

The Good News

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Beloved,

It is time to say goodbye—and I am finding this more painful with each passing day. What a gift you gave me when you called me here to minister with you. What a sense of mission you have in your support of Shelter Care Ministries, Jeremiah Development and now GEAR. What vision you have for this neighborhood. And what compassion and care you demonstrate for one another.

You have blessed me in more ways than I can number. You have stood by me in times of sorrow and in times of joy. You have encouraged me and challenged me and helped me grow. I can only hope that I have done as well for you.

Sometimes I think my sermons and teaching all came down to just a few things (so, of course, here they are!):

- + Love one another extravagantly—you will never regret it (and love your next priest without reservation ☺).
- + Forgive as if each opportunity is your last and don't look back.
- + When you disagree, remember that of greatest importance is how you disagree, not the disagreement itself.
- + Grow within yourselves grateful and generous hearts.
- + Welcome every visitor as if he or she is an angel of the Lord.

This, I think, is what being transformed into the image of Christ is about. And you are a people God has called to make a difference and to be transformed. God has chosen really well!

Blessings, my dear and beloved friends.

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From the Rector

The Reverend Pamela Hillenbrand

CAT Survey & Sanctuary Changes

Thank you to everyone who participated in the CAT survey. The Discernment Committee has met with Susan Czolgosz from the Diocese to discuss the results. Susan is a trained interpreter of the CAT surveys. The Vestry will be making that information available to you in the near future.

Two of the questions included in the CAT survey referenced the changes in the sanctuary. The consulting firm shared these responses with us first at my request. I now share them with you, as well as how the Vestry has determined to respond given the following statistics.

Statement #1 During the past year we have experienced the following changes in the nave (sanctuary): 1. The relocation of the baptismal font to the entrance of the nave. 2. The creation of three wheelchair areas. 3. The creation of a soft space for young children. 4. The removal of some pews, and 5. The placement of a votive candle stand in front of the Holy Family relief. Please indicate your agreement/disagreement with the following statement, "I am comfortable with the location of the baptismal font in its new position at the entrance of the nave."

Strongly disagree	17	28.48%
Disagree	1	1.20%
Tend to disagree	3	3.61%
Tend to agree	7	8.43%
Agree	28	33.73%
Strongly agree	25	30.12%
Don't know	2	2.41%

Statement #2 Overall, I am comfortable with the other changes mentioned above.

Strongly disagree	7	8.43%
Disagree	6	7.23%
Tend to Disagree	4	4.82%
Tend to agree	10	12.05%
Agree	29	34.94%
Strongly agree	27	32.53%
Don't know	0	

Given the above percentages, the Vestry has determined to make the sanctuary changes permanent. Up until this time the pews that were removed have been held in storage. Four of the short pews will be returned to the church where they will be kept in the lower level. The remainder of the pews will be given to a resale/auction company in exchange for free transportation of the pews out of the storage

facility. The Vestry will now be working with the directors of music to make final decisions regarding the flooring.

Thank you for your patience as time was given for people to experience the changes in the sanctuary as well as an opportunity to make their opinion known via the CAT survey. Regardless of whether or not you supported this change, it is now time to move ahead to issues and opportunities that challenge Emmanuel and call us into further ministry.

ASPIRE Programs

By Barrie Gibby

There is a new initiative for expanded programming at Emmanuel with funds acquired from the Diocese. It is called ASPIRE, and its goal is to enrich our Christian education by exposing the many facets of Emmanuel's God-given talents to the parish and community. Programs, films, concerts, dramatic readings, poetry, art displays, and lectures all with spiritual themes are in the planning stages for this year, 2013-2014, and the next. Fellowship and regular programming for young families is a piece of this initiative. The ASPIRE programs will integrate our Inreach need for spiritual food and our Outreach goals of growing our numbers through vital programming and a more identifiable downtown image. We are a caring downtown church with solid outreach through Shelter Care Ministries, and ASPIRE is meant to enhance that long-time image, not replace any part of that effort.

The grant editors and core committee are Bill Scarpaci, Barrie Gibby, and Millie Zimmerman. We are anxious to get the ASPIRE programs going and encourage input from everyone. Ideas for speakers, programs, and themes are welcome. This is a hugely important effort for Emmanuel, and we are grateful to have energy and funds to make this ASPIRE effort happen.



Help Our Youth Rock the CROP Walk!

By Amy Gustafson

Emmanuel family, please support our Youth Group as they participate in the annual Rockford CROP Walk on October 20! We will join together with the youth from 2nd Congregational/1st Presbyterian and Court Street Methodist churches, walking through our community to raise money to end hunger in the Rockford area, and to support grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world.

When CROP was initially founded in 1947, CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program with a primary mission to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. While the historic name remains, the mission has expanded to help United States communities.

Throughout the country, CROP Walks are interfaith hunger and fundraising events organized by Church World Services, and local CROP Hunger Walks can now choose to return up to 25 percent of funds raised to community programs. Internationally, not only are food and water provided, but people are empowered to meet their own needs and to identify their own needs, strengths and development priorities.

How can you help? Please sponsor an individual member of our Youth Group, or sign up to sponsor the group as a whole at the table which will be located in the narthex through October 20. (Pledges are to be turned at the time of the event, so please be prepared to provide a check or a cash pledge at the time you make your commitment.) The last time our youth rocked the CROP WALK, they raised over \$1,200 - and that was only through pledges within the church. This year we will expand our contributors to personal contacts as well, and look forward to reporting back about our success!



Youth and Families, Save the Dates!

October 6 at 12:30—LazerQuest and Giardanno's with the other Jeremiah Church youth crews, following Pastor Pam's retirement celebration.

October 18-19—Happening #97 Staff Retreat at Trinity Wheaton

October 20 at 1:00 P.M.—CROP Walk!

November 1-3—Happening #97 Diocesan High School Retreat at Trinity Wheaton

Two Labyrinth Events (One Past; one Future & Ongoing)

By Barrie Gibby

During Rockford Peace Month 2013, there were numerous wonderful events promoting a peaceful world, peaceful life, and peaceful being and relationships. Issues were explored through films, photography, discussions, worship services and gatherings. Saturday, September 21, International Peace Day, was celebrated at Rockford University as a huge Shoe Labyrinth was installed on Burpee Lawn. Over



500 pairs of new shoes were donated to the labyrinth installation and later given to children in need of

gym shoes through Annie's Locker and Youth Network Services. Especially poignant in this month of pending attacks on Syria, and street violence in D.C. and elsewhere, the community-building opportunity was a reminder of the extreme importance of respect and honor for each other in the name of peaceful co-existence.

October 2 is the first Labyrinth Walk of this fall at Emmanuel, from 5:00 – 6:30 P.M. The taped labyrinth in the undercroft is being painted on the carpet and will be completed by the opening labyrinth walk. A labyrinth is a symbol for journey, and

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it offers a place to walk in meditation. Its roots are ancient and part of every human culture. The Emmanuel labyrinth is copied from the beautiful 13th century Chartres Cathedral design in France. There will be regular walks the first Wednesday of each month. Take some time for yourself in movement prayer and quiet contemplation. Bring a friend.

Men's Group Meets 2nd Saturday

By Lou Matjasko

Our informative historical look at the early history of Christianity continues with two lectures: "The Anti-Jewish Use of the Old Testament" and "The Rise of Christian Anti-Judaism." Dr. Bart Ehrman enlightens us with many new perspectives that grip our attention every month. We begin at 7:30 A.M. with coffee and snacks, personal updates, lectures and discussion. We are out by 9:30. Join us. Call Lou Matjasko, 815-624-7690, with any questions.

Emmanuel Reads the Classics

By Mary S. Johnson

October 3, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. is the next meeting of Emmanuel Reads the Classics. We will be discussing James Herriot's All Creatures Great and Small. We have chosen To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf for November 7th. Come and join us.

Lobsterpalooza at Grace, Freeport for Benefit of Homeless Vets

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

On Saturday, October 12, Grace Episcopal Church in Freeport is having its big Lobsterpalooza. You can order a Maine lobster (cooked or live - 1 1/2 lbs) for only \$20. Orders must be placed by October 7 and be prepaid.

Send your check with this form:

Your name _____
Your address _____
How many live lobsters? _____
How many cooked lobsters _____
Total lobsters x \$20 = _____

Circle your preferred your pick-up time:

4:30 pm Live lobsters ONLY
5:00 pm Live or cooked
5:30 pm Cooked ONLY
6:00 pm Cooked ONLY

A "drive-thru" in the church parking lot will make pick-up easy.

Send this order and check WITH A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE to Grace Episcopal Church, 10 S. Cherry Ave., Freeport, IL 61032. Your ticket will be mailed to you. (Tell them you are from Emmanuel.)

All proceeds go to benefit The Freeport Area Church Cooperative new Hero House, providing housing for homeless veterans.

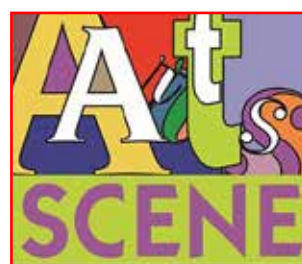
Art Scene This Weekend

October 4 5:00 PM - 9:00 P.M. &
Saturday, October 5th 3:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

By Carol West

ArtScene in early October brings out thousands of art-lovers to galleries and studios all over town, to enjoy new exhibits of original works. Art Scene attracts so many fans because it is free, and it's fun for both the browser and the buyer.

Come visit the Shelter Care Ministries office in the MIDTOWN District during Fall ArtScene! You will



have the opportunity to view artwork from 6 local artists and listen to music from 8 regional musicians! While in the area you can visit 9 different sites from Just Goods to Katie's

Cup - all on 7th Street. Please visit the ART SCENE event page on Facebook at Shelter Care Ministries Rockford or call Carol S. West for more information (815) 708-2650.



Emmanuel Guild Honors SCM Staff

Text & Photos by Trish Rooney

After taking time off for the summer months, Emmanuel Guild resumed its monthly meetings with an Appreciation Luncheon for the Shelter Care Ministries Staff. The ladies of the guild provided an outstanding variety of salads, and hostesses Mary E. Johnson, Linnea Liken-Aduddell, and Betsy Parker provided delicious desserts. The Guild's statement of purpose is: As followers of Jesus Christ, our work is to further God's Kingdom in His world and to promote service and fellowship at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. All women of Emmanuel who are available to attend the third Thursday monthly meetings and help in the service projects are eligible to join. Please speak to President Rosa Birnbaum if interested.



Emmanuel Guild members facing the difficult decision of which salads to choose for lunch.



Shelter Care employees enjoying a relaxing lunch.



Shelter Care Ministries employees leaving the luncheon with a smile!

Joyce Apitz Retires from Altar Guild

By Nancy Smith

I asked Joyce to tell me about her long history with Altar Guild and this is what she said:

“Years ago you were asked by the rector to join Altar Guild. I still have the letter of my Appointment dated June 16, 1966 from Fr. James Bruce Denson. The last member of that group was Elnor Geisman and she trained



Joyce Apitz served for 48 years on Emmanuel's Altar Guild (Photo by Millie Zimmerman).

me. Easter Eve was very exciting; they had to set up chairs for everyone. It was at midnight and we brought our children. We had three services on Sunday, one every weekday morning, two on Wednesday and every Saints Day. Usually we had two clergy and sometimes three. The church was full. The Guild had wonderful pot luck picnics with our spouses. Every January we made a roast beef dinner when new officers were installed; half the guild did the cooking and it was served in the guild room. I was Altar Guild Directress at least twice. It was almost a full time job. The Directress made out the work schedule, kept the flower chart up to date, ad-

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vised the brides and their mothers about weddings, attended the rehearsals, and set up for the funerals. I went to a lot of weddings including Jean Frana's. I remember her long veil got stepped on and torn; very traumatic for Jean! The flowers from church were delivered to shut-ins every Sunday. There were a lot more services and work to do than today.

I have enjoyed every minute of my time in the guild; working with everyone, but it is time for me to resign."

Joyce also has altered and made most of our linens we use every week. She made the lace Chapel Altar linen which is my favorite. Most of our linens are made of quality linen and require ironing when damp. Sometime when you are taking communion take a good look at the at the High Altar or Chapel Altar cloths and imagine Joyce standing for several hours ironing them.

Joyce is right things are different today, but she has trained many people to follow in her footsteps and well... she is still here to answer tough questions and is going to continue to sew linens.

Many thanks Joyce!

Colombian Update: September, 2013

By Megan Birnbaum

I arrived safely in Barranquilla, Colombia on August 28th, 2013. After meeting my Peace Corps group in Miami for staging on the 27th, I quickly realized what a great group I would be fortunate enough to work with. Our first few days consisted of getting to know each other and receiving information about the Peace Corps mission and safety here in Colombia. By Saturday the 31st we met our host families. I am so lucky to have the family I have. It consists of my host mom (more like my grandmother), Madre Anfitrióna, her brother, one of her daughters and two granddaughters. The granddaughters are wonderful and we bond on our exchange of culture. There is more to the family and they visit regularly but these are the one who live in our house. I live on a busier street and one of our pastimes as a family is to watch the action on the street. I have been loving the culture and trying to soak up the language. It is a little different than what I have learned in school. I have a Spanish class where I am learning about the

local terms and culture. What I learn in class I have been connecting with my day to day experiences. It's wonderful!

Bigger picture: These first few months we, as Peace Corps Trainees, are being given a general training for our jobs we will be assigned to do. We are also getting accustomed to the county and the people. The first week of November when our training is completed, we will be sworn in as Volunteers and assigned to our jobs. Once there we do our jobs for two years. Many choose to do secondary projects but that is an option to be taken after becoming familiar with your job assignment.

I hope this helps in giving you an update so far. Sending love and thinking about you all! More updates to come!

The congregation celebrated Megan Birnbaum's departure for Peace Corps service in Columbia, South America with a time of blessing during the 10:30 service on August 25th, followed by a reception in the undercroft. Megan was presented with gifts from the Choir and Emmanuel Guild. (Photos & Captions by Trish Rooney.)



Jean Frana presents Megan with a monetary gift from the members of Emmanuel Guild.

Below: Choir Directors Wayne Hatwich and Trish Rooney present Megan with a "pick-pocket proof" purse from the choir.



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 6

8 a.m. Server/Chalician | Tyler Hillman, Julie Beck
Lector | Joyce Apitz

10:30 a.m. MC/Chalician | Stacey LaRosa, Crucifer | Rich Theyerl, Server | Sam Theyerl, Chalicians | Logan Chapman-Neal, Sandy Billy, Torches | Elora Chapman-Neal, Jordan Martin

October 13

8 a.m. Server/Chalician | Julie Beck, Kristen Garza
Lector | Tammy Hooks

10:30 a.m. MC/Chalician | Corinne Berardi, Crucifer | Bill Schnauffer, Server | Hannah Richter, Chalician/Torch | Christa Haverly, Dennis Horton

October 20

8 a.m. Server/Chalician | Kristen Garza, Julie Beck
Lector | Joyce Apitz 10:30 a.m. MC/Chalician | Stacey LaRosa, Crucifer | Sam Theyerl, Server | Emily Licon, Chalician/Torch | Sandy Billy, Mary Kaull

October 27

8 a.m. Server/Chalician | Tyler Hillman, Julie Beck
Lector | Tammy Hooks 10:30a.m. MC/Chalician | Rich Theyerl, Crucifer/Chalician | Briana Martin, Server | Jordan Martin, Chalician/Torch | Susan Rubendall, Christa Haverly

Lectors: Old Testament New Testament Prayers

October 6 Marge Henning
Susan Rubendall
Nancy Dale

October 13 Mary Nielsen
Barrie Gibby
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October 20 Briana Martin
Mary Kaull
Stacey LaRosa

October 27 Theresa Sinks
Dennis Horton
Judy Schnauffer

Altar Guild

Scheduled by Mary Johnson, 963-0728

Sept. 30-Oct. 6. Mary Johnson, Susan Rubendall

7-13. Sue Roberts, Nancy Smith

14-20. Gale Degner, Janet James

21-27. Maryanne Theyerl, Susan Rubendall

28-Nov. 3. Barbara Penn, Mary Johnson

Closer

Scheduled by Tyler Hillman, 289-4582

Barrie Gibby, Robert Parker

Coffee Hour Hosts

Scheduled by Mary Nielsen, 654-8995

Mary and Jack Dammann

Counters

Scheduled by Ron Wanninger, 968-4753

Phil Wing, Dan Kelly

Ushers

Scheduled by Parish Office, 964-5514

USHERS FOR 8:00AM & 10:30AM SERVICES:
Dan Nicholas & Judy Pike - 8:00 am

Robert & Betsy Parker - 10:30 am

FOR 5TH USHER:

ROBERT CRAWFORD - 10/6

ROBERT CRAWFORD - 10/13

ROBERT PARKER - 10/20

BETSY PARKER - 10/27

Our Community

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
Delbert Brown	10/31
Emily Licon	10/31

Wedding Anniversaries

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



Teapots on all reception tables at the funeral of Michael Lewis (Sept. 13, 2013) reminded us of the Emmanuel Guild Tea and Michael's enthusiasm for making the tea each year. (Photo & caption by Millie Zimmerman)

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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10a HE Chapel 4:30p JD Executive Committee Mtg 5p 1st Wed. Labyrinth Walk	3 NOON Hospitality 3:30p Wardens' Mtg 4:30p Property Comm 7p Emmanuel Reads the Classics	4	5 9:30a Flower Guild
6 10a ONE SERVICE ONLY & RECEPTION: <i>Celebration of Pastor Pam's Retirement</i>	7 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	8	9 10a HE Chapel 3:30p JD Neighborhood	10 5:30 Jeremiah Bd	11 NOON GEAR	12 7:30a Men's Group
13 8a Spoken HE 9a Children at Heart 9:30a Christian Formation 10:30a Sung HE	14 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Columbus Day	15	16 10a HE Chapel	17 11a Emmanuel Guild 6p Vestery	18	19 8:30a Diocesan Mtg
20 8a Spoken HE 9a Children at Heart 9:30a Christian Formation 10:30a Sung HE 2p CROP Walk NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	22	23 10a HE Chapel 5:30p SC Board	24	25 NOON GEAR	26
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