

Your Vestry Wants To Hear From You!

Here is a list of your vestry to contact with any concerns!

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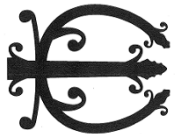
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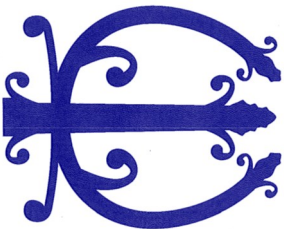
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Services:

Saturday: Resumes 21 September

Sundays —8 AM, 10 AM & Noon

Tuesdays — 10 AM



THE TRUMPET

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

303 NORTH MAIN STREET

BEL AIR, MARYLAND 21014

4 DECEMBER 2019–17 DECEMBER 2019



UPCOMING SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS lectionarypage.net

8 December 2019 — Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

15 December 2019 — Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

18TH CENTURY YALE ANGLICANS: JOHNSON, CUTLER & CHANDLER

God of your pilgrim people, you called Samuel Johnson, Timothy Cutler and Thomas Chandler to leave their spiritual home and embrace the Anglican way: We give you thanks for their devoted service in building up your Church and shepherding your flock in colonial times; and we pray that, like them, we may follow where your Spirit leads and be ever eager to feed the hearts and minds of those entrusted to our care, in the Name of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. <http://satucket.com/lectionary/index.htm>

December

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Happy Holidays			

Calendar
Corner

Wednesday, 4 December:

Bible Study in the Harward
Parlor, 9:30—11:00 AM; Yarn

Guild in the Rectory, 1:00—3:00 PM.

- Thursday, 5 December: Choir practice at 7:00 PM in the choir room in the lower level of the church. Use the Office entrance.
- Sunday, 8 December: Sunday services at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12 Noon. Fr. Bill Smith preaching. 1:00 PM: Centering Prayer and Meditation in All Saints Chapel.
- Tuesday, 10 December at 10:00 AM: Holy Communion with prayers for healing in the Maryan Room.
- Wednesday, 11 December: Bible Study in the Harward Parlor, 9:30—11:00 AM.
- Thursday, 12 December at 7:00 PM: Choir practice in the choir room in the lower level of the church. Use the Office entrance.
- Sunday, 15 December: Sunday services at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12 Noon. Canon Gatza preaching. Sunday School begins at 10:00 in the Parish Hall. 1:00 PM: Centering Prayer and Meditation in All Saints Chapel.

We are
Wonderfully
Made! Psalm 139

... And our Sunday School students make wonderful things as well. Recently classes were asked to think about why God made them and what other things God made, and several made paintings to illustrate their conclusions. Here are a couple of the many you will find gracing the walls of Emmanuel Church this season.



See Something, Snap Something

Thanks to you, our Outreach Table is filling with good things to give away, especially winter coats.





Last Minute Shopping Tips

I like Christmas presents — always have. In recent years some of my favorites have included the interesting books and music my children have given me, the occasional kitchen doo-dad (a tough category, since I have almost every one already) or something that I never would have bought for myself but which turns out to be extremely useful on a daily basis. Like the flip-top kitchen trash can my wife found for me several years ago, which I can't imagine not having or trying to replace. (You know it's a good marriage when your wife buys you a trash can and you love it!)

I don't, however, like a lot of what our current popular culture thinks is valuable, though I confess that I have succumbed to temptations to buy little *tchotchkes* that ended up being used once or twice only to end up in a box that I found decades later. The truth is, sometimes it is hard to tell whether something will prove valuable and useful in the long run. And there are plenty of things out there that are simply pointless, and yet sell billions and billions. (I never ever did figure out the fidget spinner thing.)

Compound this with the environmental concerns that many of us have, about the financial cost of shipping individual items and the carbon-based resources it takes to do that. Every week someone publishes a commentary that says its better to have what you need delivered to your own door, only to be countered by someone who says that shopping in stores (or even a "Mall," if you remember what they were) ends up being environmentally more friendly.

You know what you like, what you want, and what you need, and I don't intend to tell you what you should or shouldn't do. I do want to share with you some strategies that I have found that make me at least feel better about the choices I make when shopping for my family. I will name some names, not because I am endorsing any product or company, but as examples of what this looks like online and in shops.

First, please take advantage of [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com/), the service the corporate giant offers to non-profits like Emmanuel Church. When you log on through that URL, a percentage of your purchase comes to Emmanuel, like a fund-raiser. We are one of their official benefactors, and you should have no trouble finding us by entering our name or checking us on the pull-down list — just look for the Bel Air Emmanuel.

Second, think about items that come from companies that give back to their communities in tangible ways. [Bombas.com](https://www.bombas.com/), makes socks, and gives away a pair to homeless shelters for every pair they sell. And when you clean out your sock drawers to make room for new ones, please wash them and pair them up to give to our Thrift Shop, which gives them away to those who need them this time of year.

Third, look for "Fair Trade" items, from coffee beans at Bel Air's own [Coffee Coffee](https://www.coffeecoffee.com/), to jewelry and gifts from a store like [Ten Thousand Villages](https://www.tenthousandvillages.com/) in Hunt Valley. This guarantees a fair wage for the sort of laborers who have been cheated out of a decent livelihood in years past.

Fourth, consider a donation in someone's name instead of a gift. Choose a service sponsored by a long-standing and reputable agency, like the [Heifer Project](https://www.heiferproject.org/) or [Unicef](https://www.unicef.org/). From the latter, I have often given [School Desks](https://www.schooldesks.com/) for students in rural Malawi. The desks, usually for two students, are locally made and delivered, providing additional jobs for the communities that receive them.

Finally, don't forget your local charities. Emmanuel Church welcomes your support year-round, but also in special ways at this time of the year. We have a variety of projects that you may want to support, from new Outreach Programs to Maintenance of our Buildings and Grounds. [Our PayPal Page](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?business=emmanuelchurchville) gives you a chance to designate the purpose of a special offering. And we can make suggestions to help you find the best way to ensure that Emmanuel's ministries continue to thrive.

Totidem Verbis

Mark Gatza+



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

The Reverend Joe Zollickoffer, Rector

November 25, 2019

Bonnie Montalvo
Joan Hickey Kelly Memorial Reading Camp
At Emmanuel Episcopal Church
303 N. Main Street
Bel Air, MD 21014

Bonnie -

On October 9, 2019 the parish of Holy Trinity, Churchville Maryland celebrated a service marking the beginning of new ministry. As part of that service, we felt it was important to honor the memory of one of our long-time members, who this parish raised up to become a Deacon in the Episcopal Church. The Rev. Joan Kelly's memory, and spirit, very much continues to live on in this, her home parish. The Vestry agreed to designate the offering received on October 9th to be given to support the Joan Hickey Kelly Memorial Reading Camp at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Bel Air, Maryland, a program Rev. Joan was instrumental in establishing.

The collection received that evening total \$963.00. I am adding an additional \$37.00 from my discretionary fund to bring the total donation to \$1,000.00. Please find those checks enclosed with this letter.

On behalf of the people of Holy Trinity, Churchville I wish you all the best in your efforts to build on the legacy Rev. Joan left behind with the Reading Camp. As always, our congregation will help you in any way we can, as you prepare for your next camp.

In Christ,

The Rev. Joe Zollickoffer
Rector

cc: Mr. Mike Kelly
Officers and Vestry of Holy Trinity