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Adult Forum in October

The third and last session about "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other: A Closer Look at Racism" with Deacon Hopkins will be Oct. 7. On Oct. 14, we will begin a new topic, "The Parables" from the *Conversations with Scripture* series. The author is William Brosend. The book may be purchased for \$10 in the church office or at Adult Forum. Adult Forum will not meet October 28th due to one of our scheduled all-parish forums.

About the series: *The Parables* is the third book in the *Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars Study* series. Written in accessible language and sensitive to those who have little or no experience in reading the *Bible*, each book in the series focuses on the historical and critical background, as well as the ways the biblical texts written centuries ago can still speak to us today.

Here's what one reviewer has to say about *The Parables*, "From the very beginning, human beings have loved to listen to stories. And Jesus loved to tell them. The parables are vivid, rich, arresting stories that make us think and teach us lessons about our relationship with God and others. From talents to mustard seeds, from shepherds to Samaritans, Jesus used common reference points to teach important truths. The parables are filled with ambiguity and room for interpretation. With historical and cultural background, and careful scholarly detail, this book will help readers explore the beauty and richness – and joy – of the parables."

The Choir is Back!

Any and all are welcome to join the choir, and we are always eager for new members. Ability to read music well is not a requirement, but commitment and dedication are. The choir rehearses every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and sings at the 10:15 a.m. Mass every Sunday, with a 9:30 a.m. warmup rehearsal. It's rewarding and great fun and, as one choir member was heard to say recently, "It's a lot cheaper than therapy!" For more information, contact choirmaster Kevin Kelly at 328-6630 or kmkelly1@gmail.com.

Sunday School 2007-2008

Sunday School this year will begin with *All Things New*, an Episcopal curriculum from Morehouse Press. The *Bible* stories and Episcopal worship basics – prayers, sacraments, traditions – contained in this curriculum will provide a framework which the teachers may build upon, explore, adapt and enhance with their own unique interests and talents.

We are fortunate to have a capable and experienced group of teachers this year. Teaching the younger class are Sonia Warfel, Mimi LaPointe and Julie Gunn. Lisa Kocheril and Bill Techau will teach the older group. In addition to the terrific group of lead teachers, a number of parents and other volunteers have agreed to substitute or otherwise assist as needed.

At the Sept. 16 Information Fair, 23 children enrolled for this year's program for the pre-k through fifth grade age group. Though we are not scheduling classes on Sunday morning for our middle school and high school students, there are wonderful educational and social opportunities for these young people. Many of them have already signed up for acolyte service and Youth Group. In addition, Inquirers and Confirmation classes will be offered in the spring for any who are planning to be confirmed.

It appears that we are off to a good start. A big thank you to those who volunteered or said "yes" when asked to help.

Sara Burrus, Interim SS Supt.

Newcomers Dessert

All newcomers and not-so-newcomers are welcome to attend a dessert-laden meeting on Oct. 22 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Great Hall. The Vestry is sponsoring an event to introduce newcomers (and others who are interested) to the rich history of Emmanuel and to provide a less hectic chance to ask Father Alan questions about the church. Some of the ministries that were present at the Information Fair will have

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a representative available to answer questions about becoming more involved at Emmanuel. The evening will be low-key and there will be no pressure to volunteer...just information and dessert! To help us plan how much dessert to prepare, please sign up in the Great Hall.

Fall UTO Ingathering

The Fall Ingathering of the United Thank Offering at Emmanuel will be Sunday, Oct. 14. Please watch your mail for the UTO letter and envelope in which you may place your UTO gift. There are also UTO blue boxes on the table at the Communications Corner in the Great Hall. *“Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ. Amen”*

KidneyMobile coming to Emmanuel in October

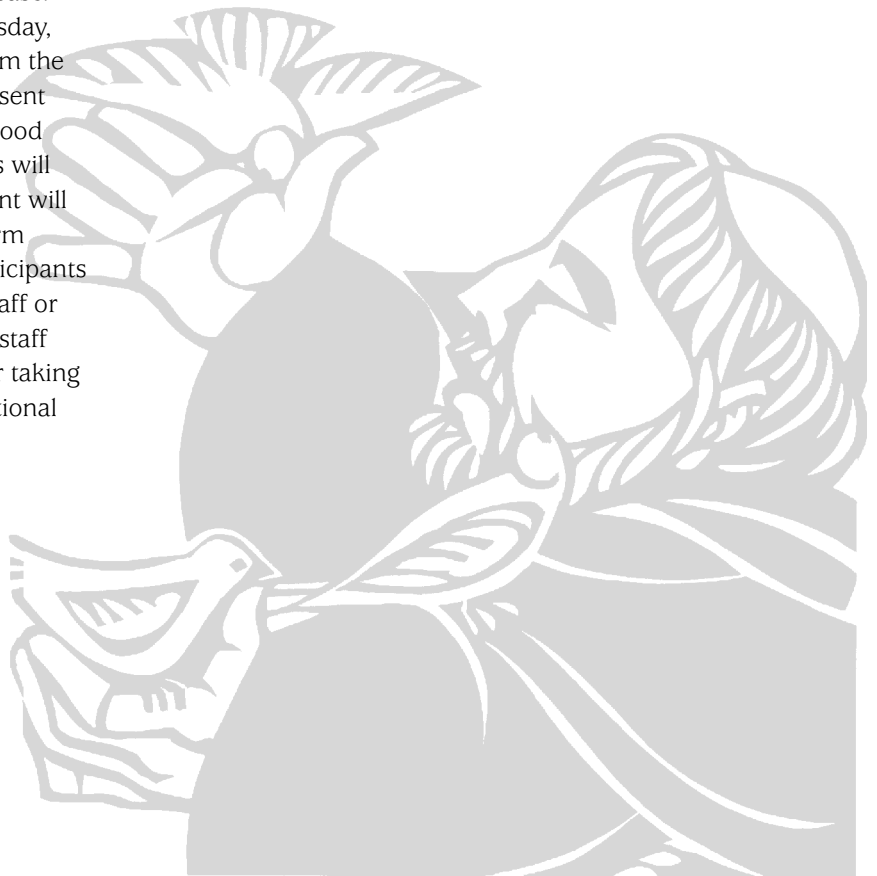
Emmanuel Parish will offer a rare opportunity this October to educate the community on the ways to prevent and manage diabetes, high blood pressure and kidney disease. We will host the KidneyMobile from 3 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25, in the church parking lot. Representatives from the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois, Inc. will be present to provide the following screenings: blood pressure, blood sugar, body mass index and urinalysis. The screenings will be offered at no charge to participants. Each participant will complete a questionnaire and sign a short consent form granting permission to NKFI to perform the tests. Participants will have tests conducted by a member of the NKFI staff or qualified volunteer and then review the results with a staff member before leaving the screening. Please consider taking advantage of this valuable service provided by the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois.

Parish Financial Update

The Finance Committee met Monday evening, Sept. 10, prior to the Vestry meeting to review parish finances through the end of August. Through the first eight months of the year, expenses exceeded income by almost \$4,000 but, due to the cash carryover with which we entered 2007, we were able to pay all bills in a timely fashion. The committee was encouraged that some expenses – particularly fuel, light, water and waste – have been less than anticipated. The committee also expressed their appreciation to the members of the parish who have kept their pledge payments current and to those who made the financial commitment to contribute more than what they originally pledged for the year. With the cooler weather approaching and unpredictable winter expenses/repairs a possibility, the committee requests the parish's continued commitment to the financial future of Emmanuel.

Youth Group News

A very big thank you goes out to Mike and Roberta Hoch for hosting the first youth group meeting of the year. The group of 18 played lots of fun games, ate hot dogs and S'mores around a glowing camp fire, and watched a movie under the stars. In all respects it was a very beautiful night. For October, meetings are scheduled for the 7th and 21st. Watch the Sunday bulletins for details.



The Rector's Corner

Dear People of Emmanuel Memorial Church:

I well remember the kick off for our Jubilee Capital Campaign in 1988. It's hard to believe that it was almost twenty years ago. How much important ministry has transpired as the result of that campaign.

Whereas I don't remember much about the remarks of the keynote speaker at that event, *The Equary to the Archbishop of Canterbury*, I do remember the brief, but to the point remarks of our then-bishop Donald Hultstrand. He said, "Stewardship is everything I do, with everything I am and have after I say I believe." That remains, in my mind, the best definition of stewardship I have ever heard.

Soon, your Wardens and Vestry will guide you through the annual parish stewardship campaign. I will wisely leave it to them to discuss the worldly ramifications of the stewardship campaign. As your rector, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you just a few thoughts about the spiritual side of stewardship.

The first thing to say is that there is perhaps no more spiritual thing we do than stewardship. As Bishop Hultstrand has said, "Stewardship is everything I do, with everything I am and have after I say I believe." Bishop Righter once said, "If I want to know what you believe, don't give me your words. Show me your checkbook, your daytimer, and your mileage log. They will show me how you spend yourself and all you have." Truly, stewardship is the spending of our selves in the service of the Christ we call Savior and follow as Lord.

The following are two meditations on stewardship.

"The Good Book: The Church, God's people corporately and individually, is the steward of the Gospel. Our primary task is proclaiming, preserving and applying the mysteries of God . . . that Christ may be seen!"

Being a steward of God's mysterious Word involves spreading the Gospel and sharing our Faith. How well we understand this and yet how difficult this can be! Have you ever been tongue-tied or embarrassed about telling others the difference Christ has made in your life? Have you ever been on the verge of sharing the good news with someone, only to hold back because you were afraid you might offend the other person or be rejected? What might we do to over come these barriers to faithful stewardship?

"The Date Book: A significant challenge for the Christian is to recognize daily obligations and opportunities as calls to live that Christ may be seen. We are stewards of time and abilities in response to the faith, with the understanding that all of life is a gift from God and that we are accountable for its use . . . that Christ may be seen!"

While we don't like to think about it, we don't know how much time we have to live the life God has so graciously given us. Evaluate how you use your time by examining a recent month in your appointment book or by recording how you spend your time for a week. How much time is spent at work, in family relationships, in church relationships, in prayer, in self-renewal, in service to others? Is this allocation of time consistent with your life goals? God has blessed each of us with talents – talents to be used in service to others and to glorify God. Identify what you feel is your most significant gift and then think about three ways you have used that gift in improving the lives of others. How might you further use this gift in reaching out to others over the next year?

"The Check Book: The use and distribution of money reveals and expresses our level of confidence in the mystery of God's sure providence and our Christian love to all humankind . . . that Christ may be seen!"

Many people equate stewardship with Stewardship Sunday. While money certainly isn't the only thing, effective use of our money and possessions is an important dimension of being a good steward. In the hand of the faithful steward, money can be a powerful tool for mission and improvement. What are you a steward of for God's mission in this world?

There is no portion of our time that is our time, and the rest God's; there is no portion of money that is our money, and the rest God's money. It is all His; He made it all, gives it all, and He has simply trusted it to use for His service. How will you use it in order that Christ may be seen?!

– John Coburn, late Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts

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The Rector's Corner, continued.

And finally this . . .

“Last night I dreamed I was in jail! Denied a *Bible* by my captors, I begged for a hymnal or a prayer book to use for daily devotions. Imagine my surprise when I was handed my church’s budget! How could I use a budget in meditation and prayer?

As I looked down the listing, I realized our budget is an act of faith. It is a statement of belief and a commitment to God’s work. It declares trust in God and love of His people. It is a tool that challenges us to consistently increase our giving and our ministry.

Our budget represents not only amounts of money, but also the strength and ability of our pastor, our church workers, and indeed every member to minister in God’s name and for His glory. It is a picture of many talents and abilities. It is a reflection of countless hours of planning, prayer, and work for many individuals and groups. It is faith, hope, and love made visible!

Intercession? Confession? Petition? Praise? Thanksgiving? Of course. They are all there! A church budget for daily devotion? Why not? It is our prayer, and it is our pledge to show forth Christ in our parish life and to the world!”

– Pastor Glenda Ball, ELCA

The Mission Statement of Emmanuel Memorial Church is “To Know Christ, and to Make Christ Known.” How will your response to this year’s annual stewardship campaign demonstrate that you know Christ and wish to make Him known?

Faithfully,



(The Reverend Father) Alan A. Herbst, Obl. SSJE

Xth Rector

Emmanuel Memorial Church



Stewardship

Dear Friends in Christ,

Emmanuel parish members have always been generous during times of crisis, whether it's one of our own parish families that needs help, or people in far off lands. We always respond in times of need.

Right now, it's not a tsunami, or a hurricane or an earthquake. There isn't a tragedy to respond to. However, the future of Emmanuel parish is in your hands...and the direction we take depends on you.

The long-range planning retreat that was held last October told us there are lots of things we want to accomplish as a parish, and all of these ideas take all sorts of resources. Because of your involvement, we've accomplished much in the past year. We improved the Vestry nomination process, we held several all parish forums, we created a new website, we formed a new ministry to pay attention to how we welcome newcomers, and we held a very successful Information Fair. At the Information Fair, we displayed our enthusiasm for ministries that are on-going and those that are newly formed. All of these activities take all sorts of resources.

In the last year, Emmanuel experienced greater expenses, just like you did in your home life. Many ideas generated at the long-range planning retreat have yet to be realized. The goals that haven't been accomplished and the increased expenses of running the parish will take additional financial commitments from all parish members.

As we saw at our retreat last fall, the Holy Spirit was at work in us. We noticed that all groups held similar discussions and came to similar conclusions, even though we met in separate spaces. We were energized by the experience. We were truly doing God's work. Before your Vestry starts budget planning for next year, please consider putting God's priorities before your own.

When the pledge card arrives in the mail, prayerfully consider what contribution you can make to our future. It really is in your hands.

Lynn Ryle, Rector's Warden & Terri Kobel, Parish Warden

This Month's Featured Outreach

Crisis Nursery

1309 W. Hill St.
Urbana, IL 61801
217-337-2731

The Crisis Nursery provides care for children from the ages of newborn to five years old in times of family need. Begun in 1983 the Crisis Nursery is the only 24-hour, 365 days a year child abuse prevention and family support agency of its kind in the county. They provide emergency interventions, respite care, crisis counseling, parental support and parental education to assist families in crisis.

Volunteers are needed to assist staff in working directly with children, planting and tending the gardens, assisting shoppers at the Holiday Shop (which will be held Nov. 24-25, Dec. 1-2 and 8-9 this year) participating in clean-up and working various fundraisers. To find more details call the above number or volunteer@crisisnursery.net Direct care volunteers must be at least 18 years old, undergo a background check and participate in ongoing training programs.

Financial donors are also a vital part of this operation. Most all of the annual budget of \$650,000 is raised each year from gifts, grants, contracts and special events. Gifts to Crisis Nursery are essential as there are no permanent recurring funds.

All Saints Day – November 1 Word Search Activity

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Find the following Saints names:

AGNES
ANNE
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BERNADETTE
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CATHERINE
CECILIA
CLARE
DOMINIC
ELIZABETH
FRANCIS
GEORGE
HELEN
ISIDORE

JOHN
JOSEPH
JUDE
LUCY
MARTIN
PATRICK
PAUL
PETER
ROSE
STEPHEN
THERESE
THOMAS

for the solution, e-mail
daphnegriffin@mac.com and enter:
AllSaints WordFind Solution
in the subject line.

Milestones

October Birthdays

1	Candice Schlatter	18	Joyce Bohrer
2	Jan Paluska Heather White	21	Dylan Gunn
3	Lott Thomas Jennifer Hoch Watson	22	George Motsegood
4	Sherry Danielson Patrick Weaver Lisa Kocheril	23	Grace Hopkins
5	Joan Smith	25	Lura Aurelius
7	Peyton Scheeler	26	Brian Holding Bill Muster
8	Carol Jeanne Muster Katy Swanson Stephanie Ryle	27	Alaine Stanner
11	Bill Rear Carolyn Brown John Taylor	30	Agnes Decker Lane Dickinson David Radavich
12	Rosellen Bohlen Susan Feuille Melinda Wells Jeremiah Medlyn		
13	Brad Pace Cari Schlatter Dale Elliott		
14	Liz Noel		
15	Karen Steigmann		
16	Joan Sargent Jeanne Earley		
17	Miriam Iben Alex Kirlik Jonathan Koester		

October Anniversaries

13	Lott and SuAnn Thomas
17	Kevin and Ellen Thomas
19	John and Brenda Patten
22	Mary and Tom O'Laughlin
23	Andrew and Kari Black
27	Agnes and Loren Decker Michael and Mimi LaPointe

"O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Amen

The Staff at Emmanuel

The Right Reverend Peter H. Beckwith	Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield
The Reverend Alan A. Herbst, Obl. SSJE	Rector
The Reverend Eugene Hall	Priest Associate
The Reverend Christine Hopkins	Deacon
Michael Fisher	Organist
Kevin Kelly	Choirmaster
Lori Dobrik	Parish Administrator

Wardens and Vestry

Willard Roemelt, Treasurer	Kathy Aquino	Terri Kobel	Richard Noel
Lori Dobrik, Clerk	Bruce Bonds	Lisa Kocheril	Dean Olson
Lynn Ryle, Rector's Warden	Jean Clarkson	Brenda Koester	Lynn Ryle
Terri Kobel, Parish Warden	Fritz Danielson	Carol Jeanne Muster	Winton Solberg

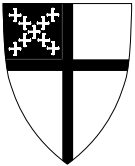
Upcoming Events

October

- 8 - 9 Columbus Day – Parish Office Closed
- 11 Clergy at Clark-Lindsey Village – 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Fall UTO Ingathering
Acolyte Banquet (please note rescheduled date)
- 15 Vestry – 7:00 p.m.
- 18 St. Catherine's Guild Mass & Luncheon – 11:00 a.m.
- 22 Newcomers Dessert – 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Kidney Screenings at Emmanuel – 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- 26 - 27 Synod at Trinity – Jacksonville
- 28 One Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by All Parish Forum
Cajun Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

November

- 4 Stewardship Sunday
- 8 Clergy at Clark-Lindsey Village – 10:00 a.m.
- 15 St. Catherine's Guild Mass & Luncheon – 11:00 a.m.
- 19 Finance Committee – 5:00 p.m.
Vestry – 7:00 p.m.
- 22 - 23 Thanksgiving – Parish Office Closed



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