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The Interim Rector's Ramblings

Seven Simple, Splendid Resolutions for 2016

Dear Friends:

I received an email the other day that held such wisdom that I decided I wanted to share it with you. The writer, Denise Bissonnette, was writing about Seven Simple, Splendid Gifts that were free, yet not easy, to give to another person. I got to wondering what our world, what our lives, would be like if we were to simply choose one resolution each day of the week, each week of the year, and to live it out. If we were to do this we would find that the gift we give in living out the resolutions become gifts to us-we become both the gift-er and the gift-ed. May 2016 be a year of simple, splendid gifts, both given and received, for all of us.

Denise's Suggested List of Seven Simple, Splendid Gifts

1. Visibility.

Many people in the world feel totally invisible – unseen, unheard, unnoticed. What a lovely thing that we can, in any moment, offer someone the gift of visibility. I love the story of Mother Teresa who was interviewed on a radio show in Denver and asked by the commentator, "Mother, what can we do for you to make your stay here in Denver most comfortable and enjoyable?" She responded, "I have everything I could possibly need. If you want to do something for me, consider this. Go look into the face of someone who is on the street, someone who is homeless, or lost. Go, look into their eyes and let them know that they are not alone in the world – that you actually see them!"

What she is suggesting here is not so much about throwing a coin into a cup, but about connecting, even for a few seconds, as a fellow human being. What she is asking is that we not avoid eye contact and step over or around people because they make us feel uncomfortable in their poverty or misfortune, but to swallow our discomfort and respond, instead, out of our deeper sense of humanity. A smile, a bow of the head, a friendly "hello" – some small gesture that expresses, "I see you – you are not alone in the world" can be a profound gift, and we don't need to be Mother Teresa to give the gift of visibility! Many of the people who come to us for help and support feel "invisible" in their own way – unemployment has a tendency to do that! Think about ways to make people feel seen and heard, including the remaining six suggestions.

2. A heartfelt compliment.

Nothing so feeds the spirit of another person than genuine affirmation and praise. Everyone wants to feel as if their presence is precious in the workplace, in the classroom, in the family, in the neighborhood. Every day we interact with people who are hungry for a little acknowledgment. To stop, notice, and comment on what a person is doing right is a gift we can give in just about any situation – to our spouse, our children, our co-workers, our students or clientele, and those who serve us in the world.

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The compliment may be about something specific like "I am so proud of how you have persisted in the pursuit of your goals", "Nice job yesterday on the report", or "You are showing so much improvement lately" to something more general like "You have a such a nice smile", "I really like how colorfully you dress," or "You have such a calming presence – I really like being around you." When we pause to consider what we might affirm in another, we will rarely fail to see something worth praising.

3. Thanks.

A lot has been written in recent years about cultivating "an attitude of gratitude" and I am all for it! Clearly, noticing the many ways in which we are blessed is a wonderful way to find joy in our everyday experience, to live in the present, and to gain perspective when facing challenges. What I would add to the "attitude of gratitude", however, is the practice of expressing our thanks and communicating our appreciation! Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a gift, but failing to give it.

It's astounding how much we take for granted in the ways in which we are served, attended to, and cared for by one another! What if we stopped long enough to discern the million and one ways the people around us make our lives easier, more comfortable, and convenient, and then actually took the time to tell them so? For example: Thank you for making the coffee everyday ... it's so nice to come into the office to the aroma... Thank you for your patience with my paperwork- I know it can't be easy for you to wait on me every week... Thank you for always being on time. It's really refreshing. Thank you for setting the room up for us this morning – you helped to make this day a success... Thank you for pairing my socks – I'm losing less of them lately... Thank you for the innumerable ways you work to make the holidays special for this family. I think we can all appreciate the sentiment behind the words of Meister Eckhart when he said, "If the only prayer we ever said was 'thank you' that would be quite enough."

4. A sincere apology.

This is a profound gift for someone you have offended or caused any level of hurt, embarrassment, or heartache, intentionally or unintentionally. For this to be a true gift, it is not simply wrapped in excuses or explanation that make you feel better about yourself in the situation – it is wrapped rather in acknowledgement of the other person's hurt or discomfort, extended with heartfelt humility. Think about those around you who may be waiting for an apology, or who would be totally blown away by such a gift. This is one of those gifts that can be given in the moment or years after the original offense. There is no expiration date on a good apology! This can be given through email, but preferably in person, over the phone, or written in one's own hand. In the truest spirit of the gift, however, it should be given without expectation of how it is received. The apology is gift enough.

5. Forgiveness.

If you have ever been truly forgiven for a past transgression, you know that there is no way of describing the immensity of this gift. What makes it so difficult to give? Every situation is different and offers its own complexity, but when we consider that tomorrow is not promised, that today is all we can be certain about – why would we choose to hold a grudge rather than free ourselves of its burden? Holding grudges makes us small-spirited and closed-hearted. Some say, "I'll forgive, but I will not forget." Henry Ward Beecher once said that is just another way of saying, I will not forgive. He advised, "Forgiveness ought to be like a canceled note – torn in two, and burned up, so that it never can be shown against one again." Now that is a gift! What canceled note can you tear in two and burn, the ashes of which would represent the ultimate gift for that someone for whom you have held resentment or bitterness?

6. The benefit of the doubt.

Wouldn't it be amazing if you could feel completely confident that the people with whom you live and work always assumed your best intentions, regardless of the ways in which circumstances unfold? What if there was room for you to "blow it", not having to fear that others will be thinking the worst of your intentions? What if you knew that you would be considered "innocent until proven guilty", not just in the courtroom, but in the hearts and minds of the people with whom you share your life? Wow, the benefit of the doubt, now there's a gift!

What would it take for us to defer from judging or categorizing someone based on our experience of that person from the past? *Continued on page 2*

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What would it take to view them in their best light, assuming their best intentions? Among other things, it would take a spirit charitable enough to accept another's differences, weaknesses and shortcomings. It would require having patience with someone who has let us down, or the self-discipline and restraint from acting on the impulse to become offended when someone doesn't handle something the way we hoped. Managing our expectations with regard to how others respond in the world would also be helpful.

7. Kindness.

Kindness is powerful. Even the smallest act of kindness has the power to heal, transform, resurrect, empower, and comfort another person. Kindness is timeless and universal. All human beings understand the language of kindness. It crosses all borders and requires no interpreters. Kindness brings out the best in us, eliciting finest instincts and inspiring a largeness of spirit, appealing to the expansive and generous side of our nature. Kindness melts judgment and puts the gale force of compassion at our backs. It invokes empathy and provides a bridge to understanding. Kindness is rooted in the desire and conviction that we can make the world (or someone's world) a lovelier place one small act at a time.

Kindness is simple. It requires gestures no more elaborate than a simple nod, a word spoken in a warm tone of voice, or the gift of restraint when we were about to say or do something that could be hurtful to another. The ways in which kindness can be expressed and demonstrated are wide-ranging and infinite, often arising spontaneously and naturally in small, unsuspecting moments.

Kindness has no downside. There are no strings attached. It asks nothing from us but to be given away. It has no ulterior motive. It can't be forced or stolen. It can only be given freely and it asks nothing in return. It is ruled by the larger power of cause and effect, and therefore it is not subject to interpretation, motive, or intent. It just is what it is, without pretense or posturing. The motive of kindness is kindness.

Kindness is limitless. There is an inexhaustible supply of kindness from which we may draw each and every day. Kindness begets kindness, so there's no fear of ever using it up, running out, or coming up short. Kindness is and always will be available to us in direct proportion to our inclination, desire, and capacity to express it. The gift that keeps on giving.

Splendid to Receive?

I entitled this article Seven Simple Gifts: Not Easy to Give, Splendid to Receive. I think it's pretty obvious what makes these gifts simple, and yet not necessarily easy to bestow. But how about the splendid part? I ask you, dear reader, to assess for yourself, what it is like to be on the receiving end of these gifts. Please take a moment and consider what it felt like the last time you received the following:

- Someone making you feel seen and heard in a situation in which you felt invisible;
- A heartfelt compliment that came from someone with no agenda;
- Genuine thanks and appreciation for something you do every day;
- A sincere apology that helped heal a hurt, heartache, or a misunderstanding;
- Forgiveness which freed you from the burden of guilt, blame or shame;
- The benefit of the doubt in a situation where you appreciated not being unfairly judged or criticized;
- A kindness from someone that touched you deeply.

It is my fondest hope that recollections of having received each of these gifts from someone at some time in our lives will inspire the giving of these same gifts with wholehearted, wide-ranging, no holds barred generosity on our parts. In the words of Sam Levinson, "The tender loving care of fellow human beings will never become obsolete because people, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed. We do this for one another through the gifts of the human spirit."

To be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed is why God came into the world for us. The mystery and miracle of the Incarnation is that we are then asked to be agents of the same. May 2017 hold nothing less than that for all of us.

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FOOD CENTER REPORT

The month of **January** is the annual parish ingathering for 2016 <u>Canned Soup</u>. Please consider a donation to assist those of our community in need. Just drop them in the *food basket as you enter the front doors in the narthex* Sunday morning or place them in the food basket outside the Food Center on the pew under the parish bulletin board.

Many thanks to the following individuals for their generous gifts to the Food Center in December.

Sue Hooker Henry & Cindy Knock MJ Kuhn Sara Loyet Parent's Day Out Leo & Rogene Nelson Linda Schuchmann JoAnne Warren Nancy Williams



A special thanks to 'The Exercise Coach' at 235 W Lockwood Avenue in Webster Groves.

Thanks also to the many anonymous donors!



January Ingathering To benefit City Streets

City Streets is the recipient of your generosity in January. The need is great for men's boots. Some of the men line their boots with newspaper or hold them together with duck tape. If new boots are not in your post Christmas budget, gently used boots are great. New socks would also be appreciated. Post Christmas sales are a great time for shopping!

UPCOMING ADULT FORUMS

January 8—Dr. Kristen Anderson, Webster University Professor of American History and member of Emmanuel, will share her research about what was happening in Webster Groves and the surrounding area at the time of our founding. She will give us insights into the impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction..

January 15—Praying for our Nation. For some of us the inauguration of Donald Trump as Presiden will be a day of victory and joy; for others a day of defeat and angst. For all of us Christians, it should be a day of prayer, and humility. The Rev. Martie Metzler will lead us in an experience of sharing our prayers with humility, respect, and compassion for one another as we approach Inauguration Day January 20, 2017.



22nd Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Community Celebration

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Steger Sixth Grade Center (701 N. Rock Hill Road)

A march...a dinner reception...a community-wide celebration and worship service!

A shuttle will depart from Steger Sixth Grade Center for WG City Hall at 4:00 p.m. for those who want to walk and leave their cars at Steger. Walkers are asked to bring flashlights and dress warmly.

<u>4:30 p.m.</u> March begins on the steps of Webster Groves City Hall (4 East Lockwood)

- 5:00 p.m. March concludes and Dinner Reception at Steger
- 5:45 p.m. Celebration and Community Service at Steger

Community Celebration includes:

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. Terrell Carter, Pastor of Webster Groves Baptist Church and Assistant Professor of Contextualized Learning for Central Baptist Theological Seminary

Special Music

Presented by members of the Praise Band of Riverside Community Church, the Webster Community Choir directed by Lamar Fitzgerald and Dan Yokley, Hudson Harmonies, The Webster University Gospel Choir, and Maria Ellis and The Vaughans

Highlights

Recognition of the "More Than Just an Essay" Contest Winners and presentation of the Martin Luther King Scholarship Awards in honor of Ras Jones

VESTRY SLATE FOR 3 YEAR TERMS



Dick Clark is a life-long Episcopalian. He and his wife Chris began attending Emmanuel in 1982. They have two grown daughters, who grew up at Emmanuel, from pre-school to Sr. High Mission Trips. Dick has served as an usher, a lector, co-chair of the all-parish conference, on the Emmanuel Church Foundation Board, where he also was Treasurer, and has been co-chair of the Every Member Canvass. He served on the Behold Capital Campaign Committee, and has previously been a member of the Vestry. He was Senior Warden at the time of the last Rector Search in 2009. Dick has also served as Treasurer of the Diocese of Missouri for 5 years and during that time was a member of the Diocesan Council, a director of the Diocesan Investment Trust and board member of the Episcopal-Presbyterian Charitable Medical Trust. Since retiring from Monsanto in 2010, Dick has been an active volunteer with the American Red Cross St. Louis Chapter.



Janet Dobbs and her family became members of Emmanuel in1994. Presently she serves as Chalice Bearer, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Lay Reader and a member of the Liturgical Worship Committee. She's also a frequent Play Reader and can be found in the kitchen baking for city Streets or St. John's Peace Meal. Janet previously served as coordinator of Children's Chapel, Children's Liturgist, choir and just recently ended a three year term as Delegate to Convention during which time she served as Secretary of Metro III.

Janet is retired from public education where she taught middle school and high school as well as being the counselor at Hixson Middle School in Webster. Groves. Presently she continues her work as a therapist working in Illinois and Missouri as a private counselor.



Brian Stephenson and his family have been at Emmanuel for more than 10 years. Sons Benjamin (9) and Patrick (3) were both baptized here. Brian sang in the choir for many years and was fortunate to be part of the cast and crew for past Emmanuel Players productions. He migrated the Emmanuel website to the current platform built so that the office can update content readily. Brian served on Jerre Birdsong's discernment committee and represented Emmanuel as a Convention Delegate. As president of Men of Emmanuel, Brian worked with a talented committee on a number of service projects, special events, and fundraisers. He currently serves as a Eucharistic visitor and uploads a recording of each Sunday's sermons to the website.



Charlotte A Martin has been a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church for 3 years. She and her husband John were received by the Bishop in 2015. They were raised Catholic and Charlotte grew up in Bowling Green, MO. They chose Emmanuel as their spiritual home because of the friendliness and service mission of this church. Charlotte volunteers at the Food Center and is now serving on the board. She is also a member of the Newcomer committee, and is the "secret baker" of the banana bread delivered to all newcomers. She loves to cook and volunteers to cook for City Streets and St. John's Peace meal.

John and Charlotte have 3 grown children, Julianne, Rachel and Charlie. Charlotte worked for many years at Sigma Aldrich as a biochemist, manager and VP of Operations. She joined a St. Louis technology startup, Gateway EDI in early 2000, where she was President/COO. Currently Charlotte serves on the board for St. Louis Public Radio, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Leadership Council.

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VESTRY SLATE FOR 3 YEAR TERM



JoAnne Warren was raised in the Methodist church, came to Emmanuel from Trinity, St. Charles in the mid-eighties and became an active member in 1992. She has two adult sons, Bill and Chad, and eight grandchildren. She retired from Monsanto with 50 years of service as a Research Technician in February 2016.

She has chaired Parish Family Life homecoming committee, played co-ed softball with the Griffins, was a vestry member in the late 90's and is a member of the Altar Guild. She has been the chair of Altar Guild twice and she co-chairs the funeral committee of the Altar Guild with Marilyn Keller.

JoAnne serves as an usher, chalice bearer, intercessor and lector. She bakes communion bread for church services and desserts for City Streets. In her spare time, JoAnne enjoys her family, gardening, personal training and walking her two dogs Disney and Paxtyn.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES FOR 3-YEAR TERMS & ALTERNATE DELEGATES FOR 1-YEAR TERMS



Shari Kelts has been a member of the church all her life, and an Episcopalian since she was 30. She has been an active member for the past seven years at Emmanuel. Shari serves as a lay reader, chalice bearer, coordinator of Martha' Meals, member of the Caring committee, Prayer Shawls Ministries, Mission Committee, Funeral committee, Food Center volunteer, and choir member. Shari also volunteers for St. John's Peace Meal, Fellowship Dinners , and City Streets. Shari retired five years ago after being a medical social worker at BJC for fifteen years. She is the proud mother of two wonderful grown daughters.



Courtney Schaefer and her family have been members of Emmanuel since 2013. Courtney has been active in the Dismantling Racism Commission of the Diocese of Missouri for over 10 years. Before moving to St. Louis in the late 1990s, Courtney was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kansas City where she participated in the Disciples of Christ in Community (DOCC) program, and taught Sunday school. Courtney is a School Social Worker for SSD in the Jennings School District. She also has a small private practice working with children and adolescents. She is active in the Webster Groves Herb Society and a book club. She and her husband Tom and son Claude Thomas live in Webster, less than a mile from Emmanuel and often walk to church!



Peter Bogetto grew up in the UP of Michigan and attended boarding school in Glencoe, MO, for high school. After getting his BA he taught in Minnesota and Wisconsin before deciding on a financial career, which he began in 1974. In 1990 he opened Bogetto and Associates in St. Louis. Peter joined Emmanuel in 2014 and has been active in the Newcomer ministry, delivering bread to newcomers, MOE, and Peace Meal. He keeps busy cooking, working out, going to movies, theater, and out to dinner with family and friends. Peter is being asked to serve as a *alternate delegate*, working with members of Emmanuel and other churches in the area..



Maura Salsich has been attending Emmanuel since January of 2012, when her mother (Mary Anne Salsich) invited her to come with her. The energy and kindness of the congregation kept her coming back. Maura serves as a lector and usher mostly at the 10:30 service, so there are many people she hasn't met. Maura is a new member of the Altar Guild and very much enjoys "setting the table" for the Sunday services and learning the details of how a service is put together. And of course it's so much fun to gab on Saturday morning with the other members! Maura is being asked to serve as an *alternate delegate*, working with members of Emmanuel and other churches in the area.

CLERGY & STAFF

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UPCOMING BAPTISMAL DATES

Below are the scheduled dates for Baptism. If you are a new parent or new to Emmanuel and wish to have your child baptized, at least one parent must attend a preparation session with clergy before a child may be baptized at Emmanuel. Please call the church office at 314-961-2393 to schedule a meeting with one of the clergy.

If you are pregnant or still deciding about baptizing your child here, please come. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about baptism.

Baptism Dates

January 15, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. February 12 at 9:00 a.m.



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

January 8, First Sunday after Epiphany

Team Captain: Sawyer Buck 1st Crucifer: Anne Buck Acolytes: Addie Fitzgibbon, Lily Partridge

January 15, Second Sunday after Epiphany

Team Captain: Thomas Hotaling 1st Crucifer: Emma Sabath Acolytes: Alison Dunn, Kate MacBryde

January 22, Third Sunday after Epiphany

Team Captain: Julianna Crang 1st Crucifer: Lauren MacBryde Acolytes: Josh Copeland, Cole Witte

January 29, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Team Captain: Anne Buck 1st Crucifer: Sawyer Buck Acolytes: Sarah Kaul, Sophia Wilson



BIRTHDAYS

January 4 Anna Killion Doug Rieber

January 5 Hilary Perkins

January 6 Charlie Brueggemann Josephine Brueggemann John Ziegler

January 7 Delaney Miranda

January 9 Gretchen Pickeral

January 11 Emiuly Burst

January 12 Elliott Belloli Jerry Ernsky Robbie Love Chuck McClary Frank McGuigan

January 13 Kerry Thacker

January 14 Diana Beckman Michael Martines Mary Elizabeth Wallis

January 15 Maryjane Hotaling Andrew Keyes Kenneth Killion Will Ludwig

January 16 Ethan Allman Clark Edmondson Meredith Edmondson

January 17 Ann Marie Ruhlin

January 18 Patricia Shelby Lachlan Wilson

January 19 Michael Mancini

January 1 Chris & Dick Clark Joan & Jim McGivney

January 4 Katherine & Bob Ziegler

January 7 Melissa & Steven Crang January 20 Chris Gregston Alexander Wallis

January 21 Melanie Miranda Sarah Skinner Isabella Smerek Maureen Walsh Doris Westfall

January 22 Kendall Kaul Anna Martin

January 23 Barbara Buck Teddy Schmitt

January 24 Jonathan Knapp Ian MacBryde

January 25 James Friedel Brody Oliver Lucy Oliver Elizabeth Parker Julia Patt

January 26 Florence Freeman Avery Ross Rosemary Vorih

January 27 Will Danforth Lisanne Schraer

January 28 Katherine Aiello Meagan Corliss

January 29 John Hogg Courtney McAllister Elizabeth Wagnon

January 30 Harris Gerhard

January 31 Oliver Benson Sarah Nelsen

January 28

ANNIVERSARIES

January 13 Jennifer & Nathan Thornton

January 15 Catherine & Adam Kopff

LaVerna & John Meyer

EVENTS/DATES TO KNOW ABOUT



WINTER FELLOWSHIP **DINNERS!**

Fellowship dinners resume

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

What a break.....school also resumes the same day as do choir rehearsals! So, dinner is served! 5:30-7:00 p.m.

We need helpers to set-up, refill the buffer line and clean-up. If you are able to be here early, please call the office to volunteer! 961-2393.

If you are able to be a Dinner Captain (assist with getting helpers!) please contact Ian MacBryde at 314-395-1555

During this divisive time in our nation, The Ethics Project continues to promote healing and understanding in the community through Conversations between Black Mothers and White

A CONVERSATION W BLACK MOTHERS TO WHITE ABOUT "THE TALK" WITH THEIR BLACK SONS

JOIN US @ 6:30 P.M. FOR THESE CONVERSATIONS:

NOVEMBER 18, 2016 Eliot Chapel - Kirkwood, MO* DECEMBER 06, 2016 Fontbonne University* JANUARY 12, 2017 St. Alban Roe Catholic Church^

Moderator/Voice Dr. CHRISTI GRIFFINFounder and President

The Voices: BLACK MOTHERS of the CommunityincludingCarol Daniel, of KMOX radio

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Responses: WOMEN OF THE COMMUNITY

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 Christopher Westfall, son of Doris and David Westfall

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

IN HOSPITAL/MED TESTS or TESTS/TREATMENT Parishioners: Maxine (Max) Padrucco



LONG TERM MEDICAL NEEDS

Parishioners: Warren Druschky, Caroline Birdsall, Jack Shelby, and Joan Amerman

Ben Schneider, MacBryde's grandson Annie Mae Fielder, Roberta's mother Tom & Carolyn Yager, Jim & Mary Ann Groetsch's friends

RECUPERATING

Parishioners: Max Nall, Bill Wright, Judy Collier, and George Kaiser,

Dave Torgeson, Nancy McClary's friend

SERIOUS ILLNESS Parishioners:

Renee Baker Bob Elkins, friend of Moredocks Diann, friend of Zieglers



SERIOUS ILLNESS continued

Don Kleman, friend of Doris Westfall Dick Moxley, MJ Kuhn's cousin Keith, friend of Shari Kelts' Richard Schuckenbrock, Dexter Schraer's cousin Cole Hancock, infant son of Melanie Slane's friend David Ripes, friend of Pam Belloli Eleanore Orman, friend of Shari Kelts' Shirley Hillebrand, friend of Maryellen Bell Ann Paullin, Betty Cochran's sister Jim Wallace, Barb Russell's brother-in-law Val Lewis, friend of Tricia Copeland Tina Smith Reckamp, friend of Tricia Copeland 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 Tammy Stutz & family, Tracy Crews' friend Jim Spangler, John Mitchell's brother-in-law Patricia McGregor, Stella Spalt's cousin Sue Fritchley, Tom & Sandi Fischer'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: Rosemary Vorih, Nan Rimbach, Dee Margos, and Bob Long

Meghan Bashwiner, Bob & Susie Feldmann's niece Jeanne Jake and Angela, friends of Shari Kelts' Lisa & Randy, friends of Zieglers Katya Soll, Shari Kelts' daughter Liza Henderson, Barbara Ballard's daughter Katherine Haertter, friend of Barbara Ballard Caroline Upthegrove, friend of Barbara Ballard Joseph Mon Monier IV, friend of Barbara Ballard The Geeting Family, friends of Anne Munroe Nick Miriani, friend of Zieglers Amy Tyler, friend of Shari Kelts' Elizabeth Maurer, former Parishioner Becky Miller, Mary Jane Kuhn's Goddaughter Jim and Sarah Miller, Maryjane Hotaling's parents Marguerite Arreano, Michael Martines' aunt Ann Williams, Kevin Williams' mother Parker Jane Allen, Mary Jane & Rick Kuhn's granddaughter Keith Stumpf, JoAnne Warren's friend Julie Drefke, Friend of Diana Knapp Becky Petty, friend of Melanie Slane Ieshia Charging Hawk, friend of adult mission trip group Sue Kohler, Sue & Lou Clauss' friend Maggie & Jemma Moccasin, friends of Adult Mission Trip Greg Goodman, Barb Russell's friend Barbara Schlectic, Lynn Stephenson's mother Murphy Family, friends of Kuhns

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SUNDAYS

Worship 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Community Coffee at 10:15 a.m. FaithQuest at 10:25 a.m. Adult Forum at 10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Ron Crown Rite 13 at 10:30 a.m. J2A at 10:30 a.m.

City Streets Cook-In January 8 & 22 at 11:30 a.m.

Egg Team for Chris Church January 8.

Missions Committee January 15 at 11:30 p.m.

MLK Annual Walk January 15 at 4:30 p.m. City Hall Dinner & Presentation at Steger

Annual Parish Meeting January 29 at 10:15 a.m.

MONDAYS

Caring Ministries January 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Office Closed January 16

Emmanuel Book Club January 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Preschool Bd. Mtg. January 30 at 7:00 p.m.

<u>TUESDAYS</u> Vestry Meeting January 17 at 7:00 p.m.

WOEbegone Luncheon January 24 at 11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS Women's Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. 2nd Flr. <u>WEDNESDAYS Continued</u> Holy Eucharist Wednesdays at Noon in Chapel

Emmanuel at Laclede January 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Cherub Choir at 6:00 p.m. Junior Choir at 6:30 p.m. Emmanuel Choir at 7:30p.m.

WINTER Fellowship Dinners January 4, 11, 18, 25 at 5:30-7:00 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. at Stratton's Café

Executive Committee January 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee January 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Sr. High Leader Meeting January 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministries January 5, 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Noon-thirty Brown Bag January 12 at 12:30 p.m.

MOE Brown Bag January 26 at 4:15 p.m.

FRIDAYS

MOE Retreat February 3-4

SATURDAYS Discernment Committee January 9 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Task Force for Hunger January 21 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ABOUT THE PARISH

Our sympathies to Susan Glock and their family on the December 25, 2016 death of former parishioner, **Ed Glock.**

KIDS COAT BLITZ FOR ROSEBUD MISSION

Missions Committee is asking you to shop this weekend! We ask that you go **shopping online** for a new winter coat for a child (male, female or unisex—your choice). NOT a windbreaker or coat suitable for our mild winters in St. Louis but a coat that will help a child withstand the bitterly cold winds whipping across the Northern Plains! You can have the coat of your choice shipped directly to: Mother Lauren Stanley 195 South Roosevelt Ave. Mission, SD 57555-0262 **O**R

If you're out shopping buy a coat and bring it to Emmanuel no later than **January 8.** *OR*

Send a check made out to Emmanuel no later than Jan. 8, and we will buy the coats for you. Mark it **"Rosebud Coats "** For questions email Lauren at <u>MereLaurenS@gmail.com</u> or contact Donna Erickson at donna_erickson@att.net.

ANNUAL

PARISH MEETING

is Sunday, **January 29** after the 9:00 a.m. service.

What is it? It's a presentation to find out about so much! We elect vestry and delegates, we hear about our budget and we get good updates!

ALL ARE INVITED!!

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The next newsletter deadline is **January 17, 2017** for the issue to be published on **February 1, 2017.** All articles and information should be submitted to the Parish Office (parishadmin@emmanuelepiscopal.org or mshipp@emmanuelepiscopal.org) 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 10:30 a.m. service. Sunday Service Schedule: 8:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p. m.		
First Sunday after Epiphany—January 8	Second Sunday after Epiphany—January 15	
Isaiah 42:1-9	Isaiah 49:1-7	
Psalm 29	Psalm 40:1-12	
Acts 10:34-43	I Corinthians 1:1-19	
Matthew 3:13-17	John 1:29-42	
Third Sunday after Epiphany— January 22	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany—January 29	
Isaiah 19:1-4	Micah 6:1-8	
Psalm 27:1, 5-13	Psalm 15	
I Corinthians 1:10-18	I Corinthians 1:18-31	
Matthew 4:12-23	Matthew 5:1-12	