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ADVENT 2012

Dear Friends:

There is a prayer for the Season of Advent that I ran across a number of years ago that comes from the work of Gertrud Mueller Nelson in her book *To Dance with God*. In it she writes:

O God of both the light and the darkness,

Send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do - seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things - look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways - long for the complete joy of your coming reign.

We whose hearts are heavy - seek the joy of your presence.

We who are your people, walking in darkness, are seeking the light.

To you we say, “Come to us in the child and in the person of Jesus!”

The season of Advent is the season of light and darkness – a season that looks forward to the coming of the Christ child. It has been understood in a number of ways by Christians over the centuries. It has been called "the Season of Preparation" and "the Season of the Watch". We "prepare" ourselves for God's arrival and we "watch" in hope for the coming of the God of Love - Jesus, the embodiment of God. While we watch, we prepare and we wait... and we wait.

In another book entitled *Celebration of Life*, the Rev. Loren Mead of the Alban Institute talks about the Season of Advent in a delightful and perhaps more accessible way. Apparently he had just watched the movie "Big Top," a film about life in the circus. So he writes the following, which I think wonderfully embraces the anticipation, preparation and proclamation of the season of Advent. Dr. Mead says:

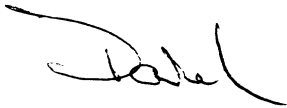
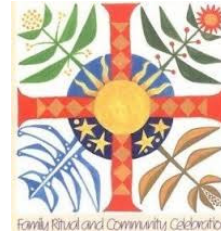
“Is that not the world that we celebrate in Advent? Isn't that the world that we anticipate and prepare to proclaim to those around us as the Feast of the Incarnation, Christmas, approaches? Isn't that what we wait for, and wait for again? A world of laughter, as well as tears..... A world that celebrates...”

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In the next three weeks, as the hectic-ness of the holidays encroach upon our lives, remember to take a deep breath and take the time to celebrate the season of Advent. In the midst of anxiety and suffering, look for surprise and delight. In moments of darkness, remember that there will also be light. Search for the unexpected and the unprecedented, for a new heaven and a new earth are unfolding before us. Look, for God is in our midst. In Advent, we wait and we wait for the coming of God – for we are a people of hope, even in the darkest of times, and we know that joy can happen!

Faithfully Yours,

MISS CAROL'S BRUNCH

Join us as we celebrate the 3rd annual Miss Carol's Brunch for the Homeless. Come hear the story of the late Emmanuel parishioner, Carol Bledsoe, and her mission to serve the homeless. Brunch will be served family style after the Christmas play on December 16th. Donations will be accepted in honor of Carol and go towards the homeless missions at the Cathedral downtown, where Carol worked. It is a morning where the Christmas and Emmanuel spirit truly shine. For more information or to donate a casserole, please contact Kelsey Mitchell. kelseyelizabethmitchell@gmail.com or 314-807-1818



GET "FLEECED" BY MOE!

Moe is selling golf shirts, hats and fleece jackets and vests in the dining room on Sundays. They make wonderful gifts for those you love or for YOU! Find their table in the corner and let them "fleece" you!



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STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

The Permanent Stewardship Committee was formed this year with the idea that its task would be to increase the parish's awareness of how our financial and spiritual lives interact. One of the ideas the Committee developed was to have regular articles in *The Angelus* that reflect the many, many ways in which our dollars go to work here at Emmanuel—to show, in essence, the many ways in which God's work gets done. This month's article is by Jim Groetsch and focuses on City Streets Projects.



WHAT IS THE CITY STREETS PROJECT AT EMMANUEL?

The City Streets Project is a collaborative effort between AmeriCorps St. Louis and Emmanuel to serve the homeless in the St. Louis area. It is designed to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless on cold winter nights when the temperature falls below 20 degrees, or when severe weather is forecast. When these weather conditions prevail, AmeriCorps will provide safety, food, community, warm clothing, and a place to sleep.

The responsibilities of City Streets Emmanuel is to provide meals and warm clothing, although it has also provided blankets, shoes, cookware, dishes and eating and cooking utensils. In 2010-2011 we were dependent on funds from the Men of Emmanuel, the Missions Committee, and the discretionary funds of the clergy. We sponsored Miss Carol's Breakfast as a fund raiser, and raffled a beautiful quilt. In 2011-2012 we received a grant from the New Ventures in Community Ministries of the Missouri Diocese.



HOW DO WE DO IT?

We ask for volunteers from the congregation to cook the food, usually after church on a Sunday. For two weekends a month, we prepare Friday, Saturday, and Sunday suppers and Saturday, Sunday, and Monday breakfasts. Recipes are selected ahead for the cook-in and food is purchased. Volunteers gather to prepare the food and once the food is ready, it is stored in the freezer at church or taken to AmeriCorps for immediate distribution to the needy or stored there for distribution at a later date. We have volunteers from the church to deliver the food. We also have a baking crew that meets to make desserts to accompany the meals.

In 2012-2013 we will have eight cook-ins. Our freezer capacity and that of AmeriCorps allows us store and prepare the food in advance of the weather forecast, and if the food is not needed within a couple of weeks of preparation, we donate it to agencies in the St. Louis area whose mission it is to feed those in need.

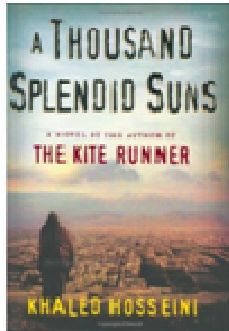
At Emmanuel we had approximately thirty volunteers this past winter as well as workers from our senior and junior high youth groups. Interaction with the homeless people occurred when evening meals were served. We also have enjoyed interacting with the volunteers and employees of AmeriCorps, and have had them come to Emmanuel for a presentation about AmeriCorps as well as the Cold Weather Outreach Program. The Cold Weather Program goes out to the streets on the cold nights to find the homeless and bring them to AmeriCorps for food and shelter.

A dinner will be held on Epiphany Sunday, January 6, 2013 to help raise funds for City Streets.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Emmanuel Women's Book Club's last gathering of 2012 was on November 28. We will resume our schedule on Monday night, January 30, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tree House Room, when we will discuss Khaled Hosseini's popular novel, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. Following his award-winning *The Kite Runner*, this second story covers the tumultuous existence of two Afghani women, whose lives crossed each other over the forty years leading up to the fall of the Taliban in 2003. *Time* magazine's Lev Grossman placed it at number three in the Top 10 Fiction Books of 2007, praising it as a "dense, rich, pressure-packed guide to enduring the unendurable;" and the *Washington Post's* Jonathan Yardley wrote in *Book World*: "Just in case you're wondering whether Khaled Hosseini's *A Thousand Splendid Suns* is as good as *The Kite Runner*, here's the answer: No. It's better."

Please feel free to join us, and to invite friends, family, or other Emmanuelites to come with you and share our fellowship. Our regular meeting time is the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Tree House Room.



Books for spring 2013 will be announced soon! Be looking for it! If you have questions or wish to be added to the Book Club email list, please contact Ann McReynolds at 314-960-0560 or ARMcR@arm-mra.com.

Advent Soup Supper and Giving Tree December 2 - 6:00 p.m.

Advent is just around the corner, as is our traditional Advent Giving Tree and Soup Supper. Please join us on Sunday December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. as we gather together to begin the Advent season. We will enjoy a good meal, great company and an opportunity to provide gifts for those in need this season.

Cost for the event is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children with a \$15 family max.

Help your hostess and sign up in advance at the Big Bend bulletin board.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved call Rachael

Ludwig 314-680-1042.



UPCOMING EVENTS



BELLES OF CHRISTMAS

Set aside this Saturday for the WOE tradition of being with each other as we enter into the season of Advent.....

Who: ALL Women of Emmanuel. Feel free to bring a sister, daughter, mother, friend, neighbor, etc.

When: Saturday December 1, 2012 **Time:** 10 a.m. to Noon

This no cost (to eat), no stress Holiday Brunch is filled with surprises & entertainment! Bring a brunch dish to share (only if it is non-stressful!). We will again have the “Ticket” auction for assorted gifts, decorations, specialty items.

This year we welcome Jean Whatley as a speaker. Jean is a Webster resident, and just published “Off the Leash”, a triumph tale about a woman (Jean), who grabs her dog, jumps in the car and goes for a little spin across America to revive her life. December is a great time of year to hear stories about letting go, courage to listen to our inner voice, and connecting to other people in our lives.

A SPECIAL EVENING AT PLOWSHARING CRAFTS

A good place to do shopping for Advent and Christmas is

Emmanuel night at

Plowsharing Crafts

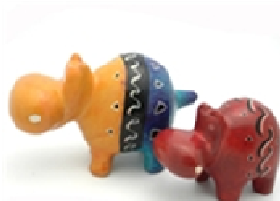
139 W. Jefferson in Kirkwood.

Tuesday December 4, 2012

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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



EMMANUEL'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PLAY

This year's Christmas Play is called "A Child's Christmas in . . ." and celebrates children, their music and traditions from around the world. While the Junior and Cherub Choirs will be leaders in the play, there is room for everyone who would like to participate. Besides familiar carols and Christmas anthems, there will be poetry, dancing and some unusual characters processing in the aisle!

Rehearsals for children who would like to learn all the music and take part in the processions will be on Wednesdays during regular choir times: Cherubs (age 4 – 1st grade) from 6:00 to 6:25 pm; Junior Choir (2nd grade – 6th grade) from 6:30 – 7:15 pm. Children and adults who just want to sing in the chorus are welcome to come to one rehearsal on Saturday morning, December 15, from 10:00 – Noon. *Small children* (Age 4 – 1st grade) should attend from **11:30 to Noon only** on that day.

Most of all, we hope that the entire parish will be present on December 16 at 10:00 am to celebrate with our own children in this special season as we wait for the birth of the holy child who will be born to all of us on Christmas Day.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

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

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

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

Join us on **Sunday, December 23** at the 5:30 p.m. for the Blue Christmas service.

*****SAVE THE DATE *****

DECEMBER 17TH 11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Volunteers, chaplains and staff of Episcopal City Mission will meet at Emmanuel to wrap gifts for children in detention at Christmas. A light lunch will be provided.

ALTERNATIVE GIVING CARDS

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



Use **Emmanuel Cards for Alternative Giving for Christmas!**

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

Donations can be made to:

- City Streets
- Emmanuel Cares
- Emmanuel's Food Center
- Episcopal City Mission
- Episcopal Relief and Development Fund
- God's Child Project
- Habitat for Humanity
- St. Louis
- Rosebud Reservation
- Webster-Rockhill Ministries
- Mission Committee work



Cards will be available on Sundays during Advent before and between services **starting** the first Sunday of Advent **December 2, 2012.**

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!!!



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

ALUMS A FOCAL POINT

“The alumni are very important to our youth group,” said Youth Minister Kevin Williams. “Their legacy of success is what makes the senior high youth group what it is today.” Williams said that the group works hard to recognize those contributions. “That’s why we send ‘care packages’ to our college alumni at exam time. And it’s why we have our alumni reunion, scheduled this year for December 30.”

It is also an alumna, Kelsey Mitchell who has transformed “Miss Carol’s Brunch” into an occasion to support the homeless. The lunch is named for Carol Bledsoe, a member of Emanuel who was killed in service to the homeless of downtown St. Louis. For several years the cathedral supported a breakfast in her honor for the homeless, at which Emmanuel youth served. More recently, after the project was to be discontinued, Mitchell revived it and transformed it into a brunch at Emmanuel, this year scheduled for December 16. Contributions will be collected to benefit the homeless.

The youth are also preparing for their childcare project scheduled for December 2 (see below) and a Christmas Party at 4 o’clock on December 9.

Meanwhile, attendance at J2A (Journey to Adulthood) has been “fabulous,” according to Ian MacBryde, one of the youth leaders. “The youth are keeping it really interesting, and the learning is a two-way street.” “We find out a lot about how different generations feel about issues.”

SANTA’S LITTLE HELPERS

“Santa’s Little Helpers is simply a contribution the Senior High Youth Group wants to make to the parish,” said Jennifer Smerek, whose brainchild it is.

“There is no charge, and we will not accept contributions. We just want moms and dads to have a chance to get out and do some holiday shopping if they are so inclined.”



The child care service will be provided by Senior Youth members and leaders from 3 o’clock to 6 o’clock, Sunday, December 2, and is open to all children of parishioners from Infancy. “It will be helpful if people could sign up ahead of time, but it’s certainly not necessary,” said JoAn MacBryde, another leader, who is helping to manage the project. “We plan to divide the children by age groups and match them up with leaders and youth.

Sign up sheets will be available immediately after services on Sunday.



GUATEMALA 2013

*Bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens,
Brown paper packages tied up with strings,
These are a few of my favorite things--"The Sound of Music"*

Emmanuel parishioners are chipping in a lot of their favorite things as contributions to the upcoming auction on behalf of the Senior High Youth Group's mission trip to Guatemala next summer.

Phyllis Newcomb, who is in charge of soliciting contributions which stem from "the gifts, the talents" of the parish, says that the response to this point has been very encouraging. Parishioners, obviously, have embraced the notion of giving things that they are able to craft themselves, or services which they can contribute.

The responses have been creative, too. Two people have offered tutoring, one for the ACTs, the other for instruction in English. There will be a portrait to be commissioned. There are a number handcrafted items: knitted, needlepoints, quilted, and cooked.

There is also at least one vacation home on the block—for a week, anyway-- which has received rave review from the last successful bidder for that item.

There are also a number of other opportunities, for party-givers, for example, who might offer their home for a dinner or a barbecue. And there is, apparently, no limit to the creativity of Emmanuelites in this mission trip effort. So you may expect further updates which will, no doubt, at least one "Wow, I wish I had thought of that." Stand by.

For answers to questions or to make an offer, contact Margaret DeYoung 962-8846 or Phyllis Newcomb 961-7856.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

December 2

Team Captain - Liz Wagon

1st Crucifer - Liz Remming

Acolytes - Hannah Myers, Elijah Myers,
Clio Langdon, Claire Hooker, Chloe Hooker

December 9

Team Captain – Maggie Brennan

First Crucifer – Matt Walch

Acolytes – Jameson Howard, Kendra Howard,
Clay Moss, Ella Moss, Rachael Fisher

December 16

Team Captain - Creighton DeYoung

1st Crucifer - Jackson Hotaling

Acolytes - Thomas Hotaling, Maia Langdon,
Isabella Crang, Julianna Crang, Clio Langdon

December 23

Team Captain - Sabrina Walch

1st Crucifer - Matt Walch

Acolytes - Julian Appleyard, Isabelle Appleyard,
Tom Florent, Jack Love, Emma Sabath

Christmas Acolyte Training

Sunday, December 2nd

12:00 - 1:30 pm

'ALL' Acolytes

Mark Your Calendars

Pizza in the Dining Room

ABOUT THE PARISH FAMILY

We are saddened by the death on November 13 of parishioner **Edith Schrautemeier**. An interment will be held in the Memorial Garden on Saturday, December 1 at 1:00 p.m. Friends are invited to attend.

The sympathy of the parish is extended to **Susan and Bob Shillito and Heather and Mike Sabath** and their families on the November 20 death in Atlanta of Susan's father and Heather's grandfather, **William Hugo Parkman**. *May light perpetual shine upon them.*



BIRTHDAYS

December 1

Alex Floresca
Alex Lange
Kevin McGrane

December 2

Karin Ransden

December 3

Pat Murray
Tanya Paschall

December 4

Matthew Crews
Roger Grow
Mike Walsh
JoAnne Warren

December 5

Victoria Hudson
Catherine Ludwig
Jennie Werremeyer

December 6

KarenAnn Gadel
Abigail Kovac
Stephen Sanders

December 7

Gene McKittrick
Rogene Nelsen

December 9

Marjie Brueggemann
James Devlin
Thomas Hotaling

December 10

Caroline McCarthy
Rich Mitchell
Rod Wiltse
Bill Wright

December 11

Althea Kortenhof
Rick Kuhn

December 13

Kellie Hornberger
Lisa Liss
Guy Oliver
Karl Reif

December 14

Trey Vasbinder
Willa Vasbinder

ANNIVERSARIES

December 1

Ken & Mary Killion

December 16

Dale & Pam Penrose

December 20

Chuck & Grace Koerner



Wedding
Anniversaries

PEACE MEAL! DEC. 22!

Celebrate the Christmas season with our friends! Dec. 22 is our next round for the Peace Meal. We meet at St. John's in Tower Grove at 2:00 PM to cook, serve, and eat with any and all our guests from the neighborhood. We are finished by 6:00 PM. Come as you are; everything (even skills!) will be provided. For additional details, call or text Kevin McGrane at 314-724-3832

Junior High Youth News – Advent, 2012



Junior High is jammin'!! And speaking of jamming -- we will start to sell our jams, jellies and crafts on Sunday morning, December 2 before, after and between services and during the Giving Tree Soup Supper on the evening of December 2. We will also sell them on 12/9, 12/16 and 12/23 (if we haven't run out by that time). December is busy for us ... as you can see!

Please note that some of these are new times and dates.

Sunday, 12/2/12

Before, between and after Services – sell our Holiday gifts (Service)

We need you to sign up for a shift to help sell on either 12/2, 12/9 and 12/16 – please let Lisa Liss know when you can help - Thanks.

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

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

Advent Giving Tree Soup Supper 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Service and Faith – Double Points!!!)

We will help set-up, serve and cleanup plus sell our Holiday Gifts. Also, please wear a white shirt and khaki pants.

Sunday, 12/9/12

Before, between and after Services – sell our Holiday gifts (Service)

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

Adopt-A-Family Shopping followed by Jr. High Christmas Party 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Service and Fellowship - DOUBLE points!!)

Please bring \$5.00 donation for the Adopt-A-Family shopping and a \$5.00 wrapped gift for the youth party for a gift exchange game. Please RSVP to ensure we have enough leaders and drivers.

Saturday, 12/15/12

WRHM Adopt-A-Family - 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Service)

Sort and Organize Donations – More information to follow as we get the details.

Sunday, 12/16/12

Before, between and after Services – sell our Holiday gifts (Service)

Christmas Play and Brunch 10:00 a.m. (Service) Note: There will be no Rite 13.

BAPTISMAL DATES FOR 2012 & 2013

Below are the scheduled dates for Baptism and Baptismal Preparation Session. At least one parent must attend a preparation session before their child may be baptized at Emmanuel. You need not have set a baptismal date to come to one of these sessions. If you are pregnant or still deciding about baptizing your child here, please come. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about baptism. Call Susie in the church office at 961-2393 to make a reservation.

Upcoming Baptism Dates

December 9 – 10:30 a.m.

January 13 – 9:00 a.m.

January 20 – 10:30 a.m.

Baptismal Instruction Classes

December 4 – 6:00 p.m.



MOE MEN'S CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Thursday, December 6, 2012

At Llywelyn's in the Game Room from 5-7 p.m.

\$3 wells, \$3 pints,

\$2.75 house wine,

\$12 buckets of domestic beer .

\$5 will cover the cost of appetizers.

Join us for this celebration of the holiday season!!

Come early,
leave early.



Come early,
leave late.



From the Caring Committee:

Thank you to everyone who participated in Emmanuel's **Blood Drive**. We had 24 units of blood at the end of the day, which can ultimately help up to 72 people. We had a wonderful group of donors, volunteers, and cookie-bakers.

The Mississippi Valley Blood Center was extremely pleased with our donations, and with the cooperation of our members. Congratulations to all!

THANKS TO ALL FOR FALL CLEANUP DAY!!

Thanks very much to all who came out on November 10th to help with the fall Cleanup Day at Emmanuel. The weather was perfect and we had a great crew that spent their morning at church working on several outdoor and indoor projects.

Chris Allen and kids

Dave and Barb Buck

Margaret & Mark DeYoung

Susie Feldmann

Marie & Judd Holt

Thomas Hotaling

Lissa Johnson

Richard Keyes

Tim Knox

Mary Jane & Rick Kuhn

Scott Parker

Mimi Shipp

As always, we really appreciate your help, and if we've forgotten to thank anyone please accept our apology.

Sincerely,

Facilities Management Committee

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 Bill Simokaitis, *Staff Accountant (ext 210)*
 Keith Ennis, *Part-time Sexton*
 James Nelson, *Part-time Sexton*
 Kelly Lakies, *Part-time Sexton*
 Glenn Dunn, *Information Technology (ext 240)*
 Angela MacBryde, *Preschool Director (ext 123)*

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 Peg Cooper, *Caring Ministries*
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Environmental Stewardship
 David Pluhar & John Liss, *Facilities Management*
 Diana Beckman, Tricia Copeland
 & Angie MacBryde, *FaithQuest*
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ADULT FORUM PREVIEW

On **December 2** Professor Leigh Greenhaw, Senior Lecturer in Law at Washinton University, returns to discuss the inclusion of contraception in the Affordable Care Act. Dr. Greenhaw has written on law and religion, equal rights, along with other constitutional issues and was the 2011 Board of Directors President for St. Louis Interfaith Partnership/Faith Beyond Walls.

You will have a chance to get to meet Chuck Peery on **December 9** who will come out from behind the organ, piano and harp and talk about congregational singing and put to rest the excuse that many people can't carry "A Tune in a Bucket." Chuck is also a composer and director of the Gateway Ringers.



WEBSTER-ROCK HILL MINISTRIES Adopt-A-Family For the Holidays

The Ministries has two programs in which you can participate as an individual, family, group, neighborhood or a classroom. For **Christmas** you can adopt a family by providing a meal and gifts. The deadline is November 30.

If you are unable to adopt a family, you can send monetary contributions and the Ministries will do the shopping for you. They expect to have more families who want to be adopted this year than they have had in the past, so no gift is too little.

For registration information contact the Ministries at 314-961-5082.

Bob Garrecht

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

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

IN HOSPITAL/MED TESTS or TREATMENT

Parishioners: Lisa Teczar, Ben Jones

Linda Murer, Nancy McClary's cousin
Neal Westermeyer, friend of Audrey Claxton
Waynetta Rodgers, Charlie Walch's friend
Donna Maginn, friend of Dee Margos
Linda Park, Laura McCord's cousin
Sally McMillan, MJ Kuhn's cousin
Angeleen Gamache, Angie Breeher's mother
Fran Gebhart, Gary & Doris Ferguson's daughter
Fritz Luckner, Anne Crown's father
Jim Clauss, Lou's brother
Jodie Johnson, Lissa Johnson's mother
Lisa Leonard, Emmanuel Lion's wife
Lisa Sherrill, Fran Sherrill's daughter
Mark A. Baxley, Ruth's son
Steve Thomas, Lynne Shields' cousin

LONG TERM MEDICAL NEEDS

Parishioners: Caroline Birdsall, Sandra Nelson, Roberta Gehbauer, Fran Martin, Nan Rimbach, Jean Little, Laura Ullman, Barbara & Don Rose, Grace Koerner

Rissa Woodley, Ann McReynolds' aunt
Margaret Clark, Dick's aunt
Edna Tappana, Gary's mother
Kathleen Finnegan Schuler, Janet Fulford's friend
Ben Schneider, MacBryde's grandson
Ann Neukomm, Mart Mitchell's aunt
Coline Martines, Michael's mother
Annie Mae Fielder, Roberta's mother
Gabrielle Nelson, Sandra Nelson's granddaughter
Wylma Teczar, Steve's mother
Teddy Jayne, young man in Webster

RECUPERATING

Parishioners: Ann Bain, Betty Walker, Dorothy Saunders, Martha LaFata, Glenda Mansker, Jerry

Cooper, Nancy Moore, Gary Ferguson

Ann Neukomm, Mart Mitchell's aunt
David Benson, former Emmanuel priest
Dick & Joanne Vinyard, Jennie Werremeyer's friend
Helen Ruger, Prah's granddaughter
Laura Williams, Betsy's mother
Steve Wilson, Lynne Shields' friend

SERIOUS ILLNESS

Alvin Stouffe, Bill Florent's brother-in-law
Andrew Allen, Gloria Kimmel's great-nephew
Ann Geisert, Margaret DeYoung's friend
Barbara Hulett, Maryellen Bell's friend
Bill Brown, Janet Brown's father
Bobbie Krehbiel, Ann McReynolds' friend
Charlie Nahlik, Maryellen Bell's friend
Carole Smith, friend of Nancy McClary
Clare Blasé, 14 year old Nerinx student (Kopff)
Dan Scherer, friend of Kuhns
David Drichta, Audrey Claxton's former son-in-law
Dickie Priest, Betsy Mackey's friend
Douglas Darlington, Hazel's son
Ed Aaron, friend of Donna Erickson
Ed Heigl, friend of Ann McReynolds
Heather McFadden, Margaret DeYoung's friend
Janet Killian, Tracy Crew's mother
Jan Burgard, friend of Tom & Karen James
Janet Klumpp, Rod & Pat Wiltse's friend
Janine Fabick, Becky Jacoby's former sister-in-law
Jocelyn Welk, Catherine & Kevin McGrane's niece
John Kohler, Sue & Lou Clauss' friend
John Musgrave, Diocesan Priest
Karen Becker, Laura McCord's friend
Katie Murphy, friend of Jodie Kuhn
Leigh Tyler, Mark McReynolds' friend
Linda Ott, Sandy Baker's friend
Marty Schmitt, Margaret Rowe's friend
Mike Karandief, Chris Knox's family friend
Paula Coulton, Don & Stella Spalts' friend
Stephanie Duensing, Lissa Johnson's sister
Tammy Stutz & family, Tracy Crews' friend

SPECIAL NEEDS

Parishioners: Joyce Devlin, Mary Ellen McCarthy, Jean Weingaertner, Warren Druschky
Andy Wiltse, Rod & Pat Wiltse's son
Doug Moody, Mary Jane Kuhn's Godson
Jeffrey, Sue Smith's grandson
JoAnne Hansen, Eleanor Fletcher's sister-in-law
Kathleen McGrane, Kevin McGrane's daughter
Peggy Thacker McCaslin, Kerry Thacker's daughter
Pixie & family, Allison Williams' friends
Sammie Curtis, Laura McCord's aunt
Sue Kohler, Sue & Lou Clauss' friend

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Morning Prayer

Tuesday, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Eucharist at Noon

Wednesday, November 28, December 5

Men's Bible Study at Stratton's Restaurant

Thursday, Nov. 29, Dec. 7 at 7:00 a.m.

Men's Breakfast at Stratton's Restaurant

Friday, December 14 at 7:00 a.m.

Choir Practice in Rehkopf Hall

Wednesday, November 28, December 5

Cherub Choir at 6:00 p.m.

Junior Choir at 6:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Choir at 7:30 p.m.

Contemplative Prayer

Tuesday, Nov. 27, Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Food Center Shopping at Aldi's

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 29, Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Junior High Brown Bag

Sunday, December 2 at 11:15

Belles of Christmas

Saturday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Acolyte Refresher Training

Sunday, December 2 at 12:00 p.m.

Senior High Child Care Service

Sunday, December 2 at 3:00 p.m.

Advent Soup Supper & Giving Tree (see pg. 4)

Sunday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Baptismal Instruction Class

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

MOE Men's Christmas Social at Llewellyn's

Thursday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m.

AIR Committee Meeting

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

Webster University Chamber Singers Concert

Sunday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m.

City Streets Cooking

Sunday, Dec 9 & Thursday, Dec. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

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

Finance Committee Meeting

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

Caring Ministry Meeting

Monday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Facilities Management Committee Meeting

Saturday, December 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Annual Christmas Play

Sunday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Miss Carol's Brunch

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

Vestry Meeting

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

MOE Operation Brown Bag

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

Episcopal City Mission Gift Wrapping At Emmanuel

Monday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Play Rehearsals (see page 6)

Wednesdays during regular choir times:

Cherubs (age 4 - 1st Grade) 6:00 - 6:25 p.m.

Junior Choir (2nd - 6th grades) 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Chorus: Children and Adults singing in chorus should come to one rehearsal on Saturday morning, December 15 from 10:00 a.m. - noon. **Small Children** (ages 4 - 1st grade) should attend from 11:30 a.m. - noon only on that day.

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The next newsletter deadline is December 4, 2012 for the issue to be published on December 11, 2012. 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 9:45 a.m. until after the 10:00 a.m. service.

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

**Propers for December 2
The First Sunday of Advent**

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-9
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-26

**Propers for December 16
The Third Sunday in Advent**

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

**Propers for December 9
The Second Sunday of Advent**

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

**Propers for December 23
The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Micah 5:2-5a
Canticle 15 *or* Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45