanuel calendar year. We are back to two services on Sunday. Sunday school and adult forums have started again. It is also time to sign-up and become involved in the many activities and programs we as the Emmanuel family support. There is something for everyone.

Pam Webb, our interim rector, was with us at Shrine Mont. It was fun to begin to get to know Pam and her husband, Dan. In the coming

weeks, I hope we each will find time to introduce ourselves and spend a few minutes talking to Pam. This might be a good time for the “three minute rule!” And, let’s not forget our name tags.

Your vestry, led by Beth, has continued to move forward on our transition and the rector search. I know they will be keeping us all up to speed.

So as I stand here on our church hill, looking around at the beauty of the Emmanuel setting and reflecting on God’s goodness for us as a parish family, I think of the love you have shown Deede and me, and, I say, thanks be to God. We, as the Emmanuel family, are ready to move forward in the name of Jesus Christ.

With God’s blessings,  
Don

## Vestry Report

By Beth Colmery  
Senior Warden

The Vestry did not meet during the month of August. Enjoy Shrine Mont and we will see you in September.

Yours in Christ,  
Beth



The processional to Chuck’s Service of Departure on August 12 lined up with Bishop Shannon Johnson presiding. The sermon was preached by Leith’s brother, the Rev. Andrew Merrow.

## The Emmanuel Way

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month of issue. The publication shall not be published during the month of July. The deadline for submissions shall be the 15<sup>th</sup> 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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## Adult Forum

By Doug Connell

Our fall Adult Forum theme is Life Transitions, Personal and Parish. Come and learn about Emmanuel’s transition process from our Interim Rector and Vestry leaders, and take in new resources from the Psalms, Hymns and other sacred music for developing your spiritual life. The forums begin on September 9, and will meet from 10:10 until 10:50 between our 9am and 11am Sunday services.

## The Greenwood Grapevine reports

The Greenwood Grapevine reports items submitted by members of the Emmanuel Family to be shared with the membership. Such things as births, anniversaries, personal accomplishments, and the likes are always welcome and help us get to

know each other in a more family way.

Sam and Carolyn Nakasian’s home in Greenwood was destroyed by fire Sunday after church. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they cope with this tragedy.

## Mission Trip to Haiti

Emmanuel will be sponsoring a relief trip to Haiti in January or February 2013. Funded by a generous donation from the Emmanuel Endowment Board, the trip is intended to continue the church’s efforts to offer parishioners the opportunity to participate in an extended stay (1 week) international mission experience.

Volunteers will join a Building Goodness Foundation trip focused upon one of several ongoing construction projects in the impoverished Caribbean nation.

[www.buildinggoodness.org](http://www.buildinggoodness.org) is their website. Participants should expect a tiring but richly rewarding adventure which promises to “build community and improve lives”. Upon their return, Emmanuel hopes that volunteers will share their stories, photos, videos. etc. with the congregation via an adult forum. Anyone interested in learning more about the trip should contact Henry Oakey – [hfoakey18@gmail.com](mailto:hfoakey18@gmail.com).



Bishop Shannon Johnson greeted the Emmanuel Acolyte Corp and posed for this picture following the Service of

Departure for Chuck. (Photo by Dan Butterfield)

# Acolytes Recognized

A special service of recognition and thanks for Emmanuel's acolytes was celebrated on Sunday, August 26.



A pre-service prayer is offered.



Sarah and Matt show off their son to Rita Butterfield.



The Rev. Deacon Don Cady enjoyed a light moment with Bishop Shannon Johnson just prior to the Service of Departure for Chuck.



The overflow crowd from Chuck's Service of Departure viewed the service via closed circuit television in the parish hall. The service was also recorded and a souvenir copy will be provided to Leith and Chuck.



The fabulous reception following the Service of Departure was presided over by Delores Smith as a one arm operation with her grandchild occupying the other. This picture was taken just prior to the conclusion of the service. Thereafter, the parish hall was so well packed with well-wishers that it was difficult to move around.

Summer Combined Services  
will run through Labor Day Weekend

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**Regular Sunday Services**  
**at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**  
**begin on September 9**

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**Sunday School will start on September 23**

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## *Opportunities for Ministry at Emmanuel Episcopal Church*

There are many ways to help do Christ's work from this place. The following is a list of some of Emmanuel's ministries - there's bound to be one for you!

### Worship Service

Acolytes  
Altar Guild  
Choirs  
Flower Guild  
Greeters/Presenters  
Lay Readers  
Nursery  
Ushers

### Fellowship and Inreach

Coffee Hour  
Friendship Dinners  
Heritage Committee  
Newcomers Committee  
Shrine Mont.  
Sunshine Committee  
Visitation Committee

### Christian Education

Children's Worship  
Christian Education for Adults  
Christmas Pageant  
Sunday School  
Youth Group

### Outreach

Angel Tree  
Bread Fund  
Disciples' Kitchen  
Habitat for Humanity  
Mission Work  
Mountainside/Ministry for the Ageing  
Shawl Ministry

*Ministry Sunday is September 16, 2012. There will be sign-up sheets and people to answer questions you might have. Do you have an idea for a new ministry? Call the church office and let us know!*


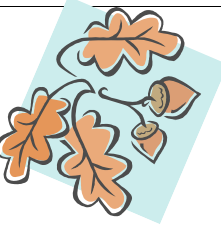



## September 2012

### Sunday Schedule

9 am HE & Children's Worship  
10 am Christian Education  
11 am He

### Key

HE—Holy Eucharist  
MP—Morning Prayer  
MLR—Marston/LaRue House  
PH—Parish Hall  
LH—Ledford House  
HC—Holy Cross, Batesville  
AA—Alcoholics Anonymous  
WBS—Women's Bible Study

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 Shrine Mont weekend One Service at 10 am	3 <i>Labor Day—office closed</i> AA Meeting, 8 pm, PH	4 	5  Bread Fund Packing, 10 am, HC Choir rehearsal, 7 pm	6 Contemplative Prayer, 5:30 pm, church WBS, 10:30 am, PH	7 AA Meeting, 8 PM, PH	8 
9 See Sunday Schedule Begin 9 & 11 am services	10 AA Meeting, 8 pm, PH	11 Mountainside Tea Party, 3 pm Vestry Meeting, 7 pm, PH	12 Choir rehearsal, 7 pm	13 Contemplative Prayer, 5:30 pm, church	14 AA Meeting, 8 PM, MLR	15 King Renewal of Vows, 2 pm
16 <i>Ministry Sunday</i> See Sunday Schedule	17 AA Meeting, 8 pm, PH	18 Private meeting in Parish Hall all day	19 Choir rehearsal, 7 pm	20 WBS, 10:30 am, MLR Private meeting in Parish Hall all day Contemplative Prayer, 5:30 pm,	21 AA Meeting, 8 PM, PH	22
23 See Sunday Schedule Sunday School begins	24 AA Meeting, 8 pm, PH	25 Mountainside Tea Party, 3 pm 	26 Choir rehearsal, 7 pm	27 Contemplative Prayer, 5:30 pm, church	28 AA Meeting, 8 PM, PH	29 Lawson memorial service, 2 pm 
30 See Sunday Schedule						

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