

From The Rector

Goliath was scared.

We have been hearing again the story of David's ascent to leadership as the

second king of Israel and Judah. The Old Testament readings assigned during the summer and fall are filled with great stories about important figures in the narrative of our faith. Often we only remember an episodic piece of the narrative—sometimes learned long ago out of biblical context.

Many people who don't read the Bible are familiar with David and Goliath. It has become a common metaphor for the underdog defeating a giant. But that was never the point. David defeating Goliath is in the context of a longer story of how David came to be so well known, admired, and even beloved by the people he would one day rule over.

David met Goliath for a duel in the valley between the army of Israel on one ridge and the army of the Philistines on the opposite ridge. They all watched as a giant of a man, Goliath, equipped with the best battle gear available at the end of the Bronze Age. He had a shield and spear and was wearing an armored suit. David, on the other hand had none of that. He was sent by his father, Jesse, to take provisions to his brothers who were, unlike David, old enough to serve in King Saul's army

David had his sling shot with him. It was not Opie's sling shot. David's sling was an effective weapon he had used against wild animals when they tried to snatch a lamb from his father's flock. In the hand of a practiced slinger, the stone would be propelled with great force. It was at least a fair fight and David may have had the advantage all along.

So Goliath may have been as scared as David, if not more so. There's a lesson here about taking on a giant, for that, see Malcom Gladwell's book. But that's not why the story is

in the Bible. The spiritual application of the story may well be that our adversaries are fully human. They have hopes and fears just as we do. The Philistines were indeed trying to take Israel's territory but Israel had done the same to the Canaanites.

God had called the family of Abraham and Sarah to be a great nation, a light to the world, to live into the peace of the Lord as an inspiration. They were called into the Covenant which begins with an acknowledgment that God is sovereign. Yet they wanted a king like other nations. They didn't want to be unique. They wanted to take on the nations of the world and they wanted to do it not with the spiritual armor of faith, hope, and love. They wanted slings and stone projectiles. So before David killed Goliath, he used a racial epitaph against him.

Ultimately a descendent of David, the Anointed One who was born in Bethlehem, where David was centuries before, would ascend to the throne above all thrones. King Jesus would reign over a spiritual kingdom as the right hand of the Sovereign of all creation, the God of Israel whom Jesus taught us to call *Abba*, Father. In the Kingdom of God we recognize the humanity of our enemy. We see how the one on the other side of a conflict was also created in God's image. We never dehumanize the enemy. We have come to know that at the heart of all violence and aggression is fear.

When you go up against your Goliath it may help to remember your arsenal may seem less effective than his. We Christians enter battle against with faith, hope, and love. We are up dreadful weapons in the hands and on the lips of people who are very proficient in their use. But in the soul of the aggressor is fear. That's when we can take comfort and be confident because when fear confronts faith, hope, and love, it's not even a contest.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY SERVICE

5:00 p.m. Rite II
Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Rite I
Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Rite II
Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

9:30 a.m.

Youth Formation

Adult Formation

WEDNESDAY

12:15 p.m.

Holy Eucharist &
Prayers for Healing
Bledsoe Chapel

6:00 p.m.

Young Adult Group

Choir

7:00 p.m.

(Resumes in the Fall)

THURSDAY

Lectionary Study

10 a.m.

July 2018 Parish Calendar

Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
1 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Faith Formation	3 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6 pm Social Club	4 Meals on Wheels 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist 4 pm Oakmont 6 pm Young Adults	5 10 am Lectionary Study	7 5 pm Holy Eucharist
8 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Faith Formation 2 pm Brookdale	10 10:00 am Staff Meeting	11 Reston Youth Visit 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist 6 pm Young Adults	12 10 am Lectionary Study	14 5 pm Holy Eucharist
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29 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am DoK Induction 9:30 m Faith Formation	31 10:00 am Staff Meeting	Monday and Friday are omitted as there are no events on those days.		

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Graham Pittman, Beth Rogers
- 5 Brad Adams
- 6 Ingrid Kancso, Ross Spires
- 7 Riley Sullivan
- 8 Monica Shew
- 9 Cody Dillard, Tina Hitt
- 10 Megan Clark
- Olivia Hardee, Allistair Zaidi
- 11 Jacob Slagle
- 14 Jordan Armstrong, Janet Jayne
- 15 Raleigh Frazier, Laura Lavinder, Glenn Moore, Jon Slagle
- 21 Nell Bieger, Candie Horner, Janice Kiser
- 22 Liz Rainero
- 23 Susan Tanner, Chelsa Taylor, Gabrielle Tidwell
- 24 Craig Wylie
- 25 Sharon Eisenhart, Margaret Kearfott
- 27 Tom Rogers
- 30 Marj Hallenbeck, Elliott Moore
- 31 Callie Knickerbocker

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Jeff & Kim Heath
- Ashley & Jeremy McLaughlin
- 17 Peggy & Richard Horner
- 24 Maggie & Steve Green
- 28 Mary Beth & Charlie Joe Rainero

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

George Bunn
Thelma Blair
Marj & Prent Hallenbeck
Meg James
Larry & Janice Kiser
Joe & Barbara Sue Kurre
Judy Mitchell
Carl & Elliott Moore
Frank Winston

Gayle Mallin
Elizabeth Barger

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jack Aaron, Paull Anderson, Kingston Baker, Ruby Barber, Diane Bedwell, Gary Bedwell, Shelby, Doug, Carol Biegler, Eda Brink, Barbara Bunn, Cindy, Charlie Callahan, Ben Crenshaw, Horace Crenshaw, Willie Crumley, Ivy Daniels, Micah Deyton, Devin Williams Hancock, Bertha Holloman, Hilary Hurst, Michael Johnston, Joe Kurre, Hal Leak, Amber McLeroy, Landon McNew, Chris Mallin, Claire Miller, George Miller, Nona Morgan, Jud Powers, Jack Presnell, Julia Rainero, Jan Ransom (*June Hallum's brother*), Jan Ransom (*June Hallum's niece*), Rick Rimer, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Anne Stuart, and Mary Jo Thomas

Vestry

The May 24, 2018 Vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order with prayer at approximately 5:30 pm.

Members present: Jade Carson, Charlie Christ, Maggie Green, Pierce Elliott, Tom Hairston, Tom Rogers, Michael Webb, Richard Wolfe, Audrey Zaidi, and Rector Joe Dunagan

Members absent: Lark Adams, Sharon Kyser, Shawna Knickerbocker

The minutes of the April 26, 2018 Vestry meeting were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Fr. Joe reminded members, if they have not already done so, of the need for them to sign the diocesan policy on sexual harassment awareness.

Rector's Report:

- Average attendance for the month of April, 2018 – Wednesday services - 9; Sunday services (including Saturday evenings) – 101.
- Fr. Joe reported that our custodians Jim and Sharon have resigned. The rector has arranged with ServiceMaster to provide cleaning services. The budgetary impact of this change is negligible.
- The annual parish picnic has been scheduled for Sunday August 12 in the Cumberland Square Park.
- The annual parish family photograph taken in front of the bell tower on Pentecost will be published in the June *Messenger*.
- Fr. Joe stressed the importance for parish leadership to be present for worship during the summer months. He also encouraged members of the vestry to consider volunteering to serve as ushers, lectors, or Eucharistic Ministers at worship services.

Director of Formation Ministries' Report:

- Shannon Vance communicated that plans are in place for summer Sunday School opportunities are in place for all age groups.
- A children's curriculum based upon *Living the Good News* will be offered from 9:30 – 10:15 after which children may join their parents for the 10:30 worship service. Dr. Vance expressed appreciation to Stephanie Yoder, Ashley McLaughlin, Adriel Slaughter, and Shawna Knickerbocker for their leadership of this program.
- Dr. Craig Streetman will continue to lead a discussion for adults on Christianity and Philosophy in the parish library each week.
- Consideration is being given to the development of a speakers' series at Emmanuel. Recognized scholars who could be potentially invited to speak are Fr. Joe Dunagan, Julia Robinson, Miriam Perkins, and/or Tim Fulop.
- Shannon noted that one of the paid nursery workers has resigned, and new nursery staff is being recruited. She invited vestry members to provide recommendations of potential candidates.

Senior Warden's Report:

- Senior Warden Michael Webb invited further discussion on the subject of building security that was previously raised in April's vestry meeting. Vestry agreed to defer action on Flenor Security's proposal to install electronic, remotely controlled locking systems on parish house doors. It was agreed, however, that the hiring of a trained, unarmed security person to monitor the building during worship is desirable. While not specifically budgeted, the Finance Committee had previously considered this possibility and concluded that adequate funding is

available. **ACTION:** Michael Webb offered a motion to hire a security person to be present for approximately 4 hours on Sunday mornings during worship. Maggie Green provided a second; the motion was unanimously approved.

- Michael provided a progress report on the project he is working on with Heather Eisenhart for the installation of technology in the parish hall to enhance audio-visual capabilities. He expects to have a proposal ready for presentation at the June meeting of the Finance Committee.
- Michael then solicited input from members to generate a list of projects approved or previously considered by vestry that have yet to be completed. Several items needing to be addressed were listed.

Junior Warden's Report:

- Junior Warden Charlie Christ reported progress over the past month on the following projects:
- The lighting project has been completed; however, it has been determined that one additional spotlight at the front of the nave is needed for better light balance. The fixture has been ordered; Hutton Electric will install the fixture when it arrives.
- Charlie has placed new flower planters and is working to get the fountain running in the columbarium.
- Charlie has cleaned and installed new shelving in a storage closet used by Catechesis in the undercroft.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Jade Carson reported that parish cash flow, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, is consistent with the approved budget. She noted that the permanently restricted, endowment funds invested in Vanguard funds are performing well (approximately 6% APR currently).
- Refinements to processes for counting plate offering developed by the Finance Committee have yet to be implemented effectively. Jade reported that methods for better communicating the changes will be developed and disseminated to counting teams.
- The Finance Committee and Vestry previously agreed that an Internal Control Review (sometimes incorrectly referred to as an "audit") of parish financial processes is desirable since several years have passed since the last external review. Southeast Tax Services recommended Ms. Farooze Smalley for this service. Jade plans to contact Ms. Smalley to discuss this possible project with her.
- Jade reported that ACS recently advised that a soon to be implemented software update will eliminate some of the functions routinely used by Emmanuel. More specifically, the function that tracks individuals' contributions and issues year-end tax statements will no longer be available within the ACS system. Jade suggested that it might be appropriate to appoint an ad hoc committee to assess the impact of the ACS update upon Emmanuel's processes and to evaluate alternative software programs if necessary.

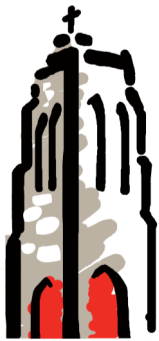
Stewardship Committee Report:

- Stewardship Committee chairman Tom Hairston reported that work is progressing on development of a new "Introduction to Emmanuel" brochure.
- Tom reiterated that a planned giving campaign is also being developed.

With no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned by the rector.

Adult Catechesis

For anyone interested in confirmation, becoming Episcopalian, or a deeper faith, contact Father Joe.



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MESSENGER

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MESSENGER

The deadline to submit information for the August 2018 Messenger is July 20. Please be prompt.

Liturgical Ministry

Sunday, July 1–The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15;
Mark 5:21-43
8:00 a.m. Lector Frank Goodpasture III
10:30 a.m. Lector Shannon Vance
Intercessor..... Bob Hardee
Lay Eucharistic Ministers..... Shannon Vance, Chris Yoder
Ushers..... Jade Carson, Justin Carson
Acolytes Tucker, Ford, Julia, Lola

Sunday, July 15–The Eighth 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 Dave Zochowski
10:30 a.m. Lector Sharon Eisenhart
Intercessor..... Craig Streetman
Lay Eucharistic Ministers..... Daniel Shew, Shannon Vance
Ushers..... Shawna & Brian Knickerbocker
Acolytes Jack, Lana, Amelia

Sunday, July 29–The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21
8:00 a.m. Lector TBD
10:30 a.m. Lector Bob Hardee
Intercessor..... Michael Webb
Lay Eucharistic Ministers..... Fred Knickerbocker, Michael Webb
Ushers..... Jane Bachman & Walt Bressler
Acolytes Hagan, Harper, Blaine, Graham

Sunday, July 8–The Seventh 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..... Scott Lamie
10:30 a.m. LectorWalt Bressler
Intercessor..... Tom Rogers
Lay Eucharistic Ministers.....Walt Bressler, Tom Rogers
Ushers..... Fred & Susan Knickerbocker
Acolytes..... Tucker, Ford, Julia, Raleigh

Sunday, July 22–The Ninth 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 TBD
10:30 a.m. LectorTom Hairston
Intercessor.....Mary Beth Rainero
Lay Eucharistic Ministers..... Tom Hairston, Harriett Harty
Ushers.....Shauna & Michael Webb
Acolytes..... Kira, Judson, Josie, Millie

August 5–The Eleventh 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.....Frank Goodpasture III
10:30 a.m. Lector Janet Jayne
Intercessor.....Walt Bressler
Lay Eucharistic Ministers.....Walt Bressler, Chris Yoder
Ushers..... Monica & Daniel Shew
Acolytes.....Tucker, Ford, Julia, Lola