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This summer my family had a very small vegetable garden in our front yard. We didn't produce all that much, but there were some lovely tomatoes and sweet peppers, two things I love to eat. The plot sits empty now, covered in leaves. With Advent and cold weather finally here, most of us probably are turning away from an outdoorsy lifestyle and hunkering down to cozy pursuits like baking cookies and doing jigsaw puzzles. But of course this is also the time of year when we tend to shop a lot, eat a lot, and drive around to the million different places we seem to need to be. The pace drives us crazy, but without all the busy-ness we might feel like we were missing out while everyone else was having fun.

So why do I still have gardening on my mind, in the midst of a season where I rarely step outside except to hop in my car and get on to the next pressing appointment? It's because of something Peter Raven said when he spoke at Emmanuel last month. "The Earth is a garden," he told us, "and we are all gardeners." He was talking about biodiversity and our sacred duty to the planet and to one another to be responsible citizens of it. But at another level, he was talking about Creation, and our place within it. His remarks reminded me that during Advent we are not only waiting for the birth of the infant Jesus, for the arrival of the Incarnate Christ—we are also waiting for the Second Coming, for a time when all Creation will be renewed and redeemed.

Too often Christians forget to see the Earth as a garden, and think of it more as the *Titanic*. She's hit an iceberg of pollution and over-consumption, and there's no denying that she's sinking under the weight of our irresponsible choices. And yet somehow we think that the Second Coming will be like a lifeboat that will let us abandon this doomed vessel; once we are "saved" we'll have no need for her anymore. But the New Creation spoken of in the Bible is not the supernatural equivalent of blasting off in a space ship to another planet; it's all about *this* heaven and *this* earth being transformed so thoroughly that the only equivalent we can find to it is the Resurrection itself. Christ's resurrection did not undo the incarnation: it defeated death. In the same way, the Second Coming will not undo creation, but will be the final victory over sin, death, and decay. Our fervent hope for the future God has in store for us in no way decreases our responsibility to the present. (If you're wondering where I'm getting all these ideas, I recommend N.T. Wright's book *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*.)

Perhaps this Advent we can take seriously the call to consume less and to waste less, not out of a spirit of self-denial or penitence, but out of a faithful desire to be good stewards of God's creation. We are the people who can usher in a new world, a world where "enough" is really enough, and where we are so filled with joy and gratitude that we no longer succumb to a false sense of insatiable needs and unmet desires. Let's start today. The garden is waiting.

Faithfully,
Pamela+

People of the Book

Roderic D. Wiltse

Have you ever heard Episcopalians referred to as “*People of the Book*”? A bishop of this Church once explained what it means to be a “*People of the Book*” by suggesting that we really have four books of great import in the Episcopal Church and across the Anglican Communion. What books do think the bishop had on his list?

If you said, **The Book of Common Prayer** you would be one quarter of the way to the right answer. Number two is, of course, **The Holy Bible**, and number three is the Hymnal. The fourth book is the real test. What is the fourth book that is so important to Episcopalians? How many of you guessed *the pocket book*? You got it!

The Bible, our number two book **only** because the Book of Common Prayer defines us, even to ourselves, tells our story. The most frequently repeated phrase in the Bible is “*Do not be afraid*”. When you read the Bible you find a significant number of stories about a violent and vengeful God. If God—whom I will refer to as YHWH - Elohai—is truly so violent and vengeful, how can we not be afraid?

I would offer two explanations for your consideration.

First, YHWH – Elohai has promised to be present with us always and YHWH - Elohai is faithful to this covenant. To promise to be always with us does not mean that we will never face difficulties, horrors, whatever. Our relationship with YHWH - Elohai – *our God* - is one of great intimacy and trust. He will be with us every step of the journey.

Think of the Incarnation. YHWH - Elohai comes among us, becomes one of us, becomes one with us and comes as a helpless, totally dependant newborn baby. There is no more helpless newborn in all the creation than a human baby. YHWH - Elohai trusts us. The real question is do we trust her?

The second part of my attempt at explanation has to do with the Biblical story itself. Many people believe that YHWH - Elohai dictated these stories to scribes who wrote them down and passed them on to us. Frankly, I don't believe that. Rather, I believe human beings, who believed in YHWH - Elohai, wrote their portions of our story trying to explain how and why things beyond explanation happened.

My hope here is to try to explore one of the great gifts provided for us, and to bring to life the great intimacy we share in our own lives, here and now, with YHWH - Elohai. The gift we have been given is known as **The Liturgical Year**: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, EASTER, and Pentecost. How can we make these seasons become more vivid experiences in our personal daily lives and in our communal worship experience? For me, our number one book, **The Book of Common Prayer** is our map. Let me hear from you about your willingness to be a partner in this journey using this map to explore our magnificent gift.

The Christmas Eve Family Service

The 3:00 o'clock Family Service on Christmas Eve has become a real favorite at Emmanuel. It's the perfect way to worship with young children in a relaxed and joyful environment and still have time to get the kids fed, bathed, and in bed before Santa comes!

Much like last year, we're going to have a special Liturgy of the Word that is told primarily by the children. While this is not as involved as the Christmas Play (no costumes!), it does require a little bit of preparation. We're looking for several children (ages five and up) to help us with bringing forward Nativity Scene figures during the service. We also need two or three older children who are very good readers to serve as narrators.

If your child or children would like to participate in the 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, please contact me as soon as possible. We will have a single, short rehearsal on Wednesday, December 22, at 5:15 p.m. in the church (just before the Cherub Choir rehearsal). If your older child would like to be a reader, I will send you the readings as soon as I hear from you. Anyone who wants to participate will also need to be able to come to the Christmas Eve service early (at 2:30) for a final run-through. **Please contact me if you plan to take part or if you have any questions: pdolan@emmanuelepiscopal.org or 314-961-2393.** Thank you!

--Pamela+

What is a “Carbon Footprint?”

Follow up from Peter Raven’s presentation

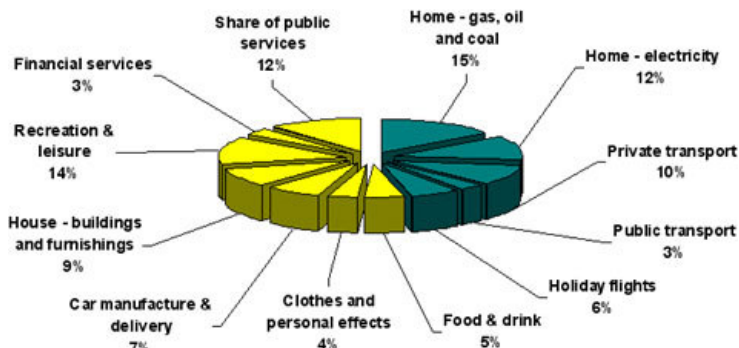
“A **carbon footprint** is a measure of the impact our activities have on the environment, and in particular climate change. It relates to the amount of greenhouse gases produced in our day-to-day lives through burning fossil fuels for electricity, heating and transportation etc.

The carbon footprint is a measurement of all greenhouse gases we individually produce and has units of tons (or kg) of carbon dioxide equivalent.

The pie chart below shows the main elements which make up the total of a typical person's carbon footprint in the developed world.

A carbon footprint is made up of the sum of two parts, the primary footprint (shown by the slices on the right side of the pie chart) and the secondary footprint (shown as the slices on the left side).

1. The **primary footprint** is a measure of our direct emissions of CO₂ from the burning of fossil fuels including domestic energy consumption and transportation (e.g. car and plane). We have direct control of these.



2. The **secondary footprint** is a measure of the indirect CO₂ emissions from the whole lifecycle of products we use - those associated with their manufacture and eventual breakdown. To put it very simply – the more we buy the more emissions will be caused on our behalf.”

3. To calculate your carbon footprint, try one of these sites:
 - www.carbonfootprint.com
 - www.nature.org
 - www.footprintnetwork.org
 - www.carbonfund.org

"A Story of Gifts"

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we share our exciting news about **Emmanuel's Advent Play!**

The play is called "A Story of Gifts" and was written (along with 5 original songs) for the FaithQuest children by Carol Greene. It will be directed by Penny Allen and performed at the 10:00 a.m. combined service on **December 19th**.

Everyone is invited to participate! FaithQuest children will be practicing during a portion of class each Sunday. (Normal start and dismissal times will still be in effect.). In addition, we will have a dress rehearsal for all participants on Saturday, December 18th.

If your child(ren) will not be present for the play, please continue to bring them to FaithQuest each week to help with art projects (props and costumes) and participate in regular classroom activities.

More details will follow. If you have questions contact either Tricia Copeland at copelandtl@hotmail.com or 909-6695, or Diana Beckman at 963-1971 or dbeckman@wustl.edu.

Acolyte Schedule

December 12, 2010

Ted Miller (TC)
Blake Kennedy (1st. Cruc.)
Annie Dolan
Maia Langdon
Hannah Myers
Ryan Rich
Michael Rich



December 19, 2010

Liz Wagon (TC)
Creighton DeYoung (1st. Cruc.)
Tom Florent
Jack Love
Will Brennan
Maggie Brennan
Liz Remming



From the Deacon's Bench

“ The temperature has dropped again, and it's not even dark yet. The wind is bitter cold and there is no lining in my coat. I'm not getting any younger, and it hurts to walk very far. St. Vincent's shelter is probably already full by now. I knew a guy who froze to death on a night like this.”

Emmanuel got the call—the phone call, that is, from a young Americorps volunteer. They have a large room at 13th St and Ann in the City, and they want to open it as an emergency shelter which can hold up to thirty homeless people on nights when there is a winter weather advisory. It will not be a full-service facility. There will be shelter from the weather, a cot, bathroom facilities and good people staffing the shelter. And there will be meals, breakfast and supper, with the help of Emmanuel.

We have been asked to provide the food for a designated weekend (three consecutive days) on short notice, depending on the weather. There are no kitchen facilities at the shelter. We are being asked to bring boxes of cereal and juice, already packed for distribution. We will also bring containers of hearty, homemade soups (from Emmanuel's kitchen and freezer) and large casserole meals in aluminum pans.

Emmanuel will be assigned a specific weekend, and this project will require several people to hustle to the kitchen and pull things together when we get the call. We'll need access to a couple of four-wheel drive vehicles and a team of four to six parishioners who are not afraid to venture out when the weather is bad. They

will deliver the food to the shelter and help serve the guests there. We'll need enough money set aside to stop and buy milk, bananas and eggs to hard boil. We will need two to three teams so that no one person is doing this work for three days in a row.

We will be asked to serve three to four times at most this winter, and it will always be on a weekend. Other large “resource” parishes have also been asked to take their turns in this work.

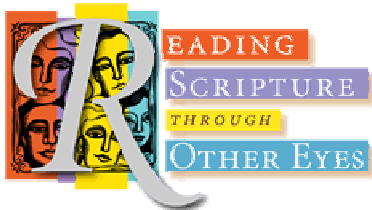
Can we do it? Do we want to do it? We are hearing some affirmative answers. The Caring Committee has been discussing this weather-related idea for a while. The first people to give a definite “we're in” are the children and parents of Emmanuel Preschool. There is interest from the Senior High Youth group, and other brown bag folks.

We would need a planning committee to coordinate this project. We would definitely need someone who cooks better than the Deacon. We have alms from MOE to get started. Clergy and staff are on board.

This is a first effort at a coordinated plan for the homeless in winter weather. The City of St. Louis, the College Church of SLU and Metro Community Churches are joining with us. We would have to be BOLD and COLD in Mission. The roads might be bad, or the weather just might be very cold. We would have to have enough determination to see that no one goes hungry at the shelter on Emmanuel's watch.

Co-chairs Rudy Walz and Jim Groetsch will be holding an informational meeting very soon.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church to be Partner Site for 2011 Trinity Institute - Save the Date!



Emmanuel Church is pleased to offer an opportunity to participate in the **Trinity Institute on Thursday, January 20 and Friday, January 21, 2011**. Please join us for the live, interactive video webcast. We will offer on-site reflection groups using material provided by Trinity Institute.

See below for the themes and speakers for the 2011 Trinity Institute. More information to come!

HOW DO WE READ SCRIPTURE?

Do we read them on our own, deciding what to believe? Do we read them as part of a group, with a similar mindset? Do we read them with a world view? Often in times of change, we find our grounding in reading scripture. But what we read and believe may be different from what someone around the world reads and believes.

Join us where, led by our international panel of distinguished speakers, we will explore the theory and practice of Bible study that is authentic and transformative.

Vestry Vibes

(Vestry Vibes is a regular addition to the Angelus. It is meant as a snapshot from 30,000 feet of what the Vestry is currently working on and key priorities.)

Reflecting on things for which to give thanks, as a member of the “Attract, Integrate and Retain (AIR) Committee”, I am extremely thankful for my Emmanuel brothers and sisters that were instrumental in ‘Attracting’ me to Emmanuel, ‘Integrating’ me into the fabric of life here at Emmanuel, and ‘Retaining’ me in this multi-generational home in Faith, Love and Mission.

It all began in 2003 when Sue Hooker, who worked with my wife, Susan, at the Saint Louis Art Museum, invited us to join her and Paul at a service at Emmanuel. We were greeted by a spirited Mart Mitchell, enjoyed passing the peace, and were touched by the holding of hands during the Lord’s Prayer. We were won over by the nicest man on earth, the Rev. Dr. Warren Crews, and his insightful sermon. Little did we know that was only the beginning of what was in store for us on the journey with Emmanuel.

That very afternoon M.J. Kuhn knocked on the door to deliver homemade bread with a lovely note. That was special! Subsequently, we attended a newcomer’s brunch and Bob Feldmann invited me to join the Eagles softball team. Never mind that Bob failed to tell me there were three other Emmanuel softball teams. Believe me, the cleats were not the only thing that needed dusting off.

In time encouragement was provided by the likes of Bill Cochran, Bob Vogt and Mike McGuire to join the Men of Emmanuel Executive Committee, where I truly relished the opportunity to serve Emmanuel and the community. I developed meaningful relationships through Faith Matters with unique and spiritually gifted people like Donna Erickson, JoAnne Warren and Jennie Wherremeyer. What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas!

Ultimately, I blindly stepped into the big leagues in co-chairing the Every Member Canvas for 2008 with Cheryl Masterman. I was truly blessed with a talented, energetic, and charming co-chair who equally shared the duties and walked the road with me step by step. The entire learning experience paid off and was well worth all the effort. As it goes, success breeds a sequel, and I was humbled when Ian MacBryde asked me to be ‘The Sheriff’ for the Behold Capital Campaign. In the end, over 200 individuals participated in the organization and execution of a very successful building addition, which has won architectural acclaim from the community and which Emmanuel will be able to enjoy for decades.

Of course I was surprised when JoAnne Warren phoned, asking me to be a member of the Nominating Committee, and simply overwhelmed when Clark Hotaling actually ran me down in Atlanta, GA via cell phone to accept a nomination to the Vestry. Looking back, it has been my distinct pleasure to have said yes to the Rev. Hope Benko’s request to serve as Acolyte Master. There is much to be thankful for in this group of dedicated youth as they serve and form future relationships under the spiritual foundation of Emmanuel.

Two Deacons, four Postulants and soon a new Rector later, thanks to my brothers and sisters who accompanied me on this journey at Emmanuel, nothing is more fulfilling than attending a Sunday worship service with my four, soon to be five, granddaughters and giving thanks for God’s many blessings.

Going forward, we each have an opportunity to assist others in beginning their journey at Emmanuel. You don’t have to be a member of the AIR Committee to participate. Just be thankful for those brothers and sisters at Emmanuel that extended that opportunity to you and - invite a friend to church!

Bob Shillito
Vestry Member
Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Alternative Giving Cards

Why let figuring out the right gift for family and friends at Christmas stress you? What each of us is called to do at this time is enjoy Advent, the holidays and think about what the birth of Jesus really means. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE STRESSED!!!** There are alternatives to the frenzy of shopping and giving gifts that often end up in a closet.

Use Emmanuel Cards for Alternative Giving for Christmas! The Gift that Keeps on Giving!!!

The Mission Committee has prepared a new special card for **Alternative Giving** for Christmas. For a donation (\$5.00 minimum) you will receive a card which can be sent to a friend or family member indicating your donation. You designate the organization that will receive the contribution selected from the following ministries:

Donations can be made to:

Education Programs in the Diocese of Lui, Sudan
Emmanuel Cares or the Food Center
Episcopal City Mission
Episcopal Relief and Development Fund
God's Child Project
Habitat for Humanity - St Louis or Redbud
Webster-Rock Hill Ministries
Mission Committee work
- or any ministry you choose.

Cards are available on Sundays during Advent before and between services. This is an easy way to do your shopping while helping those who need help at the same time!

FYI

If you need a ride to Christmas services, please call Deacon Burnell (961-2393) or Bill Wright (968-4457) in advance so they can make arrangements.

The next Eucharist II service of Emmanuel at Laclede will be held on **January 19, 2011** at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel Hall. Please join us if you can.

The College School Wagon Train brought 3,476 items to the Food Center. What a great contribution to the Food Center's efforts to feed the hungry in our midst.

If you have seen a white **English pottery bowl** that was left on a pew on Veteran's Day, please contact Mary Jane Crews at 918-1157. It is very special to her.

A Unique Opportunity

Shopping for Advent and Christmas during Emmanuel night at **Plowsharing Crafts** (139 W. Jefferson in Kirkwood) On Tuesday **December 14, 2010** from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A percentage of the sales for the evening will go to the Mission Committee work of Emmanuel.

Save the date for your shopping!



Community Recognition

Last month at Hawken House, the City of Webster Groves awarded its 2010 Awards of Excellence. There are four categories: 1) Architecture 2) Historic Preservation 3) Landscape Architecture and 3) Craftsmanship. There are two possible awards in each category: Honorable Mention and the Award of Excellence.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church received an Honorable Mention for Architecture and the Award of Excellence for Craftsmanship. Following the presentation, Judge Esley Hamilton said that the judges were very impressed that Emmanuel had noted the various stone designs of all Emmanuel's previous additions and made such a concerted effort to blend our stone with existing facades.

The Award of Excellence in Architecture went to a private home, a century home, with an extensive and elegant addition. We should be very proud of receiving the Honorable Mention. The competition was formidable.

Thanks to Davis Allen for lighting the fire to get our application in for this year, and to Jim Riddle for preparing it in a timely fashion! Well done, everyone! Congratulations to our stone mason, whose efforts produced such wonderful results. This is very gratifying news, indeed. We do have a beautiful project which adds to the beauty and graciousness of our community.

The two beautiful awards are currently on display outside the offices on the second floor.

CLERGY & STAFF

Dan Appleyard, *Priest-in-Charge*
 Pamela Dolan, *Curate*
 Warren E. Crews, *Priest Associate*
 Roderic D. Wiltse, *Priest Associate*
 Burnell T. Esbenshade, *Deacon/Pastoral Associate*
 Maxine McCormick, *Interim Director of Music*
 Kevin Williams, *Christian Formation for Youth*
 Kathy Wright, *Parish Administrator*
 Susie Feldmann, *Staff Assistant*
 Nancy Benz, *Asst. Treasurer*
 Henry Randle, *Part-time Sexton*
 Jill Meyers, *Part-time Sexton*
 Glenn Dunn, *Information Technology*
 Angela MacBryde, *Nursery School*

MINISTRY CHAIRS:

Clark Hotaling, *Senior Warden*
 Margaret DeYoung, *Junior Warden*
 Bill Florent, *Treasurer*
 Mark Jordan, *Finance Committee*
 Suzie Florent & Linda Schuchman, *Altar Guild*
 Jane Emerson & Mimi Shipp, *Archivists*
 Kay Faddis, *Environmental Stewardship*
 John Dolan & David Pluhar, *Facilities Management*
 Diana Beckman, Tricia Copeland
 & Angie MacBryde, *FaithQuest*
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Miss Carol's Brunch at Emmanuel.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

On **Sunday, December 19th**, after the Christmas play, we will host a brunch to honor Carol Bledsoe's life. This will be the 8th anniversary of Carol's death, and we want to keep Carol's memory alive and raise money for a cause she cared deeply about. We will ask for donations to help support the homeless programs of Christ Church Cathedral, where Carol worked. This brunch is in place of the brunch usually done on this date downtown for the homeless.

The Senior High Youth group will put together information about homelessness, specifically in St. Louis. They will also help serve food (as they did when the event was held at the cathedral), and collect hygiene items for the hygiene kits that will be supplied to the cathedral in January.

We hope to sing "The Hymn for Carol" at the service written by William Partridge. We will also share Carol's story, and Bill Bledsoe might do a video for us. We will celebrate the season and make this a festive event.

Casseroles will be made by MJ Kuhn, Mart Mitchell and others. If other participants could bring side dishes, fruit, juice, bagels and bread, that would be wonderful.

Help us honor and remember an amazing woman, while raising money for the homeless programs of the cathedral. If you have questions or want to help, contact Mimi Shipp or Mart Mitchell. If you have a story about Carol you would like to share, contact Kelsey Mitchell at (kem9vf@mail.missouri.edu)

About the Parish Family:

Congratulations to **Clayton and Amy Smith** on the November 15 birth of **Schuyler James**. What a great early Christmas present for big sister **Mary Margaret**...her own live doll!

Gifts To the Food Center: in memory of **Gayle Birdsong, Adele Scharringhausen, and Liz Burst** ; and in celebration of **Rod Wiltse's** 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Gifts To the Senior High Youth Group in celebration of the following birthdays: **Gary Tappana, Sarah Ernsky, and Skip Martin**.

Anniversaries

December 16 – Dale & Pam
Penrose

December 20 Chuck & Grace
Koerner

Congratulations!



About the Parish Family:

The sympathy of the parish is extended to **Susie Skinner** and her family on the November 15 death in Morehead, KY of her brother-in-law **James McCarty**.

We also extend sympathy to **Doris Ferguson** and her family on the death of her sister, **Barbara Reimers**.

We extend the sympathy of the parish to **Mart Mitchell** and her family on the death of her father, **William C. Knight**, whose funeral will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 11 at Emmanuel.

We also extend our sympathy to **Bob and Susie Feldmann** on the death of Bob's mother, **Irene Feldmann**. The funeral will be held on Monday, December 27 at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m.

We extend sympathy to **Kerry Thackery & Kate Brueggemann** on the death of **Robert Eller**, their uncle and great-uncle.

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family of former member, **Annette Beale**, on her death. *May light perpetual shine upon them.*

November Attendance Statistics

| Service Time | 1st Sun. | 2nd Sun. | 3rd Sun | 4th Sun |
|--------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| 8:00 a.m. | 28 | 26 | 23 | 24 |
| 9:00 a.m. | 171 | 164 | 159 | 140 |
| 10:30 a.m. | 120 | 81 | 67 | 62 |
| 5:30 p.m. | 16 | 8 | 9 | 25 |
| EV | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

Avg. Sunday Attendance for November: 282

Avg. Sunday Attendance to date for 2010: 265

Junior High News

Great Job to all who helped serve at the Giving Tree Soup Supper. It was a wonderful way to start the Advent season. We also sold a lot of jams and jellies plus salt and pepper shakers. We will continue to sell them (until there is nothing left) after each service on December 12 and 19. If you can help sell before or after services, please let Phyllis know.

Sunday December 12

Rite 13-10:15-11:15 (Faith)

Operation Brown Bag 11:15 – 11:45 (Service)

Adopt-a-Family Shopping and Christmas Party – Please meet at church at **1:30** and your parents can pick you up at church at **4:30** (Service and Fellowship)

Saturday, December 18

We will be sorting and organizing donations at St. Mary Magdalen Church from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. More details will follow in our email blasts. (Service)

Sunday, December 19

Sell Christmas Crafts – Before the 10 a.m. Christmas Play Service (Service)

Upcoming Information

12/19 Rite 13 Recess

12/26 Rite 13 Recess



Men's Annual Retreat

Emmanuel's annual Men's Retreat is scheduled for **February 4-5, 2011** and will be held again at Todd Hall outside of Columbia, Illinois.

Sign-up for the retreat began on December 5 at church. The Rev. Daniel Appleyard will be the presenter. Costs have not been finalized yet, but it will be \$55.00 or \$60.00. If you need financial assistance in order to attend, please see Dan for arrangements. We need to start registration early in order to give Todd Hall a count by **mid-January**.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

For a complete listing of events, please consult our online calendar at www.emmanuelepiscopal.org

Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 8, 15 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Cherub & Junior Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 8, 15 and 22 at 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

Friday, December 10 and 24 at 7:00 a.m. at Stratton's

Men's Bible Study

Thursday, December 16 & 30 at 7:00 a.m. at Stratton's Restaurant

Music Search Committee Meetings

Wednesday, December 8, 15 and 22 in Room 204

Junior High Holiday Craft Sale

Sunday, December 12 and 19 from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Noonday Brown Bag Club

Thursday, December 9 at noon

MOE Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m.

William C Knight Funeral

Saturday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m.

Junior High Operation Brown Bag

Sunday, December 12 at 11:15 a.m.

Junior High Adopt-a-Family Shopping and Christmas Party

Sunday, December 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, December 13 at 5:45 p.m. in Room 202

Behold Meeting

Monday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 202

Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, December 13 at 7:15 p.m. in Room 202

Caring Ministries Meeting

Monday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Dining Room

Mark your calendars now.

Newsletter DEADLINE

Tuesday, December 14 at noon

MOE Operation Brown Bag

Thursday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee Meeting

Saturday, December 18 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 204

Junior High Service Project

Saturday, December 18 at 9:30 a.m.

FaithQuest Christmas Play

Sunday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m. service

Miss Carol's Brunch

Sunday, December 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 19 after the brunch

Senior High Christmas Party

Sunday, December 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Meeting

Monday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Robert Ard Ordination to the Priesthood

Tuesday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Offices Closed

Friday, December 24
Monday, December 27

Christmas Eve Services

Friday, December 24 at 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Irene Feldmann Funeral

Monday, December 27 at 11:00 a.m. at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church

The prayers of the parish are requested for:

Because the prayer list is so large, we are only able to print half of it in each *Angelus*. PLEASE be assured that if you have put someone on the Intercessory Prayer list, everyone will continue to be prayed for daily by name.

PLEASE keep the office updated on the progress of those you have placed on this list in order that our list remains timely.

Long Term Medical Needs

Grace Koerner, out of town parishioner

Doris Ekstrum, parishioner

Edith Schrautemeier, parishioner

Caroline Birdsall, parishioner

Barbara Rose, parishioner

Jean Weingaertner, parishioner

June Banks, parishioner

Roberta Gehbauer, parishioner

Fran Martin, parishioner

Nan Rimbach, parishioner

Collin Gunn, parishioner

Charlotte Badgley, parishioner

Margaret Clark, Dick's aunt

Felmir Singson, friend of the Dolans

Edna Tappana, Gary's mother

Vernon Burlie, Lissa Johnson's elderly uncle

Ben Schneider, MacBryde's grandson

Ginny Koehler, Robert Ard's grandmother

Annie May Fielder, Roberta's mother

Wylma Teczar, Steve's mother

Recuperating

Maryellen Bell, parishioner

Peg Cooper, parishioner

Randy Dunn, Glenn's brother

Minnie S., mother of Laura Jones' friend

Mark Heaton, Judd & Marie Holt's son-in-law

Rita Dolores, Victoria Hudson's mother

Med Tests/Med Treatment

Carol Greene, parishioner

Laura Jones, parishioner

Donald Rose, parishioner

Bob Meinz, Rudy Walz's partner

Serena Robbins, Sue Smith's future daughter-in-law

Rissa Woodley, Ann McReynolds' aunt

Horst Kunze, Anne Crown's cousin

Stephanie MacEwen, Bron Brennan's sister

Nell Pike, Burnell Esbenshade's mother

Montey Wooley, Charlie Bland's son-in-law

Melanie Schaufert, Eleanor Fletcher's daughter

Joann, friend of Delena Moredock

Micki Jobst, friend of Dexter Schraer

Vickie Brubaker, friend of Tammy Free

Jodie Johnson, Lissa Johnson's mother

Jim Clauss, Lou's brother

Faye Shields, Lynne's mother

Bill Keller, Marilyn's husband

Gary Goosen, MJ Kuhn's cousin

Eve Lowe, Pamela Dolan's step-mother

Bob Rosen, Pam's husband

Call for Communications Talent

Early in the year, the Vestry saw the need to establish a committee to improve our external outreach and to better communicate with the parishioners of the church. One of the outcomes of this assessment was the creation of the Communications Committee. The mission of this committee is to:

- evaluate the external and internal communications of Emmanuel,
- identify areas where improvements could be made, and
- offer its services to committees and units in the church to implement these changes.

We realize that this is a significant ongoing task and are seeking volunteers to assist us. If you have an interest and experience in the areas listed, please contact the respective person:

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Happy Birthday!**December 7**

Ben Lemonds
Gene McKittrick
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December 17

Wylie Crews
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December 9

Marjorie Brueggemann
Jim Devlin
Thomas Hotaling

December 18

Heather Vogt

December 10

Carolie McCarthy
Rick Mitchell
Rod Wiltse
Bill Wright

December 19

Lauren Knapp
Kate MacBryde
John McCreery
John Snyder
Sarah Teczar
Rudy Walz

December 11

Althea Korten Hof
Rick Kuhn

December 20

Nico Floresca
Donald Freeman
Paul Reuter

December 13

Kellie Hornberger
Lisa Liss
Brandon Oliver
Karl Reif

December 21

Christine Remming
Amy Specht

December 14

Judy Collier

December 22

Matt Csolak
Jeff Remming

December 15

Nelle Garrecht
Melissa Patt

December 23

Alexander Cahill
Jameson Howard
David McCarthy
Ed Moredock

December 16

Bekah Phelan
Dylan Smerek

Parish Family Life - Save the Dates

December 19 - Christmas Play and Miss Carol's
Brunch

January 23, 2011 - Annual Parish Meeting

Thanks to the 112 members who cast their ballots to elect Nominating Committee members Mary Jane Crews, Mary Jane Kuhn and Andy Ruhlin. The committee meets on December 18 to prepare for the Vestry elections at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Whooping in St. Louis

On Nov. 18, St. Louis County Dept. of Health issued an alert for Whooping Cough (Pertussis) due to the increased incidence.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Pertussis is a bacterial infection. Both children and adults are susceptible, even in children who have been immunized. There is an adult immunization for people aged 19-59. Symptoms start with a runny nose, sneezing, mild cough and may include a low-grade fever. The cough becomes quite severe and is worse at night. Cough medicine doesn't affect it. Treatment is with antibiotics. This disease is spread by coughing, sneezing, and talking. If left untreated, people may spread Pertussis for weeks. If you or your child has any of these symptoms, it is **VERY** important to **CALL YOUR DOCTOR**. If you are ill, you will be asked to **STAY HOME** until the 6th day after starting antibiotics. (From:co.stlouis.mo./us/doh/)

Monthly Blood Pressure Checks

We are starting monthly blood pressure checks again on the **first Sunday of the month** in the Food Center. Checks will be done after the 9:00 a.m. service.

Katherine Ziegler, RN, Parish Nurse

Music Ministry at Emmanuel

The Christmas season is an exciting time for music at Emmanuel, and this is as true as ever during this time of transition for the music program. We owe a special thanks to Sue Clauss for her leadership of the congregation and choir as she steps into the role of interim organist and choir director.

The Music Director Search Committee (Jen Dunn, John Austin, Jerre Birdsong, Andy Ruhlin, Cynthia Rapp, Peter Tkach, and Eric Dunn) is working with Dan to identify our next leader, and we are currently conducting telephone interviews with an excellent group of candidates selected from more than 25 applicants.

Please contact Jen (jendunn@swbell.net) with any questions about the process, and remember to thank Sue, the Emmanuel choir, and all the members of the 10:30 Ensemble for their creative leadership during this time.

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The next newsletter deadline is **December 14** for the issue to be published on **December 21**. All articles and information should be submitted to Kathy Wright (parishadmin@emmanuelepiscopal.org) in the parish office (by email, if possible). Thank You.

Sunday Worship Schedule and Propers

Child care is available in the new 1st floor nursery (near the Big Bend entrance) from 8:45 a.m. until after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Christian Formation for **all ages** on Sunday

An age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word for children (Children's Chapel) is offered at the 9:00 a.m. service.

8:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist (Rite I)**
9:00 & 10:30 a.m. **Holy Eucharist (Rite II)**
5:30 p.m. **Holy Eucharist (Rite II)**

Propers for December 12, 2010

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:4-9
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Propers for December 19, 2010

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Propers for December 24, 2010

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9: 2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2: 11-14
Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)