

Your Vestry Wants To Hear From You!

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

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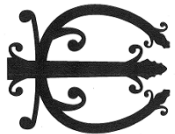
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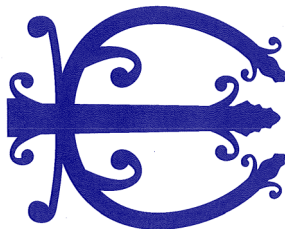
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Sundays—8 AM, 10 AM & Noon

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THE TRUMPET
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7 MAY 2019 – 21 MAY 2019



UPCOMING SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

12 May 2019 — Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

19 May 2019 — Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

THURGOOD MARSHALL, LAWYER, JURIST, & SOCIAL WITNESS, 1993

Eternal and ever-gracious God, you blessed your servant Thurgood with exceptional grace and courage to discern and speak the truth: Grant that, following his example, we may know you and recognize that we are all your children, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Calendar
Corner

- **Saturday, 11 May, 4:30 PM:** Saturday Family worship with Children's Program.
- **Sunday, 12 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, 14 March at 10:00 AM:** Holy Communion with prayers for healing in the Maryan Room;
- **Saturday, 18 May, 4:30 PM:** Saturday Family worship with Children's Program.
- **Sunday, 19 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.
- **Monday, 20 May, 7:00 PM:** Vestry Meeting in the Harward Parlor.
- **Tuesday, 21 May, 10:00 AM:** Holy Communion with prayers for healing in the Maryan Room. 'Holy Folders' prepare newsletter for mailing.

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!

235th Diocesan Convention

Emmanuel Church takes part of a Sunday in January for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We review reports from various ministries and groups, look back on our financial statements from the previous year and think ahead to what our budget will be like in the year ahead. We select new representatives to serve on our Vestry, our corporate board, and consider any necessary changes to our By-Laws. By the grace of God we usually get all of this done in less than an hour! Similarly, the Diocese of Maryland holds an annual convention to perform all the same tasks, though on a much larger scale. We meet this year on 10-11 May at the Turf Valley Resort in Howard County. Emmanuel will be represented by the Rector and by Senior Warden Sandy Cormack, joined this year by Bonnie Montalvo. You can look at the Agenda and accompanying documentation at www.episcopalmaryland.org, under the



Governance tab. Here we see members of the Episcopal Service Corps sharing information about their program.



Recycling as a Lenten Discipline

Wait ... didn't we just celebrate Easter? Aren't we done with Lent until next Winter (25 February 2020 is Ash Wednesday). Yes, we did and we are — except in the sense that, hopefully, we carry some of our new habits and learnings forward with us through the rest of the year.

But I want to share with you a little experiment that I tried this Lent. I was reluctant to speak publicly about it while in process, because I wanted to see if it could transcend “obligation” and rise to “spiritual discipline.” That is, would this new practice not only create some tangible benefit but help clarify my understanding of how God works in the world and lead to some insight into my relationship with my creator? The answers were both affirmative, and so I am ready to pass this along. And the truth is, this may be important enough for all of us not to wait to next Lent to consider.

As part of my preparation for Easter, I gave up disposable plastic. Okay, almost ... I did end up using a sheet of plastic wrap each time I was baking rye bread. I will solve this problem eventually, because it is important to seal in the moisture in the fermenting dough — which sits out at room temperature for a day and in the refrigerator for a day — while at the same time allowing room for the dough to expand. And maybe there were two or three plastic bags of old veggies that were stashed in the back of the fridge so long I couldn't identify them, let alone figure out how to clean the bags. But otherwise, we did pretty well.

This experiment did not come out of nowhere. Here are some of the moments that led to it.

- While cleaning up after a flooded basement last summer, I found a pair of old bicycle “tire irons,” used to fix flats. They were not iron, but stamped plastic, and bore the inscription “Made from recycled milk bottles.” Ingenious!

- I heard any number of news reports about how many gazillion straws have ended up floated in huge current streams in the oceans, as illustrated by this Wikipedia portrayal. No real island, but ...

- More recently, in New England, New York, and in California, cities, towns, and counties have begun to ban disposable plastic shopping bags. Billions of them!

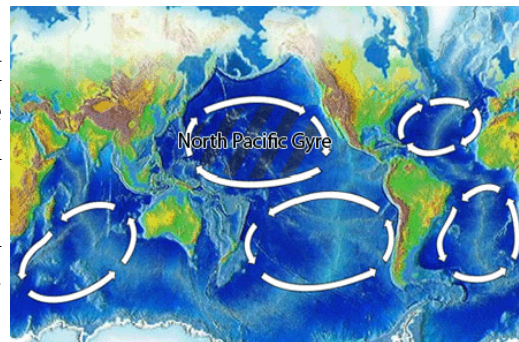
The truth is, I wanted to feel like I was part of the solution and not part of the problem. So I resolved to use less plastic and to be religious about recycling the plastic I used. The latter included a wholesale inventory of my collection of Tupperware and Rubbermaid containers, many of which were too old to seal properly, and were therefore recycled themselves. On any given day you will find two or three plastic bags draped over the scrub brushes and faucet around our sink, drying prior to being recycled. And if this were it, it would have been good enough. I know I am making a difference. But is that all there is to it?

So, here's the answer to the question about the spiritual insight that derives from this practice: OMG!

I must have read 50 or 80 times the passage from chapter 8 of Paul's letter to the Romans, the one where he writes “²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now, ...” The reconciliation we celebrate in Easter is not just about humanity's reconciliation to God, but about the suffering the earth itself has endured, all in the process of trying to bring forth something new. Until now, Paul says. Until there is a community that has been empowered by God, literally to save the earth itself, just as we have been saved from our sins. A community, as it were, of midwives attending to the labor pains. It didn't take long for me to hear a little less groaning. Don't wait on this one until Lent: Give it a go!

Totidem Verbis (“In so many words”)

Mark Gatza+



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: # CRAFTED

Registrations for Vacation Bible School are coming in and our limited number of spaces (35) are filling up. If you are a member of the Emmanuel faith community and would like your children or grandchildren to attend our VBS program, (July 22-July 26, 2019, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) be sure to register them as soon as possible as registrations are now open to other churches in the area and to the community at large.

We are very appreciative of the past generous donations of goods and foods needed for VBS and we will soon have a shopping list available for this year's needs, however, **our greatest need of support from the Emmanuel family is volunteers.** Adult volunteers are needed to lead age related classes, arts and crafts, music, and snack preparation and distribution. Without volunteers, there can be no Vacation Bible School program.

VBS is not only rewarding for the children who attend, but also for our volunteers. We receive so much from the attending children and interacting with them through the curriculum deepens our own faith.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering just half your day for five days during the week of July 22, 2019. All materials and lessons are provided for you and we offer assistance in any decorating of classrooms and activities.

Contact Heather Costantino at sundayschool.emmanuel@gmail.com or find her on Sunday morning if you would like to share your time and talents with this ministry.



Food Pantry Festival

The **8th Annual Food Pantry Festival** is scheduled for Saturday, 15 June 2019 from 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM. Our Third Saturday Band is featured, but we are also looking for other church bands to participate.

Admission to the festival, which will be held on and around the Ellendale Street parking lot, is free to anyone who walks by. We hope, however, that people will bring canned goods for our pantry as a donation. Ours serves a population of mostly homeless men and women in Bel Air, and so we are most in need of single serving foods with pop-top lids, or things like Spam which have a key for opening. Especially during the summer months we like to make bottled water available as well.

Please pick up one of the flyers you'll find on the back table of the church, or visit the festival website, foodpantryangels.com.



Sign Up for Sundays (and Saturdays!)

It is no secret that we need your help to prepare for and to conduct worship on Saturdays and Sundays. It is also no secret that we lead busy lives and have to make choices about where we need to be on Saturdays and Sundays.

Though it is not an ideal solution, one of the best ways to bridge the gap between our needs and your talents is with sign-up sheets. We have long had one posted to recruit readers and prayer leaders for our 10:00 AM Sunday Service. In the last couple of weeks we have added several more, inviting volunteers to serve the chalice, read lessons, and lead prayers at our 4:30 Saturday service (where you can also sign up to offer musical interludes), and also at our 8:00 AM and Noon Sunday services. They are available on clipboards for now, but will also be posted in the back of the Church on an easel. Take a look and see how you can help.