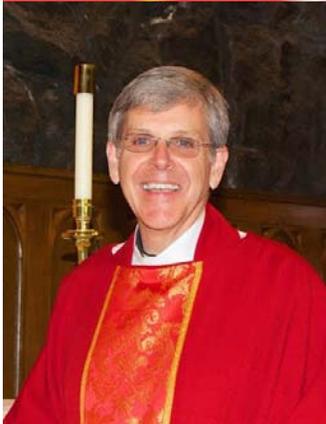




# MESSENGER



## From The Rector

*Our Church is changing as we shift our gaze from an inward view on conflict resolution to an outward focus on mission.*

The Book of Common Prayer calls for prayers of the people to always include intercessions for "the Universal Church, its members, and its mission." We should specifically pray that we, indeed, shift our focus from internal conflict

resolution to focus on our mission. That mission is clear. We are to go and make disciples and baptize them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. That is what Christ calls us to do. Everything that distracts from that mission is superfluous. Good Christian people disagree about what is right or best in a particular moral dilemma. We are not going to always agree. We are called to higher ground, to rely on and rejoice in the One who alone can restore creation and, indeed, create a new heaven and a new earth!

We are Christians first. We are God's anointed, sealed by the Holy Spirit when we were baptized and, by the grace of God, continue in spiritual formation as we receive spiritual nourishment remembering and proclaiming God's mighty works. Look at the rite we use when we initiate new Christians starting on page 301 of the *Book of Common Prayer*. Everything there is about being a Christian.

We are Emmanuel second. Emmanuel is much more than a beautiful building. We, the people who live out the baptismal covenant in the beauty of this place, are Emmanuel. When we baptize a new Christian the priest asks: *Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?* That is the intent behind the liturgy every time we gather as the congregation known as Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

We are Anglicans third. We are part of a rich heritage which, at its best, places equal emphasis on Word and Sacrament. We believe in and take seriously the scriptures as well as the ancient prayers of the Church. We trust God to reveal the mysteries of the faith in God's time, not at our convenience.

We will inevitably hear in the media of things coming out of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. Please remember that much happens that is not reported and the tendency to focus on controversy. It is not likely, for example, that you will hear how many Episcopalians made mature affirmations of their faith when renewing the baptismal covenant at their Confirmation. Nor are you likely to read how more Episcopalians participated in the Easter Vigil than ever before. You would have to search to find how many times Episcopalians responded to disasters through Episcopal Relief and Development.

Many of us believe the Church needs to reconsider the very concept of a triennial convention with its resolutions and inevitable winners and losers. Church *councils* devoted to prayer and considerably more listening than speaking would likely produce fewer headlines and more spiritual momentum.

Keep in mind that the joy of our salvation is manifest when we gather here at Emmanuel on Sunday morning. The symbols of our faith are the waters in the font, the bread and wine on the table, and the scriptures read and proclaimed. That is why...

...I will see you Sunday if not before!

## Looking Ahead

Monday, July 6  
Supper at Grace House

Sunday July 12–Sunday, July 19  
Family Promise Host Week

Sunday, July 12 after 10:30 a.m. service  
Church picnic  
Please bring a picnic side dish to share

Friday, July 17, 7:00 p.m.  
Celtic Concert (Nave)

Sunday, August 30  
Rally Day

Friday, September 18–Sunday,  
September 20  
Rhythm and Roots Reunion Weekend

Sunday, October 18  
after 10:30 a.m. service  
Sandwiches and Sundaes

Sunday, November 1  
All Saints "Feast on the Feast" Brunch

Sunday, November 8, 9:45 a.m.  
Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 20, 9:45 a.m.  
Christmas Pageant Brunch

Sunday, December 20  
during the 10:30 a.m. service  
Christmas Pageant

Friday, December 25  
4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

34<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas Dinner

## Deacon's Word



*The Rev. Preston Mitchell*

Clementa Pinckney, Tywanza Sanders, Cynthia Hurd, Sharanda Coleman-Singleton, Myra Thompson, Ethel Lance, Daniel Simmons, DePaige Middleton-Doctor, Susie Jackson. Nine Christians killed in their church, Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on the corner of Meeting and Calhoun Street in Charleston, South Carolina. The tragedy struck at the core of our society, and begs at least three questions 1) Why is there evil in the world that can cause such irreparable pain? 2) Where is God in the midst of this? 3) What can we do as we go forward?

There has already begun political and social commentaries on issues such as gun control and the Confederate battle flag. There is a time and a place for these discussions, but as a minister, as a deacon, I looked first for the Good News of the gospel, for that is what we proclaim each Sunday and seek to live out in our daily lives.

The lectionary for the Sunday after the shootings, June 21, spoke directly to the pain that so many felt. Track Two (which we don't use at Emmanuel) used the Old Testament reading from Job. We have all heard of the patience of Job, but what we tend to forget is that Job reached his breaking point and cursed the day he was born. The good news from that is that the deep despair and anguish that Job felt is something that we all face. It is only in confronting God with his own pain, naming it, rather than trying to cover it up, that Job is eventually brought to wholeness.

In his second letter to Corinth, Paul recounts the pain, the frustration, the persecutions, the beatings, imprisonments, and sleepless nights that he and so many Christians have endured. His words that now is the day of salvation, reflect his hope that Jesus would return any day. While that hope of his was not realized, those words can speak to us. Now is the acceptable time for our own admission of pain, the acceptable time for forgiveness, the acceptable time for unity in God's love.

The Gospel finds Jesus calming the storm on the sea with just three words, "Peace! Be Still!" Just as Jesus calms the storm on the sea, he calms the disciples' fears. As we serve a living Jesus, we know he is still calming our storms of division, of anxiety, of confusion,....of pain.

So what about those three questions? I know I don't have the answers, but I shall try to share my thoughts. Why is there evil? Despite the goodness, the love, and the beauty in creation, the fall of humankind, as metaphorically depicted in the Garden of Eden, is very real. We are broken people living in a broken world. Where was God? To paraphrase Dietrich Bonhoeffer when asked where God was at the execution of a fellow prisoner, he replied "at the end of the rope." I think God was with the people at Emmanuel, held them in their fear and pain, and wept at their deaths.

What is our response to this? What do we do now? We do, as people of faith are always called to do, we put everything in the context of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the hope of Resurrection. We pray for the souls of the nine martyrs of Emmanuel who opened their doors to Dylan Roof, like them a child of God. We pray in the name of the one who said "Father forgive them" that Dylan may know Resurrection. The altar is the table of reconciliation, our own and the world. When we come may we pray for not only solace but strength, not only to be loved, but to love. We pray for the grace to see Jesus in the brokenness of the world, just as the priest breaks the body of Christ and feeds that body to us. By that action we acknowledge our own pain and anguish, and like Job we give it to God.

So we go forth into the world, armed with the truth of Resurrection, go knowing that love always wins over hate, go having been nourished by the love of Christ to serve beyond the walls of our own Emmanuel. We go knowing that by doing so we are, in our own small way, acknowledging the lives of Clementa, Tywanza, Cynthia, Sharanda, Myra, Ethel, Daniel, DePaige, and Susie. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **PARISH WORK DAY** **Monday, July 13**

We need lawn care, handy-men, and anybody who would help spruce up the church. We'll be here all day, so come on over and help us beautify our church!



### **Sunday, July 12**

After the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist

We'll provide the hamburgers and hotdogs, you bring a side to share.

We need a few volunteers to man the grill and to help set up in the parish hall.

Please let Kristie know if you can help.

# SOCIAL CLUB

Thursday, July 2, 6:00p.m.

Join us for an evening of  
great food, bingo and prizes,  
and fellowship.



Friday, July 17  
7:00 p.m.

## CELTIC CONCERT

featuring



*Rebecca  
Catalano*

Join us for an evening celebrating contemporary and traditional Celtic music with some Broadway fun on the side. Proceeds from this concert will go toward PolioPlus, a fund dedicated to eradicating polio worldwide through Rotary International.

30<sup>th</sup> Annual

Day in the Park

Saturday, August 1

Organizers are gearing up to help kids in need with their school supplies.

Please bring new backpacks, pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, erasers, crayons, glue, etc. and leave them in the Parish Office by Friday, July 26.

Please make monetary donations payable to "Day in the Park"



# Parish Calendar

## July

## 2015

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Christina Hudson
- 3 Beth Rogers
- 5 Brad Adams
- 7 Brian Sullivan
- 9 Tina Hitt
- 10 Derek Oja, Alilstair Zaidi
- 11 Ann Martin-Thomas  
Jacob Slagle
- 12 Ellison Conrad
- 13 Brian Sullivan
- 14 Jordan Armstrong  
Janet Jayne
- 15 Candace Hicks  
Laura Lavinder  
Jon Slagle
- 16 Olivia Hardee
- 17 Audrey Moore
- 21 Nell Bieger  
Candie Horner  
Janice Kiser
- 23 Susan Tanner  
Gabriell Tidwell
- 25 Margaret Kearfott  
Mary Glen Tidwell
- 27 Tom Rogers
- 30 Marj Hallenbeck  
Elliott Moore
- 31 Callie Knickerbocker

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist	29	30	1 11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist	2 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Social Club	3	4
5 8. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist	6 Supper at Grace House	7	8 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist	9 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	10	11
12 8. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  Family Promise Host Week	13 Parish Work Day  Family Promise Host Week	14  Family Promise Host Week	15 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist 5:15 p.m. Finance Comm. Family Promise Host Week	16 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  Family Promise Host Week	17 Messenger Deadline 7:00 p.m. Celtic Concert Family Promise Host Week	18  Family Promise Host Week
19 8. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  Family Promise Host Week	20 5:15 p.m. Vestry	21	22 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist	23 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	24	25
26 8. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist	27	28	29 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist	30 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	31	1
2 8. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist	3	4	5 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist	6 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	7	8

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Ann & Charlie Christ
- 7 Susan & Fred  
Knickerbocker
- 10 Kim & Jeff Heath
- 17 Peggy & Richard Horner
- 24 Maggie & Steve Green
- 28 Mary Beth & Charlie Joe  
Rainero

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Jerry Allen, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Ivy Daniels, Emma, Kathy Frey, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Anina Haqq, Sharon Hatcher, Emily Hubbard, Tom Hurt, Annie Jackson, Michael Johnston, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Tineke Marburg, Louise Medley, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Rachael Morgan, Mildred Murphy, Kitty Pitini, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Rosemary, Katy Sikorski, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Jody Talbert, Nikki Guest Thomas, Lamont Tidwell, Sarah Young, Carla Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, Vicki Ward, and the families in Family Promise.

*For the deceased:* Deirdre Grogan, Ice Pearl Tidwell, and James Tayloe.

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

**Mike Blair**  
*Given by*  
Mary Catherine McGarvey

**Frank Goodpasture Jr.**  
*Given by*  
Mr. & Mrs. Nat Copenhaver

**Deidre Grogan**  
*Given by*  
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Harty, Sr.

# Vestry Minutes

The May 18, 2015 Vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Members present: Jeremy McLaughlin, Fred Knickerbocker, Barbara Sue Kurre, Denise Rowe, Doug Mitchell, Frank Goodpasture III, Barbara Walling, David Taverner, Dan Bieger, Greg Oakley, Fr. Joe Dunagan, Deacon Preston Mitchell.

Members absent: Debbie Tidwell.

Minutes of the April 2015 were distributed and approved after being corrected to reflect that the deacon had not been present.

## ◆ Rector's Report

- Contact information for visitors was distributed (Harry Dyer, Betty Kuhn, Rene and Jacques Weber, Renee Gaskins and her son, Lucas, Don McGregor, Michelle Hall, Wendel and Janis Owens, Cher Marshall, Brian Young, Michael and Shauna Webb (transferred from the Diocese of Atlanta), and Derek Oja). Fr. Joe requested that Vestry members be aware of these new people and reach out to make them feel welcome. June Hallums will send welcome cards to each new member. A vestry member will also contact them.
- Attendance for Easter Vigil was 50, Easter Sunday was 192. Average for the other 3 Sunday's in April was 102. Month to date average for May has been 100.
- While Fr. Joe is away on June 7 and 14, Vestry members will open and close the building. Doug Mitchell will open June 7, Denise Rowe will close. Fred Knickerbocker will open June 14 and Jeremy McLaughlin will close.
- The Celtic Concert has been rescheduled for Friday, July 17. The rector will use discretionary funds to pay for refreshments prior to the concert and receive an offering to benefit Polio Plus (a Rotary International program to eliminate polio through vaccinations).
- Fr. Joe requested that on Pentecost Sunday all Vestry members wear nametags and mingle with parishioners (old and new).
- The rector and Parish Administrators are interviewing candidates for sexton.

## ◆ Deacons' Report

- Pastoral Care teams have been disbanded. The clergy are handling visitations. There will be additional Lay Eucharistic Visitors trained at a later date.
- UTO (United Thank Offering) collection is this weekend.
- Social Club has been going very well. Brian Knickerbocker has volunteered his time to cook monthly for the event. Parishioners are volunteering for various duties, but, we can use more help as the number of participants is growing. The deacon will request more volunteers when making announcements on Sunday, May 24.
- Vestry members are encouraged to attend the bi-monthly Eucharist offered at Grand Court.
- Two events are coming up: 1) The Boys Home on June 20, and 2) Grace House on July 5. A meal will be shared at both events (with Emmanuel providing the meal at Grace House) and both are also work days to assist with various needs at each facilities.

## ◆ Wardens' Reports/Remarks

- Senior Warden Report
- Supper Club was yesterday. The next date is Sunday, June 21 at the Civitan Shelter at Stele Creek Park.

- Several people need rides to church and social events. Denise Rowe will work with the Deacon to coordinate assistance for these
- A King student who has been attending Emmanuel, Angela Powers, will be keeping the nursery regularly. Denise expressed appreciation to Elizabeth Oakley for having spent so much time volunteering in the nursery.

## ◆ Junior Warden Report

- Randall Perkins has contacted us about the large tree adjacent to the labyrinth he wants to remove. The tree lies on an easement that doesn't belong to Emmanuel, the public library, the city, or his building. He brought it to our attention as a courtesy. Fr. Joe will contact Randall about this.
- Allen Rushing has been working with Jeremy McLaughlin on the grounds. New items purchased (what is it).
- A work day is being planned for Saturday, June 6 for grounds maintenance including weeding and repainting the murals in the patio area.
- Sunday, May 17 Jeremy McLaughlin and Lark Adams began taking photos of parishioners for the online directory. This could also be the basis of a new print directory. Jeremy will be available immediately after 8 am services until right before the 10:30 a.m. service for the next two weekends.
- There will be a group photo after the 10:30 Eucharist on May 24.

## ◆ Committee Reports

- David Taverner, Jane Bachman, Ed Hitt, and Greg Roberts are the current Columbarium committee and Greg Roberts is the custodian. David Taverner presented a list of the current niche assignments to the Vestry and explained details including the schematic, the price, the purchase process, the maintenance, and some various aspects of the rules and regulations. David Taverner requested that the Vestry accept the current information as presented and that all future purchases of niches be brought to the rector and vestry for approval. Motion by Dan Bieger to ratify the information as presented. Barbara Sue seconded the motion The motion passed unanimously.
- Columbarium committee is researching improvements, specifically the drainage in the ground.
- Fr. Joe updated information regarding the stained glass windows for the Fine Arts committee. There are going to be some recommendations regarding the wood casings and the lead in the windows. To date we have not received a complete estimate, but, it will be presented to the vestry when received.
- Jeremy McLaughlin reported that the Fine Arts committee is also researching ways to repair the water damage to the Nave wall.

## ◆ Old Business

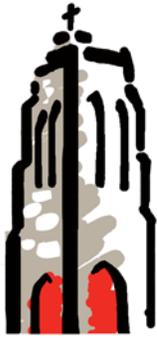
## ◆ New Business

- The Fine Arts Committee will recommend a policy for accepting non-monetary memorial donations.

## ◆ Treasurer's Report

- Bob Bruce is recuperating from orthopedic surgery.

## ◆ Adjourned at 6:36 p.m. with prayer.



**JULY 2015**  
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**MESSENGER**

*The deadline to submit information for the August 2015 Messenger is July 17. Please be prompt.*

Weekly Schedule

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

8 a.m. Rite I  
10:30 a.m. Rite II

**SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION**

9:15 a.m. Catechesis  
of the Good Shepherd  
(Resumes in Sept.)

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

12:15 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist &  
Prayers for Healing  
Bledsoe Chapel

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Resumes in Sept.

**BIBLE STUDY**

10 a.m.  
Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Conf. Room



**Sunday, July 5–Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

*2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2–10; Mark 6:1–13*

8:00 a.m. Lector.....David Taverner  
10:30 a.m. Lector ..... Seth Allen  
Eucharistic Minister ..... Tom Rogers  
Ushers.....Chris Yoder and TBD

**Sunday, July 19–Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

*2 Samuel 7:1–14a; Psalm 89:20–37; Ephesians 2:11–22; Mark 6:30–34, 53–56*

8:00 a.m. Lector..... Frank Goodpasture III  
10:30 a.m. Lector ..... Tom Rogers  
Intercessor.....Janet Jayne  
Eucharistic Ministers..... Tom Rogers and  
David Taverner  
Ushers..... Lisa and Doug Mitchell

**July 12–Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3–14; Mark 6:14–29*

8:00 a.m. Lector.....Fred Knickerbocker  
10:30 a.m. Lector ..... Sharon Kyser  
Eucharistic Minister ..... Walt Bressler  
Ushers.....Harriett and John Harty

**Sunday, July 26–Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

*2 Samuel 11:1–15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14–21; John 6:1–21*

8:00 a.m. Lector..... Dave Zochowski  
10:30 a.m. Lector ..... Mary Beth Rainero  
Intercessor.....Sue Prill  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... Tom Hairston and Sue Prill  
Ushers..... Jane Bachman and Lee Wampler

**Sunday, August 2–Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a; Psalm 51:1–13; Ephesians 4:1–16; John 6:24–35*

8:00 a.m. Lector.....John Harty  
10:30 a.m. Lector ..... David Taverner  
Intercessor.....Barbara Bunn  
Eucharistic Minister ..... Walt Bressler  
Ushers..... Lee Wampler and Barbara Walling