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VESTRY VITALS

The vestry met on Monday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. and had a full agenda. As usual, we began with a reflection by a vestry member. Karl Reif read a very moving tribute to our dear friend Andy Ruhlin. Karl talked about Andy's many gifts, his devotion to the church, his service in so many capacities over the years, and the joy and inspiration Andy brought to so many lives. "If there were an Emmanuel Hall of Fame," Karl wrote, "Andy would be in on the first ballot." With Karl speaking, you knew a baseball metaphor was not far behind. Dan Appleyard asked that Karl's tribute be amended to the vestry minutes to be made a part of the permanent record.

With some difficulty, we moved on to other matters. Bill Florent updated us on the church's financial situation, which is that we are remain basically on budget for the year. He also reviewed the status of the Behold campaign, which is also doing quite well, with 92% of pledges having been received. Efforts continue to collect the outstanding pledges. Based on a recommendation from the Behold and Finance Committees, Bill reported that we are exploring paying down some of the loan from the Diocese and investigating the possibility of restructuring the loan balance for better terms.

Clark Hotaling, who, along with Jerre Birdsong and Allison Williams, is heading up the upcoming Fall Campaign, reported on their progress. The Fall Campaign will be a season of stewardship, with an Adult Forum on September 25th, a dinner you won't want to miss on October 8th, sermons by some lay people, as well as by Pamela and Dan, culminating with the in-gathering of our pledges on October 23rd at a joint 10:00 a.m. service. The vestry is deeply committed to this campaign and hopes everyone can participate as fully as possible in this time of stewardship as we reflect on the many ways God blesses each one of us abundantly and every day.

We also discussed subjects like the new Community Time between the 9:00 o'clock service and the 10:30 service, which has been very well received. Don't forget to come spend twenty minutes or so each Sunday catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. We also discussed potential new revenue sources, upcoming relief efforts in Joplin, and the best ways to do announcements on Sunday. We heard from our delegates on what's going on at Metro III, and the Junior Warden updated the vestry on the upcoming nomination process. We also discussed how to make good use of our facilities for outside groups, welcoming those from outside our Emmanuel community while protecting what has been entrusted to us.

Following reports on plans by the Facilities Management Committee to have our steeple painted, we accepted reports by title, and adjourned with prayer. As always, it's a powerful experience to watch so many dedicated, capable people share so openly and willingly of their time and talents.

Jerry Cooper



September 20, 2011

Dear Parishioner,

As we prepare to launch this year's Every Member Canvass and the critical work to ensure operating dollars are available to support our Emmanuel community and mission, we are reminded that we are all called upon to do God's work. All that we do here at this wonderful place we call Emmanuel is done with grateful hearts and in service to God. In that spirit, this year's canvass has been named "**Blessed: abundantly, everyday**".

On **Sunday, September 25**, please join us at Adult Forum where we will explore – together – what "Blessed: abundantly, everyday" means to members of the Emmanuel community.

We invite you to a fun-filled dinner on **Saturday, October 8** at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate all that we have and all that we offer. Please contact Clark Hotaling at 314-918-8561 if you need to purchase a ticket. Your vestry will serve a delicious meal, we will be treated to musical entertainment, and childcare (and a kid-friendly dinner!) will be provided.

On **Sunday, October 9** (yes, the next day), you will hear from 3 Parishioners that will deliver the sermon at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. They will share what Blessed Abundance here at Emmanuel means to them.

The following **Sunday, October 16**, Dan's homily will focus on stewardship.

Finally, on **Sunday, October 23**, we will have a **combined service at 10:00**. Pamela will deliver the sermon, followed by our Ingathering –bringing pledge cards to the altar during the service, concluding our season of stewardship and beginning our preparation for the year ahead. After the service everyone is encouraged to join in the dining room for refreshments and fellowship.

We invite everyone to take the opportunity to participate fully in this season of stewardship, much as we do during Christmas, Lent, and Easter. This is the season to reflect on all God has given to each of us, to recognize that we are the hands and feet of Christ in this world, and that the dollars we pledge are a large part of what enables Emmanuel to do the work it does and to be the place we love—this place and these people that are "**Blessed: abundantly, everyday!**"

Peace,

Jerre Birdsong, Clark Hotaling and Allison Williams
Every Member Canvass Chairs 2011

Please take the time to contemplate and discuss and decide as a family what your response to this year's Every Member Canvass will be.

Acolyte Schedule

October 2, 2011

Margaret Brennan (Team Captain)
Elizabeth Remming (1st. Cruc.)
Thomas Florent, Charles DeYoung,
Jameson Howard, Jack Love,
Hannah Meyers (Acolytes)

October 9, 2011

Elizabeth Wagnon (Team Captain)
Annabel Dolan (1st. Cruc.)
Julian Appleyard, Isabelle
Appleyard, Creighton DeYoung,
Maia Langdon, Clio Langdon
(Acolytes)

October 16, 2011

Blake Kennedy (Team Captain)
Sabrina Walch (1st. Cruc.)
Matthew Walch, Michael Rich,
Ryan Rich, Claire Hooker, Chloe
Hooker (Acolytes)

Junior High Youth

Rummage Sale Success

Wow! A big thank you goes out to all that helped with the Boot Sale on Saturday – and that was many, many of you!! Your collective efforts netted the mission groups over \$4500 of which Junior High will receive approximately \$1150. Everyone's generous donation of time and treasures helped to make this a big success.

Bravo!

Sunday, October 2

Rite 13: 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. (Faith)

Sunday, October 9

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and

Day Trip to Innsbrook - 2:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (Fellowship)

Contrary to what the calendar says, this will be day of our trip. There will be more details to follow in an email blast, but we are grateful to the Clarks for sharing their home with us. We can enjoy the fall weather in this beautiful setting and we'll be having campfire-type food. Please RSVP to Phyllis Newcomb at brettnewcomb@sbcglobal.net or 961-7859.

Sunday, October 16

Rite 13 and Brown Bag

10:30 a.m. – 11:15a.m. (Faith)

11:15 a.m. – 11:45a.m. (Service) Brown Bag

and

Jam and Craft Making Session

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

We'll be making Jellies and Jams to sell as holiday presents. But don't worry - if you aren't a chef, there will be some crafts for you to work on. Remember all the profits from these sales go toward our mission trip to Heifer.

SHOP with Benefits

A new way to shop!

The Vestry's Increase Revenue Committee has created a way to shop with benefits. A percentage of the purchases that you make will go to benefit the Emmanuel Church operating fund. How does this work? Well, we have made an arrangement with Concordia Publishing House Bookstore for Emmanuel Parish to benefit from all purchases made at their store, using a special coupon (which will be available October 16).

In addition you will get **\$5.00 off** your total purchase. The coupon will be valid only during the week beginning October 24th and will expire after the store closes on Saturday, Oct 29th. Additional coupons can be obtained at the church office.

On Sunday, October 16 the manager of the bookstore will be at Adult Forum to tell us about the many books and **gift items** they have for sale. The store is quite large so be prepared to do a lot of browsing. Happy shopping! **And remember to shop with benefits!**

Concordia Publishing House Bookstore
3558 South Jefferson Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63118-3910
(314) 268-1268

The bookstore is open Weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Core Values Of Emmanuel Episcopal Church:

The worship experience at Emmanuel enriches and enhances our sense of community through excellence of music and preaching.

Emmanuel embraces the opportunity to serve the larger community through human and financial resources.

St Francis Blessing of the Animals

We don't believe in reincarnation, but my husband and I often joke that when we die we want to come back as one of his sister's dogs. She just treats them so well--they ride in her car, sleep on her couch, get long walks every day and tons of affection (not to mention a regular diet of yummy treats). What a life! In return, of course, her pets (she currently has two cats and an aquarium full of fish as well as a dog) provide steadfast love, unwavering loyalty, and companionship without preconditions. Oh, and a few sloppy kisses now and then.

On Sunday, October 2, we will celebrate the feast of St. Francis by including an Animal Blessing in the 5:30 service. If the weather cooperates, we'll meet outside in the memorial garden and hold the entire service there. You are invited to bring your furry (or feathered or scaly) friends to receive a blessing, as long as they are appropriately restrained. We will have a few dog and cat treats on hand to help keep everyone on their best behavior.

The parenting formation event (appropriately, a viewing and discussion of the film *Mother Nature's Child*) is taking place after the service, so if you want to do both things that night just be sure to plan ahead in terms of getting your pet home.

The life of St. Francis is just too rich and complex to delve into in any detail here, and many of the stories about him are already well-known, such as the tales about him preaching to the birds and taming a ferocious wolf. The online version of the Catholic Encyclopedia has a long article that might interest church history buffs. It also makes a truly important point, a kind of tonic to those who tire of the way Francis is sentimentalized up to and beyond the point of absurdity: he was a mystic, and a person of strict spiritual discipline, not just some simpleminded tree hugger (not that I have anything against tree huggers!). Or, as they put it:

“Francis's love of creatures was not simply the offspring of a soft or sentimental disposition; it arose rather from that deep and abiding sense of the presence of God, which underlay all he said and did. Even so, Francis's habitual cheerfulness was not that of a careless nature, or of one untouched by sorrow. [...] *Francis's lightsomeness had its source in that entire surrender of everything present and passing, in which he had found the interior liberty of the children of God*; it drew its strength from his intimate union with Jesus in the Holy Communion.”

It's interesting to think that a person who was able to “surrender everything present and passing” was also so deeply drawn to and in tune with the wonders of Creation. Not only that, but how many of us think of mystics as being notable for their cheerfulness? In Francis' case, it makes one wonder if there's something about surrender and a pure focus on God that frees a person from unnecessary anxiety. “Consider the lilies of the field,” indeed.

I hope that during this beautiful season of autumn will we all find some time to appreciate the beauty and wonder of creation, whether in our pets, in the falling leaves, or in one another.

Blessings,
Pamela+

Pizza and a Movie: Watch and Discuss *Mother Nature's Child*

As the kickoff **Parenting Formation** event for Fall 2011, we'll screen and discuss a documentary that should be of vital interest to all parents, grandparents, and anyone who cares about children: *Mother Nature's Child*. Following the 5:30 pm service on **Sunday, October 2**, we'll have pizza while we watch the film, followed by a moderated discussion. The whole thing should run from roughly **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

[*Mother Nature's Child*](#) explores nature's powerful role in children's health and development through the experience of toddlers, children in middle childhood and adolescents. The film marks a moment in time when a living generation can still recall childhoods of free play outdoors; this will not be true for most children growing up today. The effects of "[nature deficit disorder](#)" are now being noted across the country in epidemics of child obesity, attention disorders, and depression.

We're celebrating St. Francis Day at the 5:30 service that day so it will be very family friendly! Child care will be available during the movie, as needed. Please RSVP to Jen Marcus (jennifer.marcus@gmail.com) so we can get a count for pizza and child care.



COMMUNITY TIME

Emmanuel has begun a new fellowship opportunity following the 9:00 a.m. service and before the start of the 10:30 a.m. service. We are serving Fair Trade coffee and some wonderful treats in the dining room each Sunday.

Everyone, including children, is encouraged to stop by and spend twenty minutes or so catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

Children are not only welcome, parents are encouraged to bring them. They will have their own corner set aside with pre-packaged treats from FaithQuest.

Emmanuel is a warm and wonderful place. We want this time to become a part of everyone's Sunday church routine. See you there on Sunday!

Parenting Formation at Emmanuel

Book Group: Read and Discuss *Taking the Plunge: Baptism and Parenting*

The Parenting Formation group will host a book group to discuss the book *Taking the Plunge: Baptism and Parenting* by Anne E. Kitch. This book should be relevant to parents with children of any ages (0-99) who are interested in reflecting on and discussing the commitments that were made during your child's baptism. This is a chance to refocus on these commitments and think about how to make them strong elements of your daily life.

The book group will meet on three Tuesday evenings this Fall: **October 18, November 1, and November 15 from 7:00 -8:00 p.m.** We will have the book available for purchase prior to the book group starting. Look for us at coffee hour or contact Jen Marcus at (jennifer.marcus@gmail.com).

Please Help with Children's Chapel

As members of our congregation at the Sacrament of Baptism, we make a pledge: "...Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?" as we respond "We will". We are calling for all those who answer "we will" to us help us with the journey in faith for the young children in our church. It's not hard to help with Children's Chapel--- you need to like young children (ages 4 to 7--they are so cute), be away from the 9:00 a.m. church service for about 25 minutes, be prepared (the lesson usually is the same as the scripture readings for the day) or in some cases, you just need to support the Leader by being there.

We have a Leader and a Shepherd each week so you're not alone with the kids. Why not give it a try? Please contact Beth Knapp (314)961-1558 or by email at bknapp@richmondheights.org

City Streets

Here we are at the start of the program year. Summer was hot and fun, but it was a busy one for Deacon Burnell, Jim Groetsch and me because we were working on a grant for City Streets. A big thank you to Kathy Wright for doing the final draft that went to the New Venture in Community Ministries board. With that out of the way it was on to MinistryPalooza. We had a great morning talking about CityStreets. I want to thank each and every one of you who has helped us in the past year. Without you there would be no program.

This year we are a bit more organized and not flying by the seat of our pants. We have been asked to provide meals for 50 people this year, up from 35. As you can see, the demands are greater this year. The number of homeless is rising. We have the opportunity to help our less fortunate friends during two weekends each month from December through March.

AmeriCorps director Kathleen Bechere has asked if there might be someone who would like to work with a trained AmeriCorps volunteer to stay overnight with their guests when the shelter is open. You can help us by supporting our fundraisers and cook-ins here at Emmanuel, and by delivering and serving meals at the center at 13th Street and Ann in Soulard.

We ask you to pray about what you can do and how you can help address homelessness in the St. Louis area. There will be more to come in the Sunday bulletins and in the Angelus as we approach the kickoff dates for the program. November 6 will be the first cook-in for City Streets.

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” – Dr. Suess.

Rudy Walz, Co-Chair
City Streets

Hand-Me-Downs for Babies

When the Rev. Carolyn Held speaks to us at Adult Forum on October 16, we will learn more about the issue of domestic violence, as well as the services provided to homeless women and children at Lydia’s House in St. Louis City.

We would like to send Rev. Held back to the shelter with a gift of baby items. These items are a particular need of the mothers and expectant mothers at Lydia’s House. Get them clean and ready. **Bring them on October 9 or October. 16!**

Used, but clean, baby clothes – any size but layette size especially needed,
diapers, wipes,
bottles, sippy
cups,
cereal, baby
food in jars,
baby toys (up to
12 months)



Deacon Burnell

COLLECTIONS FOR JOPLIN

There is going to be another “Free Garage Sale” at St. Phillip’s Church in Joplin on October 22nd. Items that are requested are:

new and gently-used winter coats, blankets,
Halloween costumes and decorations
Christmas ornaments and decorations
Christmas trees
new, unwrapped Christmas gifts for children
and youth.

We have decided to coordinate our efforts to participate in this endeavor with St. Martin’s in Ellisville. St. Martin’s, located at 15764 Clayton Rd., just East of Clarkson Rd., will be collecting these items through October 9th. If you’d like to donate some items, please take them to St. Martin’s by October 9th. Collection hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Signs will direct you within the church to Park Hall, where there are collection boxes.

Some of their youth groups will be taking the items to St. Phillip’s in Joplin on October 15th to help set up for the “Free Garage Sale” on October 22nd. If you have questions, please call Heidi Gioia, Director of Youth Ministries, 636-227-1484.

UPCOMING PARISH BIRTHDAYS**September 29**

Jordan Beaudoin
Shelagh Davis
Lisa Duke
Doris Ekstrum
Jennifer Ericson
Paul LaFata
Chris Richter
Scott Sisul
Jennifer Smerek
Tessa Weiland
Rob Werremeyer

September 30

Becky Crown
Jessica McIntosh

October 1

Audrey Claxton
Creighton DeYoung
Kay Faddis
Lissa Johnson
Carolyn Judd
Glenda Mansker
John McCarthy
Scott Moore

October 2

Peggy Ledbetter
Sue Smith
Haley Woolbright

October 3

Adam Erickson
Tim Knox
Elliott Moore
Mary-Margaret Richardson
Kim Tappana

**October 4**

Maryellen Bell
Sandy Cooper
Stephen Knapp
Mary Leisher
Cindy Murray
Stephanie Wiltse

October 5

Stephen Nowels

October 6

Rita Hudson
Jennie Whitt

October 7

Burnell Esbenschade
Ava Fitzgibbon
Alice Gadel

October 9

Bill Hudson
Gabriel Liss
Alex Mitchell

October 10

Charles Burns
Mollie Edgar
Ted Miller
Jodie Allen
Donna Erickson
Debbie Mason
Karen Young

October 12

Scott Fitzgibbon
Don Judd
Ashley Maschmann
Melissa McGivney

October 13

Carl Rapp
Angela Smith

October 14

Charles Rycenga
Emma Smith

October 15

Julian Appleyard
Paula Collins
Anne Lindner
Drew Perry
Annelisse Schiller

October 16

Sandi Fischer

October 17

Toni Cummings
Lori Durben
Megan Wren

October 18

Gavin Perry

October 21

Sarah Ernsky
Fran Sherrill

October 22

AJ Freeman
Jake Schuchmann



The Deacon's Bench

While our program year makes a fresh start in the fall, some activities continue year-round. Because hunger and need know no season, the deacon's office has been distributing your generous contributions all summer. Some clients are sent to us by agencies, but the majority is "walk-ins." A gift of discernment is certainly required in deciding when and how to use our resources for outreach to the poor. There is, of course, our wonderful food center. These are a few of the other immediate needs we have been able to meet this summer and the persons we have helped.

A woman whose boyfriend forced her out of his truck on the highway, leaving her stranded with no money.

A homeless woman with blistered feet, hanging out in the park.

A couple who lost everything in the Springfield, MA tornadoes who were hitchhiking to Arizona to find help from a relative.

A partial payment was needed to prevent shut-off by Laclede Gas of service to an elderly, disabled woman in Webster Groves.

A gas card to fill up the family vehicle for a family of five.



A fan for an AIDS patient.

School shoes for five kids at Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.



A hand-me-down layette to an expectant mother.

Tarps to cover holes in the roof for a local tornado victim.

A token of support donation to a fund-raiser for Mary's House, opening a shelter for women and children in St. Charles.

We ask the visitors to receive these contributions as a token of hope for a better future, a better day. The hope is far more important than the gift card. It has been a joy to welcome Telisha, Bertha, Dave, Cindy and Alonzo in the name of Christ and on your behalf.

Deacon Burnell Esbenshade

New on Second Tuesdays – Contemplative Prayer

Beginning October 11, 6 to 6:30 PM.

Contemplative prayer is a spiritual discipline which frees us to experience God's love— Setting aside a time and space to be open to the presence for God. In such a place, the Spirit of God can invite us to come and to sit before God, to quiet our exterior and interior life, and to simply be with God. As we sit in the quiet of God's presence we become like the tree planted by streams of water; our roots grow down deeply into God's love for us.

In God's presence our life and identity become rooted in the unconditional love of God, rather than in the roles we play (jobs, family, income level, education, successes, failures, possessions), or in the measures of our society. God invites us to remain in the stillness of his presence, letting our heart roots drink deeply from the water, then we, like the tree, will yield fruit in the appointed season.

One of the significant fruits of contemplative prayer is love and genuine compassion for others. "The root of Christian love is not the will to love, but the faith that one is loved...by God" (Thomas Merton in *New Seeds of Contemplation*, p. 75). Out of the awareness that we are loved by God we are enabled to love as we are loved (Lk 6:27-38).

The call to love our enemies sounds difficult, if not impossible. This is especially true when we continually view our enemy as "other" than ourselves. As we allow ourselves to wait in the presence of God, we begin to experience healing of those things which hinder our interior and relational freedom: insecurities, fears, prejudices, false images of God and self--and others. Our sight is cleared to see our commonality with all people in the love of God: we all stand in need of grace, love, and mercy.

In contemplative prayer we finally know that "We love because God first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19), and we become free to love as Christ loved.

Join us in setting aside 30 minutes on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Emmanuel Church.

About the Parish Family

The sympathy of the parish is extended to **Ann Marie, Dan, and Jess Ruhlin** on the September 10 death of husband and father, **Andy Ruhlin**. A burial service was held at Emmanuel on September 13 followed by his interment in the Memorial Garden and a lovely reception. Sympathy is also extended to **Laura Jones** and her family on the death of her cousin, **David Easley**. The sympathy of the parish is also extended to **Glenn and Kathi Dunn** on the September 23 death of Kathi's father, **Ramsay Hawkins**. *May light perpetual shine upon them.*

Babies, babies babies! Belated congratulations to **Jon, Jessica**, and big sister **Charlotte** on the June 6 birth of **Sophia Suzanne McIntosh**. Congratulations also to **Rob and Sarah Skinner** on the birth of 10 lb. 1 oz. **Katherine Jane** on September 13. Grandmother, **Susie Skinner**, and big brother and sister, **Charlie and Ellie**, couldn't be more delighted! We have more congratulations for **Scott and Laurie Parker** on the September 13 birth of their first child, **Andrew Hamsley**. Welcome to the world!

Last but not least, we welcome **Moira Cecelia Copeland**, daughter of **Scot and Tricia Copeland** as the newest baptized member of Emmanuel. She was "received into the household of God" on September 18.

The Emmanuel Church Foundation is grateful for gifts given in memory of Andy Ruhlin.

Habitat for Humanity (Sicangu Tikaga Okiciyapi) is grateful for gifts given in memory of Andy Ruhlin.



Another Success Story – 2011 Boot Sale

A mix of fine weather, lots of "treasures" and lots of shoppers added up to **more than \$4,700 dollars** in profits that will directly benefit our Missions Work for Junior High, Senior High and our Adult Group. Over the 5 years we've had this sale we've turned your donated treasures into almost \$20,000. **And we could not have done it without your help – either as a volunteer, a donator or a shopper.**

Too many people worked extremely hard to be individually named but special note goes...

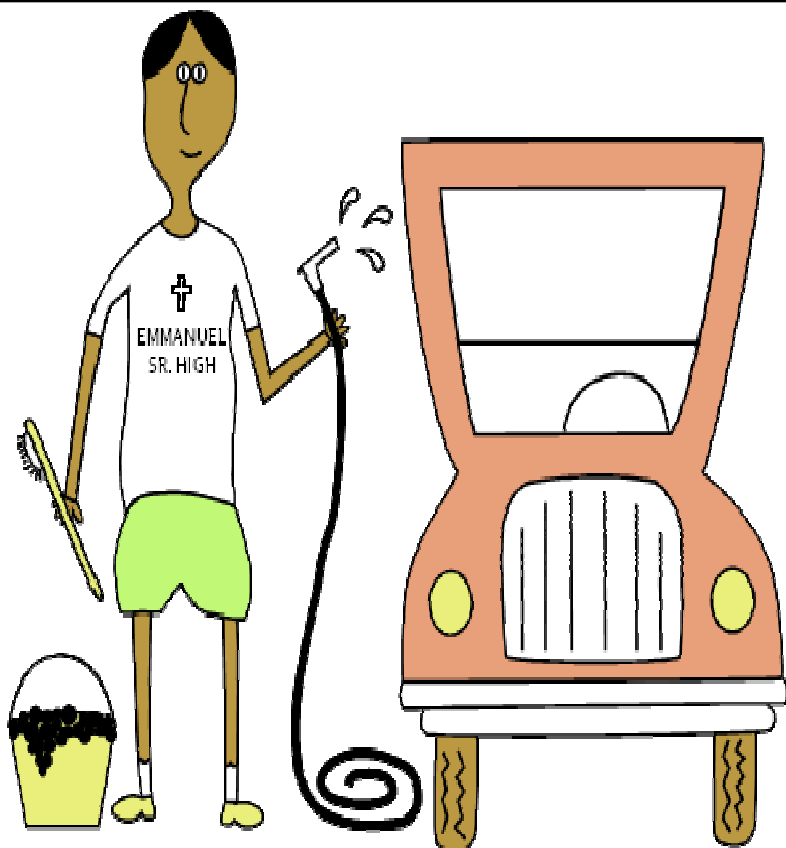
to the able-bodied men who had the lion's share of manning the pick up truck; Kevin Williams, Kevin MacBryde, Tim Knox and especially Clark Hotaling and Richard Keyes who worked a very long day. Special thanks goes to all those who worked tireless hours sorting, pricing, setting up and tearing down. For the set up and clean up, we had more volunteers that we've ever had and it showed – we were able to get set up and clean up done faster and more efficiently than we ever have before. Thanks also to all the individuals that donated treasures. It was greatly appreciated and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. We had more customers than we've ever had due to the visibility of the tents and, as one customer remarked, this annual event is becoming a tradition!

Special thanks goes to the Men of Emmanuel for their financial support that helped cover a large portion of our expenses.

Again, our goal was to turn donated items into cash to help our missions spread their good deeds, faith and word. And have fun. We succeeded in both areas. Thank you Emmanuel!

Pam Belloli and Kim Tappana

UPCOMING EVENTS



Your car is *dirty!*
 Luckily, it's time for the
Senior High Carwash!
Sunday, October 9

During all services!
 Drop off your keys on your way
 into the service and you'll have a
 clean car waiting for you after
 you worship!

**All donations support
 Emmanuel's Senior High
 missions!**

The 5K Walk/Run/Crawl for Everyone

Who? **Everyone** who wants to run, jog, trot, walk, ride a bicycle, skateboard, push a baby stroller, or tricycle, or use any other means of locomotion.

Start time is 8:00 a.m. on October 1.

Breakfast is included.

Cost will be \$15.

PLEASE NOTE: This
 event has been
 cancelled as of
 September 25.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MOE Annual Dinner

MOE is sponsoring a parish-wide dinner (male and female) and presentation on **Tuesday, November 8.**

Mark Keller of Wells-Fargo will talk about the financial outlook in times of economic turmoil. (Who knows what the financial outlook will be in two months?)

Cost per person will be \$20.00.

Doors open at 6:00 and dinner will be at 6:15.

Mark your calendar and plan to be a part of this great dinner and discussion.

The Shepley Program of Music & Art

The Shepley Program at Christ Church Cathedral invites you to a 30th Anniversary Benefit Concert featuring Mary Wilson, Soprano, and the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral with William Partridge, Organist and Pianist, on Friday, September 30, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 at the door, **cash only** please. Valet parking is available.

For more information contact Christ Church Cathedral at 314-231-3424.

We Believe: A Creative Look at the Nicene Creed

The Arts Committee of Trinity Church in Central West End of St. Louis will open the parish's next art exhibit on Sunday, September 25 with a reception at noon. *We Believe: A Creative Look at the Nicene Creed* will be on view in the north parish hall through the end of the year. Trinity's Arts Committee organizes two or three exhibits each year; this exhibit is organized by fabric artist and committee chair Jeff Wunrow. "One of the things that first drew me to Trinity Church is their willingness to explore both convictions and doubts of personal faith," said Wunrow. Even while expressing shared tenets of faith, as in the Nicene Creed, there is room for individual differences. "These differences of interpretation are at the core of our exhibit."

The Nicene Creed has been divided into fifteen sentences, each of which was interpreted as a work of art by a member of the congregation. The works of art include painting, photography, collage, digital art, textiles and embroidery, hand-cut paper, encaustic wax, and multi-media.

We Believe artists include: Haggans, Wunrow, Kate Worland, Eden Harris, Billie Harris, Marjorie Hoeltzel, Julien Worland, Steve Turner, C. Alexah Strongheart, Anne Giedinghagen, Martha Baker, Shawn Reeser, Suzanne Sirko-Carney, and Trinity's rector, Anne Kelsey. The exhibit can be seen during normal office hours and on Sundays before and after services. For more information contact jeff@jeffwunrow.com.

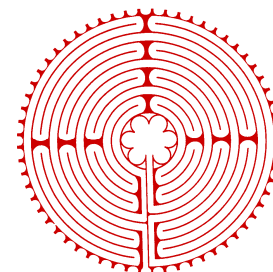
"Celebrating Creation" A Fall Weekend Retreat for Women

**Offered by Confluence: A Center for Spirituality
The Barn Abbey, New Harmony, Indiana
October 28-30, 2011**

Using the traditions of both Celtic and Benedictine spirituality this retreat weekend will focus on celebrating creation and the interrelatedness of every living thing to one another and to God.

Participants will have the opportunity to experience what it is to pray while walking an outdoor labyrinth, watching a swan glide by on a glassy lake, listening to the sounds of nature at eventide, baking bread or taking a prayer walk among sculptures in the historic, picturesque town of New Harmony, Indiana. (New Harmony is located approximately 150 miles east of St. Louis on Hwy. 64 – an easy 2.5 hour drive from downtown St. Louis.

The retreat will be led by the Rev. Susan Skinner, a member of Spiritual Director's International and an experienced retreat leader and will be held in The Barn Abbey, a simplistic, monastic-like structure with small single rooms and communal bathrooms.



MUCH GOING ON FOR THE SENIOR HIGH AND THEIR FANS

Sunday – October 2, 10:30 a.m. (Adult Forum)

If you've always wanted to know what happens on a Senior High Mission Trip, your chance has arrived. Kicking off a busy Senior High October, the young people and adult leaders who represented our parish in Chicago last summer, working in homeless shelters, will have a report for you during Adult Forum, October 2.

"It was a life-changing trip," said Kevin Williams, Youth Director. "I think I can safely say that the trip participants grew enormously, and any stereotypes they held about people who are homeless and hungry were shattered."

Organizers of the presentation promise lots of pictures and personal experiences, and guarantee there will be laughs and tears, from even the most stoic among the audience.

Sunday –October 9, 7:30-11:30 a.m. , Emmanuel Driveway and Parking Lot

Your opportunity to drive a sparkling, clean car arrives October 9. Members of the Senior High Youth Group will be washing your cars during all three services and delivering them safely back to you for the trip home. Proceeds—donations--from the event will go toward future mission trips.

"It appears that many parishioners have been saving their cars for this event," noted leader Dan Herren "and we can deliver." The carwash has been a long Senior High tradition, and according to very senior leader Ian MacBryde, has evolved over the years. "We used to collect the reigns to their horses and buggies as parishioners arrived for worship," said Ian, "and we watered 'em."

Parishioners are urged to bring all their cars early in order for them to be ready as their service concludes.

Saturday-October 15, 9:00 a.m. thru Sunday, October 16 at 3:00 p.m.

Deutsch's Cabin -Gasconade River Camping at its very Finest

All 37 Senior High Youth Group active participants and leaders are invited to attend the long-standing tradition of camping on the bluffs of the Gasconade River, a fellowship and worship event that has never been rivaled. A day of games, throwing rocks at the river, enjoying incredible scenery and hiking, getting to know each other better and just plain fun. After dinner, we'll talk and hangout around the campfire, roast marshmallows and make s'mores. Following breakfast Sunday morning, we will worship on the bluffs with that stunning view, and stop at Missouri Hick BBQ on the way back. Meet at church parking lot with your camping gear on Sat 10/15 at 9:00 a.m. and return Sunday, 10/16 at 3 p.m. Pack a lunch and drink for Saturday, and bring \$10 to defray expenses.

Senior High would like to express their appreciation to the Deutsch's once again for their hospitality.



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 Warren E. Crews, *Priest Associate*
 Roderic D. Wiltse, *Priest Associate*
 Burnell T. Esbenshade, *Deacon (ext 211)*
 Trent Patterson, *Choir Director*
 Chuck Peery, *Organist*
 Kevin Williams, *Christian Youth Formation (ext 213)*
 Kathy Wright, *Parish Administrator (ext 249)*
 Susie Feldmann, *Staff Assistant (ext 209)*
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 Jill Meyers, *Part-time Sexton*
 James Nelson, *Part-time Sexton*
 Glenn Dunn, *Information Technology (ext 240)*
 Angela MacBryde, *Preschool Director (ext 123)*

MINISTRY CHAIRS:

Jerry Cooper, *Senior Warden*
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 & Angie MacBryde, *FaithQuest*
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**Happy Anniversary**

October 2 – Gary & Doris Ferguson
 October 2 – Stephen & Emily Spragens
 October 3 – Alex & Nicole Clark
 October 4 – Hondo & Angela Gallegos
 October 4 – Brad & Annie Pluhar
 October 4 – Joe & Pat Sanders
 October 6 – Gary & Kim Tappana
 October 7 – Chris & Katie Gregston
 October 8 – Dave & Barb Buck
 October 8 – Mark & Laurie Collier
 October 9 – Jon & Stephanie Wiltse
 October 10 – Wallace & Victoria Dawson
 October 10 – Bill & Victoria Hudson
 October 12 – Joel & Tracy Crews
 October 12 – John & Mary Ellen McCarthy
 October 13 – Matt & Julie Burst
 October 16 – Stephen & Judy Nowels
 October 16 – Robert & Angela Royer
 October 17 – Jonathan & Heidi Hastings
 October 19 – Matt Keefer & Tammy Free
 October 20 – Lou & Sue Clauss
 October 20 – Dan & Jacklyn Jones
 October 21 – Richard & Jeannie Keyes
 October 21 – Chad & Katherine Rycenga
 October 22 – Kevin & Angie MacBryde
 October 22 – James & Michelle Mansker



**Your will can be a testimony to your faith. Be sure
 to include the Emmanuel Church Foundation.**

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

Kevin Michael Moore, Kevin Moore's son
 Capt. 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, Bob Rosen, Carol Greene

Diane Schwab, close friend of Sandy Baker
 Reed, friend of Sandy Baker
 Donna Maginn, friend of Dee Margos
 Jackson Mitchell, son of MK Horton's friend
 Melanie Schaufert, Eleanor Fletcher's daughter
 Lisa Sherrill, Fran Sherrill's daughter
 Micki Jobst, friend of Dexter Schraer
 Tinka Clifford, Lianne Allman's aunt
 Dorothy Koeff, Lianne Allman's mother
 Jodie Johnson, Lissa Johnson's mother
 Jim Clauss, Lou's brother
 Gary Goosen, MJ Kuhn's cousin
 Eve Lowe, Pamela Dolan's step-mother
 Jeanne Heisner, Robert Royer's aunt
 Abigail Isom, student of Katie Kopff

LONG TERM MEDICAL NEEDS

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

Rissa Woodley, Ann McReynolds' aunt
 Margaret Clark, Dick's aunt
 Felmir Singson, friend of the Dolans
 Edna Tappana, Gary's mother
 Liam & Adelaide Dolan, John Dolan's nephew/niece
 Ben Schneider, MacBryde's grandson
 Ann Neukomm, Mart Mitchell's aunt
 Coline Martines, Michael's mother
 Annie Mae Fielder, Roberta's mother
 Wylma Teczar, Steve's mother

RECUPERATING

Parishioners: Pam Rosen, Bob Moore, Eric Dunn, Laura Ullman

Bud Benning, Dorothy Saunders' brother-in-law
 Robert Lindberg, Pamela Dolan's step-father
 Rita Dolores Moore, Victoria Hudson's mother

SERIOUS ILLNESS

Parishioners: Joyce Devlin

Alvin Stouffe., Bill Florent's brother-in-law
 Jim Florent, Bill's brother
 Stephanie MacEwen, Bron Brennan's sister
 Jocelyn Welk, Catherine & Kevin McGrane's niece
 Tom Mullen, Chris Howard's uncle
 Mike Karandief, Chris Knox's family friend
 Douglas Dick, Diana Knapp's cousin
 John Musgrave, Diocesan Priest
 Erin Peak, Dore Martin's sister
 Carol Zimmer, friend of Audrey Claxton
 Don Karrer, friend of Becki Jacoby
 Dickie Priest, friend of Betsy Mackey
 Cabe Williamson, friend of Charlie Skinner
 Frances Coleman, friend of Kristyn & Bron Brennan
 Ann Geisert, friend of Margaret DeYoung
 Marty Schmitt, friend of Margaret Rowe
 Leigh Tyler, friend of Mark McReynolds
 Louise Ford, friend of MJ Kuhn
 Janet Klumpp, friend of Rod & Pat Wiltse
 John Kohler, friend of Sue & Lou Clauss
 Tammy Stutz & family, friend of Tracy Crews
 Bill Brown, Janet Brown's father
 Susan Scherer, Janet Dobbs' sister
 Bill Dolan, John Dolan's brother
 Ellen Baker, Linda Slatin's aunt
 Barbara Hulett, Maryellen Bell's friend
 Tyler Hayes, nephew of Maureen Northrup

SPECIAL NEEDS

Parishioners: Warren Druschky, Maryellen McCarthy, Jean Weingaertner, Jean Little

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

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

Morning Prayer

Tuesday, October 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Eucharist at Noon

Wednesday, October 5, 12, 19 and 26

Feast Day Eucharist at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 29 for St. Michael and the Angels

Tuesday, October 18 for St. Luke

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday, October 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 7:00 a.m.
Stratton's Restaurant

Men's Breakfast

Friday, October 14 and 28 at 7:00 a.m.
Stratton's Restaurant

Choir Practice

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

Cherub Choir at 6:00 p.m.

Junior Choir at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Choir at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5, 12, 19 & 26

Coffee and Community

Every Sunday at 10:10 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 6 and 20 at 7:00 p.m.

MOE 5K Run/Walk & Breakfast CANCELLED

Saturday, October 1 at 8:00 a.m.

Retirement Planning Seminar

Saturday, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 5 at 10:00 a.m.

AIR Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m.

All Parish Dinner (see page 2)

Saturday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday, October 9

Senior High Car Wash (see page 10)

Sunday, October 9 during all morning services

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, October 10 at 5:45 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Caring Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, October 11

Contemplative Prayer (see page 8)

Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Food Center Shopping

Wednesday, October 12 at 5:45 p.m. at Aldi's

Noon Day Operation Brown Bag

Thursday, October 13 at 12:00 p.m.

Play Readers doing "Sylvia"

Friday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Peace Meal

Saturday, October 15

Junior High Operation Brown Bag (see page 3)

Sunday, October 16 at 11:15 a.m.

Junior High Jam & Craft Making Session (see page 3)

Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Mission Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 16 at 11:30 a.m.

Vestry Meeting

Monday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Formation Book Discussion Meeting

Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 a.m.

MOE Operation Brown Bag

Thursday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Facilities Management Meeting

Saturday, October 29 at 8:30 a.m.

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The next newsletter deadline is **October 11** for the issue to be published on October 18, 2011. 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 nursery (near the Big Bend entrance) from 8:45 a.m. until after the 10:00 a.m. service.
Children's Chapel is available during the 10:00 service on September 11
and during the 9:00 service beginning on September 18.

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

**Propers for October 2
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80: 7-14
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

**Propers for October 9
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

**Propers for October 16
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22