



October 2018

Every Member Canvass Stewardship Campaign

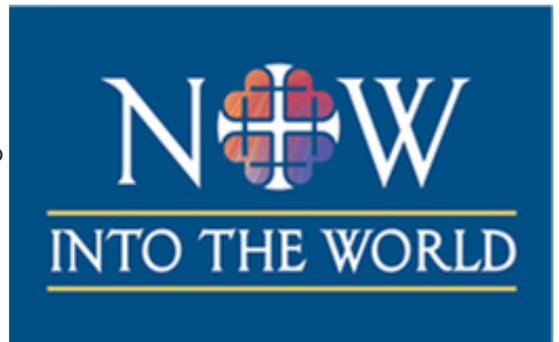
Join us October 14 for Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Emmanuel Episcopal Church parishioners have over a period of six weeks, beginning September 2nd, shared reflections of their life at Emmanuel and the impact of Christ on their life in the church community. As you have witnessed and heard, the ministries at Emmanuel transform lives. Together we answer God's call to be fed through Jesus Christ and then go **Now Into The World** to serve God's Kingdom!

Sunday, October 14th, is our EMC/Loyalty Sunday. During the offertory, the congregation will be invited to submit pledge cards for 2019. The Vestry and Commission Chairs were asked to pledge early. We chose to prayerfully pledge proportionally in response to God's call and in response to the important impact of the ministries at Emmanuel.

Join us on Sunday, October 14th and walk forward with Emmanuel's leadership as we offer our commitments to God through our home at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Please join the Emmanuel family for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall as we share a celebratory meal with you there.

On behalf of the Vestry, our Clergy and the Commission Chairs thank you for your commitment and faithful generosity to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are grateful.



Please Welcome our Interim Music Director

Mark Koontz has spent many years as a church musician, most recently serving as an interim music director at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. He has a B.A. and M.A. in Theatre, and majored in church music at Azusa Pacific University in California. Mark and his wife Joyce live in Henrico County, and have three grown sons.



Commission News and Notes

EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Education Commission met on August 21, 2018. We discussed plans for this year. With very few children attending church, we will no longer be offering Children's Chapel. Other events involving children will be decided as needed and will be dependent on the number of member children. Paul Nelson will continue to work with the priest on plans for Sunday Forum. Theology on Tap will continue as scheduled. The commission will meet on a needs only basis.

FELLOWSHIP COMMISSION

- Fellowship will continue providing the **Contemplative Dinners** each month. Please contact Betty Milligan if you would like to help with the meals!
- **Blessing of the Animals:** Sunday, October 7, 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- **Celebration of Jerome Johnson's 25 years at Emmanuel!** Oct. 21 after the 11:00 a.m. service.
- **Oyster Roast** **** notice the date change: Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the home of Martha and Brenda Kroupe. A sign up sheet will be in the back of the church. Tickets will be \$15. We would love to get a head count as soon as possible. The menu will include: Oysters, hot dogs, chili, corn bread, beer, cider and much more!
- **Emmanuel's Annual Christmas Dinner:** Friday, Dec. 7, 6:00 pm stay tuned for more info.

OUTREACH COMMISSION

Volunteering: If you are looking for a way to plug in to hands-on volunteering with Emmanuel's outreach partners, here are several opportunities ranging from one-day/one-time events to ongoing weekly commitments.

- During the week of October 6-13, we are participating with the **CARITAS Homelessness Ministry** with Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal): contact Ginny Ferguson at ginnyferg@yahoo.com
- On Monday, October 22 at 5:00 p.m. we are assisting St. James -the-Less in Ashland with **CARITAS** to prepare/serve dinner and provide bagged lunches and breakfast items: contact Susan Northrop at sgn1029@comcast.net
- **Lakeside Elementary School** is in need of volunteers to help kindergarteners learn the alphabet and numbers: contact Pat Cully at patcully@aol.com
- Volunteering at **Barack Obama Elementary School** will begin in early October. If you have an hour per week to help a teacher in the classroom or read with a student, there is a need for additional volunteers. Contact Susan Northrop at sgn1029@comcast.net
- There are several opportunities at the **LAMB's Basket food pantry** on the first and third Thursday of each month (during the day): contact Pat Cully at patcully@aol.com

Vestry Highlights

Vestry Highlights from the September 10, 2018 meeting:

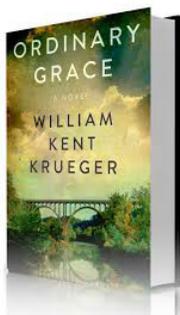
- The Rev. Miller reported that Bishop Shannon is resigning/retiring and that a provisional bishop will be appointed for the three-year remaining term.
- Mark Koontz has been hired as Interim Music Director.
- Trudy Bavalack will be filling in for Tammy Shackelford while she is out due to back surgery.
- The work of bringing natural gas to the new boiler in the BEC has begun.
- Our alarm system in the Parish Hall has been repaired. A plan needs to be put in place to update our alarm and smoke detection systems.
- Vegetation removal from under the electric lines will be done later this fall.
- Volunteers are needed to monitor the nursery with the hired sitter; and they are also needed to help with home communion visits.
- The vestry authorized travel expense funds for the Discernment Team.

Altar Flowers

Now Accepting Donations for 2019

Fresh cut flowers or greenery (depending on the season) are artfully arranged by Altar Guild members each week for our Sunday services. These flowers enhance worship and allow an opportunity to honor and remember loved ones. At the conclusion of Sunday worship services ushers deliver the flowers to members of our congregation who may be ill or confined to their homes. This allows an additional opportunity for remembrance and fellowship.

Individuals may submit donations for Altar Flowers to honor and remember loved ones on a specific date or for any unspecified open Sunday. On occasion more than one memorial can be listed on a given Sunday. Next month letters will be sent to thank current participants and schedule memorial flowers for 2019. If anyone not already participating would like more information or to be included in the mailing you may contact Debbi Sharp, Flower Chair, at debra.j.sharp@baml.com, or leave a note in the flower chair mailbox.



EBGB BOOK GROUP

In November the EBGB is reading *Ordinary Grace*, a novel by William Ken Krueger. We are also taking suggestions for our 2019 reading selections. Anyone who is interested in submitting a book title, please contact Betsy Edwards at [Betsy Edwards at bedwardstt@gmail.com](mailto:bedwardstt@gmail.com)

Memorial Bricks

Having a brick in Emmanuel Memorial Garden walkway engraved with a departed love one's name is a wonderful way to express your love and honor their memory. The Emmanuel Cemetery Commission offering Memorial Bricks to do just that for the upcoming All Saints Day, November 4. Dedication of the bricks will be after the worship service.



Cost per brick is \$40. You may get an order form by contacting the Cemetery Manager at Cemetery.emmanuel@aol.com. If your order is received by October 14, we will make every effort to have it ready for the dedication on All Saints Day.

Children's Book Basket

The Education Commission has placed a large white basket containing several children's books at the back of the church. These books are for the children to use during the service. A book may also be taken home and returned to the Book Basket the next time the child comes to services.



Discernment Team Update

The Discernment Team continues to meet and carefully review the credentials/information of candidates provided by the Diocese. We are preparing to conduct initial interviews. While this process, shorter than a full search, should not be rushed; we are moving forward with deliberation.

Sunday Forum

Sunday Forum meets Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

October 21 - To Be Announced

October 28 – John Morse, Director of Horticulture, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens

John is relatively new to the Richmond area and is now a member of our Emmanuel family. He is devoted to community engagement through horticulture: "Public gardens are commitments to open spaces ...which bring beauty and joy to people's lives." Come learn about his exciting plans for Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, one of the nation's top public gardens.

Mark your calendar...

Wine & Cheese Social

The Pastoral Care Commission is hosting a Wine and Cheese Social at **Westminster-Canterbury**, Rice Assembly Room, on **Thursday, October 4th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Please join us in lively fellowship. It is so important for our less mobile parishioners to stay connected with the active parish. RSVP to Dale Revell at 837-3866 or by email to dale.revell@gmail.com. Your name will need to be on the gate list for entry to the facility.

CARITAS

Emmanuel parishioners are sharing a week of sheltering female guests through CARITAS at **Church of the Epiphany** 8000 Hermitage Road. We will provide Compline, meals, shower and laundry coordination, hair dressing, and overnight stays **Wednesday-Saturday, October 10th -13th**. Please join in by offering your gift of time or items needed. Contact Ginny Ferguson at 366-8259 or ginnyferg@yahoo.com.

Stewardship Breakfast

Join us for breakfast on **Sunday, October 14th at 9:00 a.m.** in the **Parish Hall** as we do our part in sustaining the life of the church by pledging our financial support. Enjoy breakfast and fellowship in celebration of the joy of giving. "Now Into the World" is the theme of this year's campaign.

Theology on Tap

The next Theology on Tap is **Wednesday October 17th at 6:30 p.m.** Bring a friend and join us for Theology on Tap! Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. followed by discussion from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Location to be announced.**

Contemplative Service

The next Contemplative Service is **October 21st at 5:30 p.m.** This tranquil and sacred service of Holy Eucharist will offer quiet reflection by candlelight, and quiet piano music. **Dinner will follow in the Parish Hall.**

Celebration for Jerome Johnson

Our Sexton, Jerome Johnson, has been employed by Emmanuel Church for 25 years this October! Please join us **after the 10:00 a.m. service on October 21st**, for a reception to honor Jerome's time with us.

Notes from the Church Office

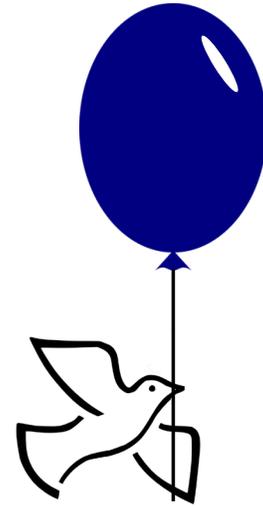
- Commission budgets for 2019 are due Monday, Oct. 1st.
- The church office will be closed on Monday, Oct. 8th and on Friday, Oct. 19th.
- Office hours will be 9:00 a.m. until noon October 15th-18th.

Happy Birthday to...

October

01 Linda Duke
Tammy Shackelford
03 Lilly Weber
04 Akira Vaughan
05 Tom Giles, Jr.
06 Bryan Lucas
Kate O'Bier
Dianne Brown
07 Charlie Hornbaker
08 Steve West
13 Anna Sheffield
15 Joanne Reiners
Patti Warren

18 Hank Weber
20 Grayson Davis
26 Brenda West
Grace Stockdon
27 Jim Barron
Whitney Davis
28 Betty Wallace
29 Susan Northrop
30 Pat Cully



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