

The Good News

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



Blessing Of The Animals: Sunday, October 7 at All Services

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

Remember St. Francis in the garden? Remember diapered lambs? Remember cats and dogs coming to the rail and then later getting a blessing and a treat? Remember the “oops” cart in the narthex that NEVER had to be used. (Episcopal pets are so well-behaved!)

That time is here again, when we give thanks for our companion animals and bring them to church to receive a blessing. On Sunday, October 7 we will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, known as the friend of all animals.

Bring your cats, your dogs ... bring your goldfish and your birds ... bring your lambs and ponies ... even your snakes. (My neighbor has a snake named “Larry Boa” and I actually held Larry. Well, sort of - he was really big and heavy.)

The blessing will take place at every service. And, if you have a child who does not have a living, breathing pet, please have your child bring a favorite toy animal.

Please remember - all animals must be on leash or in appropriate carriers.

We Are Ready for You

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

Sunday, October 7 marks the beginning of our Christian Formation year. Note the second of the four cornerstones mentioned in the article on page 2: “Involve yourself in some type of education which deepens your faith and practice.”

This is not just true for children in their formative years. For Christians, all of our years are meant to be formative years. So ... if you have children, bring them to their classrooms, and then get yourself a cup of coffee and join the rest of us downstairs at 9:30 A.M.

And, don't forget – we gather at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday mornings, too, following Eucharist in the chapel.

Sunday, October 7: SAVING JESUS REDUX

Do you ever wonder how a first century man can continue to be relevant – even into the 21st century? Come to hear a host of “experts” share their ideas – and then get in on the conversation yourself.

Wednesday, October 3: THE BIBLE FROM SCRATCH:

The New Testament For Beginners
Plenty of books have been ordered. The cost is only \$10 – free if you are unable to pay. Oh ... bring your Bible!

ANOTHER PROJECTOR!!??

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

Thank you to Judy Pike for donating a projector to Emmanuel. We now have two high-techy type projectors and are ready for all kinds of presentations.

ONE SERVICE ONLY 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, October 21, 2012

Stewardship Presentation & Brunch

Soup-r-Fest: Saturday, October 13, 2012 2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

Who makes the best soup? Come to Soup-r-Fest to find out. Shelter Care is hosting a fundraising celebration of food and fun for the family.

The streets around Emmanuel will be blocked off with marketplace vendors, activities for children and live music. And you get to taste the soups and vote for the winner.

Participants in the Soup Challenge will consist of private individuals, churches and local business organizations who will vie for the coveted Soup Pot Trophy, a large battered soup pot.

Have a great afternoon and support Shelter Care at the same time. Entrance fee? Only \$5. Little children enter free.



Open Doors... Vital Ministries... Today and Tomorrow

Stewardship Kick-Off & Primer
on Planned Giving

By Cathy Ritts

On October 21, after our 9:30 A.M. worship service, you are invited to "Open Doors ... Vital Ministries ... Today and Tomorrow." This is a stewardship presentation that will kick off our annual stewardship program, providing financially for Emmanuel's ministry in the coming year (today). It will also be an opportunity to learn about legacy giving to Emmanuel, through which we can provide for the church's ministry tomorrow. It will include a wonderful brunch, and a presentation by Stan McGroarty, Greg Cox, and myself.

One of the ideas we will share is that planned

giving, or a gift to Emmanuel's endowment trust, is for all of us, not just for elderly folks or the wealthiest among us. Giving a legacy gift to the church is within the reach of most of us. For example, I am a legal aid attorney. We earn notoriously modest incomes compared to those of other attorneys. I have not amassed significant wealth, but I do have life insurance, a 403(B), and a house. I have made a legacy gift to Emmanuel by bequeathing a percentage of those assets to the church. My heirs will be provided for by sharing the remaining proceeds of my estate. Planned giving can be just that simple.

And, it is the elevation of the church to the level of family, providing for the future needs of both. See you after church on October 21 for Open Doors ... Vital Ministries ... Today and Tomorrow.

The Four Cornerstones

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

At my first "Making Excellent Disciples" meeting for mentors, the Rev. Chris Powel from Christ Church in Winnetka presented a program he has titled, "The Four Cornerstones." His parish participated in a pilot study on spirituality, and as a result he is now challenging the parishioners at Christ Church to develop a "rule of life" that addresses each of four cornerstones.

What do you think? Here are the four cornerstones as Chris presents them. They could be the start of many great conversations.

1. Worship at Christ Church (Emmanuel) more often than not.
2. Involve yourself in some type of education which deepens your faith and practice.
3. Involve yourself in some type of Christian service.
4. Make a proportionate gift to the work of the Kingdom at Christ Church (Emmanuel).

Emmanuel Reads the Classics

By Mary S. Johnson

The October meeting of Emmanuel Reads the Classics will be Thursday evening, October 4, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. in the Undercroft. We will be discussing Joseph Heller's Catch 22. The group decided on The Crucible by Arthur Miller for November and is considering a mystery for December. Come and visit our booth at the Ministry Fair for further information.

Men's Group Meets 2nd Saturday in October

By Lou Matjasko

We resume our study of the New Testament with lectures by Dr. Bart Ehrman on the making of the New Testament Canon. Join us, as we are only one lecture into the 12 lesson series. Dr. Ehrman is an academic Bible historian who has provided many interesting insights into the historical perspectives of the Bible's New Testament books. We start at 7:30 A.M. in the undercroft with coffee and snacks, personal updates as desired, and two 30 minute lectures by Dr. Ehrman. There is also time for discussion. We are out by 9:30 at the latest. Come join in the fellowship of our small group.

Emmanuel Guild Presents
Musicales 2012
“Celebrating America”
In This Election Year

A casual evening of music, song, fellowship, libations, and food, hors d'oeuvres and a carving station

Saturday, October 6, 2012
6 to 9 p.m.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
412 North Church Street, Rockford

\$15 per person (Adults only, please)

June Taylor will provide piano music and Trish Rooney and Wayne Hatwich will lead us in sing-a-longs featuring songs we all enjoy.

“Musicales” is a benefit for the Mary Kiefer Ward Memorial Scholarship Fund, established by Emmanuel Guild as a memorial to Mary’s devotion to the education of children. We award a scholarship each year to an Emmanuel graduating senior enrolled in college or vocational training.

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Please reserve _____ tickets for the Musicales.
Name _____
Address _____ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

I am unable to attend. Please accept my donation of \$ _____
Name _____ Address _____

Please make checks payable to “Emmanuel Guild Scholarship Fund” and mail to:
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Attn: Emmanuel Guild
412 North Church Street
Rockford, Illinois 61103

Questions? Please contact Judy Pike, 633-4109, or Trish Rooney, 986-7335

Celebrate America: Musicales 2012

By Rosa Birnbaum

On Saturday, October 6th, Emmanuel Guild will be hosting this year’s Musicales. This is our only fundraiser for the Mary Kiefer Ward Memorial Scholarship Fund. Since the scholarship was established in 2003, the Guild has awarded \$22,000 to 22 of Emmanuel’s graduating high school seniors. This would not have been possible without the help of our entire parish. Please help us keep this scholarship funded not only to keep Mary Ward’s memory alive but also to support our young graduates as they move on to higher education, whether it be college or vocational training.

This year’s theme will be “Celebrating America.” As we’ve done in the past, the Musicales will be a music-filled evening with a variety of foods, fellowship and sing-a-longs. June Taylor will be joining us playing our favorite all-American songs on our grand piano. You may even make requests. You’ll be able to feast on hot and cold appetizers, salads, a variety of side dishes and meats from a carving station. For your drinking pleasures we’ll have wine, beer, punch and coffee.

The undercroft will be transformed into an “Election Year Celebration” setting. Please consider this article your invitation. Enjoy a great evening out and invite your friends. If you are unable to attend, you are welcome to make a contribution to the scholarship fund. Only with your support can we continue to provide these generous awards in the spring to our graduating seniors. Tickets are available now. Thank you in advance for helping keep the Mary Kiefer Ward Scholarship program alive.



Take Action on Issues in Our Region



GEAR

Grassroots Engagement and Action for Rockford

Invites you to dinner and two introductory sessions to community organizing.

Where: Court Street United Methodist Church
215 North Court Street
Parking is directly across Court St.

When: This is a two-session introduction. If at all possible, please attend both sessions. **Registration is required.**

Tuesday, October 16, 2012 6pm – 8:30pm
Thursday, October 18, 2012 6pm – 8:30pm

Speaker: Michael Gecan, IAF lead organizer

The meetings begin promptly at 6pm. Dinner is provided both evenings.

What is a community organization? It is group of nonpartisan, proactive, everyday citizens dedicated to identifying pressing social problems facing its community and bringing about creative solutions.

Consider Common Ground in Milwaukee, WI. Common Ground has over 40 member institutions including congregations, neighborhood groups, nonprofits, schools, small businesses and unions. They work together to take action on regional issues. Some of their campaigns include:

- Increasing police presence in Milwaukee neighborhoods
- Working with the city of Milwaukee to add 3,000 jobs to the Youth Jobs Program
- Getting five of the world's largest banks to give \$31M to maintain and rehab foreclosed properties in Milwaukee
- Addressing the healthcare crisis by creating their own healthcare cooperative

Community Organizations build long term relationships with a wide range of people – business leaders, elected officials, school leaders, and other community groups.



Community Organizations work together, identify issues, do their homework, get specific, take action, and win.

**TO REGISTER CONTACT BOB HILLENBRAND AT
815/979-7883**

For more information:

www.industrialareasorganization.org
www.commongroundwi.org

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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.

Chalicians and Servers

Scheduled by Nancy Sauer, 391-6886

October 7

8 a.m. Server/Chalician | Julie Beck, Michael Lewis, Tyler Hillman

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Chalician | Bill Schnauffer, MC | Zak Derango Server/Chalician | Michael Lewis, Chalician | Susan Rubendall Torches | Sam Theyerl, Carter Rockwell

October 14

8 a.m. Server/Chalician | Michael Lewis, Tyler Hillman

Julie Beck, Lector | Tammy Hooks

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Chalician | Logan Chapman-Neal, MC | Stacey Sauer Server | Elora Chapman-Neal, Torch | Sam Theyerl, Emily Licon Chalicians | Michael Lewis, Amber Neal

October 21 – **Stewardship Sunday ONE SERVICE ONLY**

9:30 a.m. Crucifer/Chalician | Bill Schnauffer, MC | Corrine Berardi, Server/Chalician | Michael Lewis, Chalician | Briana Martin, Torches | Jordan Martin, Hannah Richter

October 28

8 a.m. Server/Chalician | Julie Beck, Tyler Hillman, Michael Lewis, Lector | Tammy Hooks

10:30 a.m. MC/Chalician | Michael Lewis, Server/Chalician | Stacey Sauer, Crucifer | Rich Theyerl, Chalician | Barrie Gibby, Torches | Sam Theyerl, Carter Rockwell

Lectors Old Testament
 New Testament
 Prayers of the People

October 7 Nancy Sauer
 Ben Rubendall
 Cathy Ritts

October 14 Millie Zimmerman
 Bill Scarpaci
 Susan Chambers

October 21 Barb Penn
9:30 a.m. Alan Gibby
 Mary Dammann

October 28 Judy Schnauffer
 Theresa Sinks
 Dennis Horton

Altar Guild

Scheduled by Mary Johnson, 963-0728

October 1-7 Nancy and Stacey Sauer

October 8-14 Kathy Fillmore, Sue Roberts

October 15-21 Mary Johnson, Nancy Smith

October 22-28 Maryanne Theyerl, Gale Degner

October 29-Nov. 4. Susan Rubendall, Joyce Apitz

Closer

Scheduled by Parish Office, 964-5514

Barrie Gibby, David Hatch

Coffee Hour

Scheduled by Mary Nielsen, 654-8995

Mary & Jack Dammann

Counters

Scheduled by Ron Wanninger, 968-4753

Phil Wing, Dan Kelly

Ushers

Scheduled by Parish Office, 964-5514

Judy Pike & Dan Nicholas - 8:00 am

Jack & Mary Dammann - 10:30 am

For 5th Usher:

Jack Dammann - 10/7

Robert Crawford - 10/14

Jack Dammann - 10/28

Celebrations

Birthdays

Byron Dale	10/01
John Birnbaum	10/02
Pamela Hillenbrand	10/06
Josephine Flesher	10/09
Collin Beck	10/11
Kelsey Campbell	10/17
Mary Kaul	10/17
Nancy Smith	10/17
John Torrence	10/18
Olivia Garza	10/18
Christee Joesten	10/24
Kelly Mesa	10/26

Lee Joesten	10/27
Anthony Cameron	10/27
Sarah Torrence	10/28
Katherine Fillmore	10/29
Karen King	10/30
Emily Licon	10/31

Wedding Anniversaries

Kristen & Oscar Garza	10/27
Phil & Diane Wing	10/30



Congratulations to our confirmands, Logan Chapman-Neal, Amber Neal and Briana Martin, and to Bill Scarpaci who was received into the Episcopal Church, pictured here with our wonderful bishop, Jeffrey Lee!



OCTOBER

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 10a HE, Chapel 10:30a Adult Study 4:30p JD Executive Committee	4 4:30p Property Comm 7p Emmanuel Reads	5	6 6p Musicale	
BLESSING OF ANIMALS ALL SERVICES 8a Spoken HE 9a Children at Heart/Choir Practice 9:30am Christian Forma- tion for all ages 10:30a Choral HE	7 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Columbus Day	8	9	10 10a HE, Chapel 10:30a Adult Study	11 5:30p Jeremiah Bd	12	13 7:30a Men's Grop 9a Flower Guild 2p SCM Soup r Fest
8a Spoken HE 9a Children at Heart 9:30am Christian Forma- tion for all ages 10:30a Choral HE 11:45a Pastoral Care/Hos- pitality Comm.	14 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	15	16 6p Comm. Organizing Session I @ Court St. Methodist	17 10a HE, Chapel 10:30a Adult Study	18 11a Emmanuel Guild 6p Comm. Organizing Session II @ Court St Methodist 6p Vestry Mtg MOVED	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
21 ONE SERVICE 9:30 a.m. & Stewardship Teaching Brunch	22 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	23	24 10a HE, Chapel 10:30a Adult Study 5:30p SC Board	25 ↓ 6p Vestry Meeting	26 12:25p CE Mtg @ Fiesta Cancun	27	
8a Spoken HE 9a Children at Heart/Choir Practice 9:30am Christian Formation for all ages 10:30a Choral HE 4p Trunk or Treat @ 2nd Congregational Ch.	28 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	29	30	31 10a HE, Chapel 10:30a Adult Study			