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314-734-7056.**

Celebrate the Birth of Our Lord

Christmas is close at hand. While we do not want to overshadow Advent with Christmas planning, we do want to make you aware of the many special activities and services that we have planned for you here at Emmanuel in the next few weeks.

- ♦ **Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent**
Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 9:00, & 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Christian Formation for all ages at 10:15 a.m.
(Diocesan Lessons and Carols at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. The Emmanuel Choir will participate. Meet on Emmanuel's lot at 5:15 to carpool.)
- ♦ **Thursday, December 10**
“Blue Christmas” Worship Service at 5:30 p.m. with reception following. (See article on p. 3)
- ♦ **Friday, December 11**
Chili Supper & Caroling Party at 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent**
Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 9:00, & 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Christian Formation for all ages at 10:15 a.m.
- ♦ **Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
(Christian Formation recesses until January 3)
Christmas Play at 10:00 a.m. with reception following
Hanging of the Greens at 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve**
3:00 p.m. Family Eucharist with Special Presentation
of the Gospel, especially for Children (nursery care provided)
5:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon (nursery care provided)
11:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist with Sermon
- ♦ **Friday, December 25, Christmas Day**
10:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist (Rite I) with Sermon and Carols

Each of our worship services offers a rich but different approach to celebrating the birth of our Lord. Consider inviting someone to attend with you. Christmas is a lovely time of year, but it can be a lonely time, too. You might be surprised how many people have nowhere to go on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Make a difference in someone else's life and extend them the hospitality of our parish family with an invitation to worship.





Secrets from the Sacristy: Advent Colors and the Sarum Rite

December is here, and Emmanuel's lovely Advent Wreath is once again suspended above the chancel during the four weeks of Advent. Each of the purple and pink candles will be lit in succession, week by week, until they are replaced by the four white candles of Christmas. We are all comfortable seeing the purple and pink of Advent in various liturgical settings, but have you noticed how some of those once-purple clergy vestments have lost all sense of lavender? Look again this Sunday....they're not purple....they're "Sarum Blue"!

"Sarum" is the abbreviation for *Sarisburyum*, the Latin name for Salisbury, the ancient English town known both for its magnificent cathedral and for the prominence of its bishops and liturgy since the Church of England's earliest days. According to customs developed at Salisbury Cathedral, blue was the proper color for the season of Advent, representing hope, expectation, confidence, and anticipation.

Roman Catholics outside of Britain used purple during both Advent and Lent, since it represented humility, penance, and wisdom derived from inward reflection. Thus, when blue dye became prohibitively expensive to produce during the late-Middle Ages, less wealthy English parishes substituted purple during Advent. This later tradition persisted in the Anglican Church, primarily since it also coincided with Roman rite customs used virtually everywhere else.

After the English Reformation, the Church of England adopted much of the Salisbury Cathedral liturgy. However, since the Book of Common Prayer never dictated liturgical colors, most Anglicans just continued using the more familiar Roman Catholic colors. In recent years, traditional Anglican liturgists have challenged this "custom of convenience," championing the return of "Sarum Blue" to symbolize the proper qualities for Advent.

Thus, Emmanuel joins Episcopal and Anglican parishes throughout the world in returning to the ancient traditions of Sarum, and we're carrying on a long-standing tradition as we mix various old, new, and ancient styles of worship.

Lending a Hand During the Holidays

Christmas Poinsettia Deliveries

Advent is here, Christmas is fast approaching and all of us are very busy; but stop and consider delivering one of the beautiful Poinsettias that will adorn Emmanuel's sanctuary at Christmas. Volunteers are needed to deliver the plants to shut-ins and others on a list that is prepared by the clergy and office staff. The Caring Ministries Committee is coordinating volunteers for this. The plants can be picked up on Saturday, December 26, between 10:00 a.m. and NOON or early the following week between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and should be delivered by New Year's Eve. If you would like to participate in this very important ministry of reaching out to our brothers and sisters, please contact Peg Cooper at 314-821-1012 or coopermh@slu.edu by **Friday December 19, 2009**.

Christmas Eve Transportation

We anticipate requests for transportation assistance to holiday events in December, as well as to the Christmas services. If you would be willing and able to help with this important ministry to the parish, *or if you need help with transportation to Christmas Eve services*, please call Deacons Burnell or Susan at church (961-2393) as soon as possible.

Emmanuel Night at Plowsharing Crafts

Shop for Advent and Christmas on

Emmanuel Night at Plowsharing Crafts

(139 W. Jefferson in Kirkwood)

Tuesday December 15, 2009

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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

Save the date for your shopping!

Peace Meal

Our next date for participation in the Peace Meal program is Saturday, Dec. 19, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church (on Arsenal Street, near Tower Grove Park). We had a very successful turnout last time, with 8 parishioners feeding nearly 50 people! The Peace Meal outreach continues to grow, and we are expecting increased participation for the holidays. If you are interested in joining us again, or for the first time, please contact Kevin McGrane at kjpmcgrane@yahoo.com or call 636-322-1192 or 314-724-3832.

What is “Blue Christmas?”

Some of us are dreading Christmas. Because of the death of a loved one, the pain of broken relationships, economic insecurity or illness, we know that this holiday will be difficult. The familiarity of the music and traditions can cause us to be sad over our loss. We want to be with others but find ourselves neither jolly nor merry. We need light in our darkness. Does that sound familiar?

There will be a **special service at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 10**, to offer encouragement. It is called “Blue Christmas.” There will be a calm opportunity for prayers and scripture, reminding us of God’s love for us. You are invited to come. Perhaps you have a friend or neighbor who would appreciate this opportunity; if so, invite them. The service is appropriate for people of any denomination. After the service there will be a cookie reception and time to talk with others who share your experiences.



Music Notes

Sing Noel!

If you would like to join with the Emmanuel choir and sing for Christmas, this is your invitation. Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in Rehkopf Hall as we prepare for the Sundays in Advent and Christmas Eve. All are welcome; bring a friend!

The Christmas Play is Coming!

As we start planning for all of our family events in December, it is time to plan for the Christmas Play. This year’s play, “People, Look East,” is a wonderful pageant telling the story of Jesus’ birth in word and song. The play will be presented at the 10:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, December 20**. (We combine the 9:00 and 10:30 services that day.)

Here are the important dates to save:

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6:30 to 8:30 pm (Rehearsal)
Saturday, Dec. 19, 10:00 to 12:00 noon (Rehearsal)
Sunday, December 20, 10:00 am service, gather at 9:30

A sign-up sheet is posted on a bulletin board in the dining room. Please use it!

Do note that the children’s choirs will be rehearsing the play music in their regular rehearsals. If you have a child that is interested in the Christmas play, it would be great if they could come to those rehearsals, but it is not absolutely necessary.

There is lots of singing for all ages and speaking parts for both children and adults. Help is needed with prop and costume work, so if you don’t want to appear in the play, you can still participate.

Please call me if you have any questions, 961-2393. Hope to see your name on the sign-up sheet!

—Earl Naylor, Organist
and Choirmaster



Caroling Party & Chili Supper

Mark your calendars for an evening of holiday music, good friends, and fabulous chili at our

annual **CAROLING Party and Chili Supper on Friday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m.** A special treat this year will be **music provided by Steve Schenkel and Ashley Mason**. Many of you have heard Steve and Ashley last year. Steve plays jazz guitar and Ashley is one of the up and coming Jazz singers in the area. They have produced a CD of Christmas music, and will be performing music from that CD. If you go to Steve’s website, www.steveschenkel.com, you can read more about them and listen to some of their music. In addition, our organist/choirmaster **Earl Naylor will lead us in some indoor caroling.**

This year we will include an early sign up on the Big Bend bulletin board and ask that you submit your recipe (if it is not top secret!) so we can have them printed up of recipe cards to share. If chili is not in your recipe repertoire, please consider contributing a dessert or side dish!

VOLUNTEERS are also needed to help in the kitchen and decorate the dining hall. Please contact Kathy Lorino at 962-5908 if you would like to volunteer.

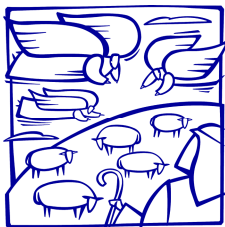
Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday, December 20, following the Christmas Play and Reception, a very important – and enjoyable, part of the preparation for Christmas occurs. The Altar Guild invites you to help decorate the church for Christmas at our festive and fun annual **“Hanging of the Greens”**. Anyone who would like to help just needs to show up, and you’ll be put to work. We need lots of willing hands to make this work. No experience necessary!

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!

This year we're going to be using a special Nativity Liturgy that includes children in the worship in a very participatory way. 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 crèche figures during the service. We also need one or two older children who are very good readers to serve as narrators.



There will be one rehearsal in preparation for this service, on Sunday, December 20, from 11:45 a.m. to noon, in the church. The Hanging of the Greens and the Christmas Play reception will be in full swing, so we'll keep it short and sweet. 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**

Pamela Dolan if you plan to take part or if you have any questions: 314-961-2393 or pdolan@emmanuelepiscopal.org.



Festival Flower and Music Offering

Twice each year, at Christmas and Easter, a special opportunity is made available to the parish for memorial gifts and gifts of thanksgiving.

These gifts enable the Altar Guild to adorn the church with greens and poinsettias for the Christmas services and are used to

underwrite the cost of the special music. An envelope for your Festival Flower and Music Offering is enclosed with this newsletter and will also be available in the pew racks on Sunday. On the envelope, please print clearly in whose memory or for whom the thanksgiving offering is made (please use given names). **A supplement to the worship bulletin listing the names of those memorialized and honored will be distributed at each of our Christmas services.** Because of printing deadlines, we need to receive your envelope by noon on **Monday, December 21.** Envelopes may be placed in the alms basins at any worship service or mailed to the parish office.

Christmas Home Communions

If you or a family member are unable to come to church to participate in the Eucharist during the Christmas season, arrangements can be made for the Holy Communion to be brought to your home, nursing facility, or hospital by one of the clergy.

Please phone the parish office (961-2393) as soon as possible to make arrangements for yourself or a member of your family.

Baptismal Instruction

Tuesday, December 15, will be the next baptismal preparation session. There won't be another session until February 2. If you'd like your child baptized before then, be sure to register for the December class. If you plan to attend, *please contact Susie Feldmann in the parish office by December 11.*



At least one parent must attend an evening session before their child can be baptized at Emmanuel.

Grandparents are also invited; Godparents are strongly encouraged to attend. You don't have to set a baptismal date to come to a session. If you're pregnant or still deciding about baptism, please come to one of these sessions. They are a wonderful opportunity to learn more about baptism, explore raising your child as a Christian, and get to know other parents in the parish.

The sessions begin with dinner at 6 p.m. Childcare will be available. Sessions run about 2½ hours. You need not attend the session closest to your child's baptismal date; choose one that works with your schedule and is prior to the day your child will be baptized.

Upcoming baptismal dates are:

December 27 at 10:00
January 10 at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
February 7 at 9:00 a.m.
February 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Angelus Publication Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 15 (deadline 12/8),
Jan. 5 and 19 (deadlines 12/29 and 1/12)

Articles may be submitted to Angela Bader via email, fax or in the parish office.

Youth News

Senior High News

SASH: Assemble Hygiene Kits for Homeless & Senior High Christmas Party Emmanuel Dining Room

Sun-12/6, 3-5:30pm

We will be assembling personal hygiene kits for our homeless brothers and sisters. We will take these kits to the Cathedral for distribution at Miss Carol's Christmas Breakfast. Collect personal-size hygiene items: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc. PLUS after assembling the hygiene kits, we'll have our annual Christmas Party with gift exchange. Start looking for those crazy \$5 gifts now! PS Note no Worship & Einstein's on 12/6.

*****NOTE DATE & SCHEDULE CHANGE*****

Miss Carol's Christmas Breakfast & Worship Service

Meet at Emmanuel's Parking Lot

Sun-12/13, 7:20am til Noon ...

A very special event that you just can't miss. The Cathedral honors the late Carol Bledsoe of Emmanuel with a Christmas breakfast for the homeless. Carol devoted much of her life working with the homeless. You will serve the homeless and hear their life stories as they hear yours. We'll worship at the Cathedral before returning for pickup at Emmanuel.

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

Be A Stakeholder in Senior High!

And one more thing! We have rolled out this year's edition of SENIOR HIGH STAKEHOLDERS! Shares in Senior High may be purchased for only \$25 per share again this year in the Dining Room on some Sundays. We'll also soon send you electronically the order form so you can easily fill out your order form and drop in the mail. This is an AWESOME Christmas gift for a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle and just about everyone! A beautiful share certificate signed by the active senior high youth group member of your choice! Talk to Dan Herren, Clark Hotaling or Gary Tappana regarding details.

Junior High News

Rite 13 (Faith)

Sundays, December 6 & 13, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Meet in the Undercroft with Jr. High to explore your faith together. Rite 13 will recess for Sunday, Dec. 20 & Dec. 27 and will resume on Sunday, Jan. 3.

Holiday Craft Sale (Service)

Sundays, December 6, 13, and 20

Help sell our handmade Crafts to the Parish before and after services on Dec. 6 & 13 and during the Christmas Play Reception on Dec. 20. We will have a table set up in the dining room.

Operation Brown Bag (Service)

Sunday, December 13, 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Lots of bologna sandwiches to be made—we need your help!

Adopt-a-Family Shopping/Christmas Party (Service & Fellowship)

Sunday, December 13, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Meet at Emmanuel to head off to shop for our family. Please bring \$5-10 to help purchase gifts and food for our family. We will then go to the Holt's for our annual Christmas party. Please bring a wrapped \$5 fun or silly gift for our gift exchange, where you never know what will happen! Parents should plan to pick you up at Emmanuel at 4:30. RSVP to Kevin, Phyllis, or Chris.

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries Adopt-a-Family Program (Service)

Meet at Emmanuel at 9:30 a.m. and we will head to St. Mary Magdalen Church to help sort all the Adopt-a-Family gifts received through the Webster-Rock Hill Ministries program. We will return to Emmanuel by 12:30 p.m. for pickup by parents.



Acolyte Schedule

December 6

Andrew Keyes (TC)
Blake Kennedy
Annie Dolan
Will Brennan
Michael Rich
Kristen Faddis
Maggie Brennan

December 13

Thomas Crown (TC)
Kathryn McGuire
Claire Hooker
Hannah Myers
Anna Martin
Liz Remming
Matt Walch

Nominating Committee Elected; Announces Vestry & Convention Slate

On November 16, paper and electronic ballots were tallied and the parish elected Mark DeYoung, Marie Holt and JoAnne Warren to two-year terms on Emmanuel's Nominating Committee. They joined Chris Clark, Bob Shillito and Kim Tappana, who were serving the final year in their terms on the Committee. At its November 16 meeting, the Vestry appointed Jerre Birdsong, Christy Hogg and Lynn Stephenson to one-year terms. This group of dedicated parish leaders gave up a Saturday to meet on November 21 to put together a slate of nominees to fill Vestry and Convention Delegate positions (to be voted on by the parish at our Annual Meeting on January 24.)

The Nominating Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. and opened with Morning Prayer led by Junior Warden Jen Dunn, and didn't adjourn until 3:00 p.m. The committee followed the nominating procedures, and nominated the following vestry slate (3-year terms): Richard Keyes, Kathy Lorino, Alice Snodgrass and Mark Wright. The committee then nominated the following as delegates to convention: John Hogg to a 3-year term and Brian Stephenson to fill Sandy Parks' unexpired 2-year term. (Sandy and her family will be moving to Portland, OR in early December; we'll miss the Parks family!) Anne Crown and Kevin McGrane were nominated for 1-year terms as alternate delegates. Biographical information about those nominated to the slate will be included in the January 5 newsletter.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee and Junior Warden for their hard work; we are also grateful to those who have been nominated for agreeing to stand for election to serve the parish as Vestry members and Convention Delegates.

—Angela Bader, Parish Administrator

Emmanuel Christmas Cards

Emmanuel's Christmas Cards are available in the dining room after all services in Advent. There are two styles - one of the altar at Christmas and one of the font surrounded by poinsettias. **Cards are 10 for \$15.** Proceeds go to support activities of the Missions Committee. **Sale is on all Sundays of Advent.**

Alternative Giving for Christmas

Can't think of what to buy that person who has everything? Take the stress out of gift-giving this year – use Alternative Giving Cards! The Missions Committee has prepared special cards for Alternative Giving for Christmas. For a donation (\$5.00 minimum) you will receive a card which you can send to a friend or family member indicating your donation. You designate the organization to receive from a variety of worthwhile causes such as deep water wells in the Diocese of Lui, the Emmanuel Emergency Food Center, Episcopal City Mission, Episcopal Relief and Development Fund, God's Child Project, Habitat for Humanity (St. Louis or Rosebud, SD), Heifer Project International, Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. Multiple cards for multiple organizations are available and encouraged!!!

Cards will be available on Sundays during Advent before and between the morning services.



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; choose Emmanuel Alternative Giving Cards for Christmas!

Every Member Canvass Update

This year's Every Member Canvass will soon be winding down. We are grateful to all of you who have so generously responded by turning in a pledge card. **Every pledge – no matter how large or small, is important to our being able to carry out the ministry entrusted to us.**

For those 25% of you who have not yet responded to this year's EMC, we encourage you to please do so as soon as possible. Our Vestry members will continue to make follow-up phone calls in the coming weeks to those we have not yet heard from. In the next couple of weeks, our Finance Committee will begin finalizing an operating budget for 2010, and your pledge will help them to do that difficult work. **Pledge cards are available in the pew racks** at church and can be dropped in the alms basins on Sunday morning or mailed to the parish office. You may also email or call me with your pledge if that is easier (961-2393 or abader@emmanuelepiscopal.org). On behalf of the parish – its staff, programs and ministries – thank you for prayerfully considering your 2010 pledge.



Stewardship Corner:

"Whatever gift each of you have received, use it in service to one another, like good stewards dispensing the grace of God in its varied forms." (1 Peter 4:10)



Parish Nurse Notes: Practice Healthy Habits During Flu Season!

If you are sick, stay home! If you have flu-like symptoms (fever with cough or sore throat), stay home for at least 24 hours after you are free of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

If your children are sick, keep them home, too! Children are more vulnerable to the 2009 H1N1 strain than to other commonly circulating flu viruses. It is now the predominant strain around the world. Children should also stay home for *at least* 24 hours after they are free of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Cover your cough! Cover your mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you are finished, and immediately wash your hands or use an alcohol hand sanitizing gel (60% or higher alcohol content). **Cough or sneeze into the crook of your elbow** if no tissue is available.

Wash your hands. Wash them frequently. Use soap and water. Lather up well, and sing “the alphabet song”(once) or “row-row-row your boat” (three times) to yourself, to make sure you wash them long enough. Use friction, rinse well, then dry well.

Good hand hygiene is one of the best defenses against getting or spreading any form of influenza. As stated above, a gel hand sanitizer is also effective.

Get immunized. Get both the seasonal flu vaccine, and the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine, if recommended (see below for more info on most vulnerable groups).

Try to avoid close contact with sick people. Visit by phone, or take extra precautions.

—Susan Naylor, Deacon and
Parish Nurse

The Emergency Food Center
item for December is

Canned Soup

Please give generously!

College School and Thanksgiving Day Ingathering Support Food Center

It was a wonderful day when The College School students pulled their red wagons from the school, located several blocks east on Big Bend, to Emmanuel with 3,890 cans of food for Emmanuel's Emergency Food Center!

The children were accompanied by teachers, parents and a minivan filled with food. As they arrived the children passed the cans of food like a water-bucket brigade, one to the other, until all 3,890 cans were in the dining room. More than twenty Emmanuel members helped organize the food by category and then took the cans into the Food Center to shelve.

The enthusiasm of the children is wonderful to see, and parents and adults are caught up with this tradition of feeding the hungry. As the children sat on the church steps waiting for the final count of cans, I talked to one mother who told me her 2nd Grade daughter woke up the previous morning, as excited as though it was Christmas, and shouted “It's Wagon Train Day” and was a bit disappointed to find it was the following day. The mother then told me that on the correct day, her daughter was up and dressed for school by 6:30 a.m.

The Thanksgiving Day service at Emmanuel, where we are joined by our friends from Christ Lutheran Church, brings another outpouring of gifts of food for the Center. Checks are very much appreciated, too, as all the cans of food are given out by the end of February. This year's cash gifts totaled \$917. Everyone who reads this knows there are people in our area having financial problems, and the Food Center is a place where we try to fulfill our mission to help feed the hungry. On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your generosity. Please remember that hunger never takes a holiday; support our Food Center year round.

Food Center Needs Grocery Bags

If you take reusable, cloth bags to the grocery store, good for you! However, our Emergency Food Center still needs paper bags for packing clients' groceries. (Plastic bags that have been previously used do not work very well.) Please do ask for paper from time to time and recycle them by bringing them to the Food Center. Since we are distributing more food, we need more bags!

Ann Bain, Food Center Chairman

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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



Free blood pressure screenings

Sunday, December 6, between all morning services

Junior High Holiday Craft Sales:

Sundays during Advent, while supplies last!

Sunday at Senior High

Sunday, December 6, at 3:00 p.m.

Diocesan Lessons and Carols

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

Ministry Chairs & Staff Christmas Party

Monday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m.



Noonday Brown Bag Club

Thursday, December 10, at 12 noon

Blue Christmas

Thursday, December 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.



Chili Supper and Caroling

Friday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Sign up asap and turn in your chili recipe, please. See you there!

Senior High to Miss Carol's Brunch

Sunday, December 13, at 7:30 a.m.

Junior High Operation Brown Bag

Sunday, December 13, at 11:15 a.m.



Junior High Adopt-a-Family Shopping and Christmas Party

Sunday, December 13, at 1:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Night at Plowsharing Crafts

Tuesday, December 15, from 6:00 p.m.

Men of Emmanuel Operation Brown Bag

Thursday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m.

Pamela Dolan's Ordination

Friday, December 18, at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral



Christmas Play and Reception

Sunday, December 20, at 10:00 a.m.

Save the Date:

Senior High Alumni Party

Former members of Emmanuel's Senior High Youth Group will soon receive an invitation to a party on **Sunday, January 3, at 1:00 p.m.**

Legislation Extends Tax-Free Gifts from IRAs

Congress recently extended the ability to **make qualified distributions totaling up to \$100,000 per year from a traditional individual retirement account (IRA) or Roth IRA to qualified charities through 2009 without including the distribution in your income.** You may find the following information helpful in your gift and tax planning:

- The gift must be distributed **directly** from your IRA administrator to a qualified charity, such as Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Contact Nancy Benz in the parish office for more information about how to do this.
- You must be **at least 70 ½ years of age** when the qualified charitable distribution is made.
- Through 2009, you may make tax-free transfers from your IRA to a charity totaling up to \$100,000 in each year. You may give to more than one charity as long as your total IRA charitable rollover gifts during the same year do not exceed the \$100,000 limitation. **If you are married**, your spouse may also be eligible to make such gifts up

to \$100,000 from her/his own IRA.

- A gift from your IRA counts towards your minimum annual distribution requirement.
- **The distribution is excluded from your income.** Although you cannot deduct the gift on your income tax return, the distribution is not reported as income so there is no adverse income tax effect.
- IRA assets may not be used to fund a gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, a donor advised fund, or private foundation.
- This law applies only to IRA accounts (either traditional or Roth). Other plans, including 401(k) or 403(b) plans, do not qualify.
- Although this distribution is excluded from income for federal income tax purposes, you will want to check on your state law to determine if the distribution amount may still be included for state income tax purposes.

Be sure you discuss this with your tax and legal advisors.



Diocese of Missouri

By the Grace of God
and with the Consent of the People

The Right Reverend George Wayne Smith
Bishop of Missouri

will ordain

Pamela Elisabeth Dolan

to the Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

Friday, the eighteenth of December
Two Thousand and Nine
at six o'clock in the evening

at Christ Church Cathedral
1210 Locust Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Your Prayers and Presence are Joyfully Requested

Clergy: Red Stoles

Reception to follow in the Cathedral's
Guernsey Room



Come One, Come All!

Epiphany Celebration
Sunday, January 3
5:30 - 8:30pm

5:30 – Kid-friendly Service

6:15 – Dinner with Kid's menu and King's Cake

7:00– Musical Program, Earl Naylor

Children's Activities, Pamela Dolan

7:45 – Burning of the Greens, Jones Hall Lawn

Gift Parade for the Baby Jesus

(bring baby food, diapers, baby wipes for
the Food Center)

Cost: \$5 adults; \$3 Children (3-12); under 3 free
\$15 family max

More Info: Contact Rudy Walz 314-477-8256
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November Attendance Statistics

Service Time	1st Sun.	2nd Sun.	3rd. Sun	4th Sun.	5th Sun.
8:00 a.m.	30	28	21	23	25
9:00 a.m.	143	144	158	143	125
10:30 a.m.	113	133	60	101	69
5:30 p.m.	25	17	26	15	30
Ext. Altar Rail	2	5	2	4	4
Total	313	327	267	286	253

Avg. Sunday Attendance for November: 289

The prayers of the parish are requested for:**Change in Angelus Prayer List**

We are continuing with the change in the way the Prayer List is printed in the Angelus. Because it is so large, half of it will be printed in one edition and the other half will be printed in the next edition. PLEASE be assured that if you have put someone on the Intercessory Prayer list, everyone will continue to be prayed for daily, by name. The prayers will not change, only what is printed in the Angelus.

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

Serious Illness

Edith Pemberton, friend of Nancy Williams
 Susan Scherer, Janet Dobbs' sister
 John Kohler, friend of Sue & Lou Clauss
 Dickie Priest, friend of Betsy Mackey
 Leigh Tyler, friend of Mark McReynolds
 Whitney, daughter of Chris Wagnon's friend
 Matt Wickenhauser, friend of Nancy McClary
 Bill Brown, Janet Brown's father
 Frances Coleman, friend of K. & B. Brennan
 JoAnne Drew, former parishioner
 Karen Erickson, Donna's sister-in-law
 Jocelyn Welk, Catherine & Kevin McGrane's niece
 David Amos, friend of Glenn Dunn
 Patricia Jackson, Dee Margos' friend
 Katie Stueye, Druschkys' granddaughter
 Ted Custer, friend of Nancy McClary
 Barb Rimbach, Nan's aunt
 Mark Sutherland, Nelle Garrecht's nephew
 Chris Keller, friend of Susie Feldmann
 Logan, son of Ann McReynolds' friend
 Marty Schmitt, friend of Margaret Rowe
 Phyl Corbet, friend of Nancy Williams
 Judy Cheatham, friend of Martha LaFata
 Roger Wakefield, Sharon Prah's uncle
 Joe Faul, Susan Naylor's uncle
 Sherry Owen, MJ Kuhn's cousin
 Tuula Kunze, Ann Crown's cousin
 Ramona Rice, Susan Naylor's mother

Recuperating

Tina & Rhys Cooley, friends of Hillary Perkins
 Candy Stallings, Glenn Dunn's neighbor

Mark Heaton, Judd & Marie Holt's son-in-law
 Cheryl Johnson, friend of Nancy McClary
 Earl Haywood, Sally's father
 Maeve Kelly, friend of Ann McReynolds
 Hugh Rogers, friend of Bob & MJ Schnitker
 Benjamin Miller, Mike & Heidi Clark's nephew
 Laura Green Lageson, friend of Davis Allen

In Hospital/Med Tests/Med Treatment

Luther Clauss, Lou's Dad
 Jesse Kuebler, per Zieglers
 Mary Beth Gable, friend of Kuhns
 Carol Greene, parishioner
 Maurice Williams, Kevin's father
 Gay Reese, parishioner
 June Payne, Mary Kay Horton's sister
 Vickie Brubaker, friend of Tammy Free
 Jennifer Lynch, former student of Lynne Shields
 Gayle Birdsong, parishioner
 Doug Hickman, Laura Jones' brother
 Rowena Haywood, Sally's mother
 Stephanie MacEwen, Bron Brennan's sister
 Gary Goosen, MJ Kuhn's cousin
 Melanie Schaufert, Eleanor Fletcher's daughter
 Mike Miller, Maryjane Hotaling's brother
 Jodie Johnson, Lissa Johnson's mother
 Serena Robbins, Sue Smith's future daughter-in-law
 Joann, friend of Delena Moredock
 Karol English, Trudy Appel's daughter
 Anne Hope, Laura Jones's cousin
 David Moody, friend of Rick & MJ Kuhn
 Sheila Moseley, parishioner
 Ann Williams, Kevin's mother
 Adele Scharringhausen, Phyllis Newcomb's grandmother

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health:

Comfort and relieve your servants who suffer from illness, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs that your servants may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-- Book of Common Prayer (p. 459)

About the Parish Family

The parish rejoices with **Andrew Shipp and Lisa Leonard**, who were united in marriage at Emmanuel's altar on November 28. *Congratulations, Andrew and Lisa!*

The sympathy of the parish is extended to **Don and Kathy Lorino** on the November 5 death of Kathy's father, **William Hughes**; and to **Jim and Toni Cummings** on the November 14 death of Jim's father, **James Cummings, Sr.** The parish was also very saddened to learn of the death of **the Rev. Irene Jones** on November 25. Irene served as an intern at Emmanuel several years ago. Her funeral was held at the parish of St. Michael and St. George on Monday, November 30. *May the faithful departed rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them.*

The Emmanuel Church Foundation is grateful for a gift received in memory of **Robert Benson Skinner III and the Rev. Robert B. Skinner**, and in thanksgiving for **Robert, Sarah, Ellie and Charlie Skinner**.



December 6

KarenAnn Gadel
Abigail Kovac
Steve Sanders

December 7

Gene McKittrick
Rogene Nelsen

December 9

Jim Devlin
Thomas Hotaling
Nicholas Masterman

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

December 16

Becky Phelan
Dylan Smerek

December 17

Wylie Crews
Thomas Crown
Jack Love
Sharon McDonald

December 18

Heather Vogt

December 19

Benjamin Danis
Lauren Knapp
Katie MacBryde
John McCreery
John Snyder
Sarah Teczar
Rudy Walz

Happy Anniversary to:



Sheila Moseley-Perry & Ray Perry—Dec. 10
Dale and Pam Penrose—December 16
Chuck and Grace Koerner—December 20



Copenhagen Climate Summit, December 7 – 18

This month, a top UN official “predicted success for a framework accord, including specific reduction targets from the United States, the only hold-out among industrialized nations, with a formal treaty to follow within six months.” If you want to following along with the Copenhagen happenings, the UN News Service has a website, www.un.org. FYI, Emmanuel actually has a UN connection. The Rev. Dan Appleyard, is Chair of the the Advisory Council to the Anglican Observer at the United Nations. As he put it, he has been appointed as the “eyes and ears,” for the UN!

The Environmental Stewardship Committee

Save the Date: Trinity Institute Web Conference, January 28-29

Emmanuel will present Trinity Institute's 40th annual conference, *Building an Ethical Economy: Theology and the Marketplace*, on via video web link. Registration info. will be in the next newsletter; participants from all faith traditions are welcomed. For more info. go to www.trinitywallstreet.org/institute

The conference will bring together leading theologians and economists to talk about the relationship between economics and Christian belief and action. Scheduled to appear are **Rowan Williams**, the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury and head of the Anglican Communion; **Sir Partha Dasgupta**, Professor of Economics, University of Cambridge and **Kathryn Tanner**, Professor of Theology, University of Chicago Divinity School.

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Sunday Worship Schedule and Propers

December 6, 2009

The Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist** (Traditional, Rite I)
*Child care is available in the upstairs nursery
from 8:45 a.m. until after the 10:30 service.*
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist** (Rite II) with the
Emmanuel Choir & Children's Chapel
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and Announcements in the
Dining Room**
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist** (Informal Rite II) with
the Emmanuel Ensemble & Holy Baptism
- 10:30 a.m. Christian Formation for all ages:**
Church School (ages 3 to high school)
Adult Forum: All Parish Conference &
FaithQuest mission trip report
Bible Study led by Dr. Ron Crown
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist** (Rite II)

Propers:

Baruch 5:1-9
Canticle 4 or 16
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 13, 2009

The Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist** (Traditional, Rite I)
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from 8:45 a.m. until after the 10:30 service.*
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist** (Rite II) with the
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Church School (ages 3 to high school)
Adult Forum: Evolution of Christmas
Bible Study led by Dr. Ron Crown
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist** (Rite II)

Propers:

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Canticle 9
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18