

The Good News

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Home of Shelter Care Ministries & Emmanuel Soup Kitchen ~ Founding Member of Jeremiah Development

An Invitation to a Holy Lent

By *The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand*

The labyrinth is viewed as a metaphor for life's journey. It offers lessons as we walk the path. Walking the labyrinth can assist us to address challenges, meditate, pray and find peace and serenity.

As I write this note, David Hatch and Barrie Gibby are on their knees in the undercroft putting masking tape on the carpet. They have been doing this for hours!! (They may also be praying – after all, Lent has begun.) The labyrinth they are creating is taking shape beautifully. I hope that you will not only go downstairs to see and appreciate this architectural wonder, but take an opportunity to walk the labyrinth.



Dave Hatch prepares the Lenten labyrinth, an 80% scale replica of the classic at Chartres Cathedral. (Photo & Caption by M. Zimmerman)

Barrie Carter Gibby brings us not only her love of the labyrinth experience. She is a trained and experienced labyrinth facilitator. On the evening of Sunday, February 26, Barrie introduced us to the experience of walking the labyrinth. You are invited to walk the labyrinth any time during Lent when you find the undercroft free of people.

Other scheduled walks are also taking place during Lent:



Sunday, March 11 at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 1 at 5:00 P.M. (Palm Sunday)

Maundy Thursday, April 4, prior to the 7 P.M. service.

1,071 ft. of tape were required to complete the labyrinth, according to Dave's conservative estimate! (Photo by D. Hatch)

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7, prior to the 8 P.M. service. The labyrinth will be available from 7–8 P.M.

Other Lenten opportunities:

Wednesdays during Lent
11:30 A.M. Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist followed by a Soup Lunch and Program at 12 P.M. Enjoy Dr. Lisa Wolfe as she presents "Uppity Women of the Bible."



Barrie Gibby hard at work. (Photo by D. Hatch)

Sundays during Lent

9:30 A.M. Adult Study: Hear Phyllis Tickle, renowned Episcopal laywoman, lecturer and author speak



Pilgrims walk the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France.

about the paradigm shift in America and particularly in the "mainstream" churches. What is happening, how is it affecting our church and what are those "in the know" suggesting? Come and find out!

Upcoming Events

Men's Group Meets 2nd Saturday in March

By Lou Matjasko

We continue our series on the historical perspectives on the New Testament given by Dr. Bart Ehrman of the University of North Carolina. This month's lessons are titled: "Paul's Letter to the Romans" and "Paul, Jesus, and James." Are you aware that Paul's letters were written several years before the Gospels? See you at 7:30 A.M., on Saturday, March 10, in the Undercroft. Coffee will be on.

Emmanuel Reads the Classics

By Mary S. Johnson

On Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. in the Undercroft, our book group will be discussing *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe. We have chosen *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys for April. New readers are always welcome.

Easter Basket Update

By Trish Rooney

Have you seen the Easter Baskets in the Undercroft? Thanks to the generosity of the Emmanuel Parishioners they are really starting to fill up. They will be a wonderful gift of love to the young people in our Shelter Care Housing Program. You may continue to make donations to the Easter Basket Project until Sunday, March 18th. We still need a few more baskets and items for young people (boys and girls) ranging in age from newborn through teens. After March 18th the ladies of Emmanuel Guild will do the final packaging of the baskets. The baskets and an Easter Lily will be delivered to the Shelter Care Families by the Housing Staff during Holy Week. Please contact Emmanuel Guild President Rosa Birnbaum or Trish Rooney if you have any questions about the project. Thanks for your help!

Last Month in Review

Emmanuel Guild Hosts Ladies' Afternoon Tea

By Rosa Birnbaum

"The Victorian afternoon tea envelops all the aura of warmth and comfort. The pouring of steaming beverages, the passing of sweets and savories, and the sharing of intimacies and light-hearted conversation make this very special time of the day one of life's finest pleasures." -*The Charms of Tea*

On February 4th two-hundred ladies, young and old, gathered to enjoy one of life's finest pleasures, Emmanuel Guild's eighth Ladies' Afternoon Tea. Guests feasted on a variety of scones, sweets and

fancy tea sandwiches, while enjoying beautiful piano music from the talented June Taylor. Tea was



again served to the ladies by gentlemen in tuxedos: John Frana, Jim Gunn, Ty Hillman, Robb Sinks, and Ted Ross.

The Specialty Tea Shop offered a wide variety of handmade gift items, candies, cookies, and kitchen goodies. Mary S. Johnson provided several of her quilted works of art. Mary Dammann also provided a variety of her popular kitchen scouring pads. Many items were sold out by the end of the day.

All guild members worked many hours providing all the delicious food to make this event a great success. We were able to raise \$4,100.00 for our general fund, which



will be used to support to work of Shelter Care Ministries and Emmanuel projects. Special thanks go to Theresa Sinks

for chairing this amazing event. Thanks also to Mary Dammann for making all the delicious scones. Thanks to all the members that shared their home cooking talents by making dozens of tea sandwiches and a wide variety of sweet delights: Jean Frana, Joyce Apitz, Judith Morgan, Mendy Thomas, Maryanne Theyerl, Jane Lyons, Trish Rooney,

(see Ladies' Tea on p. 3)

AGO Youth Choir Festival

By Trish Rooney

Photos & Captions by Millie Zimmerman

Seven choristers from Emmanuel participated in the Rockford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Youth Choir Festival, "Raise a Voice of Gladness! Young Voices in Song," on Sunday, February 12th at Trinity Lutheran Church. The choristers:

Corrine Berardi, Emily Licon, Abbey Miles,

Hannah Rich-

ter, Leo Saenz,

Jordan Spillane,

and Sam Theyerl

also did a beauti-

ful job singing

at the 10:30

A.M. service at

Emmanuel. The

concert featured *Children rehearse with Trish and*

three choirs in *Rachel for the AGO songest.*

concert: Holy

Family Catholic School Choir, Kantorei Training and

Treble Choir, and Schola Choir of Grace Episcopal,

Oak Park. All of the young

choristers were responsible

for leading the 400+ audience

members in two hymns. Hats

off to the choristers who

attended rehearsals at Em-

manuel, studied their lyrics

and listened to CD's of the

music at home, and rehearsed

with the 200 other young

singers for two hours prior to

the festival! Thanks to Megan

Birnbaum and Rachel Schmitt for their behind-the-

scenes work in helping with the festival. (Rachel recorded

the study CD and Megan attended each rehearsal.)



Lisa Weckerly provided wonderful flute accompaniment.

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The Alleluia banner is carried from the sanctuary in preparation for Lent by Roland (l) and Harrison (r). Jordan Martin and Elijah Gustafson follow.



Celebrations

Birthdays

Scott Neal	03/04
Amber Neal	03/04
Maria Mendia	03/05
Margaret Datschefski	03/06
Elsa Martin	03/10
Jordan Neal	03/11
Sally Leaf	03/13
Robert Crawford	03/14
Susan Rubendall	03/16
Eric Jones	03/17
Jean VanLandingham	03/19
Theresa Sinks	03/20
Lindsey Zimmerman	03/23
Corrine Berardi	03/23
John Cygnor	03/24
William Nicholas	03/25
Gale M. Degner	03/25
Oscar Garza	03/29
Sandi Kelly	03/29
Alexis Pollack	03/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Judith & Earl Morgan 03/26

Ladies' Tea ... cont'd from p.2

Judy Pike, Mary Nielson, Melinda Bowers, Betsy Parker, Micky Miller, Gale Degner and Marge Henning. Thanks to Norma Cameron for providing the tea bags and to Michael Lewis for brewing the tea. Thanks to the cleanup crew who did an amazing job, like Micky Miller, Elsa Martin and Ninfa Perez. Every guild member contributed their time and talents in so many ways for setting up tables to washing dishes. Many thanks!

Thank you also to all the Emmanuel ladies who attended the tea luncheon and brought family and friends. The guild is very grateful for your support in making this event a great success.



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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

March 4th

8:00 am – Server, Chalicist, Jordan Neal, Julie Beck, Lector – Tammy Hooks
 10:30 am – Server, Hannah Mesa Crucifer, Bill Schnauffer MC, Zak DeRango
 Torches, Sam Theyerl, Carter Rockwell Chalicist, Mike Lewis, Sandy Billy

March 11th

8:00 am – Server, Chalicist, Tyler Hillman, Mike Lewis
 10:30 am – Server, Sarah Torrence Crucifer, Briana Martin MC, Corrine Berardi
 Torches, Emily Licon, Hannah Richter Chalicist, Stacey Sauer, Cindy Joesten

March 18th

8:00 am – Server, Chalicist, Julie Beck, Tyler Hillman
 10:30 am – Server, Elora Chapman-Neal Crucifer, Amber Neal MC, Logan
 Torches, Jordan Martin, Emily Licon Chalicist, Bill Schnauffer, Barrie Gibby

March 25th

8:00 am – Server, Chalicist, Mike Lewis, Jordan Neal
 10:30 am – Server, Briana Martin Crucifer, Corrine Berardi MC, Stacey Sauer
 Torches, Sam Theyerl, Jordan Martin Chalicist, Susan Rubendall, Bill Schnauffer

Lectors

Old Testament
 New Testament
 Prayers of the People

March 4 th	Barbara Penn Mary Dammann Susan Rubendall
March 11 th	Cathy Ritts Judy Schnauffer Nancy Sauer
March 18 th	Alan Gibby Theresa Sinks Dennis Horton
March 25 th	Marge Henning Mary Kaul Nancy Dale

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Altar Guild

Scheduled by Mary Johnson, 963-0728

March 5-11	Kathy Fillmore, Gale Degner
March 12-18	Susan Rubendall, Maryanne Theyerl
March 19-25	Nancy and Stacey Sauer
March 26-April 1	Barb Penn, Mary Johnson

Eucharistic Bread

Mendy Thomas & Micky Miller

Counters

Scheduled by Ron Wanninger, 968-4753

Judy Pike, Theresa Sinks

Ushers

Tyler Hillman & Melinda Bowers - 8:00 AM
 Simon Licon & John Birnbaum - 10:30 AM

For 5th Usher:

Tyler Hillman - 3/4
 Melinda Bowers - 3/11
 Simon Licon - 3/18
 John Birnbaum - 3/25

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11 8a Spoken HE 9a Children at Heart 9a Choir rehearsal 9:30a Christian Formation 10:30 Choral HE 11:45 Pastoral Care/Hospitality Commission 5p Labyrinth Open Walk	12 Parish Offices Closed	13 6p Grace Guild	14 11:30a HE 12p Lent Soup & Program	15 11a Emmanuel Guild 6p Vestry Mtg	16	17
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