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## Deep in Faith

**Rich in Love**

**Bold in Mission**

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## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

In my preparations for our Forum on The Rapture, I reencountered a book entitled, *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear (The Christian Practice of Everyday Life)*. There, Dr. Scott Bader-Saye, an Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics at Scranton University, sets out a lively critique of Christians living in today's world - and he challenges us to live our lives with renewed vision and hope. I was drawn back to his ideas this month because of the anxiety that is so palpable among us as we face an economic crisis, war, the fear of terrorism and the death of people we have loved.

Bader-Saye says that our lives are easily ruled by "apocalyptic fear" rather than divine goodness; and that following Jesus by necessity involves us in risky practices like self-giving love. He suggests that we need courage to "go on" that is fueled by hope in God. We need to receive our lives as gifts poured out by a gracious God who is capable of sustaining us as witnesses to God's peace in the midst of a chaotic, selfish and violent world.

Living in these days of economic crisis and uncertainty, it is easy to be gripped by fear. And yet, Jesus offers us a way of living everyday, and a way of recapturing our sense of feeling safe, by practicing three important virtues: hospitality, peacemaking and generosity. Like this author, I believe that if we can trust in God and be committed to living in a community where we can speak honestly about our fears, we can become the witnesses of hope – witnesses of God's love and care. In fact, I believe that is the central reason that we were formed to be "the church" by Jesus in the first place - to carry hope to the world.

I remember a story about a young woman who was eager to have a baby. One of her friends said to her, "Why are you and your husband so set on having children? You know that the child's life will be filled with suffering and disappointment. You know that the child will cause you heartache and pain. You know there will be times when the child will hate you and you will be very angry at the child. You know there will be terrible pain for the child often in her life. You know that you will die and the child will suffer your loss. You know that the child will die too, perhaps horribly. It doesn't make any sense at all does it?"

The future mother replied, "Even if everything goes badly eventually, it is better to have a chance to live, a chance to love, a chance to give, a chance to receive, a chance to believe. When our children come I will tell them how precious life is: how much they should take from it and how much they must give to it. Above all, I will tell them that it is necessary to hope for their children just as I hoped for them."

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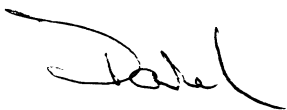
"Hope that they will not suffer and die?" her friend asked. "No," she replied, "hope that they will live with enthusiasm and love. If they live that way, love never ends."

Hope may be difficult for us to maintain, especially when we are surrounded by the kind of anxiety that is swirling around us in our society. Yet, as Professor Bader-Saye reminded me, that is our reason for being a Christian community in this world. That is why we at Emmanuel Church must seek to fulfill the Christian mission of practicing hospitality, encouraging reconciliation, and living lives of generosity - so that the message of hope can be made very real for a community that desperately needs to hear it.

This is important for us to hear in the Season of Advent. For in this of all the seasons of the church year, we are asked to prepare in prayer and worship for the celebration of the birth of Christ – the birth of hope. In our Advent Sundays, we will hear the words of Isaiah and John the Baptist give voice to the promise that God will make straight the crooked. They will declare that we are the ones who need to help God build real reconciling love and peace on earth. In the coming days, the message of the prophets will jog our memories – reminding us and all of humanity that we have choices in the way we live. And choose we must! We can choose to be hopeful in the face of despair. We choose to be that light which will vanquish darkness. We can labor for reconciliation and peace in these days of political conflict and war. And, we can remind everyone we know that life and love will always win out.

In these Advent days, may we choose to “be” the church and to carry the message of hope to a community and a world too often ruled by “apocalyptic fear.”

Faithfully Yours,



Daniel S. Appleyard

## A Reflection from our Pre-K Godly Play Leaders

Andrew and I definitely look forward to seeing you and sharing each Sunday morning with your children. I was recently talking with another preschoolers' mother about how great it is that this group of children will grow up together at Emmanuel. What a special group of kids!

After just a few months of Godly Play, it seems the children have become quite comfortable with the morning routine whether it be greeting one another while waiting patiently for the story to begin, choosing a “project” during the response time, or lining up to return to you. One of the activities they most look forward to is marking where we are on the church calendar. Each Sunday at the start of our time together a different child has a turn to take care of this important task. How exciting is it that our children are beginning to grasp the depth and flow of the church calendar?

It seems their favorite stories so far are those that have taken place in the desert which is an actual sand box where the stories play out in front of them. After the story, the children are invited to “wonder” about the story told. During this time they might share what part of the story was their favorite and usually enjoy pointing to where they see themselves within the story.

In Godly Play, the response time is purposefully left open-ended so the children can process what they have heard in a way that is most comfortable for them. Some choose to create art or construct play dough creations, while others enjoy re-telling God's stories together. The children have begun to share amazing stories of God with one another using the Godly Play materials. Of course, it never fails there are a few children who enjoy using the cleaning supplies to tidy up the room during the response time!

It has been a true gift to see the preschoolers at Emmanuel wonder about God together through the Godly Play curriculum. We look forward to sharing the Advent and Christmas season with your family! Thank you all for the times you have stepped in to help out. If you ever have any questions or want to talk further with us, feel free to get in touch.

Kim & Andrew Bleyer



## ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Alternative Giving Cards

Why let trying to figure out the right gift for family and friends at Christmas stress you? What each of us is supposed to do at this time is enjoy the holiday and think about what the birth of Jesus really means. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE STRESSED!!!** There are alternatives to all the frenzy of shopping and giving gifts that often end up in a closet. Use **Emmanuel Cards for Alternative Giving for Christmas!**

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:

City Streets, Deep Water Wells in the Diocese of Lui, Emmanuel Cares, Emmanuel's 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 will be available on Sundays during Advent before and between services **starting** the first Sunday of Advent, **November 27, 2011**. This is an easy way to do your shopping while helping those who need help at the same time!

#### Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving!!!



O God, grant us a sense of your timing.  
In this season of short days and long nights,  
of grey and white and cold,  
teach us the lessons of beginnings:  
that such waitings and endings may be the starting  
place, a planting of seeds which bring to birth  
what is ready to be born -  
something right and just and different,  
a new song, a deeper relationship, a fuller love -  
in the fullness of your time.

O God, grant us the sense of your timing.  
From *Guerillas of Grace* by Ted Loder

### A Special Evening at Plowsharing Crafts

A good place to do shopping for Advent and Christmas  
is Emmanuel night at  
**Plowsharing Crafts**  
139 W. Jefferson in Kirkwood.  
**Tuesday December 13, 2011**  
**5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

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

Fairly-traded handicrafts from over 40 different  
countries, including items from Asia, Africa, and  
Central and South America, offer the customer a  
special opportunity to purchase quality gifts while  
supporting artisans around the world.



### Charles Peery & the Gateway Ringers to Perform at Emmanuel

On **Sunday, December 11** at 3:00 p.m., the Gateway Ringers will present their annual Christmas Concert at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. The group is directed by Emmanuel's organist, Charles Peery, and is St. Louis's premier community auditioned handbell choir. Made up of sixteen advanced ringers, the group uses five octaves of Malmark handbells and six-plus octaves of chimes, the largest of which are taller than the ringers themselves.

Gateway Ringers have become well-known for innovative yet approachable concerts. This year's Christmas Concert presents well known carols in fresh arrangements plus some holiday music that might be new to you. From a medieval procession to a Mannheim Steamroller tune, you're sure to encounter something that puts you in the spirit of the season! There is no charge for admission. (A free-will offering will be taken.)

## PLANNING AHEAD

### Busy Times For Senior High YOUTH

Like just about everyone else members of the Senior High Youth Group have a lot of things on their calendars at this time of the year. And, as we hope for everyone, a lot of the things have to do with fun—and with service.

J2A on Sunday mornings is focused on seeing the responsibilities we assume on becoming adults in an Episcopalian context and honing our decision-making skills. "Preparing to make decisions ahead of time is one way we can help to make those decisions better," said youth leader Ian MacBryde, "and everyone, seniors to freshmen, can get a head start in this program."



**The Senior High will also have a Christmas party on December 11 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Miss Carol's Brunch** is scheduled for **December 18, following the 10:00 a.m. service** (with Christmas play). and the Senior High members will serve brunch to the parish in honor of parishioner Carol Bledsoe, who died in service to the homeless some years ago. The brunch, which was held at the Cathedral for years, was moved to Emmanuel last year under the leadership of Youth Group alumna Kelsey Mitchell. Watch out for information on how you can honor Carol Bledsoe's service with donations to the homeless.

### Mark Your Calendars.



**Mark Your Calendar!**

Emmanuel's next **Annual Parish Meeting** will be on **Sunday, January 29th.**

**ALL Emmanuel Ministry Leaders:** The next **CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING** will be on **Monday,**

**February 6** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and provide upcoming dates for activities and meetings.

### MOE Retreat 2012

MOE will be holding its annual retreat at Todd Hall on Feb. 3-4, 2012. The subject will be "Episcopal Stuff 101." Dan Appleyard, Warren Crews, and Rod Wiltse will lead our discussion in the areas of worship, history, and mission/social justice. AND, you can submit any questions you want about being Episcopal ahead of time and they will be addressed. Such as, for example: Why do we.....? What does..... mean in the Episcopal church? Are we really Catholic lite? What brought you to Emmanuel? And a whole lot more.

Submit your inquiries to Jim Groetsch. They will be treated with the highest confidentiality, and your name will not be used. Cost will be \$60.00 and includes room for Friday night, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Chapel on Saturday will conclude what promises to be a really stimulating weekend.

For further information, contact Jim Groetsch at 961-6390 or [jgroetsch@earthlink.net](mailto:jgroetsch@earthlink.net).



### 2012 Women's Book Club

Our first 2012 gathering is **January-30** and the book we will discuss is --- *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Tracey Chevalier. The inspiration for *Girl with a Pearl Earring* was a poster of [Johannes Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring](#). Chevalier notes that the "ambiguous look" on the girl's face left the "most lasting impression" on her. She describes the girl's expression "to be a mass of contradictions: innocent yet experienced, joyous yet tearful, full of longing and yet full of loss." She began to think that the girl had directed all these emotions at the painter, and began to think of the "story behind that look".

We meet on Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:30; wine/ water and munchy snacks have become the most popular refreshments. Please join us.

## Emmanuel's Annual Christmas Play

Plans and practice for the Emmanuel Christmas Play, which will take place at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 18, are well under way. If you are between the ages of 4 and 104, you will enjoy the play!

Rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, December 14 from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. **There will be 1 group rehearsal on Saturday, December 17, from 10:00 a.m. until noon.** Young children from age 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade should also attend the Saturday rehearsal from 11:30 – Noon.



## Acolyte Schedule

### December 11, 2011

Jackson Hotaling (Team Captain)  
Creighton DeYoung (1st. Cruc.)  
Charlie DeYoung, Thomas  
Hotaling, Annabel Dolan,  
Claire Hooker, Chloe Hooker  
(Acolytes)

### December 18, 2011

Michael Rich (Team Captain)  
Ryan Rich (1<sup>st</sup>. Cruc.)  
Julianna Crang, Isabella Crang,  
Jameson Howard, Jack Love  
Liz Remming (Acolytes)

### December 24, 2011

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## Coffee-Community Time

We are looking for volunteers to provide the treats and drinks for the Coffee-Community Time on a given Sunday (between the 9 and 10:30 services). A full description of quantities and duties will be provided.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please sign up on the bulletin board near the Food Center, or contact Barb Buck (314-918-0897) or Margaret DeYoung (314-962-8846), who will be coordinating the volunteers.

## Thanksgiving Dinner Thank You

Peg Cooper and I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Dinner here at Emmanuel and made it a great success. This was the second annual Emmanuel Family Thanksgiving Dinner and hope that it continues yearly.

*Chris Kraeger*

## Get In The Holiday Spirit!

Come one, come all to Emmanuel's dining room to help wrap gifts for the children in St. Louis City and St. Louis County Detention Centers and for the children at Lakeside Residential Treatment Center. Unwrapped gifts are collected by Episcopal City Mission from not only our parish but all around the Diocese and then they will be brought to Emmanuel for wrapping.

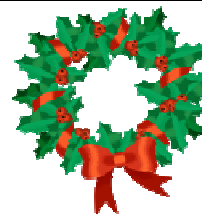
Bring your scissors and tape and a roll of gift wrapping paper, join the fun and feel good about helping these children. You will also have an opportunity to meet the chaplains that help the children and learn about the ministry that we all support. Lunch is served, so come out on **December 19<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – many hands make the work fun and get the job done quickly!

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING



### Hanging of the Greens

Come help prepare the church inside and out with the **Hanging of the Greens!** Stay after the Christmas play on **Sunday December 18, 2011** and help hang the numerous wreaths with their red bows as well as the pine roping. All are welcome to help, but men with ladders are a definite need!



Having helped decorate the church for Christmas makes worship an even more wonderful experience!

### Blue Christmas

At this time of year, for those who are grieving or suffering from a broken relationship, the recent or impending death of a loved one, poor health or perhaps a lost job, Christmas can be a very difficult time. The atmosphere of good cheer can contribute to feeling alone or blue in the midst of the society which seems bent on “being happy.” For those who feel this way it is helpful to know that they are not alone.

To fill this gap churches offer a Blue Christmas service, a Service of Solace or Longest Night. People who are struggling and friends who support them are invited to come and sit with one another in a liturgy that speaks of the love of God for the grieving. This special service makes space for sadness, anger and remembrance as each person prepares their heart for the coming of the Christ Child.

We offer a variety of music, prayers and Scripture as a reminder of God’s presence for those who mourn, and that Christ was born to heal a broken, hurting world. Sitting together in the warmth of the church provides an opportunity for greater knowledge of the One who loves us in sorrow and joy. We learn that even strangers can share life and love. We discover we are not alone.

Join us on **Sunday, December 18** at the 5:30 p.m. for the Blue Christmas service.



### Christmas Service Schedule

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

**December 25** Services at 10:00 a.m.

**December 31** Services at 8:00, 10:00 and 5:30 p.m.

### Christmas Poinsettia delivery

Advent is here and Christmas is fast approaching. Everyone is very busy, but please consider delivering a Christmas Poinsettia.

The Caring Ministries Committee is requesting volunteers for the wonderful task which can be done on Christmas Day (after the 10:00 a.m. service) or anytime after Christmas before New Year’s Eve. Volunteers are needed to deliver the beautiful poinsettias that will adorn the sanctuary as well as the rest of the church for Christmas. These plants will be taken to shut-ins and others on a list that is prepared by the clergy and office staff.

If you would like to participate in this very important ministry of reaching out to fellow Emmanuelites and others, please contact Peg Cooper at 314-821-1012 or [coopermh@slu.edu](mailto:coopermh@slu.edu) by **Monday December 19, 2011**.



**Pamela Dolan** can now be reached at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1166 South Mason Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 or 314-576-5502. Their website is [goodshepherddec.org](http://goodshepherddec.org). We wish Pamela the very best of everything and offer her our prayers of support as she begins her new ministry as the Rector at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

## **Bishop Stephen and Lilian Dokolo Visit Emmanuel Chrism Oil blessed for Baptism**

With the following preface and prayer, on Sunday, November 27th, the Rt. Rev. Stephen Dokolo, Bishop of Lui, South Sudan, blessed the chrism oil that will be placed on the forehead of everybody that will be baptized at Emmanuel for many months to come.

“Dear Friends in Christ: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the creation; and, throughout history, God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, has empowered his people to serve him. As a sign of that gift, the priests and kings of Israel were anointed with oil; and our Lord Jesus was himself anointed with the Holy Spirit at his baptism as the Christ, God's own Messiah. At baptism, Christians are likewise anointed by that same Spirit to empower them for God's service. Let us now set apart this oil to be the sign of that anointing.

Let us pray: Eternal Father, whose blessed Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior and servant of all, we pray you to + consecrate this oil, that those who are sealed with it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.”

Having Stephen and Lilian, his wife, with us on November 27, preaching at 9:00 a.m. service, was a joy and a privilege. It was a time to reconnect with our commitment to our brothers and sisters in our companion Diocese of Lui in the new nation of South Sudan. Through sending parishioners to Lui and through our donations to our "little white churches" for wells and grain mills, Emmanuel has held this global outreach effort as a central priority in its mission work.

Bishop Dokolo and Lilian also spoke at our Forum that Sunday. And, a special "Thanks!" goes to Rick and Mary Jane Kuhn for hosting a wonderful "Open House" for Bishop Dokolo and Lilian at their home that afternoon.



## **Piano News at Emmanuel**

Last summer, Trent Patterson, Chuck Peery and Dan Appleyard began an assessment of the pianos at Emmanuel. Part of that effort was an evaluation of the pianos in the nave and choir room in Rehkopf Hall. Two professional piano service companies were engaged. As reported to the Finance Committee and Vestry, both companies agreed that the Steinway M in the nave (a fine 1920's instrument) would be well worth rebuilding. In addition, it was concluded that the rehearsal piano (a Monarch), needed to be repaired or replaced.

In the midst of these conversations, Jerre Birdsong, who had expressed an interest in making a memorial gift after the death of his wife, offered to support these efforts in memory of Gayle. Another anonymous donor also stepped forward to support this project. The result of the generosity of these two households is that our Steinway piano in the nave was picked up by Murphy Piano Service on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be rebuilt and its mahogany case refinished, and will be returned in August 2012. On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, a used (but immaculately cared for) Yamaha C-1 was delivered as a gift in Memory of Gayle Anderson Birdsong. This Yamaha will be our primary instrument in the nave until the Steinway returns. Then, it will be moved to Rehkopf Hall and will serve as our rehearsal instrument, replacing the Monarch.

These gifts will undoubtedly enhance both the music program at Emmanuel and our worship of God. Both the Yamaha and the Steinway will also make our space more inviting to musicians from our community who wish to hold community concerts at Emmanuel in the future.

## CLERGY & STAFF

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 & Angie MacBryde, *FaithQuest*  
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## About the Parish Family

The sympathy of the parish is extended to **Althea Kortenhof** and her children, **Michael, Betsy, and Amy**, on the death of long-time parishioner **Joseph Michael Kortenhof**. Joe was a founding member and president of the Emmanuel Church Foundation, Counsel to the Vestry for many years, a well-respected attorney, and a true gentleman. A funeral will be held at Emmanuel on Thursday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the dining room. Interment will be at a later date. May light perpetual shine upon him.

We welcome through baptism on December 4 **Annelisse Elizabeth Schiller**, daughter of **Jeane** and **Matt Schiller** and great-niece of new Godmother, **Mary-Margaret Richardson**. Welcome to Christ's flock!

The parish is grateful for gifts to the Food Center in thanksgiving for **Bob Feldmann** and in memory of **Andy Ruhlin**.

The parish is grateful for gifts to the Church Music Fund in memory of **Gayle Anderson Birdsong**.



## Acolyte Schedule December 24, Christmas Eve

### 5:00 PM Service

Team Captain/2nd Crucifer - Blake Kennedy  
 1st Crucifer - Maggie Brennan  
 3rd Crucifer - Creighton DeYoung  
 Book Bearer - Liz Wagon  
 Torch Bearers - Claire Hooker, Chloe Hooker  
 Banner Bearers - Charlie DeYoung, Tom Florent  
 Banner Bearers - Hannah Myers, Julian Appleyard

### 11:00 PM Service

Team Captain/2nd Crucifer - Michael Rich  
 1st Crucifer - Sabrina Walch  
 3rd Crucifer - Jackson Hotaling  
 Book Bearer - Maia Langdon  
 Torch Bearers - Thomas Hotaling, Jack Love  
 Banner Bearers - Juliana Crang, Isabella Crang  
 Banner Bearers - Matt Walch, Ryan Rich

*The prayers of the parish are requested for:*

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

**ARMED FORCES**

**Parishioners: Ethan Allman, Aaron Faust, Nathaniel Baker, Adam Erickson**

David Nierenberg, son of Ann McReynolds' friends  
Stephen Carson, Nan Rimbach's nephew  
Jason Martens, Jen Dunn's brother  
David Benning, nephew of Dorothy Saunders  
Ryan Lehmann-Deming, Sue Hooker's great-nephew

**IN HOSPITAL/MED TESTS & TREATMENT**

**Parishioners: Don Spalt, Carol Greene, Diana Beckman, Warren Druschky, Sue Smith**

Diane Schwab, close friend of Sandy Baker  
McKenzie Morgan, Mary Kay Horton's niece  
Donna Maginn, friend of Dee Margos  
Jackson Mitchell, son of MK Horton's friend  
Dennis Esbenshade, Don's brother  
Melanie Schaufert, Eleanor Fletcher's daughter  
Lisa Sherrill, Fran Sherrill's daughter  
Micki Jobst, friend of Dexter Schraer  
Tinka Clifford, Lisanne Schraer's aunt  
Lois Johnson, Lisanne Schraer's family friend  
Jodie Johnson, Lissa Johnson's mother  
Jim Clauss, Lou's brother  
Gary Goosen, MJ Kuhn's cousin  
Jeanne Heisner, Robert Royer's aunt  
Alice Layton, Tricia Copeland's grandmother

**LONG TERM MEDICAL NEEDS**

**Parishioners: Grace Koerner, Edith Schrautemeier, Roberta Gehbauer, June Banks, Fran Martin, Collin Gunn, Charlotte Badgley, Doris Ekstrum, Caroline Birdsall, Nan Rimbach, Charles Bland, Barbara Rose, Rosemary Vorih**

Rissa Woodley, Ann McReynolds' aunt  
Margaret Clark, Dick's aunt  
Felmir Singson, friend of the Dolans  
Edna Tappana, Gary's mother  
Ben Schneider, MacBryde's grandson  
Ann Neukomm, Mart Mitchell's aunt  
Coline Martines, Michael's mother  
Robert Lindberg, Pamela Dolan's step-father  
Eve Lowe, Pamela Dolan's step-mother  
Annie Mae Fielder, Roberta's mother

Wylma Teczar, Steve's mother

**RECUPERATING**

**Parishioners: Laura Ullman, Rudy Walz, Jeannie Keyes, Nancy Williams**

Bud Benning, Dorothy Saunders' brother-in-law  
El Shelden, Katherine Ziegler's sister  
Matthew Schiller, Mary-Margaret Richardson's nephew  
Jane Evans, Nancy McClary's mother  
Ray Martin, parishioner  
Bill Keller, Marilyn's husband  
Rita Dolores Moore, Victoria Hudson's mother

**SERIOUS ILLNESS**

**Parishioners: Joyce Devlin**

Dickie Priest, friend of Betsy Mackey  
Leigh Tyler, friend of Mark McReynolds  
Linda Ott, friend of Sandy Baker  
John Kohler, friend of Sue & Lou Clauss  
Susan Scherer, Janet Dobbs' sister  
John Musgrave, Diocesan Priest  
Bill Brown, Janet Brown's father  
Douglas Dick, Diana Knapp's cousin  
Carol Zimmer, friend of Audrey Claxton  
Cabe Williamson, friend of Charlie Skinner  
Tammy Stutz & family, friend of Tracy Crews  
Karen Becker, friend of Laura McCord  
Janet Klumpp, friend of Rod & Pat Wiltse  
Bruce Coulton, friend of the Spalts  
Marie Siegmund, Fran Grebel's mother  
Ann Geisert, friend of Margaret DeYoung  
Marty Schmitt, friend of Margaret Rowe  
Louise Ford, friend of MJ Kuhn  
Ellen Baker, Linda Slatin's aunt  
Barbara Hulett, Maryellen Bell's friend  
Paula Coulton, friend of the Spalts  
Charlie Nahlik, friend of Maryellen Bell  
Don Karrer, friend of Becki Jacoby  
Tyler Hayes, nephew of Maureen Northrup  
Amy Simos, friend of Roger Robards  
Alvin Stouffe., Bill Florent's brother-in-law  
Jim Florent, Bill's brother  
Jocelyn Welk, Catherine & Kevin McGrane's niece  
Tom Mullen, Chris Howard's uncle  
Mike Karandief, Chris Knox's family friend



## UPCOMING PARISH BIRTHDAYS

### December 6

KarenAnn Gadel  
Susan Goen  
Abigail Kovac  
Stephen Sanders

### December 7

Gene McKittrick  
Rogene Nelsen

### December 9

Marjorie Brueggemann  
Jim Devlin  
Thomas Hotaling

### December 10

Caroline McCarthy  
Rick Mitchell  
Rod Wiltse  
Bill Wright



### December 11

Althea Kortenhof  
Rick Kuhn

### December 13

Kellie Hornberger  
Lisa Liss  
Brandon Oliver  
Karl Reif

### December 14

Judy Collier

### December 15

Nelle Garrecht  
Melissa Patt

### December 16

Bekah Phelan  
Dylan Smerek

### December 17

Wylie Crews  
Thomas Crown  
Megan Garcia  
Jack Love

### December 19

Lauren Knapp  
Kate MacBryde  
John McCreery  
Sarah Teczar  
Rudy Walz

### December 20

Nico Floresca  
Paul Reuter

### December 21

Christine Remming  
Amy Specht

### December 22

Matt Csolak  
Jeff Remming

### *The prayers of the parish are requested for:*

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

### SPECIAL NEEDS

**Parishioners:: Maryellen McCarthy, Jean Weingaertner, Jean Little, Bob Moore**

Peggy Thacker McCaslin, Kerry Thacker's daughter  
Kathleen McGrane, Kevin McGrane's daughter  
Kim Rickler, Clark Hotaling's sister  
Tony Giglio, Druschkys' great-grandson  
Andy Wiltse, Rod & Pat's son  
Rosemarie Benning, Dorothy Saunders' sister  
Matthew Howard, Chris's brother  
Beka, daughter of Lynne Shields friend  
Iffat Peter, friend of Kathy Wright  
Sue Kohler, friend of Sue & Lou Clauss  
Jeffrey, Sue Smith's grandson  
John Bennyhoff, friend of Toni Cummings  
Pixie & family, friends of Allison Williams  
Nell Pike, Burnell Esbenshade's mother  
Diane Ryberg, friend of Sally Haywood  
Conner Dolan, John's nephew

## Happy Anniversary

**December 16** – Dale & Pam Penrose

**December 20** – Chuck & Grace Koerner

**December 24** – Andy & Lisa Rikand

**December 27** – Duane & Anne Benson

**December 28** – Jim & Rene Howard  
Ed & Delena Moredock  
Karl & Bunny Reif

**December 29** –

Ed & Betsy Lindner  
Bill & Elizabeth Stewart



**Wedding  
Anniversaries**

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete listing of events, please consult our online calendar at [www.emmanuelepiscopal.org](http://www.emmanuelepiscopal.org)

### Morning Prayer

Tuesday, December 6, 13, & 20 at 9:00 a.m.

### Eucharist at Noon

Wednesday, December 7, 14, 21 & 28

### Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday, December 6, 13 and 20 at 9:30 a.m.

### Men's Bible Study at Stratton's Restaurant

Thursday, December 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 7:00 a.m.

### Men's Breakfast at Stratton's Restaurant

Friday, December 9 and 23 at 7:00 a.m.

### Choir Practice

10:30 Service Ensemble at 6:00 p.m.

Cherub Choir at 6:00 p.m.

Junior Choir/Play Practice at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Choir at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec 7, 14 and 21

### AIR Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m.

### Noon Day Operation Brown Bag

Thursday, December 8 at 12:00 p.m.

### Junior High Operation Brown Bag

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

### Junior High Adopt-a-Family Shopping & Party

Sunday, December 11 at 11:45 a.m.

### Senior High Christmas Party (See page 4)

Sunday, December 11 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

### City Streets Cook-in

Sunday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

### Gateway Ringers Concert (See page 3)

Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m.

### Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, December 12 at 5:45 p.m.

### Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m.

### Caring Committee Meeting

Monday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

### Contemplative Prayer

Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m.

### Emmanuel Night at Plowsharing Crafts (pg 3)

Tuesday, December 13 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### Food Center Shopping

Wednesday, December 14 at 5:45 p.m. at Aldi's

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.

### Christmas Play Rehearsal (See page 5)

Saturday, December 17 10:00 a.m. until noon.

### Christmas Play

Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 service

### Miss Carol's Brunch (See page 4)

Sunday, December 18 after the 10:00 service

### Hanging of the Greens (See page 6)

Sunday, December 18 at 12:00 p.m.

### Blue Christmas Service (See page 6)

Sunday, December 18 at 5:30 p.m.

### Vestry Meeting

Monday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

### MOE Operation Brown Bag

Tuesday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m.



### Paper Bags for the Food Center

If you can get some paper shopping bags for the Food Center while you are out and about, it would be very helpful. Drop them off on Sunday or any week day.

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The next newsletter deadline is **December 13** for the issue to be published on **December 20, 2011**. All articles and information should be submitted to Kathy Wright ([parishadmin@emmanuelepiscopal.org](mailto:parishadmin@emmanuelepiscopal.org)) in the parish office (by email, if possible). Thank You.

## Sunday Worship Schedule and Propers

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

Children's Chapel is available during the 9:00 service.

**Regular Service Schedule: 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

**December 18 Schedule: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

**December 24 Schedule: 3:00, 5:00 and 11:00 p.m.**

**December 25 Schedule: 10:00 a.m.**



### Propers for December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28



### Propers for December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26  
Romans 16: 25-27  
Luke 1: 26-38