



January 2019

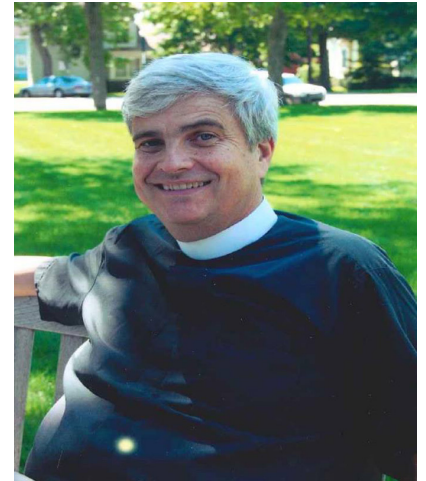
A Message from our Interim Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

I've enjoyed getting to know more and more of you as the days go on. Please do keep telling me your name, especially if I look blank.

Here are some impressions of Emmanuel from my first couple of weeks, in no particular order:

- You care for and enjoy each other.
- You like to have fun -- The 12 Days of Christmas at the December dinner party was an absolute stitch.
- A lot of you are involved in ministries, some heavily involved. That's good for your spiritual life, and for Emmanuel, in moderation. But beware the danger of burnout.
- You're sad that you don't have many young families and children. That's always a huge plus for a church, and maybe you can find ways to improve that. But consider other possibilities. For instance, may God be calling you to an enhanced ministry to seniors? Think of the several elderly care homes in your area.
- You're proud of your history.
- Taking good care of your buildings is important to you.



We'll continue to get to know each other and form more impressions -- or maybe revise some we've formed already. My church **email address is bruce.birdsey@emmanuelrva.org** **Cell phone numbers are 804.814.4246** (the church's phone, provided to me) and **734.277.4534** (my personal cell phone). **Our land line number is 804.303.7759.** I will have fixed office hours from 10 until 2 every Wednesday. Feel free to drop in for business or a simple chat. You may also make an appointment with me for Monday or Tuesday. Since my position is defined as half-time, and I'm paid accordingly, I would like to keep Thursday and Friday as my "weekend". Saturdays are usually work days for clergy, or at least half a workday. But don't hesitate to call me at any hour in case of pastoral emergency.

God's blessings and all good wishes to you and yours,

The Rev. Bruce Birdsey

Book Group

All are welcome to join the Emmanuel Book Group Bibliophiles (EBGB) for bimonthly book discussions. You do not have to be a member to attend and you do not have to attend every meeting to join the group. Contact Betsy Edwards at bedwardstt@gmail.com for more information. We are looking forward to our 2019 reading selection and welcome you to come. We will read and discuss the following books this year but our order may change if needed.

January 24	<i>Eat Cake by Jeanne Ray</i>
March 28	<i>The Longevity Project by Howard S. Friedman and Leslie R. Martin</i>
May 23	<i>Ella Minnow Pea: A Novel in Letters by Mark Dunn</i>
July 25	<i>My Italian Bulldozer by Alexander McCall Smith</i>
September 26	<i>Stealing With Style by Emyl Jenkins</i>
November 21	<i>A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles</i>

April 10 *This is a special event for HCPL. After Anna/Lisa Scottoline*

Contemplative Service

Our next Contemplative Service is January 20, 2019 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.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2019 are in the back of the church. Any envelopes not picked up will be mailed in January. The cost to mail envelopes is over \$2 per box, so please pick yours up from the church if at all possible.

Theology on Tap

The next Theology on Tap will be held Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Travinia Italian Kitchen & Wine Bar in Willow Lawn. 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.

Kroger Community Rewards

Emmanuel is now a Kroger Community Reward member. We will receive a percentage of each purchase with each registered loyalty card. Go to Kroger.com, Community Rewards to register. Lilly Weber will help register cards at Coffee Hour for the next several Sundays.



The annual Emmanuel Christmas Dinner

Vestry News and Notes

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed the proposed 2019 budget and laid out preferred options for handling shortages or surpluses determined at the end of the EMC campaign.
- Budget terminology was discussed and it was decided that an Adult Forum for the purpose of educating parishioners about our endowment and planned giving would be held after the first of the year.
- The Rev. Birdsey shared his preferred ways to be contacted and how he can best spend his limited 20+ hours per week working with Emmanuel and its parishioners.
- Hank shared that the steeple is leaking and a roofer is being sought that can handle this type of repair.
- Outreach has recently supported Moments of Hope, a charity that helps the homeless living in the woods around our parish with a monetary gift and donation of food. A Christmas gift of a pizza party was also given to Precious Angels Learning Center along with invitations going out to their clientele to join us for our Christmas services.
- Some of our unused yard equipment will be put up for sale.
- Emmanuel is now part of the Kroger Loyalty Program. Parishioners can sign up to participate in this fundraiser.



Emmanuel members and friends visited the White House and the Gaylord National Resort

Notes from the church office:

- The church office will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 21
- Submissions for the annual report are due Monday, January 7

Pastoral Care Commission

The Pastoral Care Commission held their quarterly meeting Thursday, December 6, 2018. The following agenda items were addressed:

- Pastoral Care Master List was updated and reviewed. Other parishioners in need of Pastoral Care assistance were identified.
- At the request of Interim Rector Rev. Bruce Birdsey, a list of parishioners who would potentially like to receive home communion were identified. Also a list of commission members interested in taking the training to administer home communion was compiled.
- The Roof Terrace at Westminster Canterbury has been reserved for Thursday, February 21, 2019 between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. for the next Pastoral Care Wine and Cheese Social. Starting in 2019, Westminster-Canterbury will start charging \$3 per person for set up. This fee will impact the budget, but it was decided to pay the set up fee for the upcoming February event. The commission will explore options for reducing costs for future events at Westminster-Canterbury.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2019 at 11 AM in the Lawrence Room.

January Adult Forum Schedule

Adult Forum is held at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

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| January 6, 2019 | Stump-the-Rector: <i>Bring any Bible related and/or Christian theological questions for Rev. Bruce</i> |
| January 13, 2019 | Commission Sunday: Come learn about what each Commission does for Emmanuel and the greater community |
| January 20, 2019 | To Be Announced |
| January 27, 2019 | No Forum due to Congregational Breakfast |

Vestry Nominations

On January 27, 2019 we will elect three new Vestry members for three year terms. If you are interested in serving on the Vestry, please contact the church office or a current Vestry member with any questions you may have. Lay persons who are confirmed adults (16 years of age or older) and communicants in good standing are eligible for election to the Vestry. Vestry nomination forms can be found on the back table in the church or by calling the church office. The deadline for Vestry nominations is January 13, 2019.

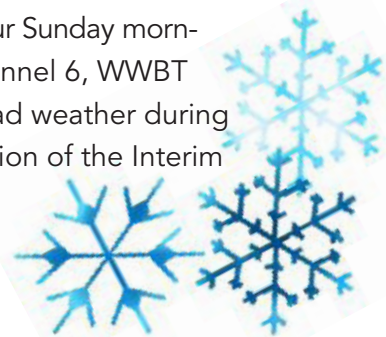
Emmanuel's Annual Meeting

Emmanuel's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, 2019 immediately following the abbreviated 10:00 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist. This meeting will review the church's Annual Reports and elect new members to the Vestry. The deadline for submissions for the annual report will be Friday, January 4, 2019. Before the meeting, everyone is invited to attend a Congregational breakfast in the Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the case of inclement weather that would affect our Sunday morning services, we will list cancellations on WTVR Channel 6, WWBT Channel 12, and WRIC Channel 8. In the case of bad weather during the week, the Church office will close at the discretion of the Interim Rector.



Happy Birthday to...

January

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| 1/1 | Vee Davis | 1/19 | Erv Spevak |
| 1/2 | Mary Jo Giles | 1/24 | Faye Barron
Cynthia Stockdon |
| 1/3 | Robert Erdman | 1/28 | Louise Noble
Ann Fitzgerald |
| 1/4 | Barbara Duncan | 1/29 | Tom Sears
Johnathan Ferguson |
| 1/8 | Grant Revell
Leslie Roberson | 1/31 | Ellen Giles |
| 1/11 | Lin Tyler | | |
| 1/12 | Ellen Coates
Cynthia Miller | | |
| 1/13 | Billy Doswell
Adam Giles
Brenda Berry | | |
| 1/15 | Jennifer Spangler | | |
| 1/18 | Bea Dalton | | |



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Parish Opportunities for January

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Church office closed	2 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Healing noon Canasta - PH	3 6:30pm Choir rehearsal	4	5 8:30am His Handmaids - parish hall 9:00 am Altar Guild - Sanctuary
6 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00am Sunday Forum 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00am Coffee Hour	7 Annual report deadline	8 6:00pm Finance Commission - LR	9 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Healing noon Canasta - PH	10 6:30pm Choir rehearsal	11 Dove Tales deadline	12 9:00 am Altar Guild - Sanctuary
13 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00am Sunday Forum 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00am Coffee Hour	14 6:30pm Vestry meeting - LR	15	16 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Healing noon Canasta - PH 6:30pm Theology on Tap	17 6:30pm Choir rehearsal	18	19 8:30am His Handmaids - parish hall 9:00 am Altar Guild - Sanctuary
20 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00am Sunday Forum 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00am Coffee Hour 5:30pm Contemplative Service	21 Church office closed	22	23 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Healing noon Canasta - PH	24 6:30pm Choir rehearsal	25	26 9:00 am Altar Guild - Sanctuary
27 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00am Congregational breakfast 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00am Congregational meeting	28	29	30 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Healing noon Canasta - PH	31 6:30pm Choir rehearsal		

All meetings at Emmanuel are open to everyone

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

Worship Assistants

January

Week	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27	
LESSONS	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12 Psalm 72:1-7,10-14	Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Psalm 29	Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11 Psalm 36:5-10	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21 Psalm 19	
ACOLYTES AT 10:00 AM	Crucifier/Server: Evelyn Beaumont Gospel Book Bearer: Mikayla Blackman	Crucifer/Server : Grace Brodersen Gospel Book Bearer: John Royster	Crucifer/Server: Maddie Spangler Gospel Book Bearer: Jennifer Spangler	Crucifer/Server: Grace Brodersen Gospel Book Bearer: Mikayla Blackman	
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 Cynthia Stockdon John Royster	8:00 AM Ben Cleary 10:00AM Suzanne Messerschmidt Tom Giles	8:00AM Liz Nichol 10:00AM Ellen Coates Butch Snyder	8:00 AM Ben Cleary 10:00 AM Bea Dalton Jennifer Spangler	
LECTOR I LECTOR II	Ginny Ferguson Emily Wigglesworth	Chuck Edwards Becky Taylor	Susan Northrop Bryan Townes	Betty Milligan Sue Davis	
VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY	Ed Dalton	Sue Davis	Marilyn Malone	Suzanne Messerschmidt	
GREETERS	8:00AM Barbara Townsend 10:00AM Mary Jo Giles	8:00:00 AM Bryan Townes 10:00AM John Royster	8:00 AM Debbi Sharp 10:00AM Chip & Nina Myers	8:00:00 AM Pat Cully 10:00AM Barbara Duncan	
NURSERY WORKER	Betty Milligan	Emily Wigglesworth	Dick Brewer	Mary Jo Wigglesworth	
REFRESHMENT HOUR	Mary Jo Giles	Carolyn Snyder	David & Barbara Bivens	Congregational breakfast	
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	