



November 2018

The Priest-in-Charge Search Process Continues

Notes from The Rev. Sarah Miller, The Senior Warden & The Discernment Committee



Dear Emmanuel,

I am writing you to let you know that I have accepted a part-time priest-in-charge position at St. Paul's, Miller's Tavern in Essex County, Virginia beginning at the end of November. We will conclude our ministry together at Emmanuel on Sunday, November 18 at the 10:00 a.m. service.

We have always known that my time with you all would come to an end. While the Discernment Committee is still doing their work of finding a permanent Priest-in-Charge for Emmanuel, your lay leadership has been working hard to provide continuity and stability for the church during a lengthier than anticipated transition period. To

that end, please see the notes from your senior warden and the Discernment Committee for details regarding this transition period.

I have treasured my time with your parish and give thanks that God led us to each other over this past year. You all have blessed me and my family. Remember that you are Emmanuel, and God is with you!

In Christ,
The Rev. Sarah Miller

From the Senior Warden

As senior warden I am happy to announce that the personnel committee has hired the Rev. Bruce Birdsey as part-time Interim Rector starting December 2 for six months. If we still have not selected a Priest-in-Charge by that time we will reevaluate our needs. Bruce comes to us with many years of experience serving as Interim Rector or Priest-in-Charge for many churches in transition and we look forward to his leadership for Emmanuel. I have secured Rev. Steve Beatty as supply priest for November 25th for the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services.

Grace and Peace,
Sue Davis

Discernment Team Update

The Discernment Team is currently talking to one candidate. The team was originally presented with three candidates of whom two have withdrawn for personal reasons. The team is staying in communication with The Rev. Dr. Mary Thorpe, Director of Transition Ministry of the Diocese of Virginia, as she continues her search for suitable candidates for Emmanuel. In her experience, Mary Thorpe originally believed this would be a short transition. She has observed that there is a shortage of priests seeking positions nationwide, a situation complicating all searches/discernments. She also indicated there may be other potential candidates and will keep us updated on that status. Meanwhile, the team is continuing to communicate with the candidate first presented to us.

Thornton Clary, June Chandler (leader), Suzanne Messerschmidt, Hank Milligan, and Alan McLeod (recorder)

Church Office News & Notes

Please note, the church office will be **closed November 12,21,22,23 and 30**. There will be **no Wednesday Healing Service on Wednesday, November 21**, and **no Canasta** that date as well.

Sunday Adult Forum

November 4 at 9:00 a.m. - "God of Love? God of Violence? Looking at God in the Old Testament."

Guest speaker Bill Vogel will lead a discussion on "Does the character of God in the Old Testament appear to differ from the character of God, as revealed through Jesus, fully God and fully human, in the New Testament? If "yes," how do we reconcile this disparity? How do we see God as expressed in the O.T. through the lens of Christ? Bill is an ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and has been active in our Theology-on-Tap programs. Please give him a warm Emmanuel welcome.

Vestry & Commission News and Notes

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Theology on Tap is enjoyed on the third Wednesday of each month. New sites are being tested to find a suitable place for discussion without too much room noise.
- The BEC oil burners have been replaced with gas heat.
- The electric panel in the Parish Hall will be replaced mid-October, when the power will need to be shut off for three days to replace the panel.
- The ceiling in the sanctuary needs to be repaired and a contractor is being secured to do the work.
- A second nursery worker will be hired for Sundays. Two people are required to be present and we have been depending on the same few volunteers for too long.
- The Discernment Team is in the interview phase of their search for a new Priest -in -Charge.
- The church has been accepted as a not-for-profit by Google.
- The Vestry is now using a computer app, SLACK, to keep in communication with each other.

OUTREACH COMMISSION

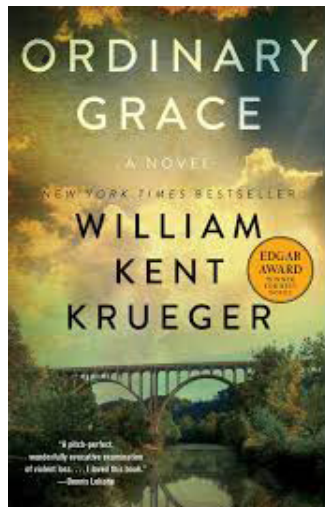
- **Congregations Around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter (CARITAS):** The Epiphany/Emmanuel CARITAS week October 6-13 went very well with volunteers from Emmanuel, Christ Ascension, and All Souls totaling 48! Emmanuel also hosted CARITAS families at St. James the Less on October 22, providing supper, lunches and breakfast. CARITAS is currently transitioning their housing solutions. Men are now being sheltered at The Healing Place, Families will be housed by community partners (Housing Families First, Home Again, Salvation Army) beginning March 2019, and Women will have their own Healing Place and permanent shelter by March 2020. So, we may have another year to host at Epiphany!
- **United Thank Offering: UTO Ingathering, Sunday Nov. 25**
- **White Gift Service:** Coal Pit Learning Center, a preschool for low-income children in Henrico will be this year's recipient of the White Gift Service. They have submitted a list of wishes and our procedure will be similar to last year's WGS with parishioners buying gifts. Stay tuned for more information in the bulletins and during announcements in November
 - Select a tag from the tree Mid/late November
 - Wrapping event in the parish hall December 16
 - White Gift Service & reception December 30

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

We had an excellent turn out for the Pastoral Care quarterly meeting on September 24th. The Pastoral Care Master List was updated, and a review of parishioners in need of Pastoral Care assistance was made. A discussion took place on ways to place more emphasis on home visits. Appreciation was expressed for the pastoral care efforts of Rev. Sarah Miller, including her home visits. After the meeting, an inventory of available prayer shawls was made. The Commission is grateful to have these beautiful shawls available. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the Lawrence Room.

EBGB Book Group

The Emmanuel Book Group Bibliophiles (EBGB) is reading **Ordinary Grace** by William Kent Krueger. The book will be discussed at the EBGB meeting on **Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7:00 p.m.** Please contact Betsy Edwards at bedwardstt@gmail.com for more information and reading location.



Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will be held **Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Travinia Italian Kitchen & Wine Bar** in Willow Lawn. Bring a friend and join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by discussion from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. We will then skip December and start again on Wednesday, January 16, 2019.



A Gift For Jerome

We will be collecting a monetary purse for Jerome Johnson to celebrate his 25th anniversary at Emmanuel. If you would like to participate, please give your contribution to Lilly Weber by November 11th. Checks can be made out to Lilly Weber. Contributions will not be tax deductible.



Emmanuel's Contemplative Service of Holy Eucharist

Sunday, November 18 at 5:30 p.m.

This sacred, tranquil service of Holy Eucharist is a time to slow down and worship the Lord in a more meditative way than we do during our traditional Rite II service. Following the service, all are invited to dinner in the Parish Hall.



The Blessing of the Animals - Oct. 7, 2018

Upcoming Events & Special Dates

Oyster Roast: Please join us for FOOD, FELLOWSHIP and FUN on **Saturday, November 3 at 4:00 p.m.**, at the home of Martha and Brenda Kroupa, 17450 Lunde Lane, Rockville. The menu will include: Roasted oysters, hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, chili, corn bread, coleslaw, salad, dessert and more. Beverages provided: beer, hot cider, wine, tea and lemonade. Cost is \$15, children under 12 are free. Payment is due in the church office by Monday, Oct. 29th. Make checks payable to Emmanuel Church. Daylight Savings Time ends

Tussie-Mussie Workshop: A Tussie-Mussie, or posy, is a small flower bouquet and has existed since medieval times. If you would like to help make these small bouquets, join the Altar Guild on **Saturday, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in the kitchen of the Parish Hall.** These bouquets will be distributed at the end of the church service on All Saints Sunday to use for the Flowering of the Graves.

All Saints' Sunday: We will remember our deceased loved ones on **All Saints' Sunday on November 4.** After the 10:00 a.m. service, everyone is invited to the annual Flowering of the Graves and dedication of memorial bricks in the memorial garden. Refreshments will follow.

UTO Sunday: Emmanuel's next United Thank Offering (UTO) ingathering is **Sunday, November 25th.** UTO is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, people nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. UTO envelopes are available on the table in the back of the church.

Christmas Dinner: Mark your calendar! Our annual Christmas dinner will be held on Friday, Dec. 7th, in the Parish Hall. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m., with dinner catered by the Savory Grain at 6:30 p.m. More info to follow soon!

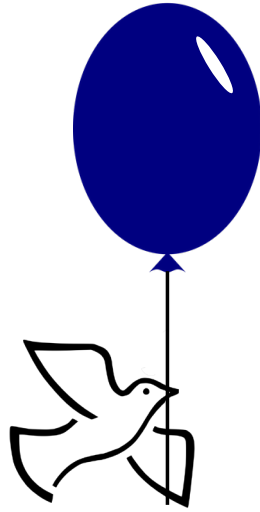


The renovated Lawrence Room was rededicated on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018.

Happy Birthday to...

November

11/02 Mary Jane Harris
11/03 Hank Frye
11/07 Virginia Hornbaker
11/11 Jake Weber
11/13 Dot Smorto
11/19 Alex Spangler
 Judy Erdman
11/20 Scott Townsend
11/21 Montse Herrera
11/22 Ernest Castle
11/25 Nancy McIntyre
11/28 Ilse Fuller
 T. Mac Wilbur
11/29 Martha Diuguid



Daylight Savings Time Ends



Turn your clocks back at
2:00 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 4.

We rejoice with the newly baptized...

Aderola Jaden Odebode, October 21, 2018

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
1214 Wilmer Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227



804.266.2431 www.EmmanuelRichmond.org
emmanuelchurch@verizon.net

2018

Parish Opportunities for November

2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 6:30pm Choir rehearsal | 2 | 3 9:00 am Altar Guild - Sanctuary 4:00pm Oyster roast at the home of Brenda & Martha Kroupa |
| 4 All Saints Sunday/Daylight savings time ends 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00am Sunday Forum 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00am Coffee Hour 11:00am Flowering of the Graves Memorial brick dedication | 5 | 6 6:00pm Finance Commission - LR | 7 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Healing noon Canasta - PH | 8 6:30pm Choir rehearsal | 9 Dove Tales deadline | 10 9:00 am Altar Guild - Sanctuary |
| 11 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00am Coffee Hour | 12 Veteran's Day observed Church office closed | 13 5:00pm Worship Commission - LR 6:30pm Vestry meeting - LR | 14 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Healing noon Canasta - PH | 15 6:30pm Choir rehearsal | 16 | 17 8:30am His Handmaids - PH 9:00 am Altar Guild - Sanctuary |
| 18 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00am Coffee Hour 5:30pm Contemplative Service | 19 | 20 | 21 Church office closed | 22 Thanksgiving Day Church office closed | 23 Church office closed 4:00 pm Wedding rehearsal | 24 9:00 am Altar Guild - Sanctuary 4:30pm Rupertus wedding |
| 25 UTO Ingathering 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00am Coffee Hour | 26 | 27 | 28 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Healing noon Canasta - PH 6:30pm Theology on Tap - Travinia Italian Kitchen at Willow Lawn | 29 6:30pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Book group | 30 Church office closed | |

All meetings at Emmanuel are open to everyone

PH - Parish Hall
LR - Lawrence room
BEC - Bryan Education Center

Worship Assistants

November

| Week | November 4 | November 11 | November 18 | November 25 | |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| LESSONS | Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44 | Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44 | 1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Mark 13:1-8 | 2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-13 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37 | |
| ACOLYTES AT 10:00 AM | Crucifier/Server: Evelyn Beaumont | Crucifer/Server : John Royster Gospel Book Bearer: Mikayla Blackman | Crucifer/Server: Grace Brodersen | Crucifer/Server: Maddie Spangler Gospel Book Bearer: Charlie Hornbaker | |
| ALTAR GUILD | Brenda West, Jennifer Spangler, Mary Jane Harris, Carolyn Snyder, Betsy Gragnani | Nancy McIntyre,Suzanne Messerschmidt, Barbara Brewer, Liz Nichol Becky Taylor | Mary Jo Giles, Marilyn Malone, Martha Diuguid,Brenda Shaw | Patti Warren, Dardi McLeod Debbi Sharp, Judy Erdman | |
| LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER & INTERCESSOR | 8:00:AM Liz Nichol 10:00AM Ellen Coates John Royster | 8:00 AM Ben Cleary 10:00AM Suzanne Messerschmidt Cynthia Stockdon | 8:00AM Liz Nichol 10:00AM Tom Giles Bea Dalton | 8:00 AM Ben Cleary 10:00 AM Butch Snyder Jennifer Spangler | |
| LECTOR I LECTOR II | Bill Laffoon Betty Milligan | Chuck Edwards Sue Davis | Clark Glave Susan Northrop | Bryan Townes Emily Wigglesworth | |
| VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY | John Weber | David Bivens | Ed Dalton | Sue Davis | |
| GREETERS | 8:00AM Barbara Townsend 10:00AM Chip & Nina Myers | 8:00 AM Pat Cully 10:00AM Mary Jo Wigglesworth | 8:00 AM Debbi Sharp 10:00AM Barbara Duncan | 8:00:00 AM Ben Cleary 10:00AM Andy & Kathryn Hornbaker | |
| NURSERY WORKER | Emily Wigglesworth | Betty Milligan | Dick Brewer | Mary Jo Wigglesworth | |
| REFRESHMENT HOUR (after 10 am service) | Susan Loan | Carolyn Snyder | Martha Diuguid | TBA | |
| USHERS FOR 10:00 AM SERVICE | Andrew DuPuis, Head Usher; Joshua DuPuis, Chip Myers, Gary Davis | Jerry Loan, Head Usher, Grant Revell Joe Chandler, Abraham Gale | Chris Gragnani , Head Usher,John Royster, Frank Northrop | Derek Spangler, Head Usher, Ray Easter, Andy Hornbaker, John Weber | |