

Your Vestry Wants To Hear From You!

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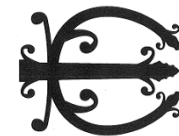
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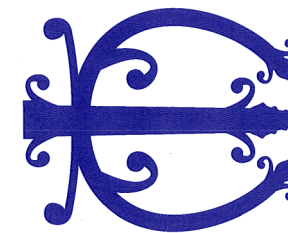
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Sundays—8 AM, 10 AM & Noon

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

PENTECOST, 9 June 2019 — Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, (25-27)

TRINITY, 16 June 2019 — Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

MARINA THE MONK, 5TH CENTURY

Teach us, Lord God, to refrain from false judgments about the sins of others, and to hold fast to our path of discipleship when we suffer unjustly because of judgments made by others. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.



Calendar Corner

- **Saturday, 8 June, 4:30 PM:** Saturday Family worship with Children's Program.
- **Sunday, 9 June, Special Services for the Feast of Pentecost:** 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.
- **Tuesday, 11 June at 10:00 AM:** Holy Communion with prayers for healing in the Maryan Room.
- **Saturday, 15 June, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM: Food Pantry Festival in the Churchyard. See Page 4 for details. 4:30 PM:** Saturday Family worship with Children's Program.
- **Sunday, 16 June, Trinity Sunday :** Sunday services at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12 Noon. Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM. Canon Gatza preaching. 1:00 PM: Centering Prayer and Meditation in All Saints Chapel.
- **Monday, 17 June, 7:00 PM:** Vestry Meets in the Harward Parlor.
- **Tuesday, 18 June at 10:00 AM:** Holy Communion with prayers for healing in the Maryan Room. Holy Folders prepare newsletters for mailing. **11: 00 AM:** Staff Meeting in the office.

and we have twice as many new members since October as we did over the same period a year ago. This is great news! Mark+ expressed concerns that clergy vacations may force us to postpone Saturday services for the summer. We have a possible solution we're exploring that would allow us to keep the Saturday services going through the summer.

Ascension Thursday Service

This service is usually in conjunction with St. Matthew's Lutheran; however, since this falls at the same time as their synod convention they cannot do it. Therefore, it will be cancelled for this year. Mark+ is looking possibly to include Bel Air Presbyterian in a tri-church service next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Cormack

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This is it! The Food Pantry Festival is Next Saturday!

10:00 AM—2 :00 PM, in the Churchyard

Come and enjoy the fellowship, the great music, the crafts for children, the free snacks — including the Rector's Hot Dog Station — the games, the vendors, and the ~~chance~~ opportunity to win one of the fabulous gift baskets. Bring your children, your grandchildren, your friends from the neighborhood. Come for just a few minutes, or stay all day (in which case, sunscreen is recommended!). There is no cost, but we hope you will bring canned goods to stock our panty for the summer for our homeless friends, or make a donation to the jar. For more information, go to the Festival website: www.foodpantryangels.com, or Emmanuel's www.emmanuelbelair.org.



SEE SOMETHING, SNAP SOMETHING



Emmanuel celebrated Fr. Bill Smith's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 2 June 2019. The congregation presented him with a gold cross to mark the occasion, and the Rector offered special prayers and blessings.



The “Cloud of Witnesses” Gets Greater

The New Testament book addressed “to the Hebrews” contains both a substantial description of who this Messiah Jesus is (and what he is not!) and a testimony to many of the great heroes of the Hebrew Scripture who had faith that God would fulfill the promises that had been made beginning with Abraham about the salvation of this chosen people. As the (unknown) writer turns to exhorting those who will hear or read this sermon, that long list of the faithful is brought together in this familiar phrase: **“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us ...”** [Hebrews 12:1]

In the context of Hebrews, that was meant to refer to those Old Testament models of faith, but as time has passed, the Church has added contemporary examples, asserting that they too “live in the cloud.” The first to join the Old Testament heroes of faith were the Apostles and Disciples mentioned in the New Testament. Slowly but surely, others were added to make an example of their ability to articulate the complex issues of our faith — Irenaeus, St. Augustine, St. John Chrysostom — or to show how faith should respond in the face of persecution — Polycarp of Smyrna, St. Agnes, Justin Martyr. Over the centuries, the Church has struggled with how many saints should be identified as such and celebrated publically by congregations. In some eras, the Church moves towards simplicity: the Book of Common Prayer that the Episcopal Church used from 1928 until 1979 listed just 25 saints and special days to commemorate. That number had grown to over 150 in the 1979 Prayerbook and to 169 by the action of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church — our national governing body.

In recent years the list of official saints has come under some scrutiny, leading to some significant criticism. Almost all of the earliest saints were men, and men in the Western tradition of the church. Though there were quite a number of women who evidenced equally extraordinary theological ability and faithfulness in the face of persecution, somehow they were mostly neglected. There were exceptions, to be sure, including the above mentioned St. Agnes, Joan of Arc, and Hilda of Whitby. But as the pages of the calendar go by they were few and far between.

As a result, the Episcopal Church has dedicated itself to identifying saintly women and men who represent the diversity of faithful examples that have been present all along, though often neglected. Beginning with the *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, published in 1980, and continuing with *Holy Women, Holy Men*, in 2009 and now *A Great Cloud of Witnesses* beginning in 2016, we now have stories to tell about 394 saints. And the list will grow a little with every passing General Convention, as new men and women are proposed. At least a couple of Baltimoreans are commemorated, including Thurgood Marshall and The Rev’d Pauli Murray, pictured above. Every continent is now represented, save Antarctica, as are missionaries to almost everywhere.

Our Tuesday 10:00 AM Eucharist focuses on these saints and their stories. In every case there is some quality about their ministry that we can emulate, some element in their faith practice that we can adopt, and some encouragement in their persistence that we can imitate. We learn week by week that the Church is made of up real people who become saints by listening to the call of the Holy Spirit. We have discovered that saints are women and men of every color, every economic background, every ethnic tradition, and even every sexual identity. Notably, Marina the Monk — whose Collect we have included in this edition of the Trumpet — lived as what we would call a transgendered person. If there is room on the Calendar of Saints for someone like him, there is surely room in the Church for people like you and me in our individuality.

No one is born a saint, but those who become one have much to teach us. Let me encourage you to follow along in our calendar to see what insights you can have. Try going here: Satucket.com/lectionary.

Totidem Verbis (“In so many words”)

Mark Gatza+



From the Christian Education Coordinator

Sunday School Schedule

Our Sunday School program for the year 2018-2019 is winding down. Our last day of the regular Sunday School year will be Sunday, June 16, 2019. The children have spent this last year exploring how God’s love, and their love for God, impacts their world. It has been a rich and rewarding year and we thank everyone for their continued support of the Sunday School Program, especially our volunteer leaders.

Our Summer Sunday School program will begin on June 30, 2019. The program this year is “Seeing God Through His Creation”. The children will look at many parts of God’s creation and explore the ideas of who and what God is to us. The lessons are supported with scripture readings and crafts.

Look for the Summer Sunday School Volunteer sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the slype. We need one volunteer for each of the eight Sundays of the summer program. All lessons and crafts supplies are prepared and ready in advance. The lessons can be emailed to our volunteers in advance as well.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

While some of the other local churches no longer offer Vacation Bible School, here at Emmanuel we continue to provide Vacation Bible School to the children of this Parish and to children in the community. There are a few children’s spots still available and registration will soon be closed. Look for the Registration form at www.emmanuelbelair.org, in the back of the church or see heather Costantino on Sunday morning.

Thrift Shop Fashion Show

The Thrift Shop Fashion Show, which took place at the end of April, was a great success again this year.

A **heartfelt thank you** goes out to all the volunteers who make this event possible and so very special.

VESTRY VOICE

Your Vestry met on May 20th, 2019. Here are some of the major things we discussed.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee charter has been finalized. The purpose of the Finance Committee is to ensure the financial health of Emmanuel Church Bel Air directly and by means of oversight, and report its findings along with recommendations to the Vestry and Rector. It is being chaired by Jim Macgill, our treasurer, and the current committee members are Dottie Ward, JoAnne Bogusko, Bonnie Montalvo, and Linden White. If anyone in the congregation is interested in participating, please email me.

Membership List

We have been developing a ‘master’ membership list and it is almost complete. This is an internal-use list and will not be published. We will use it to enhance communications and track our growth and parish demographics. If anyone hasn’t filled out a membership form, please email me and we’ll make sure you get one.

Saturday Service

Since February we’ve been running an ad on Facebook to promote our Saturday service. The Vestry reviewed some interesting data on attendance and membership effects of the service. Our general attendance has been increasing steadily since last October,

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