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Martie Metzler's extension Martie will get a notice on her cell phone.



Dear Emmanuel Family,

We all have a lot to be thankful for; so it seems fitting that in this time and in this place we pause to give thanks for all the blessings of this life. As we celebrate this week a day of Thanksgiving, my hope for all of us is that this day be a small portion of the thanks we have to give for all that we have received.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I would like to share with all of you a few specific things that I am very thankful for today.

My home, and my access to healthcare. Last week, the stomach flu made its way through the Slane house. We were all ill for at least 24 hours and then very weak for several days following our plight. We were comforted in knowing that we had a safe place to be sick, a shower that flowed with clean water, and a warm bed to crawl into to rest. I was able to get medicine and foods that helped nourish our bodies and help make us well again. And I can't help but feel thankful for my home when I realize that so many homeless men, women, and children do not have a safe place to be sick, or a clean shower to use, or a warm bed to rest in. My prayer is that we may find ways to provide shelter and healthcare to all in need.

My son. My little boy is a year old today. He has clean clothes, educated parents, his own room, and never has to skip a meal. He was born into a safe and loving environment. He goes to school and has more toys and books than any kid could ever need. My prayer is that my husband Chris and I will be diligent in raising him to understand that he is lucky for his life, by virtue of where he was born, so that he may use his privilege to help those who were not so lucky.

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My faith community. This past weekend, at Diocesan Convention, our bishop placed on the table in front of him an icon of the Holy Family asking us all to remember those who flee their homes for safety by reminding us that our Lord himself was also a refugee. His acknowledgement of the Syrian refugees inspired clergy of the diocese to bring forward a resolution to support and welcome those seeking safety from the horrors of war. It was inspiring to see the Body of Christ make a public declaration of their faith, which urges them to care for orphans and widows in their distress, to extend hospitality to the stranger, and to care for the oppressed. In passing this resolution, we have promised to work in our local and national context to support those refugees who desperately need our help and our open arms. My prayer is that hatred may cease and that all people may find peace in their home.

If you would, take a moment, to write in the margins of this newsletter three things that you are especially thankful for today. It can be anything: basic necessity, complex privilege, great or simple joys. Once you have three things in mind, share at least one of them with a family member or friend who you see today. I ask that you do this because I believe that sharing our thanksgivings with others help them to recognize all that they have to be thankful for and together we benefit from living as grateful people.

We have a lot to be grateful for. Let us rejoice in what we have been given and find the strength to share these gifts with others.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Melanie Slane

Melanie Slave

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, open again on Monday, the 30th.

Happy Thanksgiving to All from the Staff at Emmanuel

Food Center News

Friday November 20 Third & Fifth graders from The College School delivered by wagon and van over 6,000 canned goods to Emmanuel Food Center. Children had a hand-to-hand can line to get them into the building; Food Center volunteers were on hand to sort and take to the low level and Sunday our Sr. High Youth Group sorted on shelves in the storage room. It was a Bountiful Day!



Belles of Christmas!

Emmanuel women and their women friends will gather on December 5 for a lovely and fun Christmas brunch. At the Belles of Christmas you'll enjoy a low-stress, all-fun morning, including raffle JARS and other entertainment. New this year: Crazy Quilt raffle!

WHEN: December 5, 2015, 10:00 a.m. - no end time (because the fun will never end.)

WHERE: Emmanuel Dining Room

BRING: A brunch dish to share (only if its preparation is low stress!)

None! A free event! Sign up at church so we have enough seats. Bring in items for the Jar Raffle—it's a great place to get hand-made items or a white elephant! Also, bring a few dollars for the raffle baskets.

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT MAGDALENE HOUSE.

TO DO:

<u>DONATE ITEMS</u> to include in the fun JAR Raffle jars. Drop items to raffle off at church during business hours or on Sundays... <u>BEFORE</u> Dec 5. You can also bring items Friday Dec 4 between 2-7 p.m. This is a great way to cull treasured, but no longer used Christmas decorations!

<u>BUY QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS</u> on sale at church Sunday mornings! You do not have to be present to win. Remember... all proceeds will benefit Magdalene House. \$10/ticket.

Want to help? Contact Kristyn Brennan 314-578-3789, <u>bron.kristyn@sbcglobal.net</u> or Laurie Parker 314-306-8351, <u>lhparker1@hotmail.com</u>.

Belles of Christmas... because... It's a Jingle out there!

Advent Soup Supper and Giving Tree

Sunday, November 29—6 pm

The Advent Soup Supper on the 29th begins our Advent season. Jr. High will set up and serve. The Williams, Dunns, MacBrydes and other Jr. High parents are the chefs! The giving tree will be adorned with Gift Tag Ornaments for us to take and provide the requested gift. Return the requested unwrapped gift by Sunday, December 13.

The gifts will be distributed to families in need by **Webster-Rock Hill Ministries**; to youth in our city and county detention centers by **Episcopal City Mission**, and by **Nurses for Newborns**.



Junior High Youth have made delicious spreads and will sell them on **November 29 and December 6** before and after services. These delicious jams, jellies, and butters make great gifts for teachers, coworkers, family, and friends. Bring your holiday shopping list and support our youth.

The 29th will be an especially busy day for the **Junior High Youth** as they will set up, serve, and clean up for the Advent Soup Supper from 5 to 7 pm.

Do you need a few hours of FREE, <u>supervised</u> childcare? **The Senior High, Youth, a.k.a. Santa's Little Helpers,** will provide free childcare from 3 pm to 6 pm on Sunday, November 29, at Emmanuel. Kids ages 0 to 10 are welcome to come.

Episcopal Migration Ministries

The United Thank Offering is giving a \$30,000 special grant to Episcopal Migration Ministries, which has been providing assistance to refugees in the United States as well as throughout the world for over 20 years. Given the current crisis and the tremendous need, UTO has *challenged* the Episcopal Church to match this grant through gifts from individuals as well as parishes.

Emmanuel is asking for your assistance to help the Episcopal church meet this challenge. You may submit checks or cash to Emmanuel through the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2015 (Christmas Play). Make checks payable to Emmanuel and clearly mark: UTO-Refugees. If you use alternate methods of payment, again, please clearly indicate for UTO-Refugees. Thank you for considering a gift.

Emmanuel Poinsettia Delivery Team Needs Your Help

Advent is here and Christmas is fast approaching, and everyone is very busy, but please stop and consider delivering a Christmas poinsettia any time after the 10:00 a.m. service on **Sunday December 27**. It is the hope of the clergy, vestry, Caring Ministries Committee, and Altar Guild as well as all members of Emmanuel that many individuals will be able to help deliver these lovely flowers that adorn the altar and church during the Christmas season. If you can't make it on Sunday the church will be open for poinsettia pickup during regular church hours. Monday December 28 a



will be open for poinsettia pickup during regular church hours Monday December 28 and Tuesday December 29, 2015.

These flowers mean a tremendous amount to those who receive them, so please plan to come to the dining room, pick up a card with an address and a poinsettia or two, sign the sheet and take the flower out to someone who will love to receive it. These plants will be taken to shut-ins and others on a list that is prepared by the clergy and office staff. If you would like to participate in this very important ministry of reaching out to fellow Emmanuelites and others, please contact Peg Cooper at 314-821-1012 or coopermh@slu.edu by Wednesday December 23, 2015.

City Streets 'Cook In' November 22 and December 6, 11:30 a.m.

As cold weather sets in you'll begin reading and hearing announcements about "City Streets." City Streets is how Emmanuel participates in AmeriCorps Emergency Winter Warming Shelter. AmeriCorps St. Louis started this emergency shelter 5 years ago at the urgent request of the City Department of Human Services during a particularly bitter winter. When the temperature dips below 20 °F, AmeriCorps opens its doors on the weekends to provide a bed and food to people living on the streets. To prepare for potentially bitter cold nights, Emmanuelites meet various Sundays between November and February to prepare meals, freeze them, and take to AmeriCorps to use when the shelter is open. AmeriCorps is one of several partners with St. Louis Winter Outreach to assist those living on the streets in St. Louis.

If you would like to participate in cooking or delivery, please contact the office at 314-961-2393. To learn more about this ministry or investigate other ways to volunteer visit http://www.americorps-stl.org/get-involved/volunteer/winter-warming-shelter/



WEBSTER-ROCK HILL MINISTRIES 2015 HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



If you plan to participate in the **Christmas Adopt-A- Family program** at Webster Rock Hill Ministries, contact them quickly at 314-961-5082 for details!

Gifts and Glad Tidings—Christmas Play

Would your child like to participate in the annual Christmas Play, Sunday, **December 20 during the 10 a.m. service?** Then please join us! If you would like to <u>sing</u> in the play practices are on Wednesdays, December 2, 9 & 16, from 6-6:30 p.m. if your child is 4 years old-First Grade, and 6:30-7:15 p.m. if your child is in Second-Fifth Grade.



If your child would like to be a <u>reader</u> please contact Beth Knapp at (314) 961-1558 or Heather Sabath at (314) 922-9520. <u>Practice for readers</u> will be Wednesday, December 16, 6-6:30 p.m.

 $\underline{\text{Full dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 19 (10a.m. to noon), we expect all readers and singers to participate .}$

Hanging of the greens

Come help prepare the church inside and out with the **Hanging of the Greens**! After the 10:00 service on **Sunday, December 20**, help hang the numerous wreaths with their red bows as well as the pine roping. All are welcome to help, *but men with ladders are a definite need!* Having helped decorate the Church for Christmas makes worship an even more wonderful experience!

P.S. Notice the lovely wreaths for Advent on the church's front doors - blue bows and all? Check them out!

ECM Gift Wrapping

Do you have a couple hours to spare **Monday December 14?** Need a free lunch? The, come help gift wrap for ECM! Episcopal City Mission has provided chaplaincy to children in detention in the city and county <u>since 1894</u>. Each year Emmanuel opens our Parish Hall for ECM to bring in Christmas gifts collected from around the Diocese to be gift wrapped & distributed to the three detention centers where Chaplains serve in St. Louis City, St. Louis County & Lakeside Center.

A soup/salad lunch with bread and dessert is served to all who help! Please bring your own scissors, tape and if you have wrapping paper, that would be great! We hope to see some of you here!

Sixth Annual Miss Carol's Brunch

The 6th annual Miss Carol's Brunch will be held **Sunday, December 20** following the Christmas play. A family style meal will be served after the 10am service. While it is a *free meal, donations of any amount are requested in honor of Carol to support our programs*. The meal consists of casseroles, fruit, and sweets and is meant to represent the meal that was traditionally served at the annual brunch for the homeless at the Cathedral. If you cannot make it to the breakfast, but would still like to donate, you can send a check to the church office made out to Emmanuel Episcopal with "Ms. Carol's" in the memo line.

Tragically, on December 19, 2002, Carol was killed outside of her office by a homeless man she had once helped. The next year, "Ms. Carol's Christmas Brunch for the Homeless" was created. Originally, this brunch was served at the Cathedral for the homeless that Carol cared so deeply for. It was a way to remember Carol and continue her important mission. For 6 years, the

youth group of Emmanuel and members of Christ Church helped to serve the homeless in honor of Carol. Twelve years later, we continue to honor Carol by having our own brunch to raise money for the homeless programs of the Cathedral and also Emmanuel's own City Streets Mission.

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This brunch is a great reminder of what is truly important around Christmas time. It brings the Emmanuel family together and truly makes a difference to the St. Louis community.

For more information or to volunteer to help,

Contact Mart Mitchell at

martmitchell1@gmail.com or 314-807-9844



Emmanuel Women's Book Club will meet on Monday evening, November 30 to discuss *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. Amazon.com called it the "Best Book of the Month for January 2015," saying, "This is a book to be devoured."

Everyone is welcome to join us at 7:00 in the Dining Room ... not just our "regulars"! We will also select five books for our spring 2016 discussion that night, so come prepared to cheer on your favorites! Please feel free to invite friends, family, or other Emmanuelites to come with you and share our fellowship and light refreshments. If you have questions or wish to be added to the Book Club email list, please contact Ann McReynolds at 960-0560 or ARMcR@arm-mra.com.

ADULT FORUM NOVEMBER 29 & December 6

November 29—"This is the Jesus Movement, and we are The Episcopal Church, the Episcopal branch of Jesus' movement in this world," Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry says in his first address as Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church.

December 6—Seasons of the Church: Artist Carolyn Lesser will talk about the banners and vestments she made for Emmanuel and the inspiration behind them.

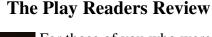
NEXT Mardi Gras Creative Meeting is in January 2016 but... If you have a Skit Idea or Skit Script (even better) we're always open for business!

Our last Mardi Gras meeting of the year was last Wednesday. The meetings will resume after Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas on the same Wednesday that the Fellowship Dinners resume; Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

At that first 2016 meeting we must have your skit outline and your final cast list. Hopefully you'll have been rehearing by then too.

Currently we have 6 musical numbers and 9 viable skits in progress we need more skits!! So folks if you have any thoughts on skits let us know as soon as you can – we're open for ideas and scripts all during the holidays. Please contact us -- Karl Reif (karl1@att.net) or Pam Belloli (pambelloli@earthlink.net) if you have any ideas, skits or questions.

Saturday, February 6 is the date of our Mardi Gras Tickets will go on sale in early January.





For those of you who were at the last Play Readers and saw "Steel Magnolias," you know what this photo is all about. The Armadillo cake was very eatable as it came from Lubeley's Bakery.

Karl Reif called it an Amarillo cake, but all of the Emmanuel Steel Magnolias agreed that the only thing to do with an Amarillo Armadillo was to eat him!

Poised and ready are: front left to right - Bunny Reif, Janet Dobbs, Jessica Ruhlin; back left to right - Ann Marie Ruhlin, Tara Crews, Doris Martin. Bon Appetit!

Mark your calendar for the next *Play Readers on March* 4th, 2016!

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Roderic D. Wiltse, Priest Associate
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Chuck Peery, Organist
Lauren Honz, Children's Choir Director
Kevin Williams, Christian Youth Formation (ext 213)
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Mimi Shipp, Parish Assistant for Ministry Support (ext 209)
Deborah Primm, Part-time Sexton
Rachael Ludwig Preschool Director (ext 123)

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UPCOMING BAPTISMAL DATES

Below are the scheduled dates for Baptism and Baptismal Preparation Session. At least one parent must attend a preparation session before a 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 the church office at 961-2393 to make a reservation. A light supper is served.

Baptism Dates

Dec 6, 10:30 a.m. Dec 27, 10:00 a.m.



Prep Classes

Dec.8, 6:00 p.m. Jan 12, 6:00 p.m.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

November 26 Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m.

Team Captain: Open

Acolytes: Lauren MacBryde, Alison Dunn

November 29

Team Captain, Hannah Myers 1st Crucifer, Elijah Myers 3rd Crucifer, Emma Sabath Acolytes: Sarah Kaul, Josh Copeland



December 6

Team Captain, Isabelle Appleyard 1st Crucifer, Jameson Howard 3rd Crucifer, Kendra Howard Acolytes: Sophia Wilson, Alison Dunn



Team Captain, Maia Langdon 1st Crucifer, Julianna Crang 3rd Crucifer, Clio Langdon Acolytes, Lily Partridge, Cole Witte



ANNIVERSARIES

November 30

December 24

December 29

Betsy & Ed Lindner

Debby & Dewey Long

Lisa & Andrew Rikand

December 1

December 27

Mary & Ken Killion Anne & Duane Benson

December 14

December 28

Greta & Tim Pitcher

Delena & Ed Moredock

December 16 Pam & Dale Penrose

Karl & Bunny Reif

Rene & Jim Howard Andrew & Jenny Shipp

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: Aaron Faust, Adam Erickson

Brian Maginn, Christi & Denny Maginn's son Stephen Carson, Nan Rimbach's nephew Ron Asher, Sara Loyet's nephew



IN HOSPITAL/MED TESTS or TREATMENT

Parishioners: Bob Richards, Mark Gilje, and Katie Lawless

Don Weiland, BrianWeiland's father Edith Kuhn, Rick Kuhn's cousin Wayne Wagnon, Bill Wagnon's father Patty Tiernan, friend of Audrey Claxton Pat McAtee, friend of Jerry Cooper Joy Ferguson, Doris Ferguson's daughter-in-law Virginia Benson, Hilary Perkin's mother Aaron Crowell, friend of Angie MacBryde Jodie Johnson, Lissa Johnson's mother Fran Gebhart, Doris Ferguson's daughter Peggy Thacker McCaslin, Kerry Thacker's daughter Sue Snyder, Nancy McClary's friend Charlie Schaefer, Tom's father Doug Warner, Bob Ziegler's friend Katie Wohlstadter, Phyllis Newcomb's friend Sue Hannah, Maureen Walsh's friend

LONG TERM MEDICAL NEEDS

Parishioners: Caroline Birdsall, Jack Shelby, Edythe Pangle, Joan Amerman, Rosemary Vorih, Roberta Gehbauer, and Warren Druschky

Richard Feldmann, Bob Feldmann's brother Gene Dames, Friend of Jennie Werremeyer Ben Schneider, MacBryde's grandson Ann Neukomm, Mart Mitchell's aunt Coline Martines, Michael's mother Annie Mae Fielder, Roberta's mother Tom & Carolyn Yager, Jim & Mary Ann Groetsch's friends George Benson, Hilary Perkins' step-father

RECUPERATING

Parishioners: Nan Rimbach, Geroge Kaiser, Anne Munroe, Sean Kelly, Rudy Walz, and Scot Copeland

Helen Weber, Susie Feldmann's mother Jane Evans, Nancy McClary's mother Steve Wilson, Lynne Shields' friend Dave Torgeson, Nancy McClary's friend



SERIOUS ILLNESS

Parishioners: Bev Austin, and Carol Kimball

David Ripes, friend of Pam Belloli Eleanore Orman, friend of Shari Kelts' Shirley Hillebrand, friend of Maryellen Bell Ann Paullin, Betty Cochran's sister Mary Henricks, friend of Linda James' Roberta Mackenzie, friend of Jennie Werremeyer Jim Wallace, Barb Russell's brother-in-law Richard Deming, Sue Hooker's brother Cyd Alloway, Christine Remming's mother Ruth Brady, Christi Maginn's mother Jodi Adamson, Christi Maginn's sister Val Lewis, friend of Tricia Copeland Tina Smith Reckamp, friend of Tricia Copeland Renae Baker, Sandy & Phil's daughter-in-law Shirley Steinmeyer, Sharon Prah's Aunt Cathy, friend of Delena Moredock Loyd Triplett, Friend of JoAnne Warren Cathy Ammons, Allison Williams' friend Dickie Priest, Betsy Mackey's friend Carole Smith, friend of Nancy McClary Heather McFadden, Margaret DeYoung's friend Marty Schmitt, Margaret DeYoung's friend Barbara Hulett, Maryellen Bell's friend Tammy Stutz & family, Tracy Crews' friend Jim Spangler, John Mitchell's brother-in-law Debra Dean-Ciriani, Lisa Teczar's friend Patricia McGregor, Stella Spalt's cousin Sue Fritchley, Tom & Sandi Fischer's friend Sharon Baker, Mary Kay Horton's friend Kate Bell, Nancy McClary's friend Keira Stout, child of Grace Clark's co-worker Robert, Jane Emerson's friend Glenda Morris, mom of Charlie Walch's employee Alexandra Pawlik, Janet Dobbs' friend

SPECIAL NEEDS

Parishioners: Jean Weingaertner, Jen Yarbrough

Nete Bublis, Maryellen Bell's sister-in-law Keith Stumpf, JoAnne Warren's friend Laura Worth, Shari Kelts' friend Keturah Grunblatt, friend of Shari Kelts' Julie Drefke, Friend of Diana Knapp Becca Atherton, friend of Becca Shipp's Becky Petty, friend of Melanie Slane Mauloff twins, friends of Sandi Fischer Bill Spurlock, friend of Mary Jane Kuhn Ieshia Charging Hawk, friend of adult mission trip group Sue Kohler, Sue & Lou Clauss' friend Andrew Jones, Steve & Lisa Teczar's nephew Charlotte Roberts, Tina Kennedy's mother Mary Jane Carter, Bill (Marilyn) Keller's aunt Maggie & Jemma Moccasin, friends of Adult Mission Trip Greg Goodman, Barb Russell's friend Katya Soll, Shari Kelts' daughter Barbara Schlectic, Lynn Stephenson's mother Murphy Family, friends of Kuhns