

Your Vestry Wants To Hear From You!

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

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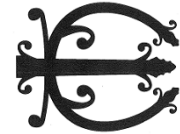
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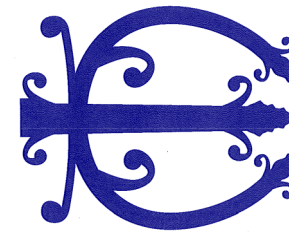
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Services:

Saturdays — 4:30 PM

Sundays — 8 AM, 10 AM & Noon

Tuesdays — 10 AM



THE TRUMPET
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31 JULY 2019 – 13 AUGUST 2019



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

4 August 2019 — Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

11 August 2019 — Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

EDITH STEIN – PHILOSOPHER, MONASTIC, MARTYR, 1942

Pour out your grace upon your church, O God, that like your servant Edith Stein we may always seek what is true, defend what is right, reprove what is evil, and forgive those who sin against us, even as your Son commanded. All this we ask through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.



Calendar Corner

- **Saturday, 3 August, 4:30 PM:** Saturday Family worship with Children's Program.
- **Sunday, 4 August:** Sunday services at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12 Noon. Summer Sunday School meets at 10:00. Canon Gatza Preaching. 1:00 PM: Centering Prayer and Meditation in All Saints Chapel.
- **Monday—Friday, 5-9 August:** **Joan Kelly Memorial Reading Camp** meets in various campus locations, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Please note that parking around the church buildings will be restricted.
- **Tuesday, 6 August at 10:00 AM:** Holy Communion with prayers for healing. Please note that the service will meet in the church sanctuary.
- **Saturday, 10 August at 4:30 PM:** Saturday Family worship with Children's Program.
- **Sunday, 11 August:** Sunday services at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12 Noon. Summer Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM. Holy Baptism at the Noon Service. Fr. Bill Smith preaching. 1:00 PM: Centering Prayer and Meditation in All Saints Chapel.

SIGN UPDATE



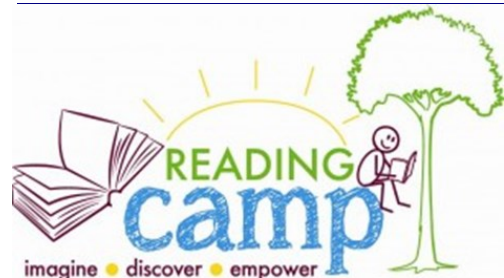
I met last week with the owner of SignWorks to plan the completion of our project. The replacement nameplates have been ordered. The original plan for the electrical connection needs to be scrapped due to difficulty digging under the sidewalk and the buried sewer pipe and it is likely that the new plan will draw power from a circuit in the church building. We ordered two sets of letters, only to discover that punctuation comes separately — and the Episcopal Church definitely uses a lot of punctuation!

We are looking for a volunteer to trim the lower limbs of the weeping cherry tree so that the sign is more visible from the north. If you have a step ladder and a saw, contact the Junior Warden.

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Adopt A Garden Plot

Stewardship takes many forms in a church, from contributing regularly to the budget to the proper care of buildings and grounds. God's plan for Emmanuel Church and its parishioners clearly includes an appreciation of the beauty of the plants and trees that emerged from the earth on the third day of creation. And the more-than-abundant rain of the spring has given us the opportunity to put that stewardship into practice to prevent chaos from overtaking beauty. Thanks to the efforts of Junior Warden Linden White, our campus has been divided into small, manageable plots, most of which have been adopted by fellow parishioners. A few remain, as indicated on the three posters you will find in the church and parish hall. Do you have a few hours to give this summer? Will you consider adopting a plot? Full information is available from Linden. Just call the office.



Brochures and Volunteer Registration Forms are available in the back of the church for the **Deacon Joan H. Kelly Memorial Reading Camp** — renamed in honor of our late sister in Christ. The camp is scheduled for **5-9 August 2019 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM** each day. Volunteers to assist with reading, with refreshments, with organizing playtime activities and to collect and distribute new books to the children participating are most welcome. Even if you have only a few hours to give that week

your help will be greatly appreciated. Contact the office, and we will put you in touch with Bonnie Montalvo, who is coordinating this year.



Probably The Most Important Service You Will Ever Attend

When I graduated from Divinity School in 1980, I had a pretty clear understanding of what the life of a parish priest was going to look like. And I was pretty confident that the training I had received in theology, biblical studies, pastoral care, and church history would give me a pretty complete skill set to carry with me from ministry to ministry. As time went by, it became clear that other skills were necessary to be a leader in a congregation and in a community, and I have been fortunate to have the resources available to “upgrade” from time to time.

Also, as time has gone by, it became clear that the world around us was changing — in some cases more rapidly than seems right. Many of the changes have been positive: I remember what it was like to compose a bulletin on an IBM Selectric® Typewriter, on which every correction had to be done letter by letter and the tabs and spacing were dodgy at best. But some of the changes have been negative, to the point of leading to tragedy. I remember being frightened by the first attack on the garage of the World Trade Center, years before 11 September 2001. I remember being sickened at the news of the shooting at Columbine High School, not too far from the home of my brother’s family. And not too long ago, I made a personal retreat to Oklahoma City and spent a morning on the grounds of the former Murrah building, which had been blown up in a terrorist act by Timothy McVey.

It seems to me that violence in our society is increasing as the years go by, rather than decreasing. I won’t pretend to say that I understand why, though it is clear that free-market technology, with respect to automated weapons and absurdly large magazines, has made mass destruction easier. The signs of this are clear even in Harford County. On top of the odd acts of domestic violence that every community sees, we can read of gang violence in nearby communities, we mourn the loss of two sheriff’s deputies who gave their lives protecting us from an armed criminal, and we see the count of opioid overdoses and deaths every time we drive by a police station. In the midst of all of this, I often wonder, what can I do?



Over the last year, as violence in public institutions such as schools and mosques and churches and synagogues increased, it has become clear that there are things we can and really must do. We must be prepared to respond to any sort of incident that might happen here, to us. We have already done some of this work, with respect to more typical possibilities: our illuminated exit signs and fire extinguishers are regularly inspected and replaced when necessary. Our Sunday School classes can communicate by walkie-talkie across our campus. Our old gas lines are checked at least once a year and recently a leak was found and secured. And safety features in our kitchen are regularly maintained. But it is now time to address one other issue: the possibility of an “active shooter” at Emmanuel.

On **Sunday, 8 September 2019**, we will suspend our usual worship schedule in order to hold a special active shooter training event **at 10:00 AM**, led by Deputy Sheriff Brad Crossley. Following a thorough inspection of our buildings, he will spend about an hour and a half with us describing how best to protect ourselves in the event of such a horrible occurrence. He will walk us through potential scenarios and offer advice on how we should react. He will also take whatever time is necessary to answer any questions that will come up. I can’t stress enough how important it will be for you to be there. Our youngest children will go into the parish hall for a special program, to be brought up to speed on their own. We talk a lot about the stewardship of our budget and our property at Emmanuel Church: it is time for us to talk about being proper stewards of ourselves. Please don’t fail to join us. Oh, and by the way: the second Sunday in September is our annual “Sundae Sunday.” Though we have serious work to do, we will reward your attendance at the end.

Totidem Verbis (“In so many words”)

Mark Gatz+

Vacation Bible School a Huge Success

Emmanuel Episcopal Church’s Vacation Bible School Program just recently took place. We had 34 children, which included 6 Middle School buddies and 20 volunteers. About 100 people were present in the church for Friday’s closing exercises.



The Program was wonderfully successful with the children learning about God and being reminded that every one of us is God’s masterpiece while enjoying lessons on artistic elements. The children created self portraits, learned about pointillism and color values, played games and had wonderful snacks each day.

The success of the program was in no small part due to the very generous donations we received from you, our church family. We are very grateful for the

donations of water, popcorn, cleaning supplies, tissues, Freezy pops (a *must treat*), paper towels, and face and hand wipes. Thank you for helping to support this vital Christian Formation program. (*Note: for security’s sake children’s pictures are not posted.*)



Heather Fitzgerald & Heather Costantino

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