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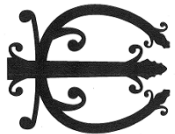
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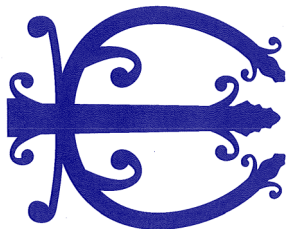
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Services:

Saturday: Resumes 21 September

Sundays —8 AM, 10 AM & Noon

Tuesdays — 10 AM



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28 AUGUST 2019 – 10 SEPTEMBER 2019

UPCOMING SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS [\[lectionarypage.net\]](http://lectionarypage.net)

1 September 2019 — Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

8 September 2019 — Special Program at 10:00 AM; No services at 8:00 AM or Noon

HANNAH MORE, RELIGIOUS WRITER & PHILANTHROPIST, 1833

Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son led captivity captive: Multiply among us faithful witnesses like your servant Hannah More, who will fight for all who are oppressed or held in bondage; and bring us all, we pray, into the glorious liberty that you have promised to all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Garden Thanks You!

Thanks to the many people who have stepped up to adopt a garden plot on our campus. The comments from parishioners and passers-by alike have been delightful to hear. That said, there is still work to be done — and attending to it now will make our Spring clean-up that much easier. We had 10 yards of mulch delivered, which you will find just off the parking pad behind the parish hall, under the protection of our mighty Willow Oak tree. That should be enough to put a good bed of protection down around each of the plots. Wheel barrows and rakes and pitchforks are available if you don't have items of your own you like to use — just let the office know and we will be sure to get them from the shed for you. Your generous donation of time and labor frees up resources to put to other needs around the church — So, Thank You Again!



Emmanuel's Food Ministry

One of the hallmarks of Emmanuel's presence in the Bel Air community is our unique outreach to local homeless folks, who can usually find easy to consume foods and bottles of water in the baskets in our church vestibules and in the cooler on the porch of the Rectory. Unfortunately, there have been some significant abuses of those resources this summer, and we have had to pull them out of service for a while. As our homeless friends come by asking about them, we have been taking the time to explain what has happened and ask them to help police the area. We are still providing pop-top foods, water and hygiene kits to those who need them, so please do not forget about us as you do your shopping.

Calendar
Corner



- **Sunday, 1 September:** Sunday services at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12 Noon. Sunday School Registration begins. Canon Gatza preaching. 1:00 PM: Centering Prayer and Meditation in All Saints Chapel.
- **Tuesday, 3 September at 10:00 AM:** Holy Communion with prayers for healing in the Maryan Room.
- **Sunday, 8 September:** Special Presentation in the Church at 10:00 AM. No services at 8:00 AM or Noon. Communion from the Reserved Sacrament will be available after the presentation. "Sundae Sunday" will follow immediately, featuring homemade ice cream and all the toppings. Sunday School Registration continues.
- **Thursday, 5 September at 7:00 PM:** Choir practice begins in the choir room in the lower level of the church. Use the Office entrance.
- **Tuesday, 10 September at 10:00 AM:** Holy Communion with prayers for healing in the Maryan Room. Holy Folders prepare newsletters for mailing. Staff Meeting at 11:00 AM.

Active
Shooter
Training



Last month Emmanuel Church announced that it would hold a special Active Shooter training in the church. Tragically, the need for this event has been underscored by recent violence in El Paso, Texas, and in Dayton, Ohio. There should be no question that anything we can do to keep us safe at Emmanuel as we worship is worth our time and attention.

As announced, the training will take place on Sunday, 8 September 2019 at 10:00 AM. There will be no services at 8:00 AM or at Noon that Sunday, to encourage all of us to participate in the same program. The presentation will be offered by Senior Deputy Brad Crossley, who takes this training to schools, institutions and businesses all across the county. You will have a chance to have your questions answered during the presentation. A special program will be offered for our children during that time. Please, please ... make plans to be with us on 8 September.



Saturday Worship Redux

Our Saturday Afternoon worship offering is on hiatus for the next couple of weeks. This decision by parish leadership and staff was motivated by several factors. Clergy vacations and recent attendance patterns were taken into account, as well as the need to spend some time thinking about the “target audience” and the format of the service. We would like some input from you as we consider the service redux — that is, the bringing back of the service into our schedule. (I’ve been dying to use that word in a column for years now!)

Let me remind you of what we were thinking about when we began the service last October. Our primary interest was to reach out to new people who might then become members of Emmanuel, but for whom the very traditional services we offered might not be appealing. Increasing membership is not a goal in itself, but it is a sign of our mission to bring people closer to the Kingdom of God and to engage their gifts as we reach out to the world around us. What we ended up offering was a service at an alternative time to Sunday mornings and a format that was significantly different from our Sunday Rite I and Rite II services. As a congregation, we are committed to the education of our children in the faith, so we had available a “Saturday School” lesson, offered by our Christian Education Coordinator, each week. The most significant difference could be seen at sermon time, which was designed to be more of a conversation than a presentation. We advertised the service on Facebook, figuring that our target audience would be more attuned to social media than to other avenues of outreach. Fortunately, our Senior Warden — Sandy Cormack — has extensive experience with this and was able to tailor our ads to a very specific group of viewers.

As a friend of mine is fond of saying, we shouldn’t waste time keeping track of Numbers in the Church: after all, it has always been the fourth book of the Old Testament. But I do keep a tally and over the 37 Saturdays that we offered our alternative service, 472 people attended. That’s an average of 13 per service. At least three of those — and sometimes as many as five — were present to lead worship, provide music, or teach the Saturday School class, so the actual number of people who came just to worship was closer to 10 each week. Perhaps a third of the time there were enough children interested in the Christian Education offering to have the class meet. A handful of people who had never been to Emmanuel tried the service, including three or four families with small children. Very few came back for a second or third try, and none have become regular members thus far. By far, the majority of people who came more or less regularly were Emmanuel parishioners who appreciated the chance to have Sundays free.

This, then, is the data that we will consider as we ponder what the restart will be — along with some anecdotes to fill in the gaps. It is clear that the format we have used for worship, especially with respect to the sermon, would be much better done in setting in which we could all sit in a circle, as we would be able to do in the parish hall. It is also clear that the contemporary language we have used — especially for the Lord’s Prayer — does not yet flow easily from the leaders or the worshippers. Though we have sung a few hymns, and have occasionally had musical interludes on Saturdays, there is not yet any consistent pattern to incorporate music into our program. And though we have made sign-up sheets available, we have not yet had people commit in advance to participate other than staff members who lead the service.

So, where do we go from here? One possibility would be to decide that we will offer a traditional service at the Saturday time. We would meet in the church and restore some of the language and elements that we offer on Sundays. Another possibility is to double down on the alternative nature of the service by moving it into the Parish Hall and continuing to explore and include more contemporary expressions. And there are undoubtedly other possibilities. This is where we need your input. If you have come on Saturdays, what would you like to see and hear? If you have not, what factors have gone into that decision? If you could dream up something perfect for you, what would it be? Let us know over the next couple of weeks.

Totidem Verbis

Mark Gatz+



We are
Wonderfully
Made!

Psalm 139

EMMANUEL CHURCH FALL PROGRAMS BEGIN!

✧ Sunday School Registration:

Registration forms for Sunday School students are included with this newsletter and available on the back table of the church, from the Sunday School office in the Slype Hallway, or from the parish office. Sunday School classes begin for all students on **15 September 2019 at 10:00 AM**. Students will meet in the Parish Hall for opening prayers and some music and then go to their classrooms. Classes will be completed in time for the students to join their families for Holy Communion. See Heather Costantino for more information.

✧ First Sunday Breakfasts:

Beginning 1 September 2019, Emmanuel offers breakfast on the first Sunday of the month at 9:00 AM. We encourage you to make a donation of \$5.00 to the basket, but don’t let an empty wallet stop you. Newcomers to Emmanuel are free of charge for their first visit with us. We can always use help in the kitchen, either early as breakfast is prepared, or especially at 9:30 as we clean up. You too can become a master of the giant dishwasher!

✧ Assisting at Worship Workshop:

Worship is a group effort in the Episcopal Church, and we always need help from lesson readers, prayer leaders, chalice bearers, and altar guild members. If you have ever wanted to know what they all do and how they know how to do it, this is your chance to have your questions answered. Join us on **Saturday, 14 September 2019 at 10:30 AM** for a Q & A and “How To” on the behind the scenes activity that prepares us for Sundays. We will start in the Harward Parlor but then also spend time exploring the Sacristy and finish in the church with some conversation about why the building is the way it is and how it shapes the way we pray.

✧ New this Year — Fall Chili Cook-Off:

Save the Date: Sunday afternoon 27 October 2019, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, for Emmanuel’s first ever Chili Cook-off. First, there will be enough mild and medium chili to feed a small army. Second, if you have a favorite recipe that you’d like to share in a friendly competition, see Senior Warden Sandy Cormack or the Rector for information about how to take part. There are lots of details to be worked out, so watch this space in coming weeks. And fear not about missing anything important: the Ravens are off that weekend!

