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Vol. 46, No 18–June 12, 2012		SAINTS or HAINTS?
In This Issue		(Haints – Southern for Haunts.)
Page Saints or Haints	e 1	People who speak of haunted houses talk about good spirits and bad spirits, so the answer is most likely, YES.
ECM Summer Solstice Summer Forum Events Acolyte Schedule	2 2 2	In Charleston, SC, <u>The Holy City</u> , for the uninitiated, many homes in the historic district have their unique style side porches' ceilings painted a particular color of blue. If there is an official name for this color, it is Gullah Blue. Walk into any hardware store in Charleston and ask for a can of "porch paint" and that's all you need to go to the paint mixer basides apacifying flat
Vestry Vitals	3	paint" and that's all you need to say to the paint mixer besides specifying flat or semi-gloss. They all know what color "porch paint" is.
The Deacon's Bench Alliance for Interracial Dignity	4 4	Local wisdom has it that slaves brought from Africa painted their front doors, door frames and later, their porch ceilings this color of African blue to keep the haints out of the house. Evil spirits would not cross past this blue color. The
August Concert	5	descendants of these South Carolina Low-country folks are known as Gullah for the name of their dialect, a cross between African, French and English, much like the Cajun/Creole dialect. Hence the name, Gullah Porch Blue.
Summer Breakfasts Mass on the Grass Environmental Stewardship	6 6 6	In conversation with an intimate friend, I related a brief story of a visit from the spirit world:
Anniversaries From a Former Parishioner	7 7	I am a toolie; I like tools: mechanical, artistic, old, modern, used, new, antique, big, small. But I never had a ball-peen hammer until I inherited one recently from my father-in-law. It is a small, wooden handled, well-used ball-peen;
About the Parish Family Birthdays	8 8	you couldn't use it to hit anything very hard without risking damage to the broken-in, almost delicate handle. I used the hammer just the other day to reseal a can of paint and immediately remembered my dear father-in-law and
Prayers of the Parish	9	our shared toolie inclinations; he was clearly paying me a visit and the sense of comfort I felt in that moment was simple and profound.
Stewardship Reflection Tuesday Bible Study	10 10	When my faith is the weakest and my doubts are speaking with forceful tones,
Calendar of Events	11	visits like this, haints, if you will, shore up my faith and reassure me. I can't put a finger on what aspect of my faith is strengthened, but I know I am better for the encounter.
Sunday Propers	12	I've started using Gullah Blue paint, aka porch paint. It is a unique color. I've
Clergy & Staff listing	7	seen the color used in Native American art and I'm not the least surprised to find it there as well. It is hard to find in the Midwest; hardware stores here
In the case of		have never heard of it nor of its power.
a pastoral emergency		I feel sure a real Gullah would argue with me, but I'm fairly convinced that Gullah Blue invites baints like my father in law and All The Saints into our
after office hours, please call		Gullah Blue <i>invites</i> haints like my father-in-law and All The Saints into our lives and homes and spirits. Perhaps it is that very invitation which gives
the clergy cell phone at		credence to the power behind this local wisdom.
314-324-4115.		Glenn Dunn

SPECIAL SUNDAY FORUM EVENTS COVERING THE 77TH GENERAL CONVENTION JUNE 24 AND AUGUST 26.

On June 24 and August 26, following our 10 a.m. services, Daniel Appleyard will lead sessions on this summer's 77^{th} General Convention. This "once every three year" gathering of Bishops, priests, deacons and lay persons runs from July 5 – 12 in Indianapolis, IN, and is the place where decisions are made that effect our governance, worship and mission in the world. This is Dan's fifth time serving as a clerical Deputy, in addition to serving as an Alternate Deputy twice. Dan will also serve as chair of the House of Deputy's Legislative Committee on Ecumenical Relations, which includes our Interreligious efforts, as well.

In June, the Forum will focus on the some of the issues facing this Convention (Anglican Covenant, Church Structure and Blessing of Sex Gender Relationships), the legislative process itself and the some background of this triennial Episcopal gathering. In August, he will offer his reflections on what transpired and how it might impact Emmanuel Church.

Come be a part of the discussion.

ECM SUMMER SOLSTICE	BE AN USHER!
Celebrate the longest day of the year at the Summer Solstice Festival!! This community event is fun for all ages and benefits kids in detention through Episcopal City Mission. Date: Friday, June 22	 In the early history of the New England church, ushers had long poles, and if they saw a parishioner nodding off during the service, the usher would give him/her a not so-gentle nudge with the pole. We need additional volunteers at Emmanuel to be ushers. (Many thanks to the current volunteers!) No, you won't be given a long pole of authority, but what does an usher really do? Get to church a little bit earlier than your usual time of arrival. Distribute church bulletins at the door. During the first reading, count those in attendance. Distribute the offering plates. Bring the offerings to the altar. Clean up after church: collect left-over material for recycling, and arrange the hymnals & prayer books. That's it. If can spare one Sunday a month for ushering, call the church office at 961-2393 or Betty Walker at 623-1488.
Time: 5:30—8:30 p.m.	
Place: Grace Episcopal Church – KirkwoodTickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 5-12.Admission includes live music, dinner, beverages and a silent auction.	
For tickets, please purchase them at church on June 17 or call Episcopal City Mission at 314-436-3545, email ecitymission.org or contact a local parish representative, Mary Jane Kuhn or Mark Jordan.	

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

June 17, 2012 Team Captain – Liz Wagnon, 1st Crucifer – Charlie DeYoung Acolytes - Julianna Crang, Isabella Crang, Jameson Howard, Jack Love, Hannah Myers

June 24, 2012 Team Captain – Maggie Brennan 1st Crucifer – Michael Rich Acolytes: - Annabel Dolan, Thomas Hotaling, Claire Hooker, Maia Langdon, Clio Langdon

July 1, 2012 Team Captain - Thomas Florent 1st Crucifer - Liz Remming Acolytes - Charles DeYoung, Annabel Dolan, Jack Love, Clayton Moss, Ella Moss Vol. 46, No. 18– June 12, 2012

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VESTRY VITALS

The Vestry met on May 19 for a regularly scheduled meeting with the financial statements being the first item of business after opening prayer, reflection, agenda review and approval of the April Vestry minutes. We are happy to continue the budget surplus from March to April.

The budget surplus usually takes us through the end of summer as revenues decline during the summer months and then rise back up beginning in September. We do encourage parishioners to continue to make their pledge payments during the summer. Please note that you can always mail your pledge payment to the church. We are always cautious in regard to expenditures and look at all areas in regard to reducing expenditures. An example is our agreement with Webster University in sharing resources. We are now part of their lawn mowing contract and Webster University is now also providing some security services to Emmanuel.

Behold payments are still coming in. We are still waiting to hear from the Diocese Standing Committee to adjust the Kelton White Loan balance to a lower, closer to market, interest rate on the loan. We understand from the Bishop's visit that the Diocese Standing Committee is reviewing all outstanding loans made throughout the Diocese. We realize not everyone will be able to fulfill their Behold pledge but we do compliment those who continue to make their payments. If you did not make a Behold pledge or if you wish to make additional Behold payments, please feel free to do so. The more that is paid now means the more we can pay down the principal on the Kelton White Loan, reducing the overall interest payments that we will have to make.

We have had the able assistance of Nancy Benz as Assistant Treasurer for seven years. With her leaving, we are trying to provide a smooth transition until a new Assistant Treasurer is hired. Nancy has agreed to help train any temporary treasurer after she comes back from vacation. We also have had parishioners graciously volunteer their services to help out until a new Assistant Treasurer is hired. I am always amazed and grateful that Emmanuel parishioners are willing to step up and provide their time and talents in situations like this.

The Vestry has been examining stewardship in relating it throughout the year and having it not just a Fall campaign. Discussions with various groups have brought up ideas of three to five years working plans. In that regard, we hope to incorporate into the stewardship plans the Emmanuel Foundation celebrating its 30th anniversary (2013), Webster University celebrating its 100th anniversary (2015) and Emmanuel celebrating its 150th anniversary (2017).

In other business

• the Vestry agreed to send a letter of congratulations to Bishop-elect Jake Owensby who was elected Bishop of Western Louisiana. Because his election happened within 120 days of General Convention, the consent process will not include the standing committees of the dioceses, but will require consent of the House of Deputies and a majority of bishops with jurisdiction.

• Board members elected to Emmanuel Preschool for three year terms beginning September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015 are Anne Benson, Christie Hogg and Anne Campbell with John Snodgrass, Erin Gunn and Phyllis Newcomb stepping off the Board.

• The Vestry met with members of Webster University on May 29 to hear about the University's long-rang plans.

• The Lewis and Clark Institute is again holding summer camp sessions at Emmanuel during the week from June 4 through July 13 with the revenues received from the Institute helping Emmanuel balance the budget this year.

• Finally, the Assistant Rector search is progressing with Dan still interviewing candidates.

Richard Keyes

THE DEACON'S BENCH

It has been my custom for the last few years to stay in St. Louis during the summer and "mind the store." This year I am taking three weeks off during June to go to Miami where our daughter lives. "Nana and Gandaddy" will be taking care of two-year old Maya while Mommy goes to the hospital to get her new baby sister. Then we get to take care of everybody for a while. I know you will understand if I don't pick up my voice mail. I'll still be in touch with the office. The deacon's office is never really closed, as need knows no season. Various jobs have been spread out among the willing.

During the last few weeks we have helped two families in danger of eviction to pay their rent. An elderly woman in Webster Groves couldn't pay a plumber and her bathroom was unusable. I think this is the first time we have dealt with a plumbing emergency. If you can't put gas in the tank of the family car, you can't get to the doctor's appointment or get the kids to daycare. This is a frequent request, so we keep \$30 gas cards. We are also using gift cards to big discount stores for various requests. If you received a gift card you don't plan to use, we would be happy to distribute it for you.

This month City Streets made its final accounting report to the New Ventures in Ministry group that gave us the grant.

Supporters of Lydia's House have cooked and transported one community meal for the women and children in residence there. (About 40 meals) They plan to do this again twice during the summer months. If you would like to help them cook, call Laura McCord for details.

Shari Kelts has Martha's Meals running smoothly. We are still providing rides and escorts for those unable to drive who need to get to doctors' appointments.

Emmanuel at Laclede met in May and will meet again in July.

Peg Cooper reports over two hundred pairs of shoes were collected for the Shoe Man Project. That drive concludes just in time for the collecting of school supplies for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, beginning June 17. Maybe you would like to help organize and distribute the supplies the third week in July.

We will miss Nancy Benz who has been such a big help to us in accounting for our expenditures. She has every stalk of celery and every gas card recorded! We send her to her new position with our thanks and best wishes.

I will be back in July – if not rested, at least refreshed. You have my continuing gratitude for Lay Ministry in this place. Are we a missional church or what?!

Deacon Burnell Esbenshade

ALLIANCE FOR INTERRACIAL DIGNITY: June 21 at 7:00 p.m.

A new community group in Webster Groves has taken aim at building awareness around social justice. The Alliance for Interracial Dignity is a committee made up of 10 community leaders that represent local citizens, faith-based groups, and school representatives. The alliance's goals involve helping the community come together and build alliances to create a sustained social justice partnership.

The group's first project was a showing of "Colorblind," a film created and produced by three students at Webster Groves High School under the direction of teacher Julie Burchett. The Alliance's screening of the film was attended by more than 100 people. Their second event also attracted over 100 people to hear about the rich history of Douglass School and the experiences both African American and white local citizens had during the civil rights era.

Another event is planned for Thursday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel. At this gathering, participants will examine existing strengths in the community and generate a plan for continuing to support interracial dignity. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Welcomes Atwater-Donnelly



Please Join Us For a Evening of Folk/Traditional Music/Dance

Where: Emmanuel Episcopal Church

9 South Bompart

Webster Groves, MO.

When: Thursday August 9th

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00pm

Cost: Free

A free will offering will be collected

Don't miss this endearing dynamic duo!! Aubrey Atwater and husband Elwood Donnelly from Rhode Island provide song and dance of American Folk and Celtic tunes. Multi-talented with guitar, banjo, dulcimer, tin whistle and dance. Aubrey and Elwood have toured extensively throughout America, Canada, and Europe.

MASS ON THE GRASS

The annual "Mass on the Grass," an Episcopal Eucharist with a welcome for all people, will be held in Tower Grove Park (near the corner of Arsenal and Grand) on Sunday, June 24 at 10:30 a.m. This year it's organized by Trinity Church-CWE. Oasis member and diocesan priest



Lydia Speller said, "If you have not been to this service, you will be touched by the diversity of those in attendance, by the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender (LGBT) people who take up our invitation to attend, often people who have not felt welcome in church for decades."

A few Oasis congregations attend the service in the park as their main Sunday service, but not all. Speller continued, "Bring a lawn chair and plenty of water if you attend. Then you may want to walk down Grand Ave. in the Pride Parade which kicks off at noon (but is rarely on time)." We, as an Episcopal Church, have always had a group of people march in it. You are invited you to attend the Eucharist and the parade if you can. If anyone would like to carpool from Emmanuel, contact Rudy Walz.

As in past years, the Oasis Missouri will offer a booth at Pride Fest in Tower Grove Park on Saturday, June 23 and June 24 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. LGBT Ministries in the Diocese of Missouri are in transition now that Todd Eller has resigned as leader of Oasis Missouri, after years of devoted service.

This year for the first time, the LGBT Episcopal Ministries in Missouri are inviting any parish that wishes to be welcoming to LGBT persons to send volunteers and/or parish literature to the Episcopal Booth at Pride Fest in Tower Grove Park. Jason Samuel, rector of Transfiguration Church in Lake St. Louis, is the booth staffing coordinator.

Volunteers will need to be ready to talk to the hundreds of people who stop by the booth with questions about faith, church, God, and other relevant topics. "Over the years we have been amazed by the number of people who are longing for a church home," said Speller, "and who are surprised and grateful to learn about churches near them."

EMMANUEL SUMMER BREAKFASTS

The Sunday Summer Breakfasts are underway! The first one, staffed by the Mavericks, Eagles, Griffins and Lions team members was held on June 10.

Each Sunday through Aug 12, an Emmanuel organization will prepare and serve breakfast in the Dining Room from **8:30-9:45**.

This is a wonderful time to:

• Come and enjoy in fellowship and Eat, Eat, Eat after the 8 am or before the 10 am Services

• Come and learn about what a certain group does at Emmanuel...a chance to join in for the upcoming year if your heart so moves you.

Come once...come each week...the more the merrier!

Next up in the kitchen are:

The **Altar Guild** on June17 The **Vestry** on June 24 **City Streets** on July 1, and The **Choirs** on July 8

For additional information, please contact Clark or Maryjane Hotaling (314) 918-8561 or via the Emmanuel Group Facebook Page.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

The Environmental Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who purchased plants at our spring plant sale. The sales amounted to just over \$605.00.

The committee plans to use this money, along with the proceeds from last year's plant sale, to replace some of the old light fixtures in the church facility with more energy efficient lighting.



Your support will make this possible.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Jonathan Stratton has been appointed as director of the **Old North St. Louis intentional community project.** He'll begin that work after his ordination to the transitional diaconate at Christ Church Cathedral.

One of the Coro fellows that worked on the project's feasibility study, Maggie Parker, has been hired for two months to introduce Stratton to their work and the community they met along the way.

CLERGY & STAFF

Dan Appleyard, *Rector (ext 212)* 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) Assistant Treasurer (ext 210)* Keith Ennis, *Part-time Sexton* James Nelson, *Part-time Sexton* Glenn Dunn, *Information Technology (ext 240)* Angela MacBryde, *Preschool Director (ext 123)*

MINISTRY CHAIRS:

Mary Lee (Mimi) Shipp, Senior Warden Richard Keyes, Junior Warden Diana Knapp. Treasurer Mark Jordan, Finance Committee Suzie Florent & Linda Schuchman, Altar Guild Jane Emerson & Mimi Shipp, Archivists Peg Cooper, Caring Ministries Lynne Shields & Megan Wren, Environmental Stewardship David Pluhar, Facilities Management Diana Beckman, Tricia Copeland & Angie MacBryde, FaithQuest Phil Smerek, Men of Emmanuel Donna Erickson, Missions David & Beth Knapp, Chris & Tim Knox, Parish Family Life Kathleen Martin, Worship

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Church number is 314-961-2393 In the case of a pastoral emergency after office hours, please call the clergy cell phone at 314-324-4115.



UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

June 13 – Don & Stella Spalt June 14 – Matt & Debbie Carter June 15 – Ray & Fran Martin - Bruce & Sharon McDonald - Mike & Heather Sabath - Brian & Tessa Weiland June 16 – Carl & Jeanne Deutsch – Sean & Bekah Phelan - Bill & Margaret Rowe - Bob & Mary Jane Schnitker - Matt & Stacey Taylor June 17 – David & Beth Knapp June 18 – Davis & Penny Allen - Andrew & Lisa Duke June 20 – Phil & Sandy Baker - Scot & Tricia Copeland - Ryan & Maggie Velicer - Charlie Walch & Diana Beckmann June 21 – Eric & Jen Dunn - Don & Gretchen Land - Andrew & Amy Ryan June 23 – Don & Barbara Rose June 24 – Tom & Karen James June 25 – Mark & Margaret DeYoung - Erik & Jessica Hansen June 26 – Don & Burnell Esbenshade – John & Mary Fisher - Mike & Amy Reily June 28 – Ed & Marsha Fickenscher June 30 – L. Vinson & Florence Freeman

FROM A FORMER PARISHIONER

Hi Glenn, And thanks for the copy of Angelus. We noted that Charles Bland has left us. That brings back the many memories of you, Charles and me doing odd catch-up on Wednesdays at Habitat.

I miss being able to participate in building useful "stuff." But I am on oxygen 24/7 these days and have no energy to spare. Hope Emmanuel still participates in the Habitat effort.

We do attend an 1842 Episcopal church which has two entrance doors-one for slaves who had benches to sit on in the balcony. Church could hold about 70 people but we get about 30 per Sunday. (No slaves.) Give our greetings to any "old" friends at Emmanuel.

Peace,

Monte Morgan

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

June 12 Davis Allen Grayson Allen Joan Cowdell Meaghan McGuire

June 13 Jerry Cooper Virginia Weinel

June 14 Sean Bayer Sandy Coleman Juliana Veresh Zach Young

June 15 Elizabeth Appleyard Erika Fitzgibbon Bob Rosen

June 16 Charlotte Kennedy Eric Mumm Nicholas Murray Ceil Renaud Matt Schiller

June 17 Tom James

June 18 Taylor Knapp Jackson Murray

June 19 Julie Brueggemann Benjamin Duke Josephine Duke Ella Hansen Jonathan Hastings Hannah Myers Dave Ringenberg Matt Taylor

June 20 Sarah Aiello Betsy Lindner Braden Reily Linda Slatin **June 21** Benjamin Jones Delena Moredock Sabrina Walch Alex Williams

June 22 Melissa Crang Sara Loyet

June 23 L. Vinson Freeman

June 24 Phil Baker Bill Bledsoe Amy Reily

June 25 Julianna Crang Henry Knock Pam Penrose Lynne Shields

June 26 Rob Skinner

June 27 Meredith Howard Olivia Limbaugh

June 28 Janis Aiello Grace Clark Moira Copeland Joyce Pluhar

June 29 Alexander Clark, IV Blake Kennedy Brad Pluhar Kyle Rhodes

June 30 Andrew Davis JoAn MacBryde Amy Maschmann Dale Penrose Charlene Reimann Jessica Ruhlin

ABOUT THE PARISH FAMILY

The parish is grateful for gifts to Emmanuel Church Foundation in memory of **Charles Bland, Carol Greene,** and **Melanie Schaufert**; and to the Food Center in thanksgiving for **Betsy Mackey** and **Lissa Johnson.**

Congratulations to proud grandmother **Maggie Kramper** on the May 21 birth of granddaughter Alison Lee Micka. Happy parents are **Melissa and Darin Micka**.

We've just received news of the birth of **Jack Anthoney McAllister** who was born on April 5. Proud grandparents are **Volker and Sandy Coleman** and happy parents are **Matt & Courtney McAllister**.

Congratulations to **Lisa Sparks and Edward Ross Pettid** who were married on June 2 in Kirkwood by Warren Crews. Best wishes to the happy couple!

An interment was held on June 8 at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery for parishioner **June Compton Banks** who died on March 23. June's ashes were interred along with those of her husband **Jack Lawrence Banks** who died in 2007.

A funeral service, interment, and reception will be held at Emmanuel on June 18 at 11:00 AM for former parishioner **Barbara Reinhard** who died in Pennsylvania on February 7.

The sympathy of the parish is extended to **Betsy Williams** on the May 25 death in Texas of her father, **John Williams**.

May light perpetual shine upon them.

Dan Allen graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design from Arizona State University. He will be working on a 3-month design project with Danzik Applied Sciences in Scottsdale, AZ and then move to Los Angeles to work with Dyrdek Enterprises. *Congratulations Dan!*

Emmanuel Mission Statement

Deep in Faith

Rich in Love

Bold in Mission

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, Dorothy Saunders' nephew Ryan Lehmann-Deming, Sue Hooker's great-nephew

IN HOSPITAL/MED TESTS & TREATMENT Parishioners: Sue Smith, Nancy Richardson

Fred Drew, former parishioner (child) Teddy Jayne, Lauren Tappana's boyfriend Alice Layton, Tricia Copeland's grandmother Donna Maginn, Dee Margos' friend McKenzie Morgan, Mary Kay Horton's niece Jackson Mitchell, son of MK Horton's friend Karyn Koenig, Cindy Rapp's sister Lisa Sherrill, Fran Sherrill's daughter Rich Timmerman, Bob & Susie Feldmanns' friend Lois Johnson, Lisanne Schraer's family friend Jodie Johnson, Lissa Johnson's mother Jim Clauss, Lou's Clauss' brother Steve Thomas, Lynne Shields' cousin Suzanne Kryder, Mary Kay Digby's sister Patti Mossop, MJ Kuhn's cousin Lisa Leonard, Emmanuel softball team wife

LONG TERM MEDICAL NEEDS

Parishioners: Barbara & Don Rose, Laura Ullman, Ed & Jean Little, Edith Schrautemeier, Fran Martin, Doris Ekstrum, Roberta Gehbauer, Grace Koerner, Caroline Birdsall, Nan Rimbach, Rosemary Vorih, Sandra Nelson

Rissa Woodley, Ann McReynolds' aunt Margaret Clark, Dick's aunt Edna Tappana, Gary's mother Gabrielle Nelson, Sandra Nelson's granddaughter 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: Jeane Schiller, John Kaiser, Tim Knox, Laura McCord

Dick & Joanne Vinyard, Jennie Werremeyer's friend John Read, Jennie Werremeyer's brother Laura Williams, Betsy's mother Judith Tippett, Hotaling's friend Sammie Curtis, Laura McCord's aunt Steve Wilson, Lynne Shields' friend Rowena Haywood, Sally's mother

SERIOUS ILLNESS

David Drichta, Audrey Claxton's former son-in-law Janine Fabick, Becky Jacoby's former sister-in-law Alvin Stouffe, Bill Florent's brother-in-law Jim Florent, Bill's brother Jocelvn Welk, Catherine & Kevin McGrane's niece Tom Mullen, Chris Howard's uncle Mike Karandief, Chris Knox's family friend John Musgrave, Diocesan Priest Dickie Priest, Betsy Mackey's friend Cabe Williamson, Charlie Skinner's friend (child) Karen Becker, Laura McCord's friend Don Griffith, Lisanne Allman's friend Ann Geisert, Margaret DeYoung's friend Heather McFadden, Margaret DeYoung's friend Marty Schmitt, Margaret Rowe's friend Leigh Tyler, Mark McReynolds' friend Charlie Nahlik, Maryellen Bell's friend Janet Klumpp, Rod & Pat Wiltse's friend Linda Ott, Sandy Baker's friend John Kohler, Sue & Lou Clauss' friend Bruce & Paula Coulton, Don & Stella Spalts' friends Tammy Stutz & family, Tracy Crews' friend Bill Brown, Janet Brown's father Susan Scherer, Janet Dobbs' sister Ellen Baker, Linda Slatin's aunt Barbara Hulett, Maryellen Bell's friend Tyler Hayes, Maureen Northrup's nephew Patricia & Jack McGregor, Stella Spalt's cousin & husband

SPECIAL NEEDS Parishioners: Joyce Devlin, Mary Ellen McCarthy, Jean Weingaertner, Warren Druschky, Sally Haywood, Mickey Forry

Nell Pike, Burnell Esbenshade's mother Matthew Howard, Chris's Howard's brother Beka, daughter of Lynne Shields' friend Rosemarie Benning, Dorothy Saunders' sister Stephanie Varnon-Hughes, former parishioner Sue Kohler, Sue & Lou Clauss' friend John Bennyhoff, Toni Cummings' friend Pixie & family, Allison Williams' friends Chris Miller Family, Rick & MJ Kuhn's friends Katy Martin, Jerry & Kathleen's daughter-in-law Luke Richard Meyer, Kay Small's grandson Boone and Bailey Jane, Susie Skinner's relatives Peggy Thacker McCaslin, Kerry Thacker's daughter Kathleen McGrane, Kevin McGrane's daughter Doug Moody, Mary Jane Kuhn's Godson Andy Wiltse, Rod & Pat Wiltse's son Midge Vorih, Rosemary's daughter Jeffrey, Sue Smith's grandson

A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

What if ...

By Chick Lane

How would my life be different if I believed and acted like the claims of consumerism are wrong?

What if I rejected the notions that what I have defines who I am, that all the stuff around me is really mine and that how much people have becomes a means by which I value them and myself?

What if I quit imagining that scarcity defines the world around me, and that I'd better grab all I can because there isn't enough to go around?

What if I didn't act like whenever I give something away it means that I'm depriving myself of something else that I would really like to have?

How would my life be different if I believed and acted like the claims of the Bible are correct? How would things change if I understood that all I have really belongs to God, and is entrusted by God to me to manage? What if I grounded my sense of self in my baptism, and recognized that in God's eyes what I have doesn't have any relationship to who I am?

What if my relationship with myself and other people began with the assumption that those who have the same parent are by definition brothers and sisters? How would life be different if I didn't see it as a zero-sum game, and instead grasped the fact that the abundance around me means I'm not in competition with others for my piece of the pie? What if there really is such a thing as enough? What if I could give stuff away first and generously not in order to get something I want but simply to do good?

What if I refused to compartmentalize my life into one box labeled "faith" and another box labeled "finances" ? What if I believed and acted like there are infinite connections between my faith in Jesus Christ and my financial life, and these connections go both ways? What would it look like if my faith informed my financial life, not just in terms of what I give away, but also in terms of how I spend that which I "keep" for myself? How is it that what I do with my finances really does profoundly impact my faith in Jesus?

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

By unanimous decision our Tuesday morning Bible study is on summer break until Tuesday, 11 September 2012. We are still discussing **Speaking Christian** *by Marcus Borg*. We completed 16 chapters of this most provocative book. There are 8 chapters left and the *Conclusion*, a total of 67 pages. It shouldn't take us too long.

When we complete **Speaking Christian** we have agreed to return to the Bible. We discussed briefly what book of the Bible we want to take up. One suggestion is to look at of the Acts of the Apostles. Another idea was the Book of Psalms. There is a study guide—*Entering the Psalms*, published by Upper Room Books. It is a six week course. Please give this question some thought and we will decide in the fall.

It's been a good first half of year with some very vibrant discussions and a lot of learning has taken place. Pray for our community within the Emmanuel Community and may the summer be a time of re-creation for us all.

Work for JUSTICE and Pray for PEACE!

Rod +

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Morning Prayer Recessed until Tuesday, September 11

Men's Bible Study at Stratton's Restaurant Thursday, June 14, 21 & 28 at 7:00 a.m.

Eucharist at Noon Wednesday, June 13, 20 and 27, and July 11

Men's Breakfast at Stratton's Restaurant Friday, June 22 and July 6 at 7:00 a.m.

Summer Sunday Breakfast Sunday, June 17 through August 12 from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

Contemplative Prayer Tuesday, June 12 & 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Senior High Game Night Wednesday, June 13

Junior High Brown Bag Wednesday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Noon Day Brown Bag Thursday, June 14 at noon

MOE Social Friday, June 15 at 5:00 p.m.

Adult Mission Trip Saturday, June 16 to Saturday, June 23

Junior High Mission Trip Sunday, June 17 to Friday, June 22

Vestry Meeting Monday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Alliance for Interracial Dignity Meeting Thursday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting** Thursday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Facilities Management Committee Meeting Saturday, June 23 at 8:30 a.m.

All Acolyte Training Sunday, June 24 at 11:00 a.m.

MOE Brown Bag Thursday, June 28 at 5:00 p.m.

SUMMER SCHEDULE through September 9 Holy Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

School Supplies Ingathering Beginning Sunday, June 17 Concludes Sunday, July15

ReNew: The Green VBS

Based upon the parable of The Sower, ReNew will provide opportunities for children to carry their spiritual connections home and help the environment! Children will be encouraged to participate in the VBS RENEW IT Challenge where they will be given a variety of easy (and some tough) ways to be good stewards of God's earth. Reusing materials, walking and riding bikes on the sidewalk and not on the grass, composting leaves, making home made cleaning products ... there is something for everyone.

VBS will be held July 22—26 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Emmanuel. Don't forget to register so we can plan efficiently. Also, VOLUNTEERS are needed! Please contact Tricia Copeland or Jennifer Sisul with questions or to volunteer.

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The next newsletter deadline is **June 26** for the issue to be published on July 3 2012. All articles and information should be submitted to Kathy Wright (parishadmin@emmanuelepiscopal.org) in the parish office (by email, if possible). The *Angelus* will be monthly for June, July and August. Thank You.

Sunday Worship Schedule and Propers

Child care is available in the nursery (near the Big Bend entrance) from 9:45 a.m. until after the 10:00 a.m. service. **Regular Summer Service Schedule: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

Propers for June 17 Ezekiel 17: 22 - 24 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5: 6 - 10, 14 - 17 Mark 4: 26 - 34

Propers for June 24

Job 38: 1 - 11 Psalm 107: 1 - 3, 23 - 32 2 Corinthians 6: 1 - 13 Mark 4: 35 - 41

Propers for July 1, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Wisdom 1:13 - 15; 2: 23 - 24 Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8: 7 - 15 Mark 5: 21 - 43