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*At Emmanuel Episcopal Church, we strive to provide people the opportunity for growth in their faith through our mutual love, respect and acceptance of one another.*

## NEWS FROM THE NARTHEX

### FROM FATHER ROBERT

#### PEACE & ALL GOOD! THE HOLY SPIRIT SPEAKS IN MANY LANGUAGES AND TAKES US TO MANY UNEXPECTED PLACES

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Whenever I begin to write these messages to you, I usually wonder what you might like to know or learn about each month. This month the Holy Spirit is taking me many places.

First, I want you all to know that the parish steadily continues to grow. We are welcoming more and more families with children—some inquiring, some seeking, some establishing themselves with us right away. Both our liturgy and our programs for younger children, youth and young adults are dynamic enough for people to take note of and want to explore more deeply.

At some of our major celebrations this year – the Bishop’s visitation, Easter Vigil and Pentecost – we’ve heard God’s word proclaimed in different languages. On Pentecost Sunday, we heard the story from

Acts about the arrival of the Holy Ghost beautifully read in the Karen language by a Karen member of our parish. “Karen” is an [Anglicisation](#) of the [Burmese word](#) “Kayin.” There are more than 140,000 Kayin refugees living in United Nations camps along the Thai-Burma border after having fled their homeland to escape killings, torture, rape, landmines and forced labor by the Burmese military regime. We are blessed to have the Karen as a part of the fabric of our parish life.

At the Easter Vigil, one of the readings was proclaimed in Spanish. For several years, the Diocese of Atlanta has experienced a surge of Hispanics coming into the church. There are a number of Hispanic missionaries working within the confines of our diocese and our parish and serving an increasing number of men, women and children from different Spanish-speaking countries. The Hispanic community could well be the future of the church, both for the Episcopal

Church and in other denominations. On several occasions in my time with you, I have wondered if there were members of that community in Athens needing the ministry of the Church. After thinking about the potential need, I spoke with the Hispanic missionaries in the Diocese; they put the word out that they would be visiting Emmanuel and celebrating the Eucharist in the chapel on Saturday evenings for anyone who wished to worship together. That was sometime in February. At the first service there were five folks who came; the second week no one came. But now the Spanish service attracts, on average, between 35 and 40 people. The missionaries have asked to use the church instead of the chapel on June 10<sup>th</sup> for the service since they know that more than 60 people will attend the service. I have no idea where all of this will go but I am happy that we as a parish are not fearful to reach out (and if our openness and work with the *(continued on page 3)*

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A wonderful time was had by all at the May 31st BBQ picnic.

## WHAT IS THE “CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?”

The Atrium of the Good Shepherd is a community in which children and adults live together in a religious experience that facilitates participation in the wider community of the family, the church and other social spheres.

The Atrium is a place of prayer, in which work and study become meditation, contemplation and prayer spontaneously.

The Atrium is a place in which the only Teacher is Christ; both adults and children place themselves in a listening stance before his Word and seek to penetrate the mystery of the liturgical celebration.

*“An Atrium is a beautiful place where the Light of God shines through.”*  
Matthew, age 4

The Atrium is not just for children. Adult Catechists and Shepherds recognize a safe, sacred and intentional space where we also grow in spirituality and faith. We can all be sheep together: creatures in need of care, restoration and

reassurance.

How can you join our flock, or support our ministry? Here are some first steps:

- ❖ Join us for an informal Tour and/or Information Session ~ Sunday, June 4th at 9:30am and again at Noon. We'll be upstairs in the Children's Atrium.
- ❖ Bobbi Brandenburg will begin a Level I training on Sunday June 4th at 8:30am. Contact Georgia to reserve your spot and get your training books.
- ❖ Emmanuel will host a CGS Level II training from June 25 - July 1. Either come for one presentation or participate in the full week.
- ❖ Simply contact Georgia at 706.540.8237 or [georgiacollier50@yahoo.com](mailto:georgiacollier50@yahoo.com) to set up an orientation that fits into your schedule. We want everyone to have the opportunity to know and love our programs for all our children.

poor and disenfranchised isn't outreach, I don't know what is) and respond in grace to those who seek Christ! Thank you for your spirit of hospitality because, as you know, the Lord comes to us in a myriad of disguises.

Chris and I have had many conversations with the Diocese about taking over the ministry at UGA. Things are still not clear as everyone we speak tells a different story. Such is life in the Church. We want to be able to serve the UGA ministry well, but we will need the tools in order to do so. Our exposure to the students from the Episcopal Center over the last six months has been an inspiration indeed and one I would love to see

continue and grow.

So that's where we are now, facing new horizons in new languages and serving new groups of people. I had no idea when I started this message that I would be talking about these endeavors of Emmanuel—such is the work of the Holy Spirit.

In the future I plan to speak to you about my hopes, expectations and desires for a fuller sense of participation in the life of the church by a majority of our parishioners. That would be the size of faith that would move mountains, indeed.

Blessings,  
Robert +



ARE YOU  
TRAVELING THIS  
SUMMER?

DID YOU  
FORGET YOUR  
CHECKBOOK ON  
SUNDAY?

If these situations pertain to you, why not consider scheduling an automatic, recurring contribution today. It's very convenient. You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis.

Go to the Emmanuel website, click on Social Ministries and then click on *Help us grow*. This will take you directly to a secure website to schedule your contribution. Questions? Contact Karen Holland at [finance@emmanuelathens.org](mailto:finance@emmanuelathens.org).

## ELDER CONNECTION HAPPENINGS

The Elder Connection is an informal gathering of Emmanuel members age 55 and older. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, thirty Emmanuel Elders gathered to celebrate the gift of laughter. Julie Buffalo led the group in eight yoga laughs and two meditations. She is from the Community Relations Department at Piedmont Athens Regional, and she teaches this process for the positive health benefits.



*Celebrating Laughter Lunch*

Laughter yoga can strengthen the immune system, lower blood pressure, reduce stress, and has many other positive health benefits. A luncheon followed that was made by Dee Forester, Sally Peters, Margaret Strahl, Jeanette Bowers, Merry Stovall, Rosalyn DeVorse, and Gwen Bottoms.

The next Elder Connection event will be July 26 at 2:00 pm in the library where Ralph Stephens will lead a play reading of the comedy, "House of the Holy Moment" by Cary Pepper. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

The Elder Connection committee meets regularly to plan six events each year for Emmanuelites 55 and older. They strive to build fellowship among elders by offering a variety of programs and outings. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact Dee Forester ([deliahf@bellsouth.net](mailto:deliahf@bellsouth.net)) or Gwen Bottoms ([gbottoms@depauw.edu](mailto:gbottoms@depauw.edu)).

# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES !



**Harris Collier** - I will be attending Georgia College & State University in the fall. I'm not sure what I will be studying, but I know that I will be studying! I already have a t-shirt from the Canterbury Club, the Episcopal group on campus.

**Jonathan William Fox III** - Graduated from the University of North Georgia with a degree in Biology. While at UNG, I was a member of Tri-Beta Honor Society, Collegiate 4H and The Wesley Foundation. I participated in Intramural Sports and attended St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church. My future plans include attending graduate school to study marine biology.

**Frances Herrin** - I'm graduating from Athens Academy next week. I will be attending Wake Forest University in the fall.

**Sarah Hoyt** - I will graduate from the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia with a major in risk management and insurance in May 2017. I will join the construction underwriting development program with Travelers Insurance in Atlanta in June.

**Jarrett Kemp** – I will graduate from Athens Academy and attend UGA in the fall.

**Thomas Murray** - I will graduate from Oconee County High School and will attend Clemson University to major in architecture.

**Calvin Nimely** - I will graduate from Clarke Central High School. I will be attending Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, and will be on the wrestling team.

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**Billy Seward** - I will graduate from the University of Georgia with a double major in finance and economics. I will be pursuing a career in investment banking/wealth management.

**Hannah Tilden** – I will graduate from UGA with a Bachelors of music education; I start a job in the fall as the music teacher at Big Creek Elementary, in Forsyth County.

## June Birthdays

1 Claire Gaus, Duncan Krause  
2 Andrew Herrin, Sarah Ehlers, Mary Abbott Noland, Caroline Noland  
3 Christopher Martin, Isabelle York, Zoe Wells, Ellen Bartlett  
4 Jennifer Kolodsick  
5 Emily Murray , Brody Barnes  
6 David Woodruff, Claire Moore

6 Melvina Nimely  
7 Jean Carr, Lauren Koch, Lucy Hicks  
8 Shooter Roberts  
9 Cathi Shinn, Lucile Surratt  
10 John Vogt, Fran Thomas, Julie Miller  
11 Brooke Stortz, Laura Kraus, Jarrett Kemp  
12 Mary-Jeanne Bouton, Carol Malcolm, Mark Dunlap  
13 Kingsley Strong, Helen Terrell, John Ledford Jr.

14 Collin Pannell  
15 Kay Hoyt, Carolyn Becker, Nicolas Kraus, Thomas Ball, Mairan Hobbs  
16 Nancy Welch, Amber Hawkins, Declan Hawkins  
20 Daley Connelly, Isabel Marks  
22 Ruth Anne Hancock, Britton Richardson, Rachel Wells  
23 June McCann, Nancy Jacobson, Amburn Power,

Ian J. W. Firth, Sarah Ellis, Tamara Tillman  
24 Jeanette Bowers  
25 David Mullis, Lisa Townsley, Waverly Lovelind, Stella Nesmith  
26 Linda Dodson, Charles Strong  
27 Tucker Blount, Trey Niolon, Gretchen Koch, Jack Ford  
28 Robert Bottoms, John Becker, Wesley Cline  
30 Jean Channell, Barbara Kall, Jason Thrasher



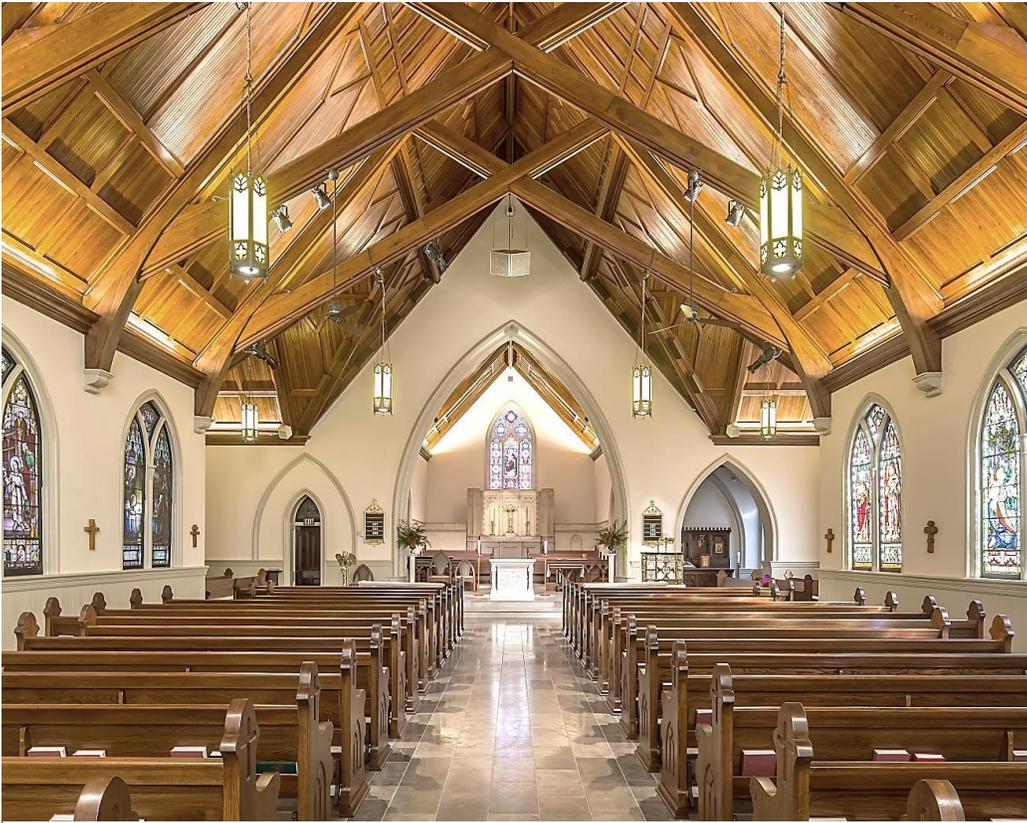
Emmanuel's Service & Faith Formation schedule is as follows; only exceptions are listed on the calendar below:

- **Wednesdays: 5:30 pm** Healing Service & Eucharist, Chapel
- **Saturdays: 5:30 pm** Holy Eucharist Rite II, Chapel; **6:00 pm** Spanish Holy Eucharist
- **Sundays: 8:30 am** Holy Eucharist Rite I, Church; **9:15 am** Faith Formation for Children & Youth; **9:30 am** Adult Formation, Westminster, and **10:30 am** Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30: Stephen Ministry, Library	2	3 4:45: Daughters of the King
4 Noon: Natural Spirituality, Library	5	6 10:00: Natural Spirituality, Library 7:30: Al-Anon, Old Music Suite	7	8	9	10
11 9:00: Sneak Peek for VBS, Common Room Noon: Natural Spirituality, Library 1:00: Meeting with Volunteers for VBS	12 9:15: VBS, Common Room	13 9:15: VBS, Common Room 10:00: Natural Spirituality, Library 7:30: Al-Anon, Old Music Suite	14 9:15: VBS, Common Room	15 9:15: VBS, Common Room 11:00: Eucharist at Lanier Gardens 11:30: Caregivers & Grief Support Ministry, Library	16 9:15: VBS, Common Room	17 4:45: Daughters of the King
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25 Noon: Natural Spirituality, Library Noon: Catechesis Training	26 9:00: EEDS Camp 9:00: Catechesis Training	27 10:00: Natural Spirituality, Library 7:30: Al-Anon, Old Music Suite	28	29	30	

## SPRING CLEANING? DON'T FORGET EMMANUEL'S THRIFT HOUSE

Summer items are particularly welcome at this time of year as well as record albums and outdoor toys. And we can always use volunteers. Come by and visit – this just might be the right outreach ministry for you. The Thrift House is open Tuesday – Friday 10am to 4pm and on Saturday from 10am to 2pm. If you have questions, feel free to contact manager Leah Goodwin at 706-395-6468 or email her at [thrifthouse@emmanuelathens.org](mailto:thrifthouse@emmanuelathens.org).



## *The Vestry Covenant*

We, the Vestry of Emmanuel Church, promise to honor God by nurturing the spirit and ministering to God's people. We will support everyone's gifts for service and leadership made possible by God's grace. Ministry to the poor will be at the center of all we do. We promise to welcome with Christian hospitality all persons and to offer opportunities to all to grow in faith. We will strengthen ourselves through faithfulness in worship, daily prayer, and stewardship of our time, talents and treasure. We will foster love and joy in God's service.

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