

The Good News

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annual Meeting: January 31, 2010

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

Emmanuel will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 31, immediately following the 9AM service. The main order of business will be the election of new Vestry Officers. The Vestry Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of nominees:

Dan Kelly - Junior Warden

Three year terms as Vestry Officers:

Maryanne Theyerl

John Torrence

Cathy Ritts

Two year term as Vestry Officer:

Rosa Birnbaum

A short biographical piece about each of the nominees will be part of the Annual Report and will be available to you beginning Sunday, January 17.

REPORTS from commissions and organizations for the Annual Report are due Friday, January 8. Please e-mail them to Gale at churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org.

REMEMBER: On January 31 there will be only one service at 9AM.

Jeremiah Development Holds 2nd Annual Meeting

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

Jeremiah Development will hold its second Annual Meeting after the first of the year. What began as a little idea tossed around over lunch is now a fully organized, not-for-profit organization. The Board of Directors has organized a number of committees to better handle the growing amount of tasks. Bob and Pam Hillenbrand are working with the Community Organizing Committee that is

looking at ways to bring residents of the community together. One of the ideas being explored is the development of a community garden. Another committee is beginning to identify potential properties for our first home purchase and renovation. The winter will be a time of quiet internal preparations that we trust will lead into some exciting activity in the spring.

Adult Forum: *Jesus the New Way*

By Janet White

On January 10th adult forums resume with a continuation of the series, *Jesus the New Way*. These films give dramatic recreations of biblical events narrated by historian and Anglican bishop, N.T. Wright. He argues that an historical understanding of biblical events offers new insights into current Christian values and practice.

January 10th — Part Four, Why Did Jesus Die?

January 17th — Part Five, Who Was Jesus?

January 24th — Part Six, The New Claim

January 31st — Episcopal Relief and Development, "...the compassionate response of the Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world"

Please note! The Episcopal Relief and Development program may be traded with one of *the New Way* forums depending on when the Chicago contacts and/or their materials can get to Rockford.

**Reminder: One Service Only
9 am Sunday, January 31**



Youth Events

By Dr. Amy Gustafson

Youth and Parents, Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, 12/27: No youth Christian Education Classes.

Sunday, 1/3 at 9:15 AM: All youth gather in the undercroft to costume and practice for the Epiphany Pageant, which will be enacted the same morning at the 10:30 Eucharist. Toddlers through high school students are all needed and welcome!

Sunday, 1/3: Deadline for notifications of intent to attend Snow Camp (1/22-1/24, see below) and/or New Beginnings #23 (1/29-1/31, see below). Please e-mail or speak directly with Amy Gustafson.

Saturday, 1/16 - Monday, 1/18: Miqra Event at the Cathedral in Chicago.

Friday, 1/22 - Sunday, 1/24: Snow Camp at the Silver Birch Ranch in Wisconsin, with middle and high school youth from Second Congregational UCC and First Presbyterian.

Friday, 1/29 – Sunday, 1/31: New Beginnings #23 Diocesan Retreat (for grades 6-8) at St. John's in Flossmoor.

Sunday, 1/31: No Youth Christian Education Classes due to the Annual Meeting.

Please refer to e-mails for specific details regarding the above events.

Looking ahead:

- Happening #90 Diocesan Retreat for grades 9-12 is scheduled for March 5- 8.
- Diocesan Junior/Senior High Retreat (grades 6-8) at Camp Algonquin is scheduled for April 16-17.



Thank you to all who generously provided pies for the Holiday Soup Kitchen, to those who prepared and served a delicious and filling meal, and to our singers and musicians. Special recognition goes to Stan McGroarty and Trish Rooney for their dedication and ongoing organization of this important event.



After feeding the parish, the Youth Group had their holiday party at Medieval Times, eating with their hands and cheering on the yellow knight...Huzzah!



The Youth Group prepared and served lunch to nourish the parish before the “greening” of the church. Thank you to all who continue to support our youth!

Annual Ladies' Afternoon Tea

By Theresa Sinks

Emmanuel Guild's much anticipated annual Ladies' Afternoon Tea will be held on Saturday, January 30th, 2010.

This is a wonderful event and an opportunity for ladies to relax and enjoy the company of friends, great food and tea, and beautiful music performed on the grand piano by our friend June Taylor. As always, there will be many gentlemen in tuxedos present to make sure that our guests have as much hot tea as they desire.

The "Special-Tea" shop will be bigger and better this year, with beautiful tea towels, aprons, and other tea related items and sweet treats.

Proceeds from this year's tea will be used to purchase new anthem books for Emmanuel's choir.

Due to the popularity of this event, we will be limiting ticket sales this year to 200 tickets. Tickets will be sold after services on January 10th and 17th (while supplies last). Ticket prices are \$8.00 each, 2 for \$15.00, or \$60.00 for a table of 8. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Sinks (815)289-3673.



Thank You, Thank you!

By Jean Frana

Many thanks to all of the Emmanuel Guild members who donated appetizers and desserts for the Thanksgiving Eve reception and the Lessons and Carols reception. We are also grateful for the food donations from choir members, who not only provided us with beautiful music, but found time to cook, too! I am especially thankful for the guild members (and spouses) who helped set up, serve and clean up at the receptions, always a big, big job. And a special thanks to the Sinks for donating much of the wine that was served on Thanksgiving Eve.

It was wonderful to see the undercroft filled with parishioners and guests after the beautiful Festival of Lessons and Carols. Over 150 stayed to enjoy delicious food, lively conversation and fellowship. Thanks to all of you who helped to make the evening so memorable

Christmas Luncheon & Silent Auction 2009

By Jean Frana

Emmanuel Guild's annual Christmas luncheon and silent auction was held on December 17. Members



feasted on a delicious lunch of roast pork with apples and onions, Brussels sprouts in parmesan cheese butter and roasted potatoes, ending with chocolate peppermint freeze.

After lunch members engaged in a spirited silent auction, which raised over \$1000 for our general fund. This is the fund that supports the work of Shelter Care



Ministries, so we were all pleased with the results.



At our business meeting our super shoppers, Norma Cameron and Judith Morgan, reported that they were able to purchase all the Christmas gifts on our adopted

family's wish list with the donations from guild members. It was indeed a day filled with good news, fellowship and Christmas cheer.

Mark Your Calendars

Great Fun With Borg & Handel

By *The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand*

Last fall, forty-six people from Emmanuel and First Presbyterian signed up to explore Marcus Borg's book, *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*. What fun we have had. Bob and I have thoroughly enjoyed facilitating this study together. Borg's material and the conversation in the two study groups have been challenging, thought-provoking, and insightful. Thank you to each and every participant. We had such a great time that we will be offering another study in the future. (*Note: the final session will take place on Wednesday, January 6, 10:30am and 7:00pm.*)

In addition, I had the opportunity to present the first section of the Kerygma study, *Handel's Messiah* at the Advent Sunday morning forums. This was the first time I have used a Kerygma study based on an oratorio. Thank you to those of you who came those four Sundays to learn of the historical context of the Prophet Isaiah's writing and enjoy listening to *Messiah* as played by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. We will resume this study in Lent with the second and third sections of the *Messiah*.

Emmanuel Reads the Classics Resumes in February

By *Mary S. Johnson*

Our book group will not meet in January. However, we all are diligently reading Leo Tolstoy's **Anna Karenina** for February. We picked a shorter and lighter book for March, **A Walk in the Woods** by Bill Bryson. Questions, comments or requests? Contact Mary S. Johnson at 226-1112.

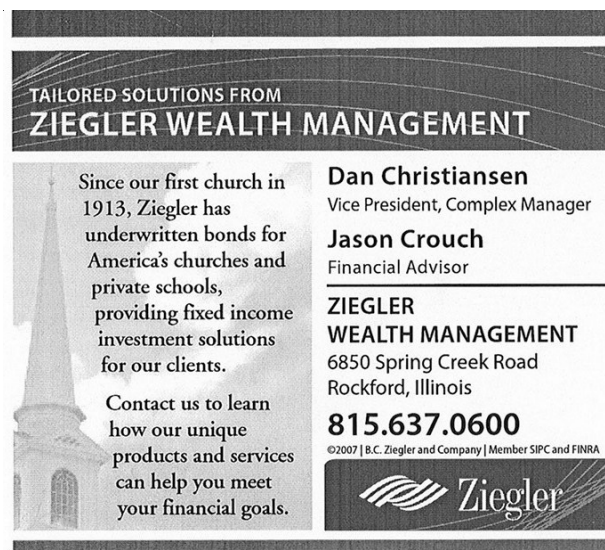


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Men's Group Meets 2nd Saturday

By *Lou Matjasko*

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be on Saturday, January 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the undercroft. All men are welcome to join us for camaraderie and discussion. Last month, we had great conversation among us about several topics that were relevant to us that day. With no regrets, we found that this didn't leave time for the planned video program Father Tom had prepared. So, that video is scheduled for this meeting on the 9th. Again, remember that this is not a service group that takes on work projects. It provides a time for experiencing and discussing topics we choose. Come and see if this may meet your needs for spiritual fellowship in a relaxing environment. Coffee is on before 8. Contact Lou Matjasko with questions, 815-624-7690.



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Schedules

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your scheduler directly. If you are unable to serve on a given day, please arrange for a substitute.

Chalichists and Servers

Scheduled by Dale Thomas, 969-7280

January 3rd

8:00 am – Server, Chalicist, - Tyler Hillman Julie Beck
10:30 am – Server, Emma Cox Crucifer, Bill Schnauffer MC,
Mark Zaksheske
Torches, Cindy Joesten, Dale Thomas Sub Deacon, Mike Lewis
Thurifer, Stacey Sauer

January 10th

8:00 am – Server, Chalicist, Jerry Rice, Mike Lewis
10:30 am – Server, Taylor Licon Crucifer, Tate Bailey MC,
Zac DeRango Torches, Briana Martin, Emma Cox Chalicist,
Sandy Billy, Susan Rubendall

January 17th

8:00 am – Server, Chalicist, Jim Erkert, Linda Posner
10:30 am – Server, Logan Chapman-Neal Crucifer, Abbey
Torrence MC, Jordan Neal Torches, Elora Chapman-Neal,
Amber Neal Chalicist, Bill Schnauffer, Mark Zaksheske

January 24th

8:00 am – Tyler Hillman, Julie Beck
10:30 am – Server, Hannah Mesa Crucifer, Tate Bailey MC,
Rich Theyerl Torches, Corrine Pollack, Sam Theyerl Chalicist,
Stacey Sauer, Susan Rubendall

January 31st

8:00 am – Server, Chalicist, Jerry Rice, Mike Lewis
10:30 am – Server, Sarah Torrence Crucifer, Damon Mosier
MC, Logan Chapman-Neal Torches, Elora Chapman-Neal, Sam
Theyerl Chalicist, Dale Thomas Jordan Neal

Lectors

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayers

January 3rd

Barbara Penn, Tyler Hillman, Marge Henning

January 10th

Cathy Ritts, Mary Nielsen, Susan Chambers

January 17th

Judy Schnauffer, Mary Dammann, Millie Zimmerman

January 24th

Bob Magill, Ben Rubendall, Nancy Sauer

January 31st

Kyla Chapman-Neal, Theresa Sinks, Mary Kaull

Van Driver

Dale Thomas

Altar Guild

Scheduled by Mary Johnson, 963-0728

January 4-10 Maryanne Theyerl, Laura Wren

January 11-17 Joyce Apitz, Linda Sutrina, Sandi Kelly

January 18-24 Mary Johnson, Barbara Penn

January 25-31 Nancy and Stacey Sauer

Closers

Scheduled by Mary Johnson, 963-0728

January 3 Mary Johnson

January 10 Dan Kelly

January 17 Micky Miller

January 24 Mickey Swart

January 31 Charlie Worboys

Counters

Scheduled by Ron Wanninger, 968-4753

Mickey Swart
Jan Wanninger
Mary Nielsen

Greeters - TBA

Ushers -

8:00 am -

Ron Billy & Bill

Morris

10:30 am

Matjasko's

Celebrations

Art & Devotion: Pulpit Resurfacing Project

By Philip Wing

Another winter season is upon us and our days turn inward as we review our year once again. More for me is the beauty of the liturgy that becomes so paramount in our liturgical calendar for the next few months.

Beauty is a thought that always is ever present in my mind, somehow to make something beautiful such as our church. Winter is the time of the year which allows me more time on those things that are not related to the tree business. This year I have the time and energy to accomplish something I have been thinking about for over a year.

With the help of another cabinet maker, Dave Van Pernis, we have come up with a plan to resurface the two pulpits with a collection of wood I have acquired. It is the most unusual grain pattern I have ever seen in oak in my 35 years of sawing logs and I believe it will bring a true sense of beauty to behold in every service.

I have read that sacred space demands art, not just any art, but the most beautiful expression we can accomplish, even if it is a piece of furniture. That is how I felt about the chapel and I believe that is what we will accomplish here.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my devotion to the liturgy and place beautiful things to see which I believe help our spirituality in that sacred time.

Thank You to Behind the Scenes Heroes

By Mary Nielsen

We salute Tom Sutrina and Tony Cameron for volunteering their time and energy behind the scenes at church doing many odd jobs that have kept Emmanuel looking loved and cared for. Tom has served as our 5th usher for years monitoring the church between services and has long been a substitute usher for both services. Recently he

engineered and built an under-counter shelf in the kitchen to store our 6 coffee decanters.

Tony has freshened up the church's front entry by unscrewing and removing the obsolete name tag holders, then patching and repainting the walls. He has scraped, spackled, sanded and painted flaking wall plaster in the undercroft, kitchen and upstairs hallways. He has been doing general maintenance on our pews, kneelers, in the choir loft and sanctuary.

We thank you both for all you have done. Emmanuel's lookin' good!

Birthdays

- 1/02 Gregory Cox
- 1/03 Kyla Chapman-Neal
- 1/05 Leo Saenz
- 1/07 Tyler Hillman
- 1/11 Ethel Landis
- 1/12 Dana Triplett
- 1/14 Judy Pike
- 1/16 Nancy Dale
- 1/19 Elnor Geissman
- 1/25 Dorothy Chambers
Norma Cameron
- 1/26 Jeff McCorkle

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1/03 Scott Neal & Kyla Chapman-Neal
- 1/11 Rachel & Walter Schmitt
- 1/15 Bill & Lois Nicholas
- 1/16 Dan & Sandi Kelly
Robert Crawford & Nancy Smith
- 1/17 Dale & Mendy Thomas
Robert & Pamela Hillenbrand
- 1/22 Laura & James Wren
- 1/31 Flute & Jesse Saenz



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:00 Spoken HE 9:15 Christian Form. 10:30 HE 12 Epiphany Pageant Ungreening of church	4 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	5 7:15 pm Finance Committee	6 10 HE & Bible Study 7 pm Borg Study Grp	7	8 Annual Reports deadline 6 pm Altar Gld Epiphany Party	9 8 am Men's Group
10 8 Spoken HE 9:15 Christian Form. 10:30 HE	11 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	12	13 10 HE & Bible Study 4 pm Wardens' Mtg 5:30 pm SC Board	14 5:30 pm Jeremiah Bd	15	16
17 8 Spoken HE 9:15 Christian Form. 10:30 HE	18 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	19	20 10 HE & Bible Study Newsletter articles deadline	21 6 pm Vestry Mtg	22	23
24 8 Spoken HE 9:15 Christian Form. 10:30 HE	25 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	26	27 10 HE & Bible Study 4 pm Wardens' Mtg	28 9 am Emmanuel Gld Tea Workday	29	30 12 Ladies' Tea
31 9 HE 10:00 ANNUAL MEETING	