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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 LENT--DAYS OF DEEPER PRAYER AND INTROSPECTION

Dear Friends,

It has been a while since *News from the Narthex* has been published. March is the first issue of the year. We are making a concerted effort to make *News from the Narthex* a document that will inform and engage. I am sure it will grow in scope as we go forward.

We just finished a wonderful celebration of rededicating the church. We had an overflow crowd into the chapel where parishioners and friends were able to participate. It was a feast for our younger members and their families as well. Baptisms, Confirmations, Reception and Reaffirmation were more than a passing moment in the Liturgy. How well the redesigned liturgical space worked. Our liturgy was as complete as could be because in the end all of our senses were brought into our prayer and we were left knowing that we had experienced beauty in a variety of ways...sound, sight, touch, taste and people—the very community gathered to celebrate God’s presence and love and one another. The food afterwards was pretty good as well.

Just two days later we indulged in pancakes and then Ashes. A prayer was said at each service before ashes were imposed which read: “Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life...”

For the next 40 days or so we will observe what some have called “dreary old Lent.” As Protestants we’re not supposed to get excited about those things. But maybe there is something to get excited about. Perhaps being reminded of where we came from and where we are going can awaken in us the reality that each of us (and all of us) are on that beautiful journey from dust to dust that we call life. We have a marvelous opportunity over the next month to step back from our day to day duties and concerns and to look broadly over the landscape of our whole lives and see where each of us has been – and where we would like to be moving and to check in to see if all is well with our hearts and souls in the present moment. Lent is actually the calmest time of the church year—a time to make a lot of

good things happen.

I am grateful for the hard work of the outgoing vestry members and am enthused and hope-filled for our new members who were elected in December. Some are real newbies as we affectionately call members who have never served on a vestry and others are more experienced folks who know the ropes a little bit, though I do try to keep things surprising. The vestry as a body is working hard to enlist more folks for ministry, helping us to be the welcoming community for all people that we say we are and being willing to stretch to see new ways that the Lord is calling us to serve.

There are so many opportunities for us to seek out the work God is calling us to do. As we take time to reflect during these days of deeper prayer and introspection, take a moment or two each day to see what you might find for you.

In his love,
Robert

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SHROVE TUESDAY—IT' S TIME FOR THE GREAT PANCAKE



THE EMMANUEL PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS COMING

We are updating our parish directory with new professional photographs and up-to-date contact information. The photography dates will be **March 20 thru March 24 (2:00-8:40 pm)** and **March 25 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)** and **March 28/29 have been added**. Each family photographed will receive a free directory and a free 8 by 10 portrait of their family. If you haven't yet signed up for pictures, do as now. Please call the church office to schedule or you may sign up in the Narthex. We need everyone to be in our new pictorial directory. Thank you for your cooperation!

EMMANUEL WELCOMES THE ATHENS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR “BUSINESS AFTER HOURS”

On February 16th, Emmanuel hosted the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce’s “Business After Hours. This event is hosted by a different

Chamber member on the third Thursday of the month and is their primary

networking event. The seeds for hosting this event were planted by last year’s Vestry as part of their theme of “community.” They wanted to explore new ways to reach out, welcome neighbors, and to show off our new space—and to grow membership in our vibrant, loving community.

Over 80 visitors attended came and enjoyed appetizers provided by Home.Made. Vestry members served as tour guides after Dean Mannheimer, 2017 AACC Board



Chairman, made some introductory remarks and Father Robert welcomed them to Emmanuel. “Spirit of Service” is the Chamber’s theme this year and

people attending had the opportunity to bring comfort kits to be distributed by the American Red Cross to disaster

victims. As part of his comments, Robert shared examples of outreach and the “spirit of service” that Emmanuel does for the community, making this event a perfect opportunity to tie together the work of Emmanuel with that of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce.

As everyone toured our lovely campus, our visitors had an opportunity to hear Sam play the organ while they walked through the church. We had cards on the table that included information about our

recent expansion, renovation, restoration, and preservation as well as some of the charitable work we have done and continue to do in the community. We understand



this is the first time Business After Hours has been held at a church and it was very well received.

Several of our visitors asked about service times and mentioned wanting to visit on Sunday.

Many thanks go to Phil Bettendorf, Terrie Seward, Crysty Odom and Brooke Storz for organizing this event. We have so much to be proud of.

LaBau Bryan

THRIFT HOUSE UPDATE

I want to send a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Leah Goodwin, Thrift House store manager, to all the volunteers, and to all the generous donations from church members and the community. Our first calendar year of operating in the new store has been successful. Several church youth are creating a store blog to promote the store and add community service to their resumes.

If you haven’t done so already, please stop in, please volunteer, and please tell everyone about the best Thrift Store in Athens. With spring around the corner (if not already here!), please think of the Thrift House if you are cleaning out closets. We particularly need LPs, CDs, spring/summer clothing and housewares.

Bill Fox

BAPTISMS, CONFIRMATIONS & REAFFIRMATIONS

And he did it all. Emmanuel kept Bishop Wright busy on Sunday, February 26, with a Forum held in the Chapel, a service where he baptized three, confirmed eighteen, welcomed one to the church, supported two Emmanuelites in reaffirming their faith, and made himself available to everyone at a lunch after the service. During the service, he blessed the ambo; he dedicated the font; and he consecrated the altar. If we could bottle his energy and sell it, efforts at fund raising would be finished.

One of the interesting points he made in his sermon was that even though many people feel that the Church should not be political, he feels strongly that it should.

Political, yes. Partisan, no. And in his five-year service as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, he has spoken out strongly on political matters that affect the church and its peoples, but never on a political party. Since becoming Bishop, he has addressed the Georgia legislature about gun control, spoke up for Medicaid expansion and has been a vocal and active opponent of

the death penalty in Georgia. So he has earned the right to say being political is good, but being partisan is not.



Commenting on the beauty of Emmanuel's renovated church, he reminded the congregation that when Jesus went to the top of the mountain for renewal, he came down to do his work in the world. The church with its beauty might very well be "our mountain," but going out into the world is our work, and "so get to work!" he said.

The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright is the 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, which covers north and central Georgia and embraces 110 worshipping communities. We at Emmanuel, were blessed to have him with us on the last Sunday in February. With over 400 parishioners and guests, spilling over from the church into the chapel, he blessed the renewed and restored beauty of our historical and beloved mountain—Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Ellen Cowne

March Birthdays

1 Anna Dyer, LaBau
Bryan, Susan Diane
Pannell, Jennifer
Anderson
2 Kathryn Woodruff,
Owen Roberts
3 Charlotte Moore,
Rustin McAlister, Ben
Ehlers, Crews Ellis
4 Sheryl Vogt, Lisa
Germain, Benton
Kleiber, Rhodes Kleiber
5 Paul McQueen,
Alexander (Paul)
6 Mark Costantino,
Jennifer Marshall,

Andrew Ehlers
7 Linda Logan
8 Palmer Grace Snead
9 Charles Clements, Owen
Donnelly, Caroline Hicks
11 Frank Harrison, Shelby
Cook, Cooper Evans,
Margaret Ellett
12 Tracy Bartlett
14 Alice McDonald, Hilary
Ruston
15 Erwin Greene, Nathan
Tomlinson
16 Regina McAlister, Erik
Kahlstorf, Tom Ellis,
Isabelle Germain

17 David Harvey, Merri
Davis
18 Bryan Barnes, Calvin
Nimely, Mervin Nimely,
Rosevin Nimely
19 Cecil Cooke, Jeff Ball,
Scott Moore, Cal Terrell
20 Brenda Magill, Merry
Stovall, Judy Fox, Chris
Evans
21 Elaine Carleton, Stephan
Germain, Ava York
22 David Lindsay, Samuel
Carleton, Kevin Marshall,
Charles Barrow, Sarah
Cofer, Cory Tillman David

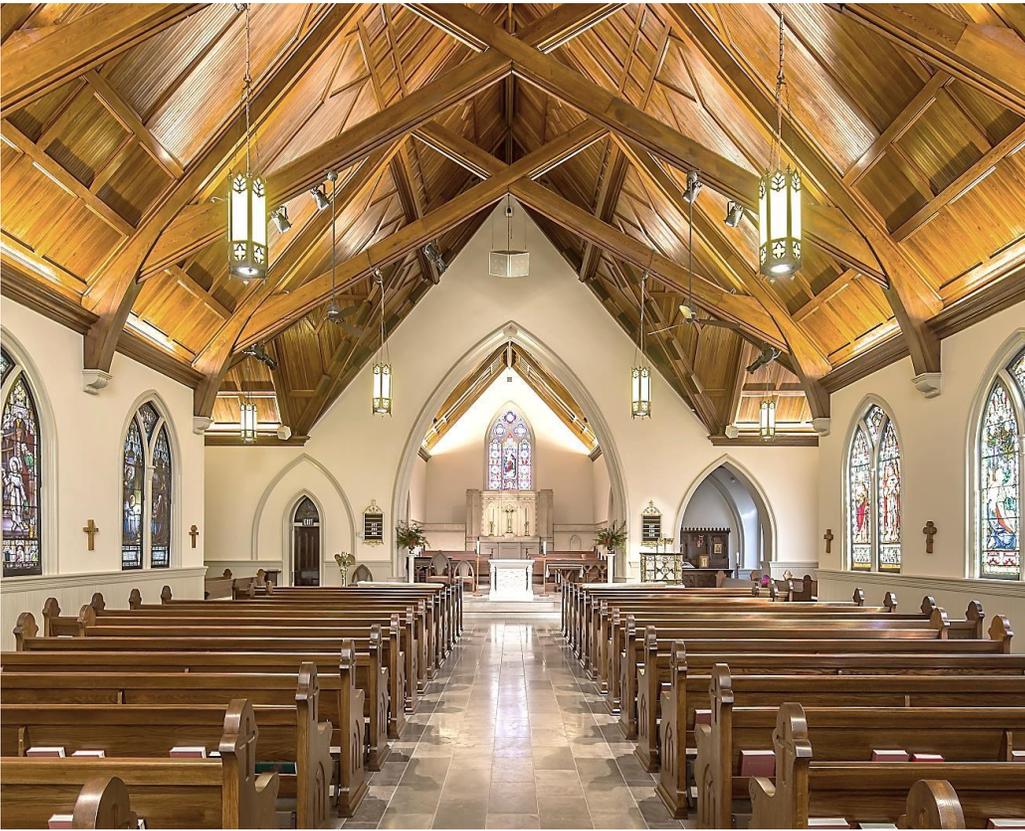
23 Anne Brightwell, Ham
Magill
24 Helen Dixon, Clif
Pannell, Joe Bouton
25 Sue Boatright, Jennifer
Fitzgerald, Charlie Barrow
26 Clairlis Baxter, Michael
Ripps, Laura Fox
27 Nancy Walton
28 Gwen Bottoms, Laura
Rockwell
30 Sondra Lange, Lindsey
Payne, Ken Knight, Gennifer
Glancy, Louisa Norris
31 James Becker



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
			Ash Wed. 1 7:30, noon, 5:30: Eucharist with Imposition with Ashes 7:15: Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4
IHN Hosting 5 NO FORMATION FOR CHILDREN or YOUTH 10:00: Hunger Walk Noon: Homeless Lunches, Common Room; Natural Spirituality, Library 2:30: Bigger Vision, Common Room	IHN Hosting 6 EDDS Vacation 7:30: Men’s Spirituality Group, Library 10:00: Bible Study, Coventry	IHN Hosting 7 EDDS Vacation 10:00: Natural Spirituality, Library 7:30: Al-Anon, Old Music Suite	IHN Hosting 8 EDDS Vacation 6:00: Lenten Supper, Common Room 7:15: Choir Rehearsal	IHN Hosting 9 EDDS Vacation 6:30: Stephen Ministry, Library	IHN Hosting 10 EDDS Vacation	IHN Hosting 11 4:45: Daughters of the King
12 Noon: Natural Spirituality, Library 1:30: Prayer Shawl Ministry, Old Music Suite	13 7:30: Men’s Spirituality Group, Library 10:00: Bible Study, Coventry	14 10:00: Natural Spirituality, Library 7:30: Al-Anon, Old Music Suite	15 6:00: Lenten Supper, Common Room 7:15: Choir Rehearsal	16 11:00: Eucharist at Lanier Gardens	17	18
19 Noon: Natural Spirituality, Library 4:00: Daughters of the King, Canterbury	20 7:30: Men’s Spirituality Group, Library 10:00: Bible Study, Coventry	21 10:00: Natural Spirituality, Library 7:30: Al-Anon, Old Music Suite	22 6:00: Lenten Supper, Common Room 7:00 Vestry Meeting 7:15: Choir Rehearsal	23 6:30: Stephen Ministry, Library	24	25 4:45 Daughters of the King
26 noon: Natural Spirituality, Library 4:00 EFM (Library)	27 7:30: Men’s Spirituality Group, Library 10:00: Bible Study, Coventry	28 10:00: Natural Spirituality, Library 7:30: Al-Anon, Old Music Suite	29 6:00: Lenten Supper, Common Room 7:15: Choir Rehearsal	30 11:30: Grief & Caregiver’s Support, Library		



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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