

## Emmanuel Episcopal Church

# THE EPISTLE

*Sharing the Joy and Power of Life in Christ*

**January 6 & 13, 2019**

### COMMUNICATE!



Something that often gets said in meetings and casual conversations is that “we don’t communicate enough.” But it’s not for lack of trying! Through the bi-weekly Epistle, the weekly E-blast, Fridge Page and oral announcements, as well as updates on Facebook and the website, we try very hard to keep everyone informed about what is going on at Emmanuel. For those who don’t use computers we mail the Epistle through the US Postal Service and hope that those individuals get to church for information that is shared on Sundays. And if all else fails, a phone call to the church office will often help! In other words, we use every way available to try to get the word out. Do we still miss some things? Sure! But as I said, it’s not for lack of trying.

This coming Sunday will be our Annual Meeting, which is also a great means of communication. I use the sermon time to talk about Emmanuel, but what is really important is the summary contained in the Annual Report (e-mailed to members last week; hard copies are available in the Narthex) as well as the talks given by the Wardens and Finance Commission. We also elect new vestry members, thank those whose terms have ended, and often discuss any new or old business of the church. In other words, we *communicate*! So if you want to know what is going on at Emmanuel, attend the Annual Meeting! And don’t forget: there is only one service that day at 10:00, and you will need to sign up for the potluck spaghetti lunch which follows. (Lunch is a set menu. The church will provide the spaghetti and parishioners can sign up to bring sauces, bread, meatballs, salad and desserts.)

Another major topic of communication last week was information about our operating budget for 2019—we are currently \$50,000 short. If you have not pledged, please consider doing so, as that is the only way we know what our income will be for the year. If you have pledged, thank you! That is a great help to us as we make plans for 2019. At the Annual Meeting the presentation on our finances will be as up to date as we can make it but given the shortfall it will take us longer than we currently have before January 6<sup>th</sup> to sort out our options. We want to do the best we can with what we have: for you, the community, the staff and the building, so a final financial report may not be available until mid-to-late January. When it is finished, we will make it available through our various news outlets.

In the meantime, as we head into a brand-new year, my prayer is that in the months ahead we find and share joy, peace, love and kindness. God calls us to invest ourselves in our lives of faith and in each other—we are to remember that the love and goodness of God is made real for others only if we share it! Emmanuel strives to be a place where we learn to be God’s hands, feet and heart in the world, so may we continue on this mission and discover the joy that springs from generously sharing God’s love.

Faithfully yours,  
Mimi+

## MEET THE VESTRY CANDIDATES

At 9:00 on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, those standing for Vestry (Stephanie Long, Laurry Rodman, Tim Sessions and Camile Peter) will be in Conference Room 1 to share a bit about themselves and to answer any questions you might have. All parishioners are invited to attend.

## LITURGICAL NOTES

The season of Epiphany is one that celebrates the light and life of Jesus: over the next several weeks we will hear stories of his ministry and the manifestation of his divinity. Worship will be familiar and upbeat; the season of Epiphany will carry us through to the beginning of Lent on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

## FORMATION



### **No (children's) Formation Sunday, Jan. 6.**

**Children's Chapel is happening at 10 a.m.**

**Childcare is available during the Annual Meeting**

**(Nursery and Epiphany Celebration for older kids).**

### **Children's Chapel: PreK to 5th grade**

**Meets at 10:00 a.m.**

**Meet in the narthex or join us during the procession.**

Children worship and build Bible story with Legos.

### **Nursery: Newborns to 4-years-old**

**8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.**

### **Children's Formation: PreK 4 to 5th grade.**

**Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.**

Teachers don't forget to check your schedule and sign up for 2019. Interested to teach but no sure about it? Contact Misty for information.



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



A new study for the Women's Bible Study begins on Monday, January 14, 2019 from 6:30-8:30pm. The study hasn't been chosen yet, but we will be up and running by Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Women of all ages are invited!

For more information, please contact Cindy Barnhurst at 651-1157.

## FELLOWSHIP

### \*NEW\* EMMANUEL DAYTIME FOYER: A MONTHLY POTLUCK LUNCH FOR EVERYONE.



We will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 12 noon for fellowship and food. Foyer is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and make new ones. Our next Daytime Foyer is Thursday, January 10 at 12 pm. Sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Misty at [misty8thomas@gmail.com](mailto:misty8thomas@gmail.com). Hope you'll join us!

### JOYFUL NOISE HANDBELLS REHEARSAL - THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL - THURSDAYS AT 7:30PM



Joyful Noise Handbells rehearse at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the Sanctuary.

Adult Choir rehearsal is at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday in the Choir Room.

All are welcome! Please consider joining this important ministry and have fun making music!

Questions? Contact Bobby Sullivan, 757-818-0505.

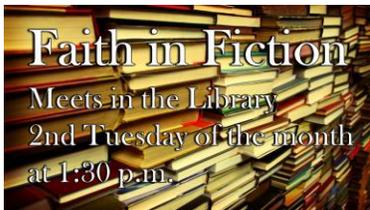


### CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL - SUNDAYS AT 11:15 AM



JAM rehearsals (Jesus and Music) will resume Sunday, January 27, at 11:15. All children and youth, grades 1-6, are invited to come sing with us! We will continue growing in our music ministry and begin making preparations for helping to lead worship for spring. We need lots of singers! This is a good time for new singers to join us!

### FAITH IN FICTION



**Next meeting: Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in the Children's Chapel**

Faith in Fiction is a group that enjoys reading and discussing novels. We focus on the spiritual thread and/or social consciousness running through the story line of a novel. Anyone who has read the book is welcome. Our book for January is *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. Please join us!

### MEN'S BREAKFAST – JANUARY 12, 7:30 AM

**SIGN UP IN THE PARISH HALL.**



## OUTREACH

### BEACH BAGS



#### THE CUPBOARDS ARE BARE!

After many months of abundance, the cupboard for Beach Bags is getting mighty bare! If you could pick up one extra thing at the grocery store it would help feed a child for the weekend! So please consider donating fruit cups, applesauce, Easy mac, Chef-Boy-Ar-Dee, pudding cups, raisins, shelf stable milk, individual cereal boxes. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support! The need is growing. This year there are 40 children we are helping weekly. Why not pick up something during your weekly grocery store visit? Each bag consists of 2 shelf stable milks, 2 cereals, 2 fruits (usually a juice box and a fruit cup) 2 shelf stable main dishes (easy mac, chef Boyardee, etc.) and 2 snacks. Please don't send peanut/peanut butter products. We do have a few children with allergies. Also you may want to keep in mind that this tied up bag goes in a child's back pack. (Think crushproof).

The parents have been very grateful for this extra help, but I can tell you as a retired teacher that the need is great. There are many good families out there that just need a little help. Some of these parents must work on weekends and these items are things that these children can fix on their own. Most of these children are pretty savvy when it comes to a microwave. Ramen and cup o noodles are not as safe since they require boiling water. With easy mac the water goes in cold and when it's done, the water is pretty much soaked in. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your continued support of this much needed ministry.

- The small, individual cereal boxes
- 8 oz. boxes of shelf stable milk
- Main courses: individual size ravioli, beef stew, mac & cheese, soups, etc.
- 4 oz. fruit cups or 100% juice boxes
- Snack items: cereal bars, pudding cups, raisins, trail mix, crackers

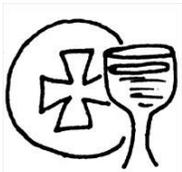
## INREACH

### CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 PM, in the Library. If you or someone close to you has been touched by this disease, please come and add your voice to the discussions of how our parish might provide for our family. Any questions contact Marty Basden - 286-7441.



### LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS UPDATE:



We have a great team of Lay Eucharistic Visitors at Emmanuel. Alison Leclaire is coordinating visits, so if you ever find yourself unable to attend church due to surgery, illness, or any other circumstances please contact Alison at 576-5582 or email at [ahleclaire@gmail.com](mailto:ahleclaire@gmail.com). Our team would be happy to bring communion to you!

## **Please pray for:**

Peace in the world; Mimi our rector and Carter our deacon in their daily life and work.

**Our Parish family:** Loretta, Maggie, Emily, June, Herb, Bennett, Janie, Dorothy, Martha, Elizabeth, Nancy, Maryellen, Cynthia, Jamie, Dave, Irv, Tom, Al, Joe, Linda, Mary Evelyn, Mary, Edward, Joey, Marty, Kay, Alaina, Darrell, Steve, Janet, Don, Donna, Jennifer, Bonnie, Okie, Pat, Luke, B.J., David, Liz, Patty, Roger, & Kelly.

**All those in our armed forces and their families:** We remember those on deployment especially: Kurt, Will, Scott, Christian, Andrew, Kyle, Josh, and Jacob.

**Those in prison:** Aki, Anthony, James, John, Jeff, and Ricky.

## **Emmanuel Clergy & Staff**

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## **Schedule – January 6**

### **One Service Today**

#### **10:00 a.m.**

LAY READERS: *Names not available at time of publication. Check Jan. 4 EBLAST.*

USHERS: Doug Lewis, Jim & Sharon O’Meara, Loretta Mann

ACOLYTES: *Names not available at time of publication. Check Jan. 4 EBLAST.*

PRAYER MINISTERS: Pam Abadie, Bob Paull

VESTRY GREETER: Nina Joyner

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Marti & Dave Mansfield, Darla & Steve Furman

WELCOMERS: Gary & Linda Ardison

EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR: Bruce Delaplane

COUNTERS: 1/7/2019 Martha Hufford, Nancy Snell, Lynne Coates, Bob Burdette

ALTAR GUILD: 12/29-1/11/19 Lisa Hahn, Ruth Bates, Paul & Camile Peter, Gloria White

FLOWER GUILD: Ruth Bates, Judy Totten

## **Schedule – January 13**

### **8:00 a.m.**

LAY READER: *Name not available at time of publication. Check Jan. 4 EBLAST.*

USHER: Bill Bosies

COFFEE HOUR HOST: Ken Eastwood

VESTRY GREETER: Diann Nickelsburg

WELCOMERS: Nemo & Stacey Larmore

### **10:00 a.m.**

LAY READERS: *Names not available at time of publication. Check Jan. 4 EBLAST.*

USHERS: Debbie Vance, Lisa Jerauld, Tom Lacy

ACOLYTES: *Names not available at time of publication. Check Jan. 4 EBLAST.*

PRAYER MINISTERS: Art & Loretta Mann

VESTRY GREETER: Jeanette Duesberry

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Pam & Jacques Abadie

WELCOMERS: Dwain Emry, Rose Lavinder

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS: Betty Schindler, Walt Altice

COUNTERS: 1/14/2019 George Chafee, Jim Glynn, Joe Stiles, Trish Young, Tom Summerlin

ALTAR GUILD: 1/12-1/25 Janet Thomas, Sallie Davis, Loretta Mann, Loretta Jensen, Tracie Filipich

FLOWER GUILD: Patty Rapp, Marianne Manning, Donna Lewis