

The Good News

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Changes & Growth at Shelter Care

by The Rev. Lou Ness

**Changes are afoot and change is
both good and stressful.**

As the congregation of Emmanuel prepares for the passing of the torch from one priest to another, Shelter Care is also anticipating change and the impacts it will have on the organization. This is a big year at Shelter Care as we continue to plan the direction and vision for the organization. Another significant leadership change will take place when Robert Parker prepares to retire in 2014 from the Jubilee Center after 22 years of faithful and dedicated service to members and staff. Change is coming, and we all feel it, which makes the partnership between Emmanuel Episcopal Church and Shelter Care so very significant.

When Pam retires from the church, she will remain as the president of the Shelter Care Board of Directors, having been newly elected as a community representative to the board. The new priest, as Shelter Care Bylaws direct, will serve in an ex-officio capacity on the board. As of September, board meetings will take place in Shelter Care's Seventh Street building, utilizing its new meeting room.

I pray for the grace of the Holy Spirit to send a priest with a strong heart for ministry, love of urban issues and a desire to grow and support the mission of Emmanuel and Shelter Care.

What's going on at Shelter Care?

The Bailey Project (our ministry in the Seventh Street neighborhood) is currently taking families into our beautifully renovated buildings. Rhonda, the project and property manager, has done a wonderful job of readying the units as well as working with our new partners, the Rockford and Winnebago County Housing Authority. Senator Steve Stadelman allocated a grant of \$30,000 to the project for capital renovations and—what is most exciting—in the neighborhoods where we have buildings, police calls have decreased!!

It has been a long summer (like a Tennessee Williams play). Of course it is always long when it comes to cash flow; yet it is August and we have made it through. Thank you to everyone who sent a donation to the Summer Appeal—you made a difference for all of us and we are grateful.

As fearful and full of anxieties as life can be sometimes, it is the support of friends that brings us through and as Julian of Norwich said, "all manner of things shall be well."

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 10:00 A.M.

**DOWNTOWN JOINT SERVICE
AT COURT STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**GATHER AT EMMANUEL NO LATER
THAN 9:50 A.M.**

At 9:55 A.M. we will ring the church bells and join Second Con/First Pres. in walking to Court Street. (As usual, if walking is difficult for you, or the weather is bad, please go directly to the Court Street Church.)

***THERE WILL BE NO SERVICES AT
EMMANUEL ON THE 8TH.***



From the Rector

The Reverend Pamela Hillenbrand

Dear Friends,

Some months ago I saved a church newsletter article written by the Rev. Beth Wagner when she left First Presbyterian Church as the long-term interim. Beth did a wonderful job of writing about the responsibilities of the retiring or relocating pastor and of the congregation. I seem to have misplaced that article—I think it was just too close to home for me at the time. But it is important information, and I will do my best to share it here.

I have a responsibility to you when I leave Emmanuel—and that responsibility is to stay away. Although it may sound a bit harsh, there are many good reasons why priests who leave a congregation cannot return. I say “cannot” rather than “should not.” It is understood in our diocese that clergy may not remain in the same parish after retirement. It is a matter of maintaining healthy boundaries.

That means that I cannot return to officiate on Sundays or for weddings or funerals. I cannot be part of your social gatherings. I cannot and will not ask questions of you about what is happening at Emmanuel nor will I express my opinions. I need to leave so that new relationships and loyalties can be formed between you and the priest you call. I need to leave so that you can grieve my absence or breathe a big sigh of relief, and then move on.

I need to leave so that I can grieve the fact that I am no longer your rector—a privilege I have treasured—and then begin to reshape my life.

And so, I ask you not to call me to officiate at any weddings or funerals. In the rare case that I would return, Bishop Lee’s permission would be required.

An exception to my absence is related to my position with the Shelter Care Board of Directors. Bishop Lee has given me permission to remain as president of the board, being newly elected from the community at large. However, even in that situation, I will respect certain boundaries, holding board and executive committee meetings at the 7th Street housing offices.

My dear friends, this will be very hard because I have come to love the Emmanuel community very much. But I want the best for you, and this will help make that possible.

Pam+

Brian McLaren - Adult Christian Formation

In June, Bob and I attended a seminar on Washington Island, WI presented by the Wisconsin Council of Churches. The speaker was Brian McLaren, a former professor of literature, evangelical pastor, and now a widely renowned speaker and author. Brian is at the top of the list with others who have made the future of the Church their primary focus. He bridges the gap between evangelicals and mainliners with insight and humor. And he pulls no punches when he assesses why the Church today is struggling.

On the last two Sundays in September, Bob and I will do our best to summarize what Brian presented on Washington Island. As usual, please get your cup of coffee and join us at the far end of the parish hall for what we trust will be interesting conversation.

Neighborhood Groups Meet to Discuss Violence Prevention

On Thursday, August 22 over sixty people from approximately six neighborhood groups gathered at Emmanuel to address the growing violence in our neighborhoods. The meeting was spurred by the recent shootings on Woodlawn Avenue, directly across the street from where one of our Shelter Care families resides. Also present were Rockford police officers, fire fighters and local city council representatives.

First, Sergeant Carla Redd from the Rockford Police Department dispelled rumors about the Woodlawn shooting, noting that it was not a random drive-by shooting, but was specifically directed at a resident for the alleged theft of a TV set.

During the course of the meeting, Sergeant Redd addressed concerns voiced by those attending and made recommendations about how to keep ourselves and our homes safe. People from the Churchill Grove neighborhood expressed concern about recent break-ins in that area. Sergeant Redd informed them

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that all of the break-ins involved intruders crawling in through open, unsecured windows. The message here is to keep your windows closed, or, if partially open, incapable of being fully opened.

Remaining from the meeting are brochures and maps about our area along with lists of phone numbers to call when you want to report something in your neighborhood such as lights that are out or abandoned vehicles. You will find this printed material in the lower level (undercroft) on a table as you enter. Please help yourself.

The best advice: get to know your neighbors. Watch out for one another and share contact information. If you see something that doesn't look normal and causes you to be suspicious, report it. And call your neighbor. If an emergency, use 911. If something else, use the non-emergency number, (815) 987-5912.

Emmanuel Reads the Classics

By Mary S. Johnson

The September meeting of Emmanuel Reads the Classics will be Thursday evening, September 5th at 7:00 P.M. in the undercroft. We will be discussing John O'Hara's book, *Appointment in Samarra*, and trying to decide why it is on the banned book list.

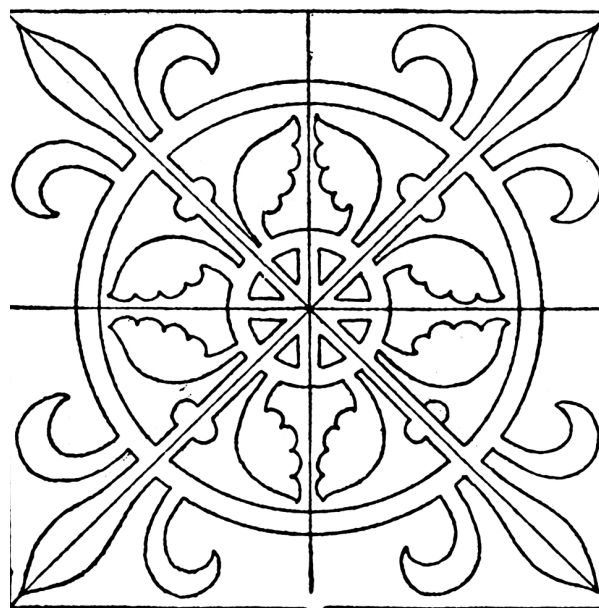
We will also be choosing books to read this fall and having a "Best Wishes Party" for Jenna Lindvall who is getting married in October. Each of us is to bring a favorite recipe and a fun gift if you desire.

For further information about book group, contact Mary S. Johnson, 815-226-1112.

Progressive Pipe Organ Concert - September 22

By Wayne Hatwich

The American Guild of Organists—Rockford Chapter—is sponsoring the Progressive Pipe Organ Concert on Sunday, September 22. In previous years, this was called the Downtown Pipe Organ Walk. This year, however, since Second Congregational/First Presbyterian Church is unable to participate, the 4 performance venues will be Court Street Methodist, Emmanuel Episcopal, Mendelssohn Hall and Trinity Lutheran Church. The performance times are 1:30 @ Court Street; 2:15 @ Emmanuel; 3:00 @ Mendelssohn Hall; and 3:45 at



Trinity Lutheran. Sitting in for Trish at Emmanuel will be Ron Burmeister performing two works by Richard Purvis. I'm thrilled to have him perform at Emmanuel. Among the works that I will be performing for this program is a work by Michael Corette entitled "Grand Organ with Thunder." For this work, I have had a special Thunder device built by a woodworker friend of mine so that I can depress all the keys of the low pedal octave together at one time. I feel safe in saying that this will be a Rockford debut for this work! Be sure to come to experience the Organ Thunder (as well as the other deserving pieces to be performed) Sunday afternoon, September 22.

Choir Alert!

By Wayne Hatwich

The Fall schedule begins SOON for Emmanuel Choir. We will not be singing at Eucharist until September 15; however, we will hold an abbreviated rehearsal on Sunday, September 1 at 9:30 A.M. The purpose of this first rehearsal will be to read through the music that we will sing at the Downtown Joint Service on Sunday, September 8. Additionally, there will be a combined choir rehearsal at Court Street Methodist Church at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday Evening, September 5. Beginning Sunday, September 15, we will resume our usual schedule, with rehearsals starting promptly at 9:00 A.M. We have planned an active schedule of choir works this fall, and Trish and I are excited to begin Choir again. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there for all the fun!

Men's Group Meets 2nd Saturday in September

By Lou Matjasko

We meet on the 2nd Saturday as usual, the 14th of September at 7:30 A.M. Our studies will continue with lessons 5 and 6 of the 24-lesson series called "From Jesus to Constantine, A History of Early Christianity."

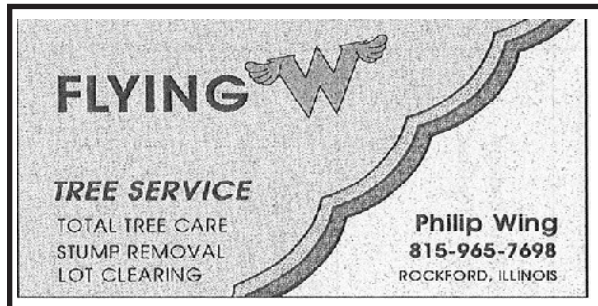
The two topics for this month are, "The Apostle Paul" and "The Beginning of Jewish-Christian Relations."

The agenda includes personal updates, lessons, discussions, snacks and coffee. Hope to see you there at 7:30. We'll be out by 9:30.

Save the Date: Lessons & Carols

By Wayne Hatwich

The date for our Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols is Sunday, December 8 at 5:00 P.M. Mark your calendars now. Please resolve to reach out and ask someone new to come along to the service this year. Share the joy.



Rooney to Perform

By Trish Rooney

Trish Rooney will be one of the featured performers on the "Jean Anderson & Friends Concert" on Sunday, September 29th at 3:00 P.M. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2821 N. Bell School Road. Jean Anderson has been the organist and director of choirs at Westminster since 2004. The church has a large, 45 rank Holtkamp pipe organ that was installed in 2007. Trish and Jean will be performing "French Toccata on the name of 'Helmut'" by Ralf Bolting. Bolting wrote the piece in honor of his organ teacher, Helmut P. Tramnitz. The toccata is a duet for organ – with four hands and four feet – which presents some interesting logistics to work out! Other performers on the concert include Tim Anderson, piano; Mark Baldwin, trumpet; and Nannette Felix, harp. Admission to the concert is free. There will be an opportunity for a free-will offering.

August Musicians

By Trish Rooney

Thank you to the "special" musicians who shared their musical talents with the congregation during the month of August: Mary Shore, Rachel Schmitt, and the Women's Trio pictured below.



Mary S. Johnson, Mickey Swart, and Carol Rice



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

September 1

8 a.m. Server/Chalician | Kristen Garza, Julie Beck
10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Chalician | Briana Martin, MC/Chalician | Stacey LaRosa, Server | Jordan Martin, Chalician | Sandy Billy, Torches | Sam Theyerl, Hannah Richter

September 8

8 a.m. Server/Chalician | Tyler Hillman, Julie Beck
Lector | Tammy Hooks
10:30 a.m. Crucifer | Elora Chapman-Neal, MC/Chalician | Logan Chapman-Neal, Server | Emily Licon, Chalician/Torch | Barrie Gibby, Mary Kaull

September 15

8 a.m. Server/Chalician | Julie Beck, Kristen Garza
10:30 a.m. Crucifer | Rich Theyerl, MC | Corinne Berardi, Server | Hannah Richter, Chalician/Torch | Christa Haverly, Dennis Horton

September 22

8 a.m. Server/Chalician | Kristen Garza, Julie Beck
Lector | Tammy Hooks
10:30 a.m. Crucifer | Bill Schnauffer, MC/Chalician | Rich Theyerl, Server | Sam Theyerl, Chalician/Torch | Susan Rubendall

September 29

8 a.m. Server/Chalician | Kristen Garza, Julie Beck
10:30 p.m. Crucifer | Briana Martin, MC | Corinne Berardi, Server | Jordan Martin, Chalician/Torch | Barrie Gibby, Mary Kaull

Lectors: Old Testament New Testament Prayers

Sep. 1	Mary Kaull Stacey LaRosa Briana Martin	Sep. 22	Alan Gibby Susan Chambers Millie Zimmerman
Sep. 8	Dennis Horton Judy Schnauffer Theresa Sinks	Sep. 29	Mark Baldwin Mary Dammann Mark Baldwin
Sep. 15	Ben Rubendall Nancy Sauer Ben Rubendall		

Altar Guild

Scheduled by Mary Johnson, 963-0728

Sept. 2-8. Nancy Smith, Barbara Penn

9-15. Gale Degner, Mary Johnson

16-22. Sue Roberts, Joyce Apitz

23-29. Janet James, Maryanne Theyerl

Closer

Scheduled by Tyler Hillman, 289-4582

David Hatch & Tyler Hillman

Coffee Hour Hosts

Scheduled by Mary Nielsen, 654-8995

Jan & Ron Wanninger

Counters

Scheduled by Ron Wanninger, 968-4753

David Hatch & Tyler Hillman

Eucharist Bread

Micky Miller & Ginny Hatwich

Ushers

Scheduled by Parish Office, 964-5514

Dan Degner & Bill Morris - 8:00 am
Jack Dammann & Alan Gibby - 10:30 am

For 5th Usher:

Dan Degner - 9/1

Bill Morris - 9/8

Jack Dammann - 9/15

Alan Gibby - 9/22

Jack Dammann - 9/29

Birthdays

Nancy Sauer	09/01
Garry Kirk	09/02
Briana Martin	09/07
Geraldine Cygnor	09/12
Jesse Saenz	09/13
Ted Ross	09/16
Ann Brace	09/16
Robert Parker	09/16
Ruth Nicholas	09/17
Audrey Hooks	09/19
Michaela Swart	09/20
Rachel Schmitt	09/22
Linda Posner	09/24
Joyce Apitz	09/25
Margaret Henning	09/26
Audre Waggoner	09/28
Robert Landis	09/30
Roberta Venovic	09/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Anthony & Norma Cameron	09/08
John & Kathryn Torrence	09/12
John & Jean Frana	09/13
Ronald & Janet Wanninger	09/15
Mark & Ashley Vaughn	09/29

Memorial Service for Michael Lewis

Dear Friends,
 Just as we prepared to send the Good News to you, we learned of the death of our dear friend and parishioner Michael Lewis. A memorial service for Michael will be held on Friday, September 13 at 7 PM. A reception will follow.

"Almighty God, our Father in heaven, before whom live all who die in the Lord: Receive our brother Michael into the courts of your heavenly dwelling place. Let his heart and soul now ring out in joy to you, O Lord. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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Celebration for Pastor Pam

By Barrie Gibby

All parishioners and families are invited to celebrate Pastor Pam's birthday and her time at Emmanuel as our priest. Immediately after her last service with us on Oct. 6, we'll assemble in the undercroft for a potluck.

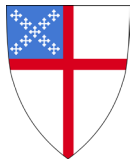
Bring a dish to pass if you can, but let nothing get in the way of your attending. The Vestry will provide the main dish. Bring poems, songs, quotes, and your offerings for this grand happening. If you plan to bring a dish please let the church office know.

Questions? Call Barrie Gibby 336-266-6626, or Dave Hatch 815-298-7490 or the church office for more information.



I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, phone calls and their visits which brightened up my long days.

Joyce Apitz



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September

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