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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 CALLS US TO RETURN TO OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS

As I write these words we are once again close to beginning our Lenten pilgrimage. It's a serious time to look at a serious part of our lives: growth in the spirit—looking at our “spirit”uality and coming to a deeper understanding of what makes us tick in matters of our hearts and our souls. The focus of this season is about repentance and the call once again to willfully “return” to our baptismal vows. That takes work and perseverance. Certainly, there is a solemnity to the observance of Lent and, if we take it seriously, a sadness that comes from our realizing we have not always made prudent and good choices. However, it is more than important for us to remember that it is an absolute joy to return to the God who waits for us. It's like the joy of any parent whose child has just taken up the difficult task of “driving” and has pulled into the driveway, safely. I bet for many of

you it's a nightly relief. The great spiritual writer and practitioner of “Centering prayer” Thomas Keating has recently passed away. During a training on that prayer form, a woman approached him, very frustrated and saying that her mind had ten thousand distractions in it. Keating said, “oh how wonderful, ten thousand opportunities to return to God.”

The challenge of Lent, I think, is just being able to open our eyes. We realize that we are not gaining anything new or acquiring a new relationship with God. We are simply allowing ourselves to focus more deeply with an open mind and heart and eyes on what is already there. Anything that we do during these holy days—some ascetical practice(s), putting into practice the beatitudes, being present to our liturgical life as Episcopalians and Anglicans—simply return us to the gift already given by a Love stronger than death. It returns us to ourselves, to our lives “hid with

God in Christ.”

The vestry had a very good retreat experience at Lake Logan Episcopal Center. There were positive discussions on our ministries and the areas we need to continue focusing on. All of the minutes will be published on our web site. Communications as well as Youth Ministry were two areas that we are committed to enhance. Our Outreach endeavors and focusing on our priorities and the needs of the community (internally as well as externally) were discussed.

I'm personally grateful to the Vestry as well as to the commissions and committees that do the important work of bringing forward and making more real the life and presence of Jesus among us.

In the meanwhile, a happy Lent to all.

Robert +

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### CALLING ALL ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS – CURRENT AND NEW!

Are you seeking a new way to serve Emmanuel? Are you interested in serving “behind the scene” while expanding your understanding of the Eucharistic celebration? Are you curious about the various linens, vessels, and vestments used throughout the liturgical year? If you already serve as a member of the Altar Guild, are you ready to refresh your skills and be open to learning new ones?

The responsibility of the Altar Guild Ministry is to prepare all things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist. Altar Guild members prepare the elements to be consecrated and served during the Eucharist and clean the used vessels and linens following the service – all while keeping our Altar and Credence Table in good order!

Whether you have been serving as an Altar Guild member for years – or you just want to explore whether this is the right ministry for you, please join Father Robert and the Vergers in the Common Room on **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10:30 service for a light lunch and Altar Guild training.** RSVP by March 8<sup>th</sup> to Melissa Fulcher ([administration@emmanuelathens.org](mailto:administration@emmanuelathens.org)).

WEEKLY COFFEE HOURS ARE  
BACK!  
PARISH LIFE IS LOOKING FOR

**COFFEE  
COORDINATORS  
AND COFFEE  
HOSTS**

for April, May, June, July and  
August

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL KELLI AT  
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Coordinators serve for one month to organize and support the  
hosts. Hosts will sign up for one or more Sundays to serve  
coffee and enjoy the company of old and new Emmanuel  
friends.

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

The Emmanuel Connection Committee invites you to join us on Thursday 1:00 pm on March 14 at the Athens Clarke County Library at 2025 Baxter Street in Multipurpose Room A.

We will learn about the many resources available at the library, including accessible reading materials for those with disabilities, technology classes, genealogy resources, adult programs, movies, 3D printing, along with shareable tools and musical instruments. Truly, these are resources for everyone. Reserve your space by calling or emailing Merry Stovall at 706-546-9033 or [merryrs@bellsouth.net](mailto:merryrs@bellsouth.net).

## TRANSITIONS

### *Baptisms*

Scarlett Helen Hawkins  
child of  
John Matthew and Amber Kent  
Hawkins

Nathaniel Joseph Evans

Jatziry Maya Albino Millan  
child of  
Carlos Albino Ramirez and Jaqueline  
Millan Jimenez

Nathan Gael Aponte Rodriquez  
child of  
Nelson J. Aponte Pineiro and Irizaida  
Rodriquez Alsina

Shepard Benjamin Dunlap  
child of  
John Mark and Angela Marie Dunlap

Clara Jane and Anna Rhoads  
child of  
Nathaniel Joseph and Taylor Eastin  
Krccek Evans

### From Emmanuel

Linda Logan to  
Chapelwood United Methodist Church  
Athens GA

### To Emmanuel

Noemi, Javier and Williams Boyas  
from St. Peter's Episcopal  
Oxford, MS

Irizaida Rodriquez  
Nelson J. Aponte

Amelia Rainey

Dan and Nancy Conger from  
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church  
Dunwoody, GA

### Deaths

John Bowman

Polly Connerat

Suzanna "Tudy" Roberts

## Women's Book Study

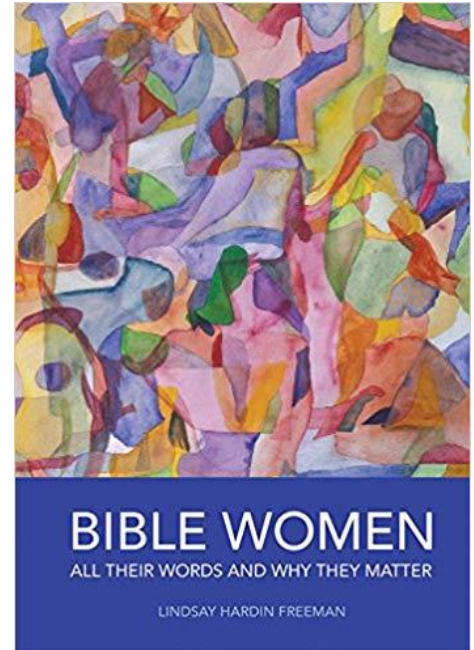
The Emmanuel Women's Book Study meets in the library from 9:30 to 10:25 each Sunday that the Catechesis meets in the Atrium. This winter and spring we are reading *Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter* by Lindsay Hardin Freeman. Women of the Bible have been trapped in dry, dusty literary caskets for centuries—but not in this groundbreaking book by Episcopal priest and award-winning author Lindsay Hardin Freeman, who presents fascinating and unexpected insights of the ninety-three women whose words are recorded in scripture.

Freeman identifies every woman who speaks in the Bible, providing their words, context, historical background, and lessons for modern readers. While a few women, such as Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Mary Magdalene, are familiar, many of the women who speak in the Bible have long been ignored. Yet their words are part of God's Word, the Bible, for a reason. Through these women, God spoke, intervened, changed, illustrated, and proclaimed the story of redemption. We learn which women speak the most (hint: it's not Mary!) and which books of the Bible have the fewest words from women.

We hear the only conversation in the Bible between a mother and daughter (and it's not pretty), the words of a woman who eats her own child, and the triumphant exclamation of a woman telling the world about the risen Christ. Questions at the end of each chapter encourage individual or small-group reflection about what we might learn from each of these women and how God is speaking through them to us.

Reading this book, will help us step into God's sacred circle of mothers, grandmothers, warriors, prophets, prostitutes, and murderers. We may never read the Bible in the same way again.

Please contact Phyllis Niolon at [pniolon@gmail.com](mailto:pniolon@gmail.com) for more information and the schedule of readings.



## March Birthdays

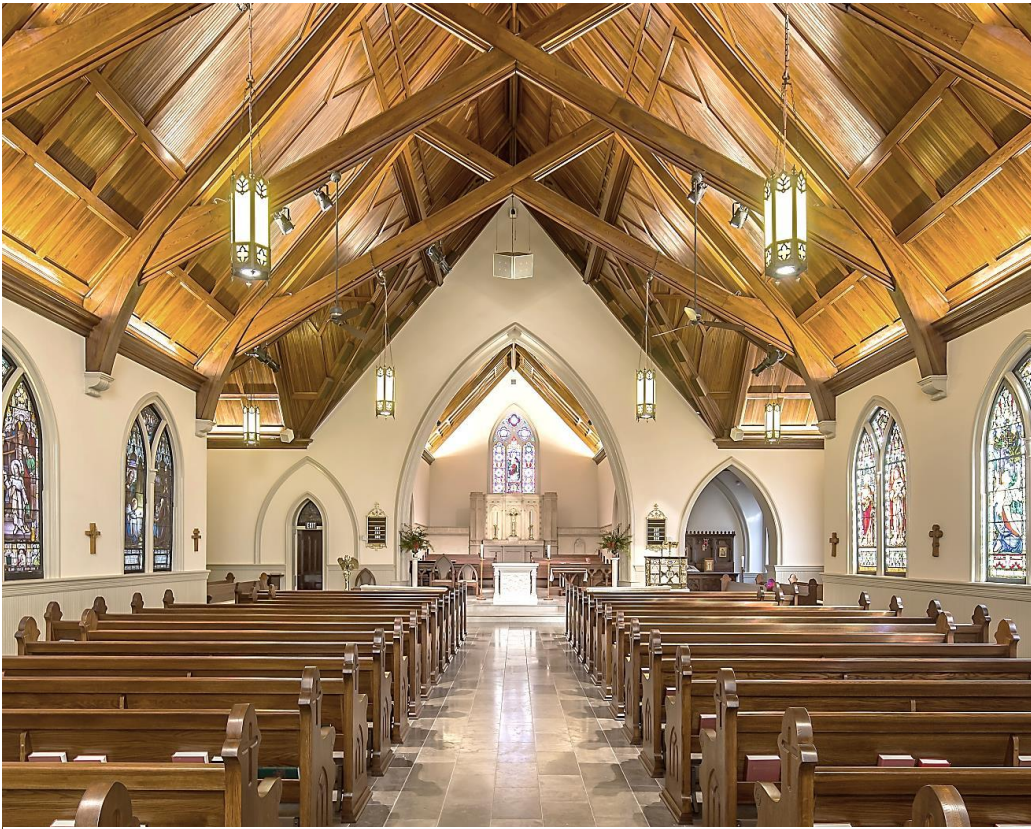
1 Anna Dyer, Susan Diane Pannell, Jennifer Anderson	Donnelly, Caroline Hicks	Melvin Tennessee Nimely, Rosevin J. Nimely	25 Sue Boatright, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Charlie Barrow
2 Owen Roberts	11 Cooper Evans, Margaret Ellett, Tucker Strong	19 Susan Marett, Cecil Cooke, Jeff Ball, Scott Moore, Cal Terrell	26 Clairlis Baxter, Michael Ripps, Laura Fox
3 Rustin McAlister, Ben Ehlers, Crews Ellis	12 Tracy Bartlett	20 Brenda Magill, Merry Stovall, Judy Fox, Chris Evans	27 Nancy Walton
4 Sheryl Vogt, Lisa Germain, Benton Kleiber, Rhodes Kleiber, Sunny Strickland	14 Alice McDonald	21 Elaine Carleton, Stephan Germain, Ava York	28 Gwendolyn Bottoms, Sylvia Novak, Laura Rockwell, Robin Smith
5 Paul McQueen	15 Erwin Greene, Nathan Tomlinson	22 David Lindsay, Sam Carleton, Charles Barrow, Sarah Cofer, Cory Tillman	30 Sondra Lange, Lindsey Payne, Louisa Norris
6 Mark Costantino, Richard Hill, Andrew Ehlers	16 Regina McAlister, Erik Kahlstorf, Tom Ellis, Isabelle Germain	23 Anne Brightwell, Ham Magill	31 James Becker
8 Barbara Frohmader, Palmer Grace Snead	17 David Harvey, Nancy Luellen Conger, Merri Davis, Will Strickland	24 Clif Pannell, Joe Bouton	
9 Charles Clements, Owen	18 Bryan Barnes, Calvin Nimely,		



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
- **Sundays: 8:30 am** Holy Eucharist Rite I, Church; **9:15 am** Faith Formation for Children & Youth; **9:30 am** Adult Formation, Westminster; **10:30 am** Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church; and **12:30 pm** Spanish Holy Eucharist, Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Vestry Retreat</i>  Noon: Bible Study, Library
<b>3</b> Noon: Natural Spirituality, Library 3:00: Bigger Vision, Common Room	<b>4</b> 8:00: Men's Spirituality, Library 10:00: Bible Study, Coventry	<b>5</b> 10:00: Natural Spirituality, Library 6:00: Pancake Supper, Common Room 7:30: Al-Anon, Old Music Suite	<b>6</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:30, Noon & 5:30: Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 7:15: Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Noon: Bible Study, Library 4:45: Daughters of the King
<b>10</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time</i> Noon: Natural Spirituality, Library 1:30: Prayer Shawl Ministry, Old Music Suite	<b>11</b> 8:00: Men's Spirituality, Library 10:00: Bible Study, Coventry	<b>12</b> 10:00: Natural Spirituality, Library 7:30: Al-Anon, Old Music Suite	<b>13</b> 7:15: Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 11:00: Eucharist at Lanier Gardens 5:15: Stephen Ministry, Library	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Noon: Bible Study, Library
<b>17</b> Noon: Natural Spirituality, Library	<b>18</b> 8:00: Men's Spirituality, Library 10:00: Bible Study, Coventry	<b>19</b> 10:00: Natural Spirituality, Library 7:30: Al-Anon, Old Music Suite	<b>20</b> 6:15: Vestry Meeting 7:15: Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Noon: Bible Study, Library 4:45 Daughters of the King
<b>24</b> Noon: Natural Spirituality, Library	<b>25</b> 8:00: Men's Spirituality, Library 10:00: Bible Study, Coventry	<b>26</b> 10:00: Natural Spirituality, Library 7:30: Al-Anon, Old Music Suite	<b>27</b> 6:15: Vestry Meeting, Vestry Conference Room 7:15: Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 5:15: Stephen Ministry, Library	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Noon: Bible Study, Library
<b>31</b> Noon: Natural Spirituality, Library 3:00: Bigger Vision, Common Room 7:00: Brotherhood of St. Andrew, 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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