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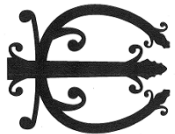
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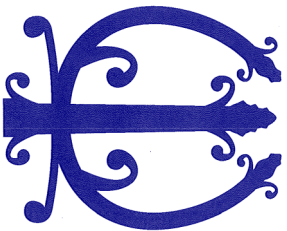
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UPCOMING SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS lectionarypage.net

26 May 2019 — Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5; John 5:1-9

2 June 2019 — Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26

NICHOLAS COPERNICUS AND JOHANNES KEPLER, ASTRONOMERS

As the heavens declare your glory, O God, and the firmament shows your handiwork, we bless your Name for the gifts of knowledge and insight you bestowed upon Nicolaus Copernicus and Johannes Kepler; and we pray that you would continue to advance our understanding of your cosmos, for our good and for your glory; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Calendar
Corner

- **Saturday, 25 May, 4:30 PM:** Saturday Family worship with Children's Program.
- **Sunday, 26 May:** 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.
- **Tuesday, 28 May at 10:00 AM:** Holy Communion with prayers for healing in the Maryan Room;
- **Saturday, 1 June, 4:30 PM:** Saturday Family worship with Children's Program.
- **Sunday, 2 June :** Sunday services at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12 Noon. 9:00 AM: Breakfast Served in the Parish Hall. Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM. Fr. Bill Smith preaching. 1:00 PM: Centering Prayer and Meditation in All Saints Chapel.
- **Tuesday, 4 June, 10:00 AM:** Holy Communion with prayers for healing in the Maryan Room. 'Holy Folders' prepare newsletter for mailing. 11:00 AM: Staff meeting in the office.

SEE SOMETHING,
SNAP SOMETHING



The Rector offers a farewell Prayer and Blessing to longtime members W & K, who are moving to New Jersey. We wish them Godspeed as their journey continues, and look forward to having them visit us soon.

Summer Reading Camp

Preparations are underway for our second reading camp, scheduled August 5th– 9th.

This is a week-long summer camp for students finishing grades one through four who struggle with reading. The camp has been renamed the "Joan H. Kelly Memorial Reading camp" in memory of its founder, the late Reverend Joan H. Kelly. Our 2019 camp theme is "horses," so we will be reading books, playing games and making crafts related to horses. The camp is funded by local donations, therefore, there is NO cost to families.



Volunteers are needed to assist with morning reading sessions as well as afternoon camp activities; flyers and volunteer applications are located at the back of the church. New or used books, especially any related to horses, are also needed. If interested in making a contribution, please make your check payable to "Emmanuel Church, Bel Air" and note "Reading Camp" in the memo line.

For more information, please contact Bonnie Montalvo at ReadingCampHarfordMD@gmail.com or leave a message at 410-688-0831.

Thank you!



More Environmental Concerns

Many years ago I was asked to lead a workshop on congregational development for a dozen small congregations in the Diocese of Vermont. At lunch one of the matriarchs of a congregation sat with me, and after a little bit of small talk, she asked me this question: “Do you think electric cars are better for the environment than gas cars?” I had never been asked that question before, but the answer came to me immediately. “It depends on what is being used to generate your electricity.” She just beamed at me, and then got up and spoke to her friends around the room. I had, apparently, passed some sort of test, and for the rest of the weekend the gathering paid much more attention to my stories and suggestions than I was used to.

That question, by the way, is increasingly harder to answer. A decade ago, most electricity in this country was generated by burning coal and/or oil, with nuclear power a distant third, and renewable sources such as solar and wind power way off in the distance. You, like me, probably get a handful of advertisements each month from alternative energy companies, offering to sell us power from any number of combinations of sources. And the number of rooftop solar cells that appear each month in neighborhoods all around Bel Air suggest that many of us are taking renewable energy seriously. This is a good thing, and even if your home isn’t a good choice for panels, you can still use their energy.

Many of you responded to my column two weeks ago about the use, reuse, and recycling of plastic containers and bags. Some of you have been doing this routinely for some time; for others, it was a kind of revelation, and a reminder that we should always be paying attention to the things we do that may affect our planet one way or another.

I’d like to add another topic to this general conversation. One of the regular guests on a radio show I listen to is a former regional director of the Environmental Protection Agency, formerly in charge of New England and New York. While part of a round table panel, she asked a series of questions about whether or not purchasing merchandize online and having something delivered was environmentally sound, compared to going to a local store and picking something off the shelf or rack. She suggested that we think about the following issues. To illustrate, I will consider a purchase we make regularly — Hubs Peanuts®, from Sedley, Virginia.

- **Packaging** — When you order Hubs from Amazon, they come this way. The outer layer is a cardboard box, just about 20% larger than it needs to be (but hey!, Amazon has to have some flexibility here to handle a number of items with standard sizes). Inside, there are something like 10 to 12 air-filled pillows to take up the additional space. The peanuts come in two 40oz cans per order, each can also packed in its own cardboard box. Now, the plastic and the cardboard are all recyclable, but even that process takes a considerable amount of energy. If we were lucky enough to live south of Alexandria, VA, we could find Hubs in a local store. The store would get their shipments with much less packaging per can, as they come in a case of 10 in the 40oz size, without the additional cardboard and plastic.

- **Shipping** — Since we are not likely to drive to Virginia for a load of peanuts, we order them online and they are delivered to our front porch., usually by a UPS truck, but sometimes by a USPS van. These vehicles drive around our neighborhoods all day long, and the EPA has preliminary data to show that greenhouse gas levels in residential areas has increased measurably. (This data is preliminary because further studies have been discontinued by current EPA leadership.) Add this to the fact that the products we offer usually start their journeys to our doors in regional distribution centers which require other trucks to deliver them to delivering staging depots. This begs the question: is more gas consumed by having something delivered to your home than by a trip to downtown Bel Air or Abingdon?

- **Lost Local Opportunities** — Finally, by ordering online rather than shopping the old fashioned way, it is worth asking whether we are missing out on locally made and distributed products that may be more interesting or better quality than what we can get delivered to us in two days? No one in Maryland makes peanuts like Hubs, but no chocolatier online beats Log Cabin or Wockenfuss. You can get JO Crab Spice and Old Bay from Amazon, but not the much subtler seasoning made by Costas Inn, on Northpoint Blvd in Baltimore.

Please note that these are questions, and that I am not suggesting any hard and fast or necessary answers. Rather, I hope you will ask yourself, from time to time, whether our habits around shopping need to be tweaked once in a while..



Totidem Verbis (“In so many words”)

Mark Gatz+

235th Diocesan Convention

Our Annual Diocesan Convention met and completed its business on 10-11 May 2019. Emmanuel was represented by the Rector and by Senior Warden Sandy Cormack and Vestry Member Bonnie Montalvo. Here is a quick summary of what took place and what decisions were made.



- ✘ **Worship:** Very few people, I’ll bet, walked into the hotel ballroom for the opening Eucharist expecting to hear Dixieland Jazz. But that’s what we got, and the novelty itself was inspiring. Morning Prayer on Saturday included the teaching of three new very short canticles, two meant to be sung as rounds.

- ✘ **Guest Preacher & Keynote Speaker:** The Most Reverend Melissa Skelton, Archbishop of British Columbia and the Yukon in Canada, used her time to describe her efforts to rebuild a church in Seattle, and to point to some possibilities for other churches to make such turn-arounds. Bishop Sutton, pictured above, used his keynote time to cover several areas of diocesan interest

- ✘ **Workshops:** Five interesting sessions were offered, covering topics from including Anglican rosary prayers as part of spiritual practice (our own David Parker assisted the leaders of this workshop) to using sophisticated demographic tools to get an inside look at local communities.

- ✘ **Elections:** Nine persons were elected to a variety of Diocesan task groups, including two to the Compensation & Benefits Committee, four Members at Large to the Diocesan Council, three to the Disciplinary Board, and two new members to the Standing Committee, to which yours truly is a member and secretary.

- ✘ **Resolutions:** Always one of the most challenging elements of a Diocesan Convention, this year Maryland delegates debated and voted on six resolutions. Five were passed as submitted or amended (usually for small errors in the text), while one failed to pass. You can get up close and personal with these resolutions by visiting the Diocesan website convention page at <https://episcopalmaryland.org/diocesan-governance/diocesan-convention/>. Two resolutions are important to the near future of Emmanuel Church. The first, 2019-01, establishes the salary scale for clergy, and so will be a consideration as we prepare our 2020 budget this summer. The second, 2019-05, proposed a study of the formula by which the Diocese calculates the assessments it levies on congregation. Yours truly spoke against the resolution — which ultimately failed to pass — out of long experience. In 38 years, we have several times debated similar requests to study or change the assessment formula (which is, indeed, a little Byzantine in its calculations). Twice over that time period, I was the Chairman of the Program and Budget Committee, and had a very clear picture of what would happen to the Diocesan Budget if the formula was changed in one way or another. Every single time we concluded that the formula as it stands offers a break to small congregations and congregations whose budgets are shrinking, while at the same time asking larger and wealthier congregations to pay a little more than their fair share. Congregations like Emmanuel, which are experiencing some growth, are assessed on a three year average, rather than just our last year’s income, which gives us a break as well.

Finally, one of the most important reasons for us to be together is for us to be together. The fellowship and the connections with fellow Maryland Episcopalians — some of whom live hundreds of miles from each other — is an invaluable component to sense of mission and ministry, not just by ourselves, but as part of the basic unit of our ministry which is the Diocese of Maryland itself.

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