



Episcopal Church 101

Every year Emmanuel offers “Episcopal Church 101,” a general introduction and review of what the Episcopal Church does, why it does it, where we have been, and how we are connected with Christians around the world. It is especially helpful to new member of Emmanuel who may have come from other church traditions, or no tradition at all. It can also be a nice refresher for long-time members who want to remember where it all comes from. Though there is a basic curriculum, the point of the course is to answer the questions brought to it by those attending. The result is a very pleasant conversation about how our history and theology impacts our daily lives in Bel Air and Harford County. Topics include:

- ✦ The Episcopal Church Tradition of Worship: Architecture, Art, and the Movements of Liturgy
- ✦ 40 Feet of Church History: If 1 foot is a hundred years, 40 feet get us back to Abraham!
- ✦ Use of Scripture in Worship and Theology: A “Show & Tell” of the trip from Text to Translation
- ✦ The Catechism: Why we have one, why it is different from others, and where to find it
- ✦ Connections with the Anglican Communion & the World: We are not alone!

The class will meet on Saturday mornings, from 10:30 to about Noon. In the (likely?) event of weather or other cancelations, the class will have make-up sessions in March if necessary.

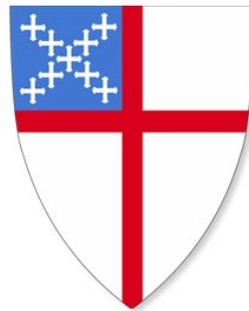
We have often included a “Field Trip” in addition to the classes to visit other churches. Details will be discussed and determined by class members.

The class is an essential part of the preparation for Adult Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church (ask the Rector what that’s all about).

Please RSVP to the Rector, so we have an idea of the numbers who’d like to attend.

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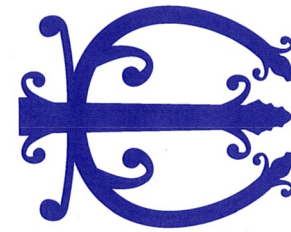


CONTINUING OUTREACH NEEDS

Outreach at Emmanuel of Bel Air is alive and kicking. We have many opportunities for serving the community which include **The Cottage Thrift Shop** (we serve an average of 85-100 people each week), the **Yarn Guild**, **Cell Phones for Soldiers**, **Box Tops for Education** (*a smashing success this year collecting over 60 coats for youth in our local schools*), the **Food Pantry** (which includes our ‘cooler’ which is filled with pop top canned goods and other ‘take and carry’ finger foods and is filled every single day), and **The Third Saturday Band’s Food Pantry Festival** which supports our Food Pantry.

You’ll find information plus places to put your contributions on the small table on the courtyard side of the church — or ask the clergy or Heather Costantino where you might put things. Cases of water and food for the Pantry may be left on a back pew.

Of course, none of this can happen without volunteers who take a few minutes every couple of weeks to check the table and distribute the items. God may be calling you to help!



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UPCOMING SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

26 January 2020 — Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27, I Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

2 February 2020: “Candlemas” — Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84, Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 4:22-40

THE CONVERSION OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

O God, who, by the preaching of thine apostle Paul, has caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

Calendar Corner

- **Sunday, 26 January:** One service at 10:00 AM followed by the **152nd Annual Meeting of Emmanuel Church**. Sunday School meets at 10:00 AM. Children’s activities will be offered during the meeting. Refreshments will be available. (See Notice across.) 1:00 PM: Centering Prayer and Meditation in All Saints Chapel.
- **Tuesday, 28 January at 10:00 AM:** Holy Communion with prayers for healing in the Maryan Room, followed by fellowship time. The Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas.
- **Saturday, 1 February at 10:30 AM:** Episcopal Church 101 class begins. (See elsewhere for the course description.)
- **Sunday 2 February:** Sunday services at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12 Noon. Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM. 1:00 PM: Centering Prayer and Meditation in All Saints Chapel. NOTE: this is the **Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple**, one of the few Sundays a year when the Feast day lessons are used in place of the regular Sunday Lessons. It is, in effect, the Last Sunday of the Christmas Season.

152nd Annual Meeting

Every year we take a few minute (usually less than 45!) to do the official, legal business of the congregation. We will convene at about 11:15 AM, following the single 10:00 AM service offered that day. Refreshments will be available and **children’s activities will be offered during the meeting.**

The Agenda will include:

- Opening Prayer
- Questions & Answers about Annual Reports (found on the website)
- Review of 2019 Financial Statements
- Review of 2020 Budget
- Selection of Vestry Members
- General Q & A
- Adjournment & Benediction

Please go to www.emmanuelbelair.org to review the reports. A limited number of hard copies will be available at the meeting. Fellowship with the folks who worship at other services is the best part of the day!